

XISCO AMETLLER TO LEAD SOCIALIST BID FOR ES MERCADAL

Addaia residents introduced to PSOE's candidate for Mayor

Councillor Xisco Ametller was accompanied on his visit by the President of the Island Council, Joana Barceló, and Marc Pons, the Secretary General of the socialist party (PSOE) in Menorca.

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The President of the Island Council, Joana Barceló, visited Addaia on Sunday morning, accompanied by the Secretary General of the PSOE, Marc Pons, to introduce the party's candidate for Mayor of Es Mercadal, Xisco Ametller, to local residents. A good crowd of mixed nationalities filled El Castillo's terrace to hear about the socialist party's plans for the island in general and the urbanisation in particular.

Speaking first, Joana Barceló explained that tourist activity was now a vital element in the



MEETING. Joana Barceló and Xisco Ametller in Addaia on Sunday morning

XISCO AMETLLER HAS BEEN COUNCILLOR FOR URBANISATIONS FOR FOUR YEARS

Menorcan economy and that, to attract visitors, it was necessary to ensure that the services provided in resorts was at least equal to those available in the island's main towns and villages, an essential part of which was an adequate public transport system. In the case of Addaia, where the bus service to Maó and Fornells only started last year, new routes were to be introduced, one linking the urbanisation to Alaïor and Cala en Porter and another extending the existing Fornells connection to Es Mer-

cadal and on to Santo Tomàs. In order to provide the public bus services, agreements would be made with private companies which would be granted long-term concessions on the route, some as long as 30 years. She believed that an improved public transport system was one item which would help to lengthen the tourist season.

Winter flights

Questioned about the possibility of increasing flights to Menorca during the winter months as at present these are very ex-

pensive and there is little choice, Barceló replied that the main problem was the viability of the route off season for the airlines. She explained that agreements had already been signed with Air Berlin and two British companies and more were being negotiated whereby the airlines would have their advertising costs subsidised in order to compensate for losses incurred from offering a minimum service in winter.

Electoral campaign

The President then introduced the PSOE candidate, Xisco

Ametller, who has served on the Council for the last four years with responsibility for the district's urbanisations. This has given him a good knowledge of Addaia and its problems and needs.

He said that one of the topics causing residents concern was security and that his party would ensure that there were more police to patrol, including tourist police.

Public transport, already addressed by the Island President, was another subject which was often raised.

Ametller confirmed that the PSOE would continue to provide maintenance on the urbanisation, even though Addaia is not yet the responsibility of the Council, and that a children's playground would be built.

He added that there was a possibility of installing post boxes in the urbanisation so that residents could benefit from postal deliveries, though not to their door, similar to the systems set up in Coves Noves and Son Parc.

Sewage farm

In reply to a question from the floor about the progress of the sewage farm, Marc Pons explain-

THE NEW SEWAGE FARM COULD BE IN OPERATION BY THE END OF 2008

ned that the paperwork was being processed and that the contracts for the construction of the plant and the connecting pipework should be awarded this year. Work will be carried out during the winter months so as not to interfere with the tourist activity and the sewage farm could be in operation by the end of 2008.

In the meantime it was important that residents realise that they cannot connect their property to the sewerage system, as five or six have done.

READER'S LETTER

Working hard for our village: achievements for Es Castell

We are pleased to address you as members of "Independents per Es Castell" (IPEC), a group dedicated to working for our village, both from our premises at c/Stuart 129 and from the Town Hall, giving support to our Lady Mayor Sra. Irene Coll and her group of the same name. Irene is standing for re-election as Lady Mayor of Es Castell, supported by an important group of neighbours with only one important objective: to continue with the initiated progress in our beloved

village.

As you will appreciate, Es Castell has improved substantially in appearance, it is cleaner, many projects have been achieved and many others are in process to be a reality. During too many years, the people of Es Castell have suffered from absurd political fights which led to nothing being done for the village. This, fortunately, is no longer happening due to the agreement between the two groups, that at the moment have government of the village, one of them

being Independents per Es Castell, and led by Irene.

Independents per Es Castell is the only list presented for the local elections that has included a member of the British community - Miss Kate Smith - who also speaks fluent Spanish and who is fully integrated in our community. Kate and her family live in Son Vilar and Irene wanted to include her because we want you to participate in the progress of Es Castell and to choose the people who will govern the village. Therefore, we do encourage you to attend the electoral colleges on 27th May.

We are also pleased to inform you that we are at your disposal should you have any queries or doubts about this important

proceeding. Do not hesitate to contact us, either by mail, electronic mail or telephone as indicated below. Being in an age where the new technologies are so important, we are pleased to invite you to navigate through our blog website. We will be delighted to receive any comment or suggestion for the benefit of our town of which you are a neighbour. Our programme is available in Menorquin, Spanish and English and we are able to answer any suggestion or question in any of these languages.

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IN BRIEF

Ecological paper used to print electoral forms

From this week the printers, Amadip, will be sending out more than 16 million voting forms and 1.7 million envelopes to the various voting stations in the Balearic Islands, ready for the local elections to be held on 27th of the month.

A total of 49 tons of ecological paper has been used to print these electoral forms and envelopes which, after being used in the elections, will be collected and sent to be recycled.