

When party representatives regrouped earlier today in the plenary hall of the island's dependent care facility to discuss the current state of affairs on Formentera, the session —the second of its kind— was marked by the display of assembly members crossing party lines to score consensus. Gent per Formentera (GxF) managed to win the backing of the other parties on all seven of its proposals, and broad consensus was also secured by the PSOE (four times), Compromís (three) and the Popular Party (two).

Gent per Formentera

GxF party representatives nabbed unanimous support for each of their proposed measures, including one which would use newfound authority in tourism promotion to fund creation of an observatory to track local tourism figures. The remaining three involved a deal with the Palma administration and the Balearic housing authority (IBAVI) to improve housing services; a call to action on an eight-year-old piece of legislation concerning maritime transport; and urging review of a “repositioning tax” that creates roadblocks to offer permanent positions to public servants.

GxF council reps scored cross-party support on a bid to press Madrid's envoy in the Balearics to drop legal action against the Formentera Council concerning permanent law enforcement positions created in 2014. The assembly reached unanimity on another measure to accelerate a deal on education, and on a measure to urge the Instituto Hidrográfico de la Marina to incorporate undersea maps from the Posidonia Maps project.

Formentera Socialist Party

Local PSOE reps managed to pass four of their party's proposals: a comprehensive management plan for local forests; continued consolidation of the Council's workforce paired with a strategic human resources plan; real-time broadcasts of plenary assembly gatherings; and user profiles which let council members track documentation across the application managing administrative formalities.

Compromís

Compromís party members scored cross-party backing on three proposals: plans to study prohibition of disposable plastic cups and utensils as well as biodegradable alternatives; a walking/cycling trail linking Sant Ferran and es Pujols; and improved safety measures at school entry and exit points.

Popular Party

Popular Party representatives successfully passed two proposals, as well: first, to press the central and regional governments for increased local presence so Formentera residents aren't forced to travel to Eivissa to carry out administrative formalities, and second, to urge the Govern balear to use its lawful authority to expedite processing of a request from the Virgen Milagrosa school for a new facility in Sant Francesc.