



The Formentera Council convened its April plenary session today. It was a meeting marked by the swearing in of Partido Popular (PP) operative Enrique Llorens Folgado as councillor, a role that was previously filled by Gabriela Mayans.

One proposal that followed on the heels of Llorens's appointment and got the vote of all parties was the 2017-2019 management plan for the island's cultural heritage sites. Patrimony councillor Susana Labrador took the floor in favour of the motion, aimed at setting up strategy and priorities in protecting and giving visibility to Formentera's historical heritage.

The day's session also saw a green-light for the island's census figures. According to chief of the CiF president's office Bartomeu Escandell, a tally put the island's population on January 1, 2017 at 12,905.

A socialist party proposal on upkeep of the es Cap tracks garnered the assembled plenary's full support. Infrastructure councillor Rafael González made assurances that a repair of the surrounding fences and a general check of the installation were in the works.

### **Request for rectification**

Towards the end of the session and in response to a question from the PP, Council president Jaume Ferrer reiterated that standards had been rigorously upheld in tendering works contracts to Regioplus Consulting and Consultores de Políticas Comunitarias.

Ferrer expressed his stark disapproval of a posting made recently on social media by José Manuel Alcaraz. In his post, Manuel claimed, "on Formentera we're living in a handy age. I'm not talking new technologies; those are an absolute mess. I'm talking about all the handpicking Jaume Ferrer does when he hands out contracts to friends and family". Ferrer pledged to take the matter to court if Manuel refused to retract the comments.