



The Formentera Council has called for a session of the Consell d'Entitats, a panel composed of local Formentera-based industry representatives and association leaders. Convened at last month's CiF plenary, 25 September, the gathering will take place at eight o' clock tomorrow evening in the Casal d'Entitats (site of the former Formentera hospital). Meeting attendees will be briefed on a recently-proposed series of changes to the divisions of public and private land along our island's coastline.

Points of discussion are to include background and context of the currently proposed modifications, the present phase of review and steps remaining before final approval is given and explanation of the Formentera Council's position of the plan. CiF general secretary Àngel Navarro and staff architect Juan Diego Dueñas will be on hand to explain legal repercussions and technical features of the notional changes. As per a vote at September's plenary, Ferrer will discuss with members of the Consell d'Entitats the Formentera Council's position on the overhauled coastal divisions.

Return of property and protection of land

According to Ferrer, the current changes fly in the face of a 2006 text drafted with the wide-ranging support of both the then-Ajuntament de Formentera and the (since separated) Eivissa and Formentera island councils, not to mention Formentera's different political parties, local environmental, business and neighbourhood associations and more than 2,800 resident signatures. The document's founding principles were, first, that landowners who had lost property as a result of 1988's Ley de Costas would regain the affected land and, second, –Ferrer explains– «coastal protections established under the previous decree be maintained». However, Ferrer points out, the proposed amendments to the public-private coastal division, while returning land to property-owners, «fail to reinstate the coastal protections that had been in place until now, and both parts are profoundly important». Before the evening's meeting is adjourned, the floor will be opened to general questions from Consell d'Entitats attendees.