



This morning, the president of the Formentera Island Council, Jaume Ferrer, signed collaborative agreements with the island's three social clubs for the aged. Also present at the signing was Formentera's councilor of Social Welfare, Youth Services and Equality, Dolores Fernández, there to represent the council office that works in closest concert with the three associations.

The agreements were made official by the signatures of Carlos Tur Escandell, president of the Club de Jubilats de la Savina (The Retirees Club of La Savina); the treasurer of the Club de Jubilats de Formentera (The Retirees Club of Formentera), Pascual Mayans Juan, who stood in for the club's president; and the president of the Club de Jubilats de Sant Ferran (The Retirees Club of Sant Ferran), Rita Costa Ferrer.

The measures became effective upon joint signing by the Formentera Council and the three participating groups. Such collaborations have been sought out given the importance of expanding the care options available to the elderly and promoting the social welfare of that portion of the population. The Council's Office of Social Welfare works to guarantee these kinds of associative and community actions for the elderly population of Formentera.

These activities, as well as the maintenance of the centres where the activities are held, require collaborative action to ensure financing. In this way the associations are able to effectively carry out their work and meet their objectives.

For this reason, the collaborative agreement signed between the Council and the island's senior citizens' associations establishes a quantity of 6,500€ for the Centre Social i de Majors (Social and Elderly Citizens' Centre) de Sant Ferran; 4,500€ for the Club de Jubilats i Pensionistes (Retirees and Pensioners Club) de la Savina; and 9,000€ for the Centre Club de Jubilats i Pensionistes (Retirees and Pensioners Club) de Formentera. These figures are determined by the number of members at each centre, which, in the case of Sant Francesc, approaches 730. In Sant Ferran club members total around 270, and in La Savina there are some one hundred. Two other local senior citizens' associations – in El Pilar de la Mola and Es Cap – are extensions of the Club de Jubilats de Formentera.

These clubs have committed to organising activities tailored to the aged, whether the focus be training, recreation, culture or education. Many such activities offered by the clubs throughout the year have been conference series, or else have touched on topics like computers and basic computer use, or have focused on still other issues.

The ultimate goal is to establish among Formentera's retirees and pensioners a sense of unity, solidarity and cooperation and thus defend their moral and material rights; to promote, by all available means, the incorporation of member individuals into active lifestyles, and this, through collaboration with any and all entities devoted to creating projects of interest for the elderly.