

Meeting with the Vice President of the Camara, Antonio Carvelho and the President of the Junta

Tuesday 26th January 2010

1 Collapsed Wall at The School House:

The wall collapsed in the heavy storms early January when there were excessively high winds, the debris needs removing prior to deciding on a rebuild. The Camara said they would do this when they have a machine available.

2 Possible Improvements to the School House Building:

Plans have been drawn up at the request of last terms Vice President, the new Vice President needs to discuss this with him to see what his intentions were together with funding.

The proposals indicate a new front boundary wall in a position back from the road to give additional parking as well as a much improved sight lines for egress from the site.

The proposals also improved facilities for disabled people together with improved toilet provision.

Amovate representatives drew the attention to the fact that at present there is no water heater as it has stopped working, after investigation by a member it would appear too expensive to try and repair.

The Vice President said he would report back at our next meeting.

3 Grants given by the Camara:

Amovate stated that they had completed application forms issued by the Camara for financial assistance towards the running costs of Amovate and certain events and sought to find when we might hear if and when these may be paid.

The Vice President stated that meetings have taken place and a further meeting on the 9th February 2010 would reveal who and what amount if any that would be received.

4 Computers:

Amovate discussed the fact that out of the three computers that were installed 5 years ago under a European scheme that only 1 was at present working, this could be caused by the excessive damp we all have experienced this past 3 months.

The President of the Junta told the meeting that the original scheme closed after three years and no further funding was available for this, however he congratulated Amovate on keeping the system going and because of this the Internet link was still being paid for by the Junta. He suggested that we have the computers inspected and if they are possible to repair they would consider the cost but could not promise help with this.

Whilst on the point of computers Amovate told the Junta that it had stopped the 24 hour working of the Wireless router as it had no control over the people who drive into the car park and log on as to what they are down loading. The router is open during normal office hours and lap tops can be used by their owners by seeing the Administrator and the book signed in the normal way by the users.

5 Proposed Mains Drainage:

The Camara produced a plan indicating the main run of the flow and return of the fully pumped

system that is now on the wall in the school house. We asked if there is a time scale for the system and were given a run through of what they know at this point.

- a) The plastic pipes seen alongside some roads are the pipes that will carry the sewage to and from the Sewage Works now under construction, the small bore pipes are under pressure from the pump system which will deliver the effluent from all points in the area.
- b) This system should be completed within 18 months.
- c) The gravity system that will be placed in the roads has not been designed in detail and it is unknown at present when this will be but probably not before the Pumped system is completed.
- d) The gravity system is the responsibility of Aljezur Camara and funding for this has not been requested as the system is not designed.
- e) Connections to the system are mandatory although certain Eco/Bio systems might be exempt but this as yet is still unclear.
- f) House owners will be responsible for the pipe work from their system to the edge of their property where a connection to the mains will be afforded.
- g) There will be a connection charge but this amount is unknown at present.

The Camara have said they will keep us fully informed of events concerning the Mains Drainage

5 Aljezur By Pass:

The Camara was asked if the scheme for the possible new road had been drawn up. We were told as of yet no but they did say that there are 2 possible schemes:

- a) Starting with a roundabout somewhere near the turning to the Football Ground crossing the river and running parallel with the river till it reaches the main road past the existing river bridge opposite the Tourist Office where it will intersect the existing road by means of a new roundabout
- b) Starting at the junction where the road from Vales meets the N120 with a new roundabout and then going on as the direction outlined in (a) above.

The Camara have said they would keep us informed but do not see this happening before 2012.

7 Bus Service from Vale Da Telha to Aljezur:

We informed the Camara that we have been approached by members about a possible bus service to Aljezur from this area. The Camara said that at one time there was a very limited service run from VDT to Aljezur but because of lack of use and expense the bus company withdrew the service. They pointed out that if someone wanted to start such a Service then the Camara would support them as much as they could bearing in mind that they also have to support the Taxi service as well. Amovate said that their committee would discuss it further and let the Camera know of the outcome at the next meeting.

8 Elderly Persons Card:

Amovate stated that they had been approached by one of its members about enquiring about such a card as it would allow him get a discount when he uses facilities such as the Camara Swimming Pool.

We were informed that there is no such thing but the Social Security can issue such a card for people that are less fortunate and have little money.

Whilst we were on the subject of the Swimming Pool we asked the question why were they so stringent about the type of costumes that could be worn in the pool, we pointed out that it

seemed to curtail the use as many of our members have said that they will not use because of this.

The Camera were unsure why this was and agreed that it did seem a little severe in these times, they promised to look into seeing if it was possible to change this rule and will report later.

9 Surface Water Drainage Sector C:

The Camara stated they started work today to try and relieve the problem of ponding in the area outside ?C. Drains are being laid to an outfall in the stream further up Sector C and should be completed within the next Month.

10 Children's Play Area at the Flats:

Amovate said they would like to improve this area as it could be great for the children and adults of the area to use. Amovate were willing to organise the work with its members but asked if maybe the Camera might help although after some investigation they are still unsure who exactly owns the land.

The Camara said they thought this is a great idea and they would do some investigation on our behalf.

11 High Water Bills:

Amovate explained that they had had a few distraught members that received exceptionally high water bills in some cases in the high 3 figures. We explained that in one particular case stringent checks had been made but there was no apparent sign of leakage.

The Camara stated that at times like this if the person could prove they had a leak then or water had been stolen then they would adjust the bill by reducing the cubic meter cost.

12 Pot Holes:

Amovate asked if the severe pot holes due to the rain would be repaired. The Camara said as soon as the weather gets better then it would happen as it does every year.

13 Post Boxes:

Amovate discussed with the Junta President their concern about the Post Boxes. We only received 5 out of the 24 requested so damaged boxes could be repaired at both the Flats and The Tennis Courts. The Junta President said he did not understand why the post office was slow in issuing the further boxes required but he would meet with them to sort out the problem.

The Junta President said he had a complaint that Amovate would only issue boxes to Members, we informed him that this was not the case but for a period of time we did not have any boxes available thus the reason we are chasing up the missing boxes.

There was then a short discussion on the general state of the area especially building materials left on odd plots by developers. The Camera are to see if there is a way of furthering the offer made by Amovate to collect these materials having once seen if they belong to the plot owner and remove them for sale by Amovate.

The Camara stated that they had a complaint that members were unable to use the Tennis Courts. Amovate stated that it is clear by the signs that if the Amovate Office is phoned during office hours it could be arranged as a code is required for the lock and if stated that this number is never answered which seemed highly unlikely then by looking at the Amovate Web Site under the Tennis Heading you could get the Presidents own mobile number and phone him to arrange access and payment..

It was suggested that this type of meeting could take place approximately every 6 weeks if required and could be set up by e-mail.