

Full House for AUAN Presentation

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Well over 300 people crowded into the theatre of the Martin Garcia Ramos school, Albox when the Abusos Urbanisticos Almanzora No (AUAN) Association presented the 'English translation' of the recent Association of Businesses and Professionals of Almanzora (AEPA) seminar. Guest speakers at the AEPA seminar had included Felicidad Montero Pleite (Director General for Urbanisation/Junta de Andalucia), Luis Caparros Miron (Public Works and Transport/Junta de Andalucia), Jose Garcia Navarro (Mayor of Albox) and Luis Aurelio Perez Tapia (President of the AEPA), and it was what the high profile Politicians had said about the home illegality issue that was translated into English by the AUAN and presented to the community.

The Mayor of Albox also attended the AUAN presentation, and gave an appraisal of the situation in Albox adding that, what applied to Albox, was also applicable to the other municipalities in the Almanzora Valley. A number of the AEPA's top officials attended and Victoria Eugenia Villalba spoke on behalf of the AEPA, adding to the presentation given by the AUAN speakers. When the speakers had finished, there was a short Q&A session, before the time limitation on the use of the hall was reached. Key points that came from the presentation included: Expansion of Municipalities is limited by the POTA law; Very few, if any, illegal homes will be on urbanisable land in the forthcoming PGOU's; the hopes of homes being legalised (regularised?) rests with the Sub Regional Plan, a plan that has yet to have any substance. It was clear that, as things stand, any moves to change the status of the illegal homes throughout the Valley will take a long time, probably many years.



The mission of the AUAN is to continue to press for the legalisation of our homes at the earliest opportunity. The AUAN will work with the municipal authorities in the Valley as much as possible, whilst continuing to seek 'outside' pressure on the Junta to progress more rapidly. Some cannot afford to wait 'years'! Anyone who missed the presentation will find it on the AUAN web site www.almanzora-au.org/. Details on how to join the AUAN can also be found on the web site. Join the AUAN to give us a louder voice.