



ORDINO

Dolsa denounces the poor communication of the meetings to change the POUP

The councilor defends himself against Coma's reproaches for the dress code, since he had not been warned

Unites per Ordino criticizes the cutting of trees in the parish by the minor consul, Betriu

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The Council of the Municipality of Ordino yesterday introduced an item of the day, at the proposal of the councilor of Units per Ordino, Enric Dolsa, in reference to the meetings organized by the Municipality of Ordino for the modification of the Town Planning Plan (POUP). The councilor of the minority regretted the fact that they found out about the organization of these meetings for a key issue like this through the press, and not through the consuls or the municipal majority in an official way. The new Consul Major of Ordino, Maria del Mar Coma, responded that these meetings were promoted through the portal web Ordino És Viu, a fact that was denounced by Dolsa, since it is not the appropriate way of communication in order to this type of calls. The councilor also argued that he, as the owner, had not received any kind of notification, as well as other owners. The one from Units per Ordino mentioned that the meetings could be witnessed only by some large landowners and that it was necessary to make a more appropriate call for these meetings so that all citizens can attend popular meetings that revolve around a topic that it is of interest to everyone, as the municipal councilor emphasized.

In subsequent statements to the Municipal Council, Dolsa denounced this poor communication planning for the holding of these meetings and pointed out the poor management of the Consul Major in convening them. Units per Ordino stipulated that «I understand that the position is great for Mrs Consul, but her obligation was to send the call to the owners» and «Ordino És Viu is not an official means of communication». Coma mentioned that they are simply following an initiative that had already been contemplated since the previous legislature, which Dolsa denied by stating that the former consul major of Ordino, Josep Àngel Mortés, kept the consul of the opposition constantly informed on this type of subject of high



▶ The councilor of Units per Ordino, Enric Dolsa, during his speech at the Municipality of Ordino Council.

interest. In addition, Coma mentioned that part of the communication had also been delegated to the quarters of the parish, although the minority councilor maintains that the appropriate communication of these initiatives related to the POUP corresponds to the Municipality. Finally, the Units per Ordino councilor called for effective and inclusive communication to all citizens, since «the POUP must favor all» the citizens of the parish, whether they are property owners or not.

AN ORDINARY COUNCIL WITH EXTRAORDINARY CLOTHING // Another controversy was the consul's complaints about the clothing of Councilor Dolsa, to whom Coma claimed that he should have dressed in a man's

suit and a white T-shirt because he was a Council of Traditional Municipality. Dolsa replied that the call he received explained, explicitly, that «in accordance with article 20.2 and 20.3 of the Ordinance of organization and operation of the Municipality of Ordino, I am pleased to call you to the session of the Council of Municipality», without mentioning at any time that it is a traditional or extraordinary session and that it requires a specific dress code.

BRINGUÉ WORRIED ABOUT CIVIL SERVANTS WITH LOW SALARIES // With the adjustment of salaries to the CPI with an increase in the CPI of 4.5%, the councilor of Units per Ordino, Jordina Bringué, showed her concern about the civil servants municipa-

lities of Ordino that are in the lowest salary bracket. The minister mentioned that «not all civil servants are paid the same» and a 4.5% increase for all workers was not equitable, since those on the lowest rungs of the grid have a great need to a higher salary due to the current inflationary scenario. Bringué mentioned that it is necessary to increase with a higher percentage in order to be able to receive an adequate salary. For this reason, the councilor proposed to prepare a study to evaluate how this increase could be affected. Along these lines, the Consul Major said that currently only 4.5% will be raised to all salaries, but she was open to preparing a study with characteristics similar to those mentioned by Bringué. ≡

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▶ The tree before being cut down.

Dolsa protests the cutting of trees by the minor consul

▶ By decision of the junior consul, Eduard Betriu, a tree was cut down next to the sidewalk right at the entrance to the town of Ordino that seemed to show signs of good health and that could have been pruned instead of directly remove it from the public road. This was reported by the councilor of Units per Ordino, Enric Dolsa, who pointed out with images how the tree enjoyed good health. The councilor questioned why trees were being cut down, arguing that they are sick when they do not show a state of high damage, emphasizing that the Ordino parish is declared by Unesco as a biosphere reserve and that this type of actions they do not agree with this title. According to the minor consul, the action took place in accordance with the advice of the technicians and the demand of some residents, in addition to following a methodology for cleaning some types of river trees that could end up falling.



▶ Image of the felled tree.

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The government will wait for the results of the audit to demand accountability

The overall amount generated by the CASS incident was 1.5 million euros

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The Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Environment and Government spokesman, Guillem Casal, stated yesterday in the press conference after the Council of Ministers that the Government informed the parliamentary groups about the situation of the CASS with disability pensions from group 1 to the various parliamentary groups when they were informed about the irregularities. Even so, he acknowledged that as he is not part of the Finance committee, and «I cannot confirm whether that information was safely passed on to the rest of the councilors».

And it is that from the opposition groups they explained last Tuesday in a press conference that they had not received information about this case, and that they expected the fact that today the president of the Board of Directors of the CASS, Marc Galabert, make statements to the General Council. Even so, Casal informed that the Government will wait to know the results of the audit commissioned by CASS itself.

On the other hand, the minister spokesperson also emphasized the amendment that was introduced in the 2024 budget by the CASS, which received the endorsement of all the parliamentary forces, which allows «all the people who are in a vulnerable situation they don't lose money and remain even more exposed», affirmed Casal. In addition, he stated that the Government will do everything possible so that «this



► Image of Guillem Casal at the press conference after the Council of Ministers.



GUILLEM CASAL
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE,
LIVESTOCK, ENVIRONMENT AND
GOVERNMENT SPOKESPERSON

«The amendment ensures that all people who are in a vulnerable situation are no longer exposed»

situation does not happen again».

Casal also referred to the overall amount that this incident has generated, according to the Government was 1.5 million euros, far from the two or three million euros that were expected at the beginning, assuring that this figure does it had been stated to the parliamentary groups of the majority and the opposition: «As the data was updated, we were able to state that the figure was 1.5 million euros». Even so, the spokesperson was question-

ed by the media about the origin of the money that covers these benefits, which are paid through the general branch.

Casal also stated that the Government received this information around January 15th of this year, and not around July 2023 as one might think. In addition, Casal remarked that the most important thing is the pensioners, «who in no case will have to return the money they have received», said the spokesman. ≡

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► Image of Carine Montaner.

AE requests an investigation into the CASS scandal

► Andorra Endavant has requested an external investigation to clarify the scandal of excessive payments to the Andorran Social Security Fund (CASS). The formation expressed in a statement its concern about the scandal, following the revelation of excessive payments for a total of 1.5 million euros to people with disabilities.

► For this reason, the formation led by Carine Montaner, has requested an external investigation to find out the truth of these payments and to ensure that measures are taken so that similar errors are not repeated in the future.

► The training is committed to commissioning an independent investigation to ensure that it is carried out with objectivity and efficiency, which allows access to the CASS to obtain a complete and impartial view of the facts.

24 new assisted living places

Casal emphasized that there are 50 people on the waiting list for residences

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The proposal of the Minister of Social Affairs and Civil Service, Trini Marín, the government approved the collaboration agreement with the Andorran Health Care Service (SAS) to increase the number of assisted living spaces at El Cedre socio-health center. On the other hand, an addition to the existing agreement with the Domus VI-Salita Care Services Center company was approved on January 24th for the concentrati-

on of five new places in the assisted living service.

The Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Environment and Government spokesman, Guillem Casal, stated after a question by a media that «we have not left anyone unattended», although he reported that «there are 50 people right now on the waiting list in some residence». Even so, he affirmed that of these people, 32 are in a private health center and 18 are at home with social and health services on a permanent basis, and therefore we have not left anyone unattended». Even so, Casal emphasized that more and more resources are being allocated to it. ≡



► The socio-health center of El Cedre.

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Casal addresses the farmers: «Andorra must not be affected»

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The Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Environment and Government spokesman, Guillem Casal, informed that he is in contact with Spanish authorities regarding the mobilization of farmers that took place last Tuesday, remarking that «I understand why the protest, but we must convey the message that Andorra must not be affected by this situation». He stated that no more protests are expected. ≡

Meeting to regularize refugees' permits

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In response to a question posed at the press conference following the Council of Ministers, the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Environment, and Government spokesman, Guillem Casal, explained that in a month and a half the first permits for Ukrainian refugees, and that the Ministry of Social Affairs, Justice and the Interior is due to hold a meeting to address the issue, regularize the situation and seek solutions. ≡