



The Consell de Formentera received yesterday the entire documentary collection of the Formentera Civic Group Coordinator (Coordinadora de Entidades Cívicas de Formentera, CECF), a citizens' platform formed in 1987 to mobilise opposition around plans for a major hotel complex in Punta de sa Pedrera and campgrounds near Es Ca Marí.

Consell premiere Alejandra Ferrer and heritage chief Raquel Guasch were present as the donation was made official, with Pep Mayans, Xicu Ferrer, Isidor Torres and Andreu Ferrer on hand to represent CECF.

Among the holdings are CECF's minutes and statutes, writings and communiqués, press clippings about the campsite and hotel complex and a video about the campsite. And then there are the petitions: to protest construction of the campsite, to push for reduced fares on ferries to and from Eivissa, and to defend local decision-makers who faced court challenges in connection with their opposition to the planned construction. Offered in the name of the people of Formentera, the donation includes a gold medal, diploma and three photographs from the award ceremony that was held on the island's first yearly celebration, the Diada de Formentera.

According to Xicu Ferrer, who, together with President Ferrer, supplied his signature to make the donation official, "Now that the CECF is no longer operative, these documents belong to Formentera's catalogue of local heritage".

Alejandra Ferrer called CECF's work in the 1980s and 1990s "essential to defending our values and a model that set the tone for future generations". In a show of respect and gratitude, the Consell offered the CECF its gold medal award on the occasion of the first-ever Diada de Formentera.

'More visible and closer to islanders'

Raquel Guasch applauded the donations: "Although recent, these items form part of our history and heritage, and stand as important reminders of the island's political gumption".

The holdings will now be incorporated into the municipal archives. “Efforts are in full swing to further define the shape and content of the Arxiu de Formentera, and make it more visible and bring it closer to islanders”, Guasch said.

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