



The Formentera Council's secretaries of sport and mobility, Jordi Vidal and Rafael González, respectively, met today with SD Formentera president Xicu Ferrer to announce details about upgrades at the municipal sports pitch in the run-up to the Formentera football club's match against Athletic Club on Wednesday, October 25. Among the topics discussed as the three congregated at noon in the press hall of Formentera's Camp Municipal d'Esports: the local plan on managing travel to and from the event.

According to Secretary Vidal, it falls to both the Council, the facilities' lease-holder, and SD Formentera, to see the match goes as smoothly as possible. He congratulated Formentera's football club on two straight years facing off at the King's Cup against a first division team, but added that "the island's image itself" would be at stake at the match, too. "At the very least," said Vidal, "we're hoping to match the success of last year's match," referring to the team's pairing against Sevilla.

As the sports secretary explained, rental and assembly of seating for the event will run €64,598 (plus VAT) and be covered by the Council. Another tab Vidal said the administration would be picking up: lighting, which will cost €20,929 plus VAT. Maximum capacity at the field is 2,974, with 2,616 extra seats brought in for the occasion.

The bleachers have already been installed in time for SD Formentera's Sunday bout with Hèrcules. They will be left standing after the match with Athletic Club in preparation for the next league day, which will see SD Formentera confronting RCD Mallorca.

A celebration for Formentera

For his part, SD Formentera president Xicu Ferrer said he hopes the showdown will be "not only a football match, but also a celebration for the whole island," and encouraged locals to get their tickets, which, he noted, are available at ticket stands at the pitch or on the Trasmapi website.

According to SD Formentera's president, the group will take on the €34,500 (VAT included) cost associated with the event's management: €7,000 for employee travel, €4,000 room and board,

€5,500 for staff hired by organisers, €14,000 for transport costs (Trasmpai will also collaborate), €3,000 for a private security firm and €1,000 for cleaning.

Lastly, Xicu Ferrer urged the whole island to come out at 5.00pm the day of the match to Sant Francesc's plaça de la Constitució, to “show support” and walk to the match together.

Mobility plan

Secretary of mobility Rafael González described the Council's special mobility plan for the day as aimed at making sure everyone can enter and exit the field in a “safe, orderly fashion”.

Events will proceed as follows:

3.00pm – 8.45pm: Travel along Camí Vell de la Mola will be regulated, with one-way traffic from Sant Francesc to Ca Marí permitted.

- 3.00pm – 5.00pm: All vehicles allowed.
- 5.00pm – 8.45pm: Only authorised vehicles and those of neighbourhood residents.
- 6.00pm: Entrance to match opens.
- 8.45pm – 10.30pm: Travel prohibited along Camí Vell de la Mola from Sant Francesc to the football pitch (fans will leave on foot towards Sant Francesc). Travel along Camí Vell de la Mola will be regulated, with one-way traffic from the pitch towards Ca Marí permitted.

Everyone must walk to the football pitch. On that note, the secretary called to mind Sant Francesc's roughly 1,000 parking spaces available to fans that wish to park and walk.

Reduced mobility

Individuals with special mobility needs will have a free shuttle service from 5.00pm to 7.00pm in order to get to and from the field. The shuttle will make four stops in Sant Francesc, Sa Senieta car park, Antoni Blanc sports centre car park, the Cementeri Vell car park and the roundabout. Once the match is over, the shuttle will a return service as well.

Eivissa-based visitors

A special bus service on 25 October will be available to visitors from Eivissa. From 9.30am to 7.00pm, la Savina and Sant Francesc Xavier will be linked by bus. Starting in the port, bus departures will coincide with the arrival of boats from Eivissa. The Sant Francesc stop is located at the roundabout. Access to the pitch will be limited both ways to pedestrians. Once the event

is over, buses bound for la Savina will depart from the roundabout.

The €5 round-trip shuttle service will be self-sufficient except for a €760 (plus VAT) contribution from the Council.

The final meeting to coordinate safety measures at the event was held just before this morning's presentation.