



The Formentera Council announces that this week marks the christening of the local Justice of the Peace's new office space at 120 *baixos*, carrer Pla de Rei, next to the post office.

Islanders can take care of all the same proceedings at the new space, like settlements, handling of notices, citations, requisitions and summons, not to mention delegating specific tasks to third parties, as in the cases of letters rogatory from other courts or tribunals in civil and penal cases.

For communications needs, a video-conferencing service is also available, particularly for investigators and witnesses involved in cases with other Spanish courts. Office staff also provide relevant forms and consulting on the range of formalities relating to courts and the Spanish ministry of justice.

The office also serves as a Civil Registry for births, marriages, deaths or other events; processing of marriage requests; civil-union ceremonies; formalities required for births not registered during the established time period; transfers of birth and marriage certificates; information updates; name changes; delivery of proofs of identity and civil status, etc.

Formentera's Justice of the Peace (*Jutjat de la Pau*) opens from 9.00am to 1.30pm, with additional hours available as necessary. An on-site procedural consultant is empowered to act as a law clerk for the court of justice, a justice of the peace, and a substitute justice for public hearings which require the presence and imprimatur of such an individual.

Recourse to the justice of peace is not only fast and free of charge, using it often allows individuals to forego the drawn-out and exorbitant procedures typical of other courts of law, such as by reaching amicable agreements for small claims.