The Formentera Council officials, together with representatives of Telefónica and Teleco, the company responsible for equipping the island for fibre optic internet, met this week to coordinate the work teams that will drive the rollout of Formentera's fibre optic network.

The gathering, attended by CiF new technologies secretary Rafael González as well as other Council staff and spokepeople from Telefónica and Teleco, was an opportunity for the officials to review the current state of local operations.

Today, 215 businesses and individuals have signed up for the service. The network has already been mounted in Sant Francesc, the island's industrial park and es Pujols, and efforts are under way to extend the service to la Savina and Sant Ferran by October.

González applaued Telefónica's initiative in underwriting the rollout of fibre optic, “which has made high-speed internet a reality today in 215 homes and businesses”. He also pointed up the collaboration between the local administration and Telefónica and Teleco as crucial to the project's“seamless execution”.

Other areas of concern

Administration officials raised the question of setting up a local point of sale and information kiosk, as well as precisions regarding the efforts under way to put an end to the temporary cuts that have dogged the service in the past. The issue of safeguards for the underwater cable in Cala Saona was also raised. Telefónica reps made note of the questions and, with regard to the cable, said a signalling system had already been installed to help prevent breakage.