

At the Formentera Council plenary assembly today, senior councillors and representatives of Gent x Formentera, PSOE and Compromís cast decisive votes in favour of a fiscal measure concerning a metred parking-related tax in Sant Francesc, Sant Ferran, Es Pujols and La Savina.

After last week's expansion of the parking attendants force from three to 14, and with machines already on the island awaiting installation, the move is the final step before service rollout.

While the measure held particular attention as the June plenary unfolded in the conference hall of the island's dependent care centre, others commanded their share of the spotlight, too. The administration's senior councillors scored unanimous approval on several measures: a calendar of local bank holidays (Sant Jaume is July 25; Santa Maria, August 5); a general-interest notice for the Can Joan Simon power line; a preliminary move to shutter the Formentera's tourism board, the Patronat de Turisme, and the third action plan concerning drugs and other addictions. Senior councillors from Gent x Formentera used their votes to pass a draft version of the underpinnings for the island's committee on land and tourism.

The Popular Party scored unanimous support for their bid to revive the Can Marroig water circuit and equip the adult learning centre with a toilet and air conditioning.

Measures from the Socialist Party and Compromís failed to garner enough support to get off the ground.

The plenary session also featured a report from Daisee Aguilera, the administration's head of environment, and fast-track treatment of two measures, brought by senior councillors, that ended in unanimous backing. The first meant urging Eivissa's Ca na Putxa rubbish tip to start building recycling and bio-methanisation facilities, and the second involves pressing the central government to introduce the 75% discount on air and sea travel in 2018 instead of 2019.