

Formentera Council chairman Jaume Ferrer and culture councillor Susana Labrador, plus regional cultural minister Fanny Tur and representatives of Fundació Sa Nostra, met today in the conference call of the CiF Office of Culture for a gathering of the top members of a foundation that seeks to create a museum and cultural centre on the island.

After the event, Chairman Ferrer expressed his satisfaction that the board was renewing its efforts. The aim, he said, is to make the Formentera museum a reality. According to Ferrer, meeting attendees were united behind the goal of "reactivating the museum project".

Sa Nostra handed over the lot that sits opposite Sant Francesc's old cemetery to the museum's foundation; the land must now be registered on behalf of the group. Early plans have already been drafted, said Ferrer, but are awaiting tweaks to align the project with the island's urban land use guidelines.

Ferrer, who said he was "happy" to see so much political will to cooperate on the Palma administration's side, voiced hopes that "the Govern's upcoming budgets include funding for the project".

"Museu de Formentera is a commitment the Govern must take responsibility for," said the regional minister, referring to the project's name in Catalan, "and that's exactly what we are doing". She hopes the project will "gain enough momentum during the current legislative session that we have no choice but to follow it through to completion".

In the coming weeks another meeting of board members will be convened to ensure work on the project continues. Founded in April 2007, the museum foundation's board had met only once before today, in February 2008.