

## Appendix 2.

### Bellaluz garden report

Nothing is ever perfect or seen in the same way by everyone. We have had several favourable comments about the gardens and general environment but also some observations about what was seen to be poor maintenance. To assess the work done and the shortfall, Ian and I went round the whole community with the gardener to get a better measure of how things were.

It became clear that major essential work on necessary larger projects had taken most of contracted time. Many municipal parks with a large team of gardeners are less well kept than Bellaluz with only two.

Since taking over in January:-

Five skips of garden refuse has been removed from behind the scenes areas, left by the previous contractor.

Many dead and badly diseased trees, untreated before, have been felled and removed. All trees have been examined, treated where necessary and the palms pruned, within the contract, not an extra cost as previously.

The 'grass' areas were mainly weed but have been treated, fed and seeded and are recovering.

Much of the automatic watering system was found to be broken and many man hours were needed to replace and extend the system so that the community could benefit from reduced water usage.

We have over a kilometre of hedging which has also been inspected for disease and is kept well clipped to encourage growth, particularly to encourage blooms.

Inevitably with these works, which are essential to the long term benefit of the community, there has been less emphasis on weeding beds and planting of bedding plants. Bedding plants this year have been late in developing anyway due to the cold spring. However, I have the assurance from the contractor that the weeding will now be addressed and ground cover planting put in where appropriate to improve some areas e.g. the bank near the pool by the rose walkway and the community banking behind blocks 17 and 18.

The mud bank at the end of block 14 is to be landscaped as a stone waterfall with a cactus garden surrounding it. Hopefully this will improve one of the most unsightly and neglected areas of our community.

Finally may I say I will always look at owners concerns if they contact me so that they are brought to the attention of the gardeners where appropriate.

When looking at the bigger picture, it is possible to fail to see something that is an eyesore to some owners and there I rely on information from you.

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As you can see from the photographs bellow we have beautiful gardens here in Bellaluz.

