

## ΣΥΝΔΕΣΜΟΣ ΚΑΤΟΙΚΩΝ ΠΙΣΣΟΥΡΙΟΥ PISSOURI RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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# The Pissouri Residents Association (PRA)

## **Introduction and Background**

The PRA was founded in 2006 and was officially registered in 2008. For most of that time the registered office and headquarters has been based at the 1911 Club, located approximately 300 metres from the Village Square. This provides a base for new and existing Members to glean information about the PRA and its activities and events, as well as the village of Pissouri. It is also a place for Members to meet and enjoy a drink and snacks on specific days. Opening times can be found on the PRA Website at: -

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## **Our Role in the Community**

The PRA fully and absolutely supports the Pissouri Community Council "First Response Team" and provides the co-ordination and management for this scheme, as well as the First Response Vehicle and the First Responders themselves. This scheme is totally independent of the Private Emergency Ambulance Scheme provided to PRA Plus Members and is available to **all** residents of Pissouri whether a PRA Member, or not. However, in the event of an emergency ambulance being required, this would be freely available to a PRA Plus Member. Our role is purely one of providing a first aid and defib trained First Responder to treat the patient pending the arrival of a doctor, or ambulance as decided by the Responder alone.

Membership of the PRA is open to all residents of Pissouri, regardless of race, colour, or creed, provided they meet the requirements for Membership outlined in our Constitution. It should however be noted that the providers of the Private Emergency Ambulance and First Response Vehicle are English speakers.

## Membership of PRA

There are 3 types of Membership available at present. These are: -

- PRA Plus
- PRA Social
- PRA Temporary

Any resident, or owner of a property in Pissouri and its environs, or occasional visitor may join the PRA under one of the 3 Membership Schemes.

**PRA Plus** – is only available to residents and property owners in Pissouri and its environs **28 days from the date of joining** and provides for full Membership of PRA, plus access to the Private Emergency Ambulance scheme. The cost of this Membership is 25 Euros per year per Member.

**PRA Social** – provides full Membership of PRA as with PRA Plus, <u>but does not include the private</u> <u>emergency ambulance scheme.</u> The cost of this Membership is 5 Euros per year per Member.

**PRA Temporary** – has been devised to allow for occasional visitors to Pissouri to enjoy the same Membership benefits as a PRA Social Member, whilst they are in Pissouri. The cost of this Membership is 5 Euros per Member, renewable annually.

## **Families**

Children of PRA Plus Members will be covered by the Private Emergency Ambulance Scheme if they are less than 18 years of age, provided that all parents, or guardians with whom the child lives are PRA Plus Members.

A child attaining 18 years of age will need to join the PRA as a PRA Plus Member to continue with the same Private Emergency Ambulance cover.

## **Administration**

The PRA comprises a Committee of 12 PRA Members elected for a 2-year term by Members attending the AGM. They are responsible for Financial administration, Communication and Secretarial administration, Health & Welfare and Events & Entertainment for all PRA Members. The Committee meet on a monthly basis to ensure the smooth and efficient running of the PRA.

## Abuse of the Private Emergency Ambulance Scheme and First Response Scheme.

If a call out is found to be spurious, mischievous, or frivolous in its nature, the PRA Plus Member will be billed for the ambulance and/or doctor, which must be paid within 7 days and may be expelled from the scheme. The scheme is designed both from the financial and practical viewpoint to be for <u>genuine medical</u> <u>emergencies only</u>. However, no Member, who is genuinely worried enough to call the First Response Team for help with a medical emergency, need have any hesitation at all in making that call.

It is a matter of trust that all volunteers and staff of the providers attending a patient, will not be subjected to any abuse, or aggressive behaviour. Anyone breaching this code may be asked to leave the scheme.

#### Arbitration and Appeals Procedure

In any cases of suspected abuse, the Member concerned will be alerted and will have full opportunity to state their case, to the full Committee if necessary. Suspicions of abuse will be highlighted by the provider of the scheme, or the co-ordinators, whose medical opinion will be considered.

#### Membership Renewal

PRA Membership becomes renewable at the end of the PRA Year on the 30<sup>th</sup> September at the 1911 Club. A period of 3 weeks is made available for Membership renewal, however Members can renew their Membership at any time after this, up to and including 1<sup>st</sup> Jan of the Membership year, after which their details will be removed from the PRA data base and they will no longer be a Member of PRA.