Is-Swieqi
LOCAL COUNCIL

MINUTI

LAQGĦA TAL-KUNSILL LOKALI S-SWIEQI

IT-TMIEN LEĠISLATURA 2019

SEDUTA NUMRU 38

Il-Kunsill Lokali tas-Swieqi iltaqa f'seduta urġenti nhar il-Ħamis 6 ta' Jannar 2022 fl-16.15

Din il-laqgħa kellha ssir online minħabba l-Covid 19, u peress li wħud mill- Membri tal-Kunsill huma anzjani u/jew oħrajn jgħixu ma' persuni vulnerabbli u qegħdin fi kwarantina volontarja u/jew mandatorja.

Preżenti:

Noel Muscat	-	Sindku
Maryanne Abela	-	Viċi Sindku
Anna Pisani	-	Kunsillier - 16.32
Rowena Scicluna	-	Kunsillier
Theresa Valentino	-	Kunsillier
Edgar Rossignaud	-	Kunsillier
Paul Fenech	-	Kunsillier
Matthew Bonello	-	Kunsillier - 18.05
Uffiċjal Preżenti:		Vince Tanti - Segretarju Eżekuttiv

Kien hem preżenti wkoll l-Accountant tal-Kunsill – Sur Daniel Galea.

Il-Kunsillier A. Chetcuti kienu skużat minħabba mpenji mportanti oħra.

Is- Sindku qal it-talba.

Noel Muscat
Sindku

Vince Tanti
Segretarju Eżekuttiv

Is- Sindku ppropona li ssir sospezzjoni ta' l-Aġenda sabiex l-Accountant tal-Kunsill jkun jista' jispjega fid-dettal ir-Rapport Finanzjajrju għas-sena 2022. Il-Kunsillier P. Fenech issekonda din il-proposta. Il-ħin kien 16.22.

L-Accountant tal-Kunsill spejga li din id-darba minkejjja l-isforzi li saru sabiex jingħalaq l-Awditjar fi żmien adekwat sfortunatament l-Awdituri responsabli damu xhur biex bgħatu l-aġġustamenti li xtaqu u għalhekk sfortunatament dan ir-rapport ma setgħax jiġi ffinalizat qabel. Is- Segretarju Eżekuttiv informa li bħala Kunsill diġa informa lil NAO u DLG dwar dan.

Sur Daniel Galea spjega li f'paġna 4 jindika li hemm defecit ta' madwar €9k pero' f'paġna 5 hemm stipulat accumulated surplus ta' €300k. Dan irriżulta hekk wara l-aġġustamenti li għaddew l-Awdituri rigward deferred income indikat hawn taħt:

- Measure 4.4 - €40k
- Cat shelters - €4k
- Donazzjoni ta' €50k
- UIF – Sidra, Gejża, Gabilott
- Tennis Court Project

It-tieni aġġustament hu minħabba tipping fees li tħallas minn naħa ta' DLG f'isem il-Kunsill lil Wasteserv.

Hu spjega wkoll li net current assets għas-sena 2021 huma prattikament l-istess bħal tas-sena 2020.

Il-Kunsillier T.Valentino qalet li għalkemm huwa tajjeb li l-Kunsill jkollu l-fondi adekwati, tajjeb wkoll li wieħed jieħu inkosiderazzjoni li l-Kunsill qiegħed hemm biex juża l-fondi disponibli kollha bl-aħjar mod possibli għal ġid tal-komunita'. Is-Segretarju Eżekuttix fakkar li għalkemm huwa jaqbel ma' dan il-fatt, tajjeb li wieħed iżomm f' moħħu li l-Kunsill dejjem huwa obligat li jkollu 10% ta' l-allokazzjoni skond l-Att tal-Kunsilli Lokali.

Wara diskuzzjoni, is-Sindku ppropona dan ir-rapport finanzjajru ghas-sena 2021. Il-Kunsillier E. Rossiganud issekonda. Kien hemm qbil unanimu minn dawk preżenti.

Is- Sindku talab sabiex titkompla l-aġenda. Il-ħin kien 16.51.

Noel Muscat
Sindku

Vince Tanti
Segretarju Eżekuttiv

38.1 Approvazzjoni ta' Minuti

38.1.1 Rigward il-Minuti tas- Seduta Nru.36 punt 36.3.10, il-Kunsillier R.Scicluna talbet sabiex jingħad dwar xiex kienet din il-laqgħa. Hija talbet ukoll sabiex jiġu tranġati n-numri tas-sekwenza. Is- Segretarju Eżekuttiv ħa ħsieb li jsiru dawn il-korrezzjonijiet. Il-Kunsillier R. Scicluna pproponiet li dawn jiġu approvati fil-waqt li l-Kunsillier T. Valentino ssekondat.

38.1.2 Il-Kunsillier T. Valentino talebet sabiex issir korrezzjoni fuq punt 37.1.24 fejn hija qed tirreferi għal żewġ ħitan differenti u għalhekk talbet sabiex dan il-punt jiġi kkoreġut. Kien hemm qbil unanimu dwar dan. Il-Kunsillier P. Fenech ippropona li l-Minuti tas-Sed. Nru 37 jiġu approvati u l-Kunsillier A. Pisani ssekondat.

38.2 Punti li joħorġu mill-Minuti

38.2.1 Il-Viċi Sindku staqsiet jekk wasalx defibirillator. Is- Segretarju Eżekuttiv informa li dan wasal u issa rridu naraw fejn se jitwaħħal. Wara diskuzzjoni, ġie deċiż li dan għandu jitwaħħal fuq barra viċin ta' l-għassa tal-Pulizija sabiex kemm jista' jkun, jkun aċċessibli għal pubbliku.

38.2.2 Il-Kunsillier R. Scicluna staqsiet dwar meta se ssir il-laqgħa li kienet skedata sabiex tiġi Konkluża l-iskema tal-fondi ta' l-ikel u apparat għal qtates. Is- Segretarju Eżekuttiv issuġerixxa li din ssir nhar il-11 ta' Jannar fis-14.00.

38.2.3 Il-Kunsillier R. Scicluna staqsiet jekk kienx hemm xi żvillupi ġodda dwar l-art abbandunata fi Triq il-Marbat bil-possibilta' li tinbidel f'dog park. Il-Kunsillier E.Rossignaud informa li dan il-plot huwa inkluż fil-proġett ta' IM.

38.2.4 Hija staqsiet ukoll jekk isewwietx il-ħsara li kien hemm fid-dwal tal-ġnien ta' ħdejn il-Kunsill. Is-Segretarju Eżekuttiv li l-kuntrattur imqabbad huwa pjanat li jibda jsewwi nhar it-Tlieta 25 ta'Jannar. Wara diskuzzjoni ġie deċiż li għalissa jitħalla l-fustun li hemm armat diġa sabiex il-post ma jkunx mudlam.

38.2.5 Hija staqsiet jekk kienx hemm xi żvillupi dwar il-ġurnata ta' meta għandu jinġabar il-ħġieġ. Is-Segtretarju Eżekuttiv informa li sa issa għad m'hemm l-ebda ħjiel jekk it-talba tal-Kunsill ġietx aċċettata jew le. Hu se jerġa' jibgħat reminders lil entitajiet u l-Ministeru kkonċernati.

Noel Muscat
Sindku

Vince Tanti
Segretarju Eżekuttiv

38.2 Punti li joħorġu mill-Minuti

38.2.6 Il-Kunsillier T. Valentino infurmat li sfortunatament l-public toilets li hemm fil-ġnien ta' Ċentru Ċiviku qed jkunu wisq maħmuġin li ġieli qas jkunu jistgħu jużawhom ir-residenti li jattendu għas-sezzjonijiet ta' Line Dancing, Chair Pilates u Dance Fitness. Is- Segretarju Eżekuttiv li dawn qed jitnhaddfy darba kull 4 ijiem minn naħa tal-Cleansing Department kif ukoll ġieli mill-istaff tal-Kunsill pero' dan mhux dejjem qed ikun possibli.Għaldaqstant, wara diksuzzjoni ġie deċiż li jinġabru xi kwotazzjonijiet sabiex jiġu mnaddfa dawn il-latrini kif ukoll biex jingħalqu kuljum wara it-8pm.

38.2.7 Il-Kunsillier T. Valentino staqsiet jekk saritx il-laqgħa mal-kuntrattur tal-knis dwar in-nuqqasijiet li qed jiġu nnuttati. Is- Segretarju Eżekuttiv informa li din għadha se ssir hekk kif is-Sindku u l-Kunsillier responsabli jtuh data u ħin.

38.2.8 Hija nfurmat li l-ħajt ta' Wied id-Dies għadu fi stat perikoluż għaldaqstant talbet jekk jistgħux jittieħdu xi azzjonijiet oħra. Is- Segretarju Eżekuttiv informa li l-Pulizija huma diġa' infurmati u kienu infurmaw li se jagħmlu kuntatt mas-sidien.

38.2.9 Il-Kunsillier E.Rossignaud staqsa dwar x'inhi l-pożizzjoni tal-Kunsill dwar l-ittra li għandha tintbagħat lil Prim Ministru rigward punt 37.1.1. Is- Sindku staqsa lill-Kunsillieri preżenti x'jaħsbu dwar dan. Il-Kunsillier T. Valentino reġgħet ssotniet li permezz ta' din l-ittra jista' jkun li 'il quddiem jinħoloq preċident ma' xi kuntratturi oħra u għalhekk hija tixteq li jsiru xi tibdiliet fl-ittra. Il-Viċi Sindku infurmat li hija taqbel ma' suġġeriment tal-Kunsillier T. Valentino. Is- Sindku nforma li huwa ma jaqbilx li jsir xi tibdil fl-ittra oriġinali. Għaldasqtant, is-Sindku għalkemm ma kinitx ix-xewqa tiegħu; talab sabiex jittieħed vot minn dawk preżenti ħalli naslu f'konklużjoni. Il-vot kien 4 favur u 2 kontra.

Dawk favur kienu: Sindku Noel Musat, E. Rossignaud, R. Scicluna, A. Pisani, P. Fenech

Dawk kontra: il-Viċi Sindku M. Abela u T. Valentino

Għaldaqstant ġie deċiż li din l-ittra tintbagħat kif inhi bla ebda tibdil.

Il-Kunsillier M.Bonello kien preżenti onlajn- il-ħin kien 18.05.

Noel Muscat
Sindku

Vince Tanti
Segretarju Eżekuttiv

38.3 Rapport mis- Sindku

38.3.1 Is- Sindku nforma li nhar id-9 ta' Diċembru kien hemm seduta tal-PA tal-proġett tz' l-ex Halland Hotel. Waqt din is-seduta wieħed seta' jinota faċilment li saru biss tibdil kożmetiku. Il-Kunsillier E. Rossignaud li wkoll kien preżenti għal din il-laqgħa qal li din hija biss tatika u li diġa hemm applikazzjoni oħra għal dan il-proġett. Hu nforma wkoll li parti minn dan il-proġett hemm art tal-Gvern. Il-Kunsillier E. Rossignaud informa li l-Kunsill jkun se jkun qiegħed jappella wkoll. Hu nforma li se jkun qiegħed jagħmel kuntatt mal-Perit Spiteri Staines.

38.3.2 Is- Sindku rringrazzja lil Viċi Sindku talli ħadet l-inkarigu li torganizza l-ikla tal-Milied. Hu nforma li din kienet serata sabiħa fejn dawk li attendew kollha ħadu gost. Is- Segretarju Eżekuttiv staqsa sabiex jgħaddulu l-irċevuti ħalli jkun jista' jħallas din l-ispiża.

38.3.3 Nhar is-6 ta' Jannar, illum, is- Sindku kellu laqgħa onlajn mal-Ministru. Herrera rigward is-servizzi li waqfu ħesrem jingħataw mill-bini tal-Kunsill bħal is-servizz tas-sigurta' soċjali u servizz tal-berġa tas-saħħa.

38.3.4 Illum, is- Sindku nforma li kellu laqgħa ma' l-uffiċċjali ta' l-Enemalta rigward il-problemi li qed niltaqħu magħhom minħabba tiswijiet ta' dawl ta' toroq. Għal din il-laqgħa kien hemm preżenti wkoll il-Kunsillier R. Scicluna, is- Segretarju Eżekuttiv u l-istaff tal-Kunsill. Il-Kunsillier R. Scicluna semmiet li l-mod ta' kif l-uffiċċjali ta' l-Enemalta bdew jitrattaw ir-rapporti tal-Kunsill ma kienx wieħed sodisfaċenti anzi l-attitudni kienet waħda kemmxejn negattiva.

38.3.5 Is- Sindku rringrazzja lil Kunsill kif ukoll l-istaff tal-Kunsill ta' l-organizazzjoni ta' l-attivitajiet li saru fil-Milied bejn l-10 u l-15 ta' Diċembru 2021. Il-Kunsillier P. Fenech irringrazzja wkoll lis-Sa. C.Asha Caruana ta' l-inzjattivi u l-impenn tagħha. Il-Kunsillier A.Pisani infurmat li hija kellha rispons tajjeb ħafna dwar dawn. Il-Kunsill irringrazzja wkoll lil Kunsillier M. Bonello ta' xogħol li sar biex tiġi nstallata s-siġra tal-Milied fil-ġnien ta' Ċentru Ċiviku.

Noel Muscat
Sindku

Vince Tanti
Segretarju Eżekuttiv

38.3 Rapport mis- Sindku – ikompli

38.3.6 Rigward ix-xogħlijiet ta' rikostruzzjoni ta' toroq minn naħa ta' IM, is- Sindku nforma li fil-jiem li ġejjin il-Kunsill għadu kemm ġie notifikat li se jibdew ix-xogħlijiet fi Triq is-Sidra. Hu nforma wkoll li se titkompla l-aħħar fażi ta' Triq tal-Franċiż, ingħatat l-aħħar layer ta' tarmak il-biċċa ta' fuq u li l-biċċa ta' nofs hija lesta wkoll. Għaldasqtant hu rringrazzja lil IM ta' dawn ix-xogħlijiet peress li din kienet dejjem xewqa ta' dan il-Kunsill li Triq tal-Franċiż tinfetaħ u tkun aċċessibli sabiex b'hekk jonqos sew it-traffiku minn Triq il-Keffa u Triq il-Miżura.

38.3.7 Rigward il-proġett ta' Ġnien E. Barthet, is- Sindku nforma li fadal ħafna xi jsir sabiex jkun ffinalizzat u għalhekk qed jistenna li fil-jiem li ġejjin jitħaffef xi ftit dan il-proġett. Hu nforma wkoll li x-xogħol fuq il-bini ta' tennis court miexi b'mod tajjeb. Rigward il-gazebo u żurżieqa li hemm maqlugħin, is- Sindku nforma li mill-aktar fis hemm bżonn li titieħed azzjoni sabiex intejbu l-qagħda ta' dan il-ġnien. Hu nforma li qed jaħdem sabiex il-Kunsill jakkwista xi fondi li jkunu jistgħu jintużaw biex jinxtraw dan l-apparat.

38.3.8 Is-Sindku nforma li d-dawl tal-mini żgħar ta' Triq is- Swieqi hux jixgħel u għalhekk staqsa sabiex b'mod immedjat issiru tiswijiet neċċesarji. Is- Segretarju Eżekuttiv ħa l-inkarigu li jagħmel kuntatti neċċessarji.

38.4 Rapporti mill-Kunsillieri

Mill-Kunsillier E. Rossignaud

38.4.1 Huwa nforma li matul dan l-aħħar xahar saru tnax-il oġġezzjoni dwar żvillupi tal-PA u li l-appell kontra l-iżvillup ta' framhouse fil-wied f'art ODZ ġie merbuħ favur il-Kunsill. Għaldaqstant huwa appella sabiex il-Kunsill jkompli jaħdem bi sħiħ sabiex isalva il-ftit spazji miftuħa li fadal f' din il-lokalita' . Is- Sindku irringrazzja lilu u lil Perit A. Valentino talli dejjem kienu ta' spalla għal dan il-Kunsill.

Noel Muscat
Sindku

Vince Tanti
Segretarju Eżekuttiv

38.4 Rapporti mill-Kunsillieri – ikomplu

Mill-Kunsillier P. Fenech

38.4.1 Hu informa lil Kunsill li fil-jiem li għaddew intbagħtet korrispondenza dwar skema li nħarġet mill-DLG rigward finanzjament għal attivitajiet kulturali (SPI/SCI/9/2021) . Għaldasqtant huwa ħeġġeġ lil Kunsillieri l-oħra sabiex mill-aktar fis jibgħatu s-suġġerimenti tagħhom ħalli flimkien mas-Segretarju Eżekuttiv jkunu jistgħu jiffanlizzaw l-applikazzjoni li tagħlaq nhar is-26 ta' Jannar. Wara diskuzzjoni ġie deċiż li l-Kunsillier se jiltaqgħu bejnithom f'laqgħa onlajn sabiex jiftehmu dwar dan iżda kien hemm qbil unanimu li l-Kunsill japplika għal dawn il-fondi.

Mill-Viċi Sindku

38.4.2 Hija staqsiet jekk sarux il-parking bays fi Triq il-Perkursur (fuq naħa waħda) hekk kif kien ġie deċiż waqt l-aħħar seduta. Is- Segretarju Eżekuttiv informa li dawn se jkunu qed issiru fil-jiem li ġejjin.

38.4.3 Il-Viċi Sindku infurmat li hemm bżonn li jinqalgħu s-sinjali li kienu twaħħlu minn IM biex jindikaw id-diversions meta kien għaddej ix-xogħol fi Triq Sant Andrija. Is- Segretarju Eżekuttiv ninforma li l-Kunsill ma jistax jaqbad u jaqla dawn is-sinjali apparti li m'għandniex fejn inżommuhom.

38.4.4 Hija ssuġeriet sabiex jekk hu possibili tiġi nstallata mera fi Triq Żejni għal ġo Triq il-Perkursur. Is- Segretarju Eżekuttiv informa li hemm diġa' kien hemm waħda u din ġiet maqlugħa minn xi residenti.

Mill-Kunsillier T. Valentino

38.4.5 Hija infurmat dwar jekk kienx hemm xi żvillupi dwar meta se jiġu rifreskati s-sinjali tat-toroq fil-Madliena. Is- Segretarju Eżekuttiv staqsa jekk hux qed tirreferi għal xi toroq partikolari peress li huwa mpossibli li jsiru s-sinjali kollha ta' kull triq minħabba l-ispejjeż kbar li tinvolvi. Hija ssuġeriet sabiex kull tant żmien jiġu rifreskati minngħajr ma wieħed jkollu joqgħod jilmenta. Wara diskuzzjoni fit-tul, is- Segretarju Eżekuttiv nforma li din ma tistax iseħħ peress li l-ispejjeż relatati huma kbar u li żgur se jinqabez l-ammont allokat fil-Budget jekk issir hekk. Hu saħaq li ċertu toroq jintużaw aktar minn oħrajn u allura ovjament se jkun hemm il-bżonn iktar spiss li s-sinjali jiġu rifreskati u għalhekk huwa ferm importanti li meta wieħed jinotta li hemm dan il-bżonn jsir rapport uffiċjali mal-Kunsill u dawn issiru.

Noel Muscat
Sindku

Vince Tanti
Segretarju Eżekuttiv

38.5 Approvazzjoni ta' pagamenti u xiri ieħor

L-iskeda tal-pagamenti nru.30 ġiet approvata minn dawk preżenti wara li sar xi tibdil hekk kif rikjest mill-Kunsillier R. Scicluna.

38.6 Kommunikazzjoni mis- Segretarju Eżekuttiv

38.6.1 Huwa nforma li minħabba li l-każijiet tal-Covid-19 sfortunatament reġgħu qed jogħlew, se jkun qiegħed jqabbad kuntarttur sabiex jiffumuga l-uffiċini tal-Kunsill, is-sala kif ukoll il-ġonna pubbliċi kull ġimagħtejn. Kien hemm qbil unanimu dwar dan.

38.6.2 Is- Segretarju Eżekuttiv ressaq l-Appraisal Reports ta' kull impjegata tal-Kunsill għas-sena 2021. Huwa flimkien mas- Sindku jirrakomondaw li dawn jingħataw 6% Performance Bonus. Kien hemm qbil unanimu minn dawk preżenti. Il-Kunsillier T. Valentino talbet sabiex tinbagħat kopja ta' dawn ir-rapporti permezz ta' imejl lil kull Kunsillier. Is- Segretarju Eżekuttiv informa li se jkun qed jagħmel dan fil-jiem li ġejjin.

38.6.3 Il-Kunsill ġie nfurmat li fuq il-bejt tal-Kunsill ġew installati 2 picnic tables sbaiex jkunu jistgħu jintużaw mill-pubbliku inġenerali.

38.6.4 Hu nforma li l-kuntrattur li bħalissa għandu żvillup għaddejn fi Triq is- Swieqi li tmiss mal-Wied wara ħafna insistenza ħadem minngħajr ma għalaq l-aċċess ta' triq. Il-Kunsillier P. Fenech talab sabiex kemm jista' jkun dan il-kuntrattur jagħmel xi tip ta' barriers adekwati ħalli jiġi evitat il-periklu li wieħed jista' jaqa' għal isfel. Is- Segretarju Eżekuttiv ħa l-inkarigu li jkellem lil kuntrattur.

Din is-seduta spiċċat fis- 19.30 u s-seduta li jmiss se ssir nhar il-Ħamis 4 ta' Frar 2022 fl-16.00. Kien hemm qbil unanimu minn dawk preżenti.

Noel Muscat
Sindku

Vince Tanti
Segretarju Eżekuttiv

SWIEQI LOCAL COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

06.01.22

Welcome to the New Year. I wish everyone a healthy, serene and successful Year.

MEETINGS HELD/ATTENDED

09.12.21 – PA information meeting re ex Halland development

Together with Perit Rossignaud I attended this on line information meeting

The developers presented a new application. This new application contains minor cosmetic changes which in my opinion were made so as to supersede the original application against which we had appealed. We argued that this new application should not be considered before the appeal of the previous application is concluded.

Christmas Activities

10.12.21 – Guggen Band & Enchor choir

11.12.21 – Father Christmas, Arts & Crafts.

12.12.21 – Father Christmas, Holy Mass in Madliena, Tikka band, Kosmos Swieqi Orchestra

13.12.12 – Clown Show, Father Christmas, Guggen Band

14.12.12 – Ikla anzjani, Guggen Band, Allchemists, Skarlet

15.12.12 – Party Anzjani (2 sessions) , Terraxka

16.12.21 – PA hearing re New 'Halland' application.

Perit Rossignaud will elaborate further about this hearing. In a nutshell Perit Rossignaud on behalf of the Swieqi Local Council, Perit Valentino and Perit Cachia Fearne presented their solid arguments against the project. They insisted that the board should not take a vote before the appeal against the first application is heard. Unfortunately all the board member voted in favour of the project.

What I cannot understand is why none of the original objectors presented an objection or even participated during this hearing.

16.12.21 – locality meeting

The annual locality meeting was held. It was presented on line and my report is attached

20.12.21 – Council Christmas drinks

Christmas drinks for councillors, staff and guests were held at Madliena Cottage. Well done to vice mayor MaryAnne Abela for organising this enjoyable evening.

06.01.22 – Meeting with Hon Herrera

This meeting was meant to be held in Hon Herrera's office in Valletta. On tast minute I asked whether we could hold the meeting on line to which the Hon Minister acceded. In attendance the minister's private secretary, Mr Muscat and Local Councils Director General Mr Natalino Attard.

I informed the Hon Minister that local council was very unhappy about the fact that basic services that were offered from the local council were stopped abruptly, thus the service of the 'Berga', Social Services and Immunisation. The DG will be looking into the matter and will revert.

We also discussed issues that had been brought up during previous meetings held and which were still unresolved, thus the issue of the boundary wall in Triq Wied id Dies, the acquisition of the land adjacent to the local council and overdevelopment.

With regards to the boundary wall in triq Wied id Dies, we agreed to present the Ministry with the report that had been prepared by Architect Dieter Falzon and they will take it from there. They plan to involve departments that may have an interest in these repairs, such as Infrastructure Malta and their own Heritage unit. It I important that we keep the ball rolling.

Re acquisition of the land adjacent to the local council, they plan to set up a meeting with officials from the Planning Authority and the local council so as to explore the possibility of the land being purchased.

The report that I presented to the Hon Minister is attached.

06.01.22 – meeting with Enemalta

In attendance officials from Enemalta, including the area manager, Mr Stephen Farrugia, Mr Mario Galea from Galea Curmi, Councillor Rowena Scicluna, the Executive secretary, Mr Vince Tanti, and Ms Dona Ellul and Ms Clarissa Schembri from the council staff.

We discussed issues that have been arising particularly faults that are taking a long time to be repaired. Mr Farrugia admitted that during recent months there were several changes in Enemalta and this together with damages caused by the very bad weather did not help to improve matters.

It was agreed that we present a detailed list of outstanding faults and these will tackled as soon as possible.

Other Matters

Christmas Activities

For the first time the local council prepared a program of activities that spanned over 6 days, from 10/12/21 to 15/12/21.

I would like to take the opportunity to heartily thank all the Councillors, ably led by Vice Mayor MaryAnne Abela and Councillor Paul Fenech, the Executive secretary and the Council staff and the coordinator Mr Keith Muscat for the hard work that they put in so as to organise these events.

The first time always is always a very stiff challenge since you are treading in the unknown, especially for a locality like ours where we do not have the assistance of festa organisers, band clubs etc

The activities held were varied and appealed to all age groups. Residents appreciated the Christmas spirit that we manged to create. We should build on the knowledge acquired.

I suggest that we organise a meeting during which we will make a 'post mortem' of the activities held and see what should be retained, what should be corrected and what should not be repeated.

Christmas Decorations

I also wish to thank contractor Noel Borg for the Christmas decorations that he put up. They certainly helped to increase the Christmas spirit.

Road Works

Triq is Sidra – only this afternoon we received information from Infrastructure Malta that roadworks in triq is Sidra are planned to start by the end of next week.

This is good news since this road is in an awful state. Since the road has an overload of traffic we need to coordinate the traffic flow until works are carried out.

I have asked the Executive Secretary to coordinate a meeting with the architects in charge so as to see how they plan to coordinate works.

We need to inform the residents about the planned works.

Triq Tal Franciz

Triq tal Franciz is now fully accessible since the middle part of the road has finally been completed. We thank Infrastructure Malta for the works carried out. The stretch of the road from V Menville to triq il Mizura will be 'one way up' hence all traffic coming from the valley and heading towards upper Ibrag can now pass from this road and avoid using triq il Keffa.

Works on the lower part of triq tal Franciz, that is the section from trqi il Qasam to triq V Menville will be starting soon. In this case the drainage system needs to be repaired/replaced.

Other road works

We are in contact with Infrastructure Malta to plan road works that are necessary in Triq l-Ilqugh, part of Triq il Mizura, part of Triq il Hemel, triq il Hawt and others.

Capital Projects

Gnien Esprit Barthet

Enlargement and embellishment works in Gnien Esprit Barthet are progressing at a snail's pace.

covid is not helping to expedite matters since some of the workers had to quarantine.

Extension of the Club House

Construction works have been completed. Hopefully the works will be completed in a few months time.

Gnien Maurice Caruana Curran

This garden needs to be upgraded. The gazebo must be repalced and we also need to replace the slide that was removed. I am hoping to obtain the necessary funds to finance these expenses. We have identified an area next to the club house where we plan to develop a 'toddlers' area similar to the one that there is in Gnien F X Ebejer.

I am of the opinion that the entrance to the garden be upgraded too. We still need to decide what will be done in the corner where there once were the steps.

Ibrag road Embellishment

I ASK THE Executive secretary to give us an update about the state of this project and whether we have been given the green light by all entities concerned to carry out the works.

Once the works in Gnien Esprit Barthet are completed/ nearing completion we should start concentrating on this project.

Noel Muscat

Mayor

06.01.22

Lights in the tunnels -

maintenance

5 Nº OBJECTIONS

6 Nº APPEALS

1 Nº PA BOARD ATTENDANCE

Swieqi Local Council

Resume' of Representations / Appeals submitted and other activities related to Planning Authority / Appeals Tribunal between 15th November and 15th December 2021

Anton Valentino A&CE

Note: New Representations are shown in red.

Decisions are shown in green.

Date	Application Number / Activity	Progress	Status
17.11	PA 7830/21: "Farmhouse", Triq il-Wied (ODZ): Enlargement of windows	Representation submitted.	Awaiting Case Officer Report
17.11	PA 6364/21: "Cattelya", Triq in-Narcis c/w Burgi: Additional floor on villa	Representation submitted	Awaiting Case Officer Report
17.11	PA 7251/21: St Julians: Proposed ferry pontoon	Representation Submitted	Application Withdrawn on 4.12

18.11	PC 12/21: Triq Fuq il-Gonna: Change of zoning from villas to flats	Representation submitted	Awaiting Case Officer Report
18.11	PC 62/21: Madliena Opportunity Site: Amendments to Road Layout	Representation submitted	Awaiting Case Officer Report
18.11	Appeal 420/19: Proposed Farmhouse off Triq il-Madliena, ODZ	Appeal against Regusal by applicant: Appeal withdrawn by Applicant	Case Closed
19.11	PA 6961/20: Halland Hotel site: Amendments to Project approved in PA 2479/16	Objection by Council not sent in time	Application Approved on 16.1.2021
2.12	Appeal 27/21: Medical Clinic, Triq il-Wasliet c/w Triq il-Ghajn	Appeal by applicant against Refusal: Appellant terminated his submissions	Deferred to 29.3.2022
8.12	Appeal 42/19: Agricultural store and timber structure, Triq il-Majjistral	Appeal by applicant against Refusal	Deferred to 5.4.2022 for questions by Council to Perit M. Farrugia

9.12	Appeal 397/20: Carwash in Greens basement	Appeal by applicant against Refusal	Deferred for Decision
18.12	Appeal 224/21: ITS Site, St Julians	Appeal by Council and various other organisations and individuals, Represented by Dr Claire Bonello	Appeal decided and Refused
18.12	Appeal 128/20: Guest House, Triq il-Qasam	Appeal by Council against height	Appeal decided and Refused.

Notes:

1. Copies of all Correspondence sent are filed in the Council offices;
2. Dates given in first column represent dates of PA or other meetings attended; later meetings are not listed;
3. Approach adopted in submitting Representations or otherwise is:

3.1 Any development ODZ, excluding genuine agricultural structures, is opposed;

3.2 Any commercial development in Residential priority Areas is opposed, except for small (less than 50 square metres) offices, which the PA regularly accept, making objections pointless;

3.3 Any development which goes against the provisions of the 2006 Local Plan, on the basis of which Swieqi residents purchased their properties, is opposed;

3.4 Objections requesting adequate on-site parking for developments are no longer being submitted, since the PA regularly accept payment towards the Urban Improvement Fund (UIF) in compensation, making objections pointless;

3.5 Any development which is considered to be detrimental to the quality of life of residents, even if technically permitted under PA regulations, is opposed.

3.6 Commercial Applications in Residential Areas submitted on basis of "Existing Commitments" are opposed.