Is-Swieqi
LOCAL COUNCIL

MINUTI

LAQGĦA TAL-KUNSILL LOKALI S-SWIEQI

IT-TMIEN LEĠISLATURA 2019

SEDUTA NUMRU 28

Il-Kunsill Lokali tas-Swieqi iltaqa f'seduta online nhar it-Tlieta 18 ta' Mejju 2021

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
Matthew Bonello	-	Kunsillier – 18.48
Alex Chetucuti	-	Kunsillier
Rowena Scicluna	-	Kunsillier
Paul Fenech	-	Kunsillier
Anna Pisani	-	Kunsillier
Theresa Valentino	-	Kunsillier
Edgar Rossignaud	-	Kunsillier

Uffiċjal Preżenti: Vince Tanti - Segretarju Eżekuttiv

Clarissa Buhagiar – Deputat Segretarju Eżekuttiv

Is- Sindku qal it-talba

Noel Muscat
Sindku

Vince Tanti
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27.1 Approvazzjoni tal-Minuti

Il-Minuti tas-Seduta Nru.26 ġew approvati hekk kif ġie emendat. Il-Kunsillier P. Fenech ippropona u l-Kunsillier T. Valentino issekondat. Il-Kunsillier T. Valentino infurmat li jridu jsiru l-korrezzjonijiet li ntbagħtu permezz t'email f'April.

27.2 Punti li joħorġu mill-Minuti

27.2.01 Il-Kunsillier T. Valentino staqsiet dwar jekk sarx kuntatt mal-kuntrattur tal-knis minħabba li skond ir-rapporti li qed nirċievu mhux qed issir il-knis sew speċjalment fiż-żona ta' ħdejn il-Madliena Fort. Wara diskuzzjoni, ġie deċiż li ssir laqgħa mal-Kuntrattur flimkien mas- Sindku, s-Segretarju Eżekuttiv u l-Kunsillier responsabli mill-indafa nhar it-22 ta' Mejju.

Is- Sindku ppropona li tiġi ċċekjata l-possibilita' li jiġu nstallati tracking devices sabiex wieħed jkun jista' jsegwi r-rotta li l-kenniesa jagħmlu ta' kuljum. Is- Segretarju Eżekuttiv ħa l-inkarigu li jakkwista xi kwotazzjonijiet.

27.2.02 Il-Kunsillier A. Chetcuti nforma li diveri partijiet minn Triq il-Qasam, l-aktar fil-parti ta' fejn il-PN Club, hemm bżonn kbir li ssir manutenzjoni ta' triq. Is- Sindku nforma li fil-futur qarib huwa skedat li jsir diversi patching fi Triq il-Qasm (sa ħdejn Triq il-Faxxina) peress li it-tarmak qisu sfronda.

27.2.03 Il-Viċi Sindku staqsiet jekk kienx hemm xi żvillupi dwar l-ispeed guns. Il-Kunsillier A. Chetcuti ssuġerixxa li dawn jintużaw biss mill-Pulizija tal-Community Police sabiex jiġi evitat li jsiru ħsarat żejda.

27.2.04 Il-Viċi Sindku u l-Kunsillier T. Valentino staqsew jekk hemmx possibilta' li jsiru s-sinjali ta' toroq fil-Madliena speċjalment fi Triq il-Burgi u Triq Żejni. Is- Sindku ssuġerixxa li materja għandha tintbagħat email minn qabel. Is- Segretarju Eżekuttiv informa li dawn se jsiru.

27.2.05 Il-Kunsillier R. Scicluna irreferiet għal disabled parking bay ppersonalizata fi Triq tal-Franċiż. Is- Segretarju Eżekuttiv informa li se jerġa' jibgħat reminder lil Transport Malta.

27.2.06 Il-Kunsillier T. Valentino staqsiet jekk kienx hemm xi żvillupi dwar l-applikazzjoni ta' restawr. Is-Segretraju informa li din l-applikazzjoni għadha lanqas għalqet u għalhekk irridu nagħtu ċans sabiex ikollna risposta.

27.2.07 Il-Kunsillier E. Rossignaud informa li se jibdew jsiru x-xogħlijiet ta' manutenzjoni fis-sala tal-Kunsill. Għalissa se jsir gypsum board sabiex tagħti dehra aħjar lil-ħitan tas-sala. Is- Sindku nforma li fis-sala m'hemmx ħsarat estentisivi u m'hemm l-ebda periklu. Huwa nforma li din hija kemmxejn umduża peress li ilha ma tintuża. Is- Segretarju Eżekuttiv nforma li qed iħalli l-ecxtractor mixgħul sabiex jiċċerkola l-arja. Huwa nforma wkoll li x-xogħol fuq il-planters se jsiru għada. L-Avukat tal-Kunsill infurmah li la xogħol ma jistax jistenna iktar, dan għandu jsir u l-kontijiet relevanti għandhom jingtbagħtu lil Lands Authority bħala l-entita' responsabli. Is- Segretarju Eżekuttiv nforma li skond parir professjonali, biex il-lift għall-persuni b'diżabilta' jitla' sa fuq net se tkun spiża kbira li jrid jinħareġ tender. Huwa ssuġerixxa li lift jibqa' kif inhu peress li l-livell tal-Kunsill huwa dġa' aċċessibli permezz ta'rampa. Il-Kunsillier P. Fenech staqsa jekk hemmx il-possibilta' li jsir sink u toilet fi-sala. Is- Segretraju Eżekuttiv nforma li dawn ma jistgħux jsiru minħabba *drains.*

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27.2 Punti li joħorġu mill-Minuti

27.2.08 Il-Viċi Sindku staqsiet jekk intbagħtux id-dettalji mitluba mir-Reġjun sabiex jiġi nstallati CCTV Cameras fi Triq ix- Xiber u Triq il-Passiflora. Is- Segretarju Eżekuttiv nforma li dawn intbagħtu. Hja staqsiet jekk ġietx sottometta l-applikazzjoni ta' l-SPCI rigward il-playing fields. Is- Segretarju Eżekuttiv nforma li din ukoll intbagħet lid-Diparttiment tal-Gvern Lokali.

27.02.09 Il-Kunsillier A. Pisani staqsiet jekk hemmx il-possibilta' li jiġu nstallati xi bankijiet fi naħa ta' fuq tal-Ġnien ta'Ċentru Ċiviku. Is- Segretarju Eżekuttiv nforma li se jkun qiegħed jiġbor xi kwotazzjonijiet.

27.3 Rapport mis-Sindku

27.3.01 Is-Sindku ppreżenta ir-rapport idettaljat tiegħu li se jkun aness ma' dawn il-Minuti bħala App.A. Huwa informa li kellu bosta laqgħat ma' diversi entitajiet u Kunsillieri.

27.3.02 Is-Sindku nforma li flimkien mal-Viċi Sindku, l-Kunsillier E. Rossignaud u l-Kunsillier A.Chetcuti attendew għal-laqgħa ma' l-uffiċċjali ta' Transport Malta rigwrad l-immaniġjar tat-traffiku fi Triq is-Slielem.

27.3.03 Huwa nforma li rċieva rikjesta minngħand residenta sabiex jitneħħew l-wires ta' dawl faċċata tad-dar tagħha. Is- Segretarju Eżekuttiv nforma li din il-materja ġiet mgħoddija lill-Avukat tal-Kunsill u dan se jkun qiegħed jirrispondiha.

27.3.04 Il-Kunsill ġie infurmat li huwa flimkien mal-Kunsillier T. Valentino kellhom laqgħa mal-Kummissarju tal-Persuni b' diżabilta. Waqt din il-laqgħa inħass il-bżonn ta' iktar integrazzjoni fil-komunita' . Is- Sindku staqsa wkoll jekk jeżistux xi fondi allokati apposta sabiex wieħed jkun jista' jtejjeb l-aċċessibilta' ta' ċertu postijiet pubbliċi. Is-Sindku nforma li meta jinħarġu xi flyers u materjal promozzjonali dan għandu jinkludi li l-attivitajiet irreklamati huma aċċesibli għal kulħadd.

Il-Kunsillier P. Fenech informa li riċentament sar kuntatt ma'persuna li huwa kapaċi jpitter b'ħalqu u dan se jkun qed itella' esebizzjoni ta' l-arti dalwaqt. Dan l-artist ingħata priorjiat' fuq artisti lokali oħra.

27.3.05 Is- Sindku nforma li flimkien mal-Kunsillier A. Chetcuti kellu laqgħa ma' Direttur tal-Cleansing Department, is- Sur Ramon Deguara. Waqt din il-laqgħa ġie konkluż li se jsir tindif ġenerali ta' ċert toroq fil-lokalita' tagħna speċjalment fiż-żoni ta' fejn il-ħwienet. Dan id-Dipartiment offra wkoll li jagħmlu s-sinjali ta' traffiku fi Triq ta' l-Ibraġ u xi bins tal-klieb. Is- Sindku staqsa lis- Segretarju Eżekuttiv biex jagħmel kuntatt mad- Direttur sabiex jiġi diskus u ffirmat il-ftehim. Kien hemm qbil unanimi dwar dan.

27.3.06 Huwa nforma li nhar il-Ġimgħa 14 ta' Mejju 2021, il-Ministru Aaron Farrugia ippreżenta lil dan il-Kunsil il-fondi allokati mid- Devolpment Funds għal Ġnien FX Ebejer u Ġnien Espirt Barthet. Dawn huma żewġ proġetti ta' tisbieħ li s-Sindku jixtieq ħafna li jiġi mplimentati mill-aktar fis. Is- Segretarju Eżekuttiv nforma li l-Perit V.Cassar qallu personalment li dan il-Kunsill huwa Kunsill li jaħdem ħafna.

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27.3 Rapport mis-Sindku

Il-Kunsillier M. Bonello daħal għal din is-Seduta online. Il-ħin kien 18.48.

27.3.07 Is- Sindku nforma li l-kawża tal-qorti tas-Sa. Micallef inqatgħet kontra l-Kunsill. Il-Kunsill ġie mitlub jħallas is-somma ta' €10k. L-Avukat tal-Kunsill issuġerixxa li jsir appell peress li issa hemm iktar provi li din l-art hija privata. Kien hemm qbil unanimu dwar dan.

27.3.08 Huwa nforma li saret laqgħa ma' Surġent tal-Community Police il-ġdida. Waqt din il-laqgħa ġie inuttat li n-numru tal-mobile tas- Surġent baqa' l-istess wieħed u għalhekk ir-residenti jistgħu jibqgħu jużaw l-istess numru. Is- Sindku ssuġerixxa li tintbagħat ittra ta'ringrazzjament lis-Surġent preċidenti ta' xogħol siewi u l-kooperazzjoni sħiħa li dejjem offra lil dan il-Kunsill. Is- Segretarju Eżekuttiv ħa l-inkarigu li jibgħat din l-ittra.

27.3.09 Il-Kunsill ġie infurmat li x-xogħol ta' tarmak fi Triq it-Tiben kellu jitwaqqaf minħabba problema ta' drenaġġ privata. Is- Segretarju Eżekuttiv informa li WSC battlu d-drenaġġ minn ġol- garage u saru xi testijiet. Huwa nforma wkoll li għaddejja komunikazzjoni bejn ir-resident, il-Periti ta' IM u WSC dwar din il-materja. Is- Sindku nforma li minħabba li s-sistema ta' drenaġġ huma antikwati, hekk kif tinqala' triq jitfaċċaw dawn il-problemi bħalma ġara fi Triq il-Ħemel.

27.3.10 Rigward il-proġett kapitali tal-fencing ta' Ġnien FX Ebejer, is-Sindku nforma li dan ix-xogħol huwa ffinaliżat. Huwa rċieva kummenti pożittiv dwar dan ix-xogħol u għaldaqstant irringrazzja lis-Segretarju Eżekuttiv, lill-kuntrattur u l-PA għall-fondi ta' dan il-proġett. Il-Kunsillier A. Chetcuti staqsa jekk hux possibli li jsir public toilets f'dan il-ġnien.

27.3.11 Is-Sindku informa li l-applikazzjoni għall-fondi ta' SPCI tal-playing fields ġiet sottometta sabiex tinbidel l-gazebo u play area ta' tfal fil-Ġnien Maurice Caruana Curran. Is- Segretarju Eżekuttiv informa li hemm bżonn li jsiru tabelli biex jinfurmaw lill-adulti ħalli jieqfu jagħmlu eżerċizzju/jidendlu ma' l-istrutturi tal-logħob ta' tfal. Dawn qed jikkawżaw ħsarat lil dawn l-istess strutturi. Kien hemm qbil unanimu dwar dan. Il-Kunsillier A. Chetcuti ssugerixxa jekk jistgħux jsiru xi tip ta' ilqugħ mix-xemx sabiex dawn il-play areas jkunu fid-dell.

27.3.12 Huwa nforma li x-xogħol ta' tarmak fi Triq is- Sidra wasal biex jiġi ffinalizzat.

27.3.13 Rigward il-proġett kapitali ta' Ġnien Esprit Barthet, is- Sindku flimkien ma' Segretarju Eżekuttiv infurmaw lill-Kunsill li l-kuntratt ta' din il-proġett jiskadi f'Lulju ta' din is-sena. Sfortunatament il-kuntrattur responsabli minn dawn ix-xogħlijiet mhux lest li jibda' jaħdem bir-rati li huma indikati fil-kuntratt eżistenti u għalhekk dan il-proġett kellu jerġa' jieqaf. Wara diskuzzjoni, fuq proposta tal-Kunsillier A. Chetcuti ġie deċiż li ssir laqgħa mal-kuntrattur. Perit tal-Kunsill u s-Sindku sabiex jaraw kif nistgħu nipproċedu. Kien hemm qbil unanimu dwar dan.

27.3.14 Is- Sindku informa li x-xogħlijiet fuq il-bini ta' tennis clubhouse se jibdew dalwaqt. Il-kuntrattur responsabli se jibda' jaħdem minn Triq is-Sejjieħ. Is- Sindku irrimarka li fl-ebda ħin m'għandu jitħalla periklu fuq is-sit peress li din iż-żona hija frekwentata ħafna mit-tfal. Wara diskuzzjoni, ġie deċiż li jitħallas depożitu ta' 20k lill-kuntrattur. Kien hemm qbil unanimu dwar dan.

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27.3 Rapport mis-Sindku

27.3.15 Huwa nforma li l-Onor. Clayton Bartolo ġentilment offra donazzjoni ta' 10 bins ġodda lill-lokalita' tagħna. Dawn se jkunu qed jitwaħħlu fil-futur qarib mill-kuntrattut tagħna. Il-Viċi Sindku ssuġeriet li jitwaħħal wieħed ħdejn Fort Madalena.

27.3.16 Is-Sindku ssugerixxa li ssir attivita' regolata nhar it-28 u 29 ta' Ġunju fi Triq ta' l-Ibraġ ħdejn iż-żona tal-ħwienet. Wara diskuzzjoni, il-Kunsillier A. Chetcuti ssuġerixxa li jkun iktar għaqli li għalissa nżommu lura minn dawn it-tip ta' attivitajiet peress li jirrkjedi xogħol u impenn kbir. Il-Kunsillier P. Fenech ikkonferma li dan huwa żmien iebes u li bħalissa ħadd ma jaf x'jista jsir eżatt. Huwa ssuġerixxa li jsir pjan ta' ħidma ta' bejn 3-6 xhur massimu. Il-Kunsillier P. Fenech informa li matul din il-pandemija saru diversi esebizzjonijiet online.

27.3.17 Is-Sindku staqsa fiex wasal il-proċess ta' tender ta' ġbir ta' skart domestiku. Is- Segretarju Eżekuttiv informa li l-unika kuntrattur li sottometta l-offerta tiegħu huwa Galea Cleaning Solutions. Il-Kunsill b'mob unanimi accetta din l-offerta.

27.4 Kommunikazzjoni mill-Kunsillieri

27.4.1 Il-Viċi Sindku rrfeferiet għall Affrorestation Project tal-Madliena. Hija staqsiet jekk kienx hemm xi żvilluppi dwar dan il-proġett. Is- Segretarju Eżekuttiv informa li se ssir laqgħa mal-kuntrattur fuq il-post. Għal din il-laqgħa se jkunu preżenti wkoll li l-Viċi Sindku, is-Sindku u l-Kunsillier T. Valentino.

27.4.2 Il-Viċi Sindku nfurmat li se jkun hemm estenzjoni ta' deadline sal- 21 ta' Lulju dwar il-proġett ta' San Giovanni Battery.

27.4.3 B'referenza għall-inċeneratur propost fiż-żona tal-Magħtab; il-Viċi Sindku nfurmat li se jkun hemm konsultazzjoni oħra nhar il-Ġimgħa. Hija nfurmat li dawn jesgħew 92k tons ta' skart kull wieħed. Hija infurmat wkoll li dan il-proġett ma jikkwalifakx għall-fondi mill-EU. Hija sostniet ukoll li ma sar l-ebda strategic assessment dwaru u għalhekk ma jistax jkun li dan il-proġett jiġi attewat qabel ma jsiru l-istudju kollha neċċessarji. Ġie ippreżentat rapport professjonali li tħejja mill-Kunsill u li se jintbagħat lil Planning Authority. Kien hemm qbil unanimi dwar dan.

27.4.4 Il-Kunsillier T. Valentino infurmat li kopja ta' nominazzjoni flimkien ma' ittra rigward Ġieħ is-Swieqi 2021 se tintbagħat dalwaqt f'kull residenza. Hija ħeġġet lil kull Kunsillier sabiex kemm jista' jkun jippromovi din l-attivita' sabiex terġa' tkun ta' suċċess.

27.5 Approvazzjoni ta' pagamenti u xiri ieħor

27.5.1 L-iskeda tal-pagamenti ġiet ippreżenta. Wara diskuzzjoni din l-iskeda ġiet approvata hekk kif emendata. Kien hemm qbil unanim dwar dan.

Minħabba li kien sar l-ħin, ġie deċiż li din il-laqgħa

tiġi aġġornata għal nhar it- 3 ta' Ġunju 2021 fl-16.00.

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SWIEQI LOCAL COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING 18.05.2021

MEETINGS HELD/ATTENDED

06.04.21 - Meeting with Perit Dieter Falzon and Perit Joslyn Cachia from V & C Contractors re major patching works that need to be carried out in triq il Qasam and triq is Sidra. In attendance the executive secretary, Mr Vince Tanti

12.04.21 - Meeting with Sergeant Mark Cremona and Sergeant Denise Vella. Sergeant Vella will be replacing Sergeant Cremona who has now been promoted to Inspector.

14.04.21 – Meeting with Dr Raphael Fenech Adami re appeal to be lodged against the court judgement re injury sustained by Ms Micallef due to a fall in the passage that connects triq il Giebja to triq Josef Kalleja. We held an on site meeting so as to better understand the situation. The appeal has been submitted.

15.04.21 – attended a Zoom meeting organised by AKL re 'Infrastructure in Malta'.

16.04.21 – meeting with Xendent and his architect re proposed works in their work premises. In attendance councillor Edgar Rossignaud.

21.04.21 – meeting at Wastererv re garbage collection and bulky refuse. In attendance, councillor Alex Chetcuti and contractors Chris and Joseph Galea.

22.04.21 – Meeting with contractor David Caruana re development works being carried out in Swieqi road, next to J V Pharmacy.

22.04.21 – scheduled local council meeting was cancelled due to the fact that ANSEC (the Association for Executive Secretaries) and their representative Union called an industrial strike due to some dispute with Central Government.

29.04.21 – meeting with Ms Bernardette Bonnici Kind, her son and another resident re road works carried out in the junction triq Habb il Qamh, triq il Fjorin and the nearby road possibly without a name. residents are asking that triq Habb il Qamh become a one way road and that some safety measures be introduced. We have written to Transport Malta and are still waiting for a reply.

A chaser has been sent today.

30.04.21 – Meeting at Infrastructure Malta

In attendance IM CEO, Ing Frederick Azzopardi, and Periti Raphael Abdilla, Walter Portelli and Corinne Dimech obo Infrastructure Malta and Vice Mayor MaryAnne Abela and councillors Edgar Rossignaud and Alex Chetcuti representing the local Council. We discussed the new traffic measures in triq is Slielem and nearby roads, one way systems, traffic calming measures, road signs in triq il Madliena , shifting of a pole at the upper part o triq il Prekursur as well as repairs required to the existing rubble wall at the upper part of Prekursur. Whereas we seemed to have agreed on all the measures, it appears that none have been implemented as yet

05.05.21 – Meeting with Mr Keith Wismayer and Ms Didi Busietta in Triq il Fortizza re pending requirements and issues in that road and nearby surroundings.

06.05.21 – Meeting with Mr Valcho Valchev and his architect re proposed clinic in the corner Wasliet/Ghajn to which the local council had objected. In attendance Perit Anton Valentino

12.05.21 – Meeting with Sergeant Denise Vella re Madliena Neighbourhood Watch. In attendance Vice Mayor MaryAnne Abela

12.05.21 - Zoom meeting with the Commissioner for the Rights of Persons with Disability CRPD, Ms Samantha Pace Gasan and her assistant. In attendance councillor Theresa Valentino. We explored the possibilities of the two bodies working closely together so as to improve accessibility and integration. It was decided that council staff will be given training on how to deal with people with a disability.

13.05.21 – Meeting with Mr Ramon Deguara, head of the Malta Cleansing Department. In attendance Councillor Alex Chetcuti.

We discussed the possibility that some of our roads be washed, particularly those in the vicinity of shopping areas, thus Pjazza l-Uqija, triq il Qasam, Swieqi Road and Ibrag road besides others.

The Department also accepted to donate to our council a number of dog bins and ash trays. We thank Mr Deguara and his team for their collaboration and assistance.

14.05.21 – Minister for the Environment – Hon Aaron Farrugia - Planning Development Funds

During a short, low key ceremony held in Gnien F X Ebejer, Minister for the Environment Hon Aaron Farrugia accompanied by the Chairman for the Planning Development Fund, Perit Vince Cassar, presented to the Swieqi Local Council the portion of the funds (70%) that will be used to enlarge and embellish Gnien Esprit Barthet and also the funds that will be used to enlarge the Club House in Gnien Maurice Caruana Curran. It was the express wish of the Minister's secretariat to keep this activity low key and not to invite anyone from the council or even the press. In attendance was the Mayor of Mellieha since they too received funds to finance a project.

I thanked the Minister for coming to our locality to hand over these funds. I emphasised the importance of these funds for local councils and encouraged the Minister to increase the financing from 70% to 90% or even 100%.

07.05.21 – Meeting with Sergeant Denise Vella

In attendance local councillors. This meeting was held so that the newly appointed Sergeant Vella and the Swieqi Councillors could introduce each other and discuss challenges that the locality faces. We all wished her the best of luck and thanked her and her Team for their efficient service.

Court Case

The Swieqi Local Council was ordered by the Court of Magistrates to compensate Ms Micallef € 10,000 so as to compensate for injuries sustained by Ms Micallef when she tripped in the passage that leads from triq il Giebja to triq Josef Kalleja. Th Magistrate concluded that the local council was duty bound to carry maintenance works in this passage.

We have appealed this sentence since this is a passage, which is privately owned, is not an official road. A staircase was meant to have been constructed by Infrastructure Malta/Transport Malta on the land adjacent to this passage.

Road Works

Triq it Tiben – after nine months, the road works in triq itTiben have not been completed. The first layer of tarmac was laid about three weeks ago. However works have been stopped due to the fact that a particular block of flats had drainage seeping into their basement. Tests were carried out however to date we do not have an official reply regarding the outcome of these tests.

It must be noted that together with the Executive secretary Mr Vince Tanti we attended an on site meeting with Perit Joseph Galea from IM , and residents who live in the effected block of flats and nearby residences.

Incidentally today another resident called me to inform me that he too has drainage problems.

I have sent a chaser to IM, only to be informed that they are still wating for the outcome of the drainage tests !!

Triq is Slielem – reported above

Triq Tal Franciz – road works are being carried out in the upper part of triq tl Franciz (from Mizura to Ibrag road). Water connections have been replaced and the pavements rebuilt.

I am informed by the Architect in charge , Perit Joseph Galea, that the middle part of triq tal Franciz that is the undone part from triq V Menville to triq il Mizura is going to be resurfaced. That would be very good news for the traffic management system in Swieqi. Fingers crossed

Capital projects / Embellishment works

Gnien F X Ebejer – the fence around this garden has been installed. the gazebo, outdoor gym equipment and rubber tiles need repair. We have applied for funds to repair them. However if we do not obtain these funds we will need to carry out the repairs from our own funds

Gnien Maurice Caruana Curran. We need to replace the Gazebo which is beyond repair and replace the slide with a new toy suitable for children between the age of 5 and 10. Even in this case we have applied for funds. If we do not manage to obtain funding we will have to fork out the expenses ourselves.

Gnien Esprit Barthet – now that we have obtained the necessary funding, we are chasing the contractor to carry out the scheduled works. Believe it or not they asked for an increase in the price.

Club House – as announced earlier, we have obtained the funding. The contractor should be starting works imminently.

Embellishment works in triq is Sidra

This week we have started works on the third phase of the project, the embellishment of the corner Sidra/Sirk. Hopefully works will be completed by the end of this week after which major patching works will be carried out in triq is Sidra.

Embellishment of Ibrag road

We have started the process to apply for the required works. We have set time frames. Let's hope that we will tick to them.

Rubble Wall – the contractor has informed the Executive Secretary that by June or July he should have the funds to be able to pay for the guarantee.

New Bins

I asked the Hon Minster of Tourism, the Hon Clayton Bartolo, to finance the cost of new bins. We asked for 25 bins and received 10. We heartily thank the Hon Minister for his kind assistance.

Incidentally I have asked the Hon Minister Aaron Farrugia to finance the the other 15 bins. Fingers crossed.

Post Covid Activities

We are working to carry out activities once the Covid restrictions are lifted or eased. Thus Active Ageing activities, Swieqi Fest, Art Exhibitions etc. we are also discussing the possibility of organising the outdoor activity which we

planned to organise last year in triq l-Ibrag next to Vago and Drift. We are aiming for the 28th or 29th June

State of the Council Hall

Maghtab Incinerator

May I take this occasion to heartily thank the Executive Secretary, council staff and all the councillors for your help and assistance to serve the locality during these very challenging times.

Noel Muscat

Mayor

18.05.21

Tanti Vincent at Local Councils

From: Theresa Valentino <teresavalent100@gmail.com>
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Here is my report re: Meeting with Commissioner for Rights of Persons with Disability

On 18 May 2021, at 16:30, Theresa Valentino <teresavalent100@gmail.com> wrote:

REPORT re: MEETING WITH THE COMMISSIONER FOR RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY

The Mayor and I met with the Commissioner, Samantha Pace Gasan and Dr Bernard A Busuttil, director of Investigations, Compliance and Enforcement on the 12th May 2021 at an online meeting.

The Mayor spoke of his wish to make Is-Swieqi disability friendly. It was suggested that accessibility was the basic requirement. Providing accessibility for the least able would actually mean that the highest standards are there for all. Thinking of the least able would make Swieqi a better place for all.

As regards infrastructure, most of Is-Sweiqi's pavements need proper upgrading to be able to accommodate wheel chair users. We must address the needs of the least able when providing zebra crossings and residential parking. We need to work together with the Commission for the Rights of Persons with Disability to find funds to address this basic issue.

Besides infrastructure, it was suggested that the Commission should provide training for Local Council staff to enable them to approach people with disabilities in a suitable manner. The Mayor welcomed this suggestion, and arrangements are to be made for this training.

Another issue which was discussed was inclusion. People with disabilities need to be treated as part of society and must be included in day to day activities with everybody else rather than be treated as a group separate from the rest. The Swieqi Local Council embodies this principle, and will continue to look for ways to ensure that all are included.

It was agreed that the Is-Swieqi Local Council and the Commission for the Rights of Persons with Disability would work together to promote the aims of the CRPD.

Theresa Valentino
Local Councillor