



**Is-Swieqi**  
LOCAL COUNCIL

**MINUTI**

**LAQGHA TAL-KUNSILL LOKALI S-SWIEQI**

**IT-TMIEN LEGISLATURA 2019**

**SEDUTA NUMRU 31**

Il-Kunsill Lokali tas-Swieqi iltaga f' seduta online nhar il-Ħamis 5 t' Awwissu 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- 18.25
Anna Pisani	-	Kunsillier
Theresa Valentino	-	Kunsillier
Edgar Rossignaud	-	Kunsillier

Uffiċjal Preżenti:

Vince Tanti - Segretarju Eżekuttiv

Clarissa Buhagiar – Deputat Segretarju Eżekuttiv

Il-Kunsillier R. Scicluna, il-Kunsillier A. Chectuti u l-Kunsillier P. Fenech kienu skuzati minħabba raġunijiet personali.

Is- Sindku qal it-talba.

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### **31.1 Approvazzjoni tal-Minuti**

31.1.1 Il-Minuti tas- Seduta Nru.30 ġew moqrija u approvati. Is- Sindku ppropona u l-Kunsillier E. Rossignaud issekonda.

### **31.2 Puntj li joħroġu mill-Minuti**

31.2.1 Il-Kunsillier T. Valentino staqsiet jekk kienx hemm xi żvillupi rigward it-tender tal-ħitan tas-sejjiġi. Is- Segretarju Eżekuttiv informa li l-kuntrattur preċidenti bieġħ il-kumpanija lil wieħed mid-Diretturi u għalhekk il-kumpanija bidlet l-isem u dak kollu legali. Hu nforma li wkoll li talab gwida lid-DLG pero' l-unika risposta li nġhata hija dik li jagħmel li jkun jaqbel jekk issir kuntatt ma' Avukat. Waar diskuzzjoni ġie deċiż li din il-materja għandha tiġi diskussa ma' l-Avukat tal-Kunsill forsi jkun jista' jiggwidana.

31.2.2 Il-Kunsillier T. Valentino fakkret dwar is-sinjali ta' traffiku fi żona tal-Madliena. Is- Sindku nforma li dawn mhux se jsiru minn naħa ta' IM imma se jsiru mill-Kunsill. Is- Segretarju Eżekuttiv ħa l-inkarigu li jinforma lill-kuntrattur responsabli.

31.2.3 Il-Viċi Sindku staqsiet jekk CCTV Cameras li ġew mogħtija mir-Reġjun hux jiffunzjonaw. Is- Segretarju Eżekuttiv wieġeb li mill-aħħar Seduta l'hawn, l-Enemalta taw il-provista tad-dawl u issa qed nistennew lil GO plc sabiex jgħaddu servizz ta' l-internet.

31.2.4 Il-Viċi Sindku staqsiet jekk hemmx xi żvillupi dwar meta defibrillator se jkun f'idejn il-Kunsill. Is- Segretarju Eżekuttiv informa li sa issa għadu ma ġie infurmat dwar dan pero' se jagħmel kuntatt mas- Sur G. Abdila sabiex nistaqsu dwar dan.

31.2.5 Il-Kunsillier E. Rossignaud staqsa dwar meta se jiġu nstallati bollards ta' quddiem il-cafeteria Biskuttin. Is- Sindku ppropona li għalkemm huwa jaqbel, jeħtieġ li qabel dawn jiġu nstallati, is-sidien ta' din il-cafeteria jiġu nfurmati. Kien hemm qbil unanimu dwar dan. Is- Segretarju Eżekuttiv ħa l-inkarigu li jagħmel dan.

### **31.3 Rapport Mis-Sindku**

31.3.1 Is- Sindku nforma waqt kuntatt li għamel mal-Kunsillier P. Fenech, huwa ġie nfurmat li sfortunatament waqt li l-Kunsillier P. Fenech kien vakanza mal-familja, ħassu ma jiflaħx u kellu jmur l-isptar. Sfortunatament kellu bżonn intervent mediku u għaldaqstant bħalissa jinsab rikoverat ġo l-istess sptar. Is- Sindku flimkien mal-Kunsill awguraw fejqan komplet u ta' malajr lis- Sur Fenech u offrew kull għajjnuna li jista' jkollu bżonn. Is- Sindku awgura wkoll fejqan ta' malajr lil qraba tal-Kunsillier A. Chetcuti u l-Kunsillier R. Scicluna.

31.3.2 Is-Sindku nforma li l-Ambaxxatur taż-żgħażaġħ, is- Sa. Borg Aquilina organizzat l-ewwel attivita' nhar il-25 ta' Lulju filgħdou fejn sar clean-up ġeneral mad-dawra tal-Kunsill kif ukoll f'xi toroq. Hu nforma li kien hemm madwar ħmistax-il żaġħzugh minn lokalitajiet differenti li kollha għenu b'mod ħerqan biex kemm jista' jkun jiġbru skart. Hu rrigrazzja lil dawn iż-żagħżagħ kif ukoll lil Ambaxxatur ta' din l-inzjattiva u ta' xogħol siewi li għamlu.



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### **31.3 Rapport Mis-Sindku**

- 31.3.3 Huwa nforma li nhar l-14 ta' Lulju, huwa flimkien mas- Sindki oħra li jagħmlu parti mir-Regjun Tramuntana kellu laqgħa mal-E.T. President ta' Malta. Waqt din il-laqgħa, is-Sindku li kienu prezenti tkellmu dwar il-lokalita' rispettiva tagħhom u diffikultajiet li jiltaqgħu magħhom pero' hu ma' hassx li kienet l-okkazzjoni ideali fejn wieħed jagħmel dan u għalhekk talab sabiex ikollu laqgħa privata ma' l-E.T. tiegħu. Fil-fatt, din il-laqgħa seħħet nhar it-Tlieta li għadda ( 3 t' Awwissu fl-10am) u għaliha attendew wkoll il-Kunsiller E. Rossignaud, il-Kunsillier T. Valentino u l-Kunsillier A. Pisani. Waqt din l-aħħar laqgħa li damet kważi sagħtejn, għie spjegat il-bżonnijiet tal-lokalita' tagħna kif ukoll għiet diskussa l-possibilita' li tinxtara l-għalqa ta' wara l-Kunsill mill-Gvern Ċentrali sabiex din tiġi mibdlu fi spazju mfituħ għar-residenti.
- 31.3.4 Is-Sindku nforma li bħal ma kien mitlub mill-Community Police, huwa kellu laqgħa mas-Surgent dwar ix-xogħol li qed issir minn naħa ta' dawn il-Pulizija. Huwa nforma li fil-waqt li jirringrazzjahom ta' xogħol siewi li qed issir, hu qed jirċievi xi lmenti li f'xi granet, il-preżenza ta' dawn il-Pulizija naqset mit-toroq u li xi drabi qed jkun hemm dewmien sabiex titieħed azzjoni fuq ċerti rapporti li jkun saru. Il-Viċi Sindku nfurmat li sfortunatament l-kuntistabli li kien responsabli miż-żona tal-Madliena, għadu ma għie *replaced* u għalhekk m'hemmx min jagħmel ir-rondi. Il-Kunsillier A. Pisani infurmat li meta kellha bżonn isaqsi xi ħaġa, l-unika kuntistabli li kien *available* kien dak ta' Pembroke u qdieha vera b'mod professjonali.
- 31.3.5 Hu nforma li ltaqa' mal-Perit Bezzina li hija wkoll mis-Swieqi. Waqt din il-laqgħa għie diskussa l-problema ta' nuqqas kbir ta' spazji miftuħa għar-rikreazzjoni. Hi offriet li fil-futur qarib hekk kif tlesti mill-impjenji personali tagħha tkun tista' tgħin lil Kunsill fuq din il-materja. Il-Kunsillier E. Rossignaud talab sabiex jekk hu possibli jingħata d-dettalji tagħha ħalli jkun jistgħu jaħdmu flimkien.
- 31.3.6 Is- Sindku ħa din l-opportunita' sabiex jirringazzja lill-istaff tal-Kunsill tal-mod tajjeb li mexxew bih l-operat tal-Kunsill matul dawn l-aħħar gimgħatejn fin-nuqqas tas-Segretarju Eżekuttiv li sfortunatament kien fi kwarantina. Huwa nforma wkoll li sal-bidu ta' Settembru, se jkun qed jaħdem mal-Kunsill, student li joqgħod il-Madliena. Dan wara li l-Kunsill għie ikkuntatjat mill-AKL sabiex jingagħga lil dan l-istudent. Is-Segretarju Eżekuttiv informa li skond l-opinjoni ta' l-istaff, dan l-istudent huwa ħabrieqi u diġa' qiegħed jagħmel xogħol tajjeb ħafna relatat mal-Customer Care. Wara diskuzzjoni, is-Segretarju Eżekuttiv nforma li dan l-istudent diġa' wera x-xewqa li jibqa jaħdem mal-Kunsill wara l-perjodu indikat u għalhekk jekk dejjem il-ġenituri tiegħu ma jsibu l-ebda oġezzjoni, il-Kunsill lest li jofri part-time bl-istess rati prezenti lil dan l-istudent. Kien hemm qbil unanimu dwar dan.
- 31.3.7 B' referenza għax-xogħol li qed issir minn IM fi Triq tal-Franċiż, huwa nforma li sfortunatament s'issa għadu kollox kif kien. Hu nforma li ta' spiss jibgħat emails lill-Perit responsabli dwar dan pero' għie lanqas biss ikollu risposta. Il-Kunsill ssostna li huwa ta' dispaċir meta ma jkunx hemm komunikazzjoni sew ma' dawn l-entiatjiet peress li hekk l-Kunsill qed iservi biss biex jaqla' l-ilmenti u ma jkunx jista' jaġixxi.



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### 30.3 Rapport Mis-Sindku – ikompli

- 31.3.8 Huwa nforma li sitwazzjoni fi Triq it-Tiben għadha wkoll l-istess; tistenna it-tieni layer ta' tarmak. Hu fakkar li f' Settembru li ġej, IM jagħlqu sena li bdew ix-xogħlijiet fuq din it-triq u għalhekk ir-residenti żgur li m'għandhomx tort li jinsabu frustrati. Skond l-aħħar informazzjoni li rċieva jidher li minn 8 households, 2 biss sewwew il-ħsarat fis-sistema drenaġġ, 1 applika biex jagħmel ix-xogħlijiet u l-bqija ma ħadu l-ebda azzjoni. Is- Sindku staqsa dwar x'se jiġri jekk nibqgħu fl-istess sitwazzjoni. Il-Perit inkarigat informah li jekk kollox jibqa' kif inhu, xorta jsiru x-xogħlijiet li jmiss imma meta dawk ir-residenti jiġu biex isewwu l-ħsarat privati tagħhom ma jingħatawx permess. Is- Sindku saħaq li din id-deċiżjoni aparti li mhix ġusta għax diversi residenti ma jistgħux jużaw din it-triq, mhix waħda prattikabli lanqas.
- 31.3.9 Rigward ix-xogħlijiet fi Triq Sant Andrija, hu nforma li b'dispjaċir ġie inutatt li IM ma attwaw l-ebda porposta li għamel il-Kunsill u l-pjanti baqgħu kollha kif kienu qabel fosthom li Triq il-Qasam ssir one-way u li l-pelican lights li hemm bħalissa se jibqgħu nstallati wkoll. Is- Sindku saħaq li jekk dejjem se jsir hekk, se tinholoq konfużjoni kbira għar-residenti tas- Swieqi u se jiżdied sew it-traffiku fi Triq ta' l-Ibraġ. Għaldaqstant hu ppropona li ssir laqgħa mal-Perit Bonello u jiġi mistienda wkoll IM. Kien hemm qbil unanimu dwar dan. Ġie propost li din il-laqgħa ssir nhar il-11 t'Awwissu. Is- Sindku ppropona wkoll li hekk kif jkun xi deċiżjoni jkun għaqli li ninformaw ir-residenti minnufih dwar dan it-tibdil. Kien hemm qbil minn dawk preżenti.
- 31.3.10 Is- Sindku nforma li jinsab vera ddispjaċut bil-mod ta' kif il-kuntrattur responsabli mill-patching qiegħed jinorja d-dmirijiet tiegħu. Hu nforma li nhar it-22 ta' Mejju, dan il-kuntrattur kellu jagħmel xi xogħol ta' patching partikoralment fi Triq il-Qasam u Triq is-Sidra pero' sa llum għadu ma sar xejn. Is- Segretarju Eżekuttiv ħa l-inkarigu li jerga' jfakkar lil kuntrattur peress li dan anke ġedded il-garanzija bankarja għal sena oħra.
- 31.3.11 Is- Sindku ppreżenta lista ufficjali tal-persuni li ġew inominati għall-premjura ta' Ġieħ is-Swieqi. Din ill-lista se tkun anessa ma'dawn il-Minuti. Wara li hu qara kull isem, ma kien hemm l-ebda oġezzjoni mill-Kunsillieri preżenti.
- 31.3.12 Ir-rapport tas-Sindku se jkun aness ma' dawn il-Minuti.

*Il-Kunsillier M. Bonello kien preżenti. Il-ħin kien 18.25*



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### 31.4 Kommunikazzjoni mill-Kunsillieri

#### Mill-Kunsillier T. Valentino

31.4.1 Il-Kunsillier T. Valentino irreferiet għal Gieħ is- Swieqi 2021. Hija nformat li l-Bord ta' l-għażla fetaħ in-nominazzjonijiet li ġew sottometti u se jkun qiegħed jikkonsidra kull nominazzjoni. Hija staqsiet dwar meta huwa pjanat li ssir iċ-ċerimonja. Wara diskuzzjoni, ġie deċiż li din ssir nhar it-8 t'Ottubru 2021 għal xi 18.30. Kien hemm qbil unanimu minn dawk prezenti. Is-Segretarju Eżekuttiv ħa l-inkarigu li jibda' jordna l-medalji u l-għotja li tingħata lir-rebbieħa. Rigward l-organizzazzjoni ta' din iċ-ċerimonja, se nkunu qed nimxu ma' regolamenti kontra l-imxija tal-COVID-19 li jkunu fis-seħħ dak iz-żmien.

31.4.2 Hija rreferiet għall-email li giet mibgħuta mis-Sur L. Cauchi mill-Active Ageing Department rigward sezzjonijiet dwar is-saħħa mentali u għajna biex wieħed jitgħallem juza aħjar mit-teknoloġija. Is-Segretarju Eżekuttiv staqsa meta huma pjanati li jsiru dawn is-sezzjonijiet, jekk il-partecipanti hux se jgħibu l-apparat personali tagħhom u fejn se jsiru. Il-Kunsillier T.Valentino infurmat li għalkemm hija favur li dawn jiġu organizzati, għalissa m'hemm l-ebda pjan. Wara disksuzzjoni, ġie deċiż li jsir kuntatt mas-Sur Cauchi dwar logistika qabel ma wieħed jikkometti ruħu. Kien hemm qbil unanimu dwar dan.

31.4.3 B' referenza għall-konferenza li hija attendiet flimkien mal-Viċi Sindku u l-Kunsillier E. Rossignaud ġewwa l-Italja, hija nformat li din kienet waħda ta' suċċess u ferm interessanti. Kienet esperjenza ta' tagħlim għal kull partecipant u ssuġeriet li l-Kunsill għandu jibqa' jippartecipa f'dawn il-programmi.

31.4.4 Hija staqsiet jekk il-Quarterly Report sa Ġunju ġiex iffinalizzat peress li tixtieq tkun taf il-qagħda finanzjarja prezenti tal-Kunsill. Is-Segretarju Eżekuttiv nforma li bħalissa għadhom għaddejnin xogħlijiet fuq l-awditjar kif ukoll bdew il-preparamenti biex jsir il-Quarterly Report minn naħa ta' l-Accountant.

#### Mill-Viċi Sindku

31.4.5 Il-Viċi Sindku rreferiet għal konferenza li semmiet il-Kunsillier T. Valentino. Hija qablet ukoll li din il-konferenza kienet waħda ta' interess u li bis-saħħa ta' din il-konferenza, il-Kunsill irnexxielu jakkwista kuntatti mportanti ħafna. Hija issuġġeriet biex id-delegazzjoni li tiela' fi 18 t' Awwissu itella' magħha xi prodotti ta' ikel Malti peress li għalkemm prezentajna rigali sbieħ lid-delegazzjonijiet l-oħra, ħafna minnhom provdewlna ikel tipiku tagħhom. Il-Kunsillier A. Pisani infurmat li huma diġa' ftehm u sabiex jixtru xi prodotti lokali ħalli jkunu jistgħu jqassmuhom. Il-Viċi Sindku infurmat li l-prezentazzjonijiet li d-delegazzjoni tagħna pprezentaw kienu vera professjonali u ssuġeriet li għal darb oħra stajna wkoll nuru l-prezentazzjoni li l-MTA għandho dwar Malta.



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### **31.4 Kommunikazzjoni mill-Kunsillieri**

#### **Mill-Viçi Sindku**

31.4.1 Hija nformat wkoll li matul din il-konferenza, gie deciz li nerggħu nagħtu spinta lit-twinning li dan il-Kunsill għandu diġa ma' Taormina. B'kombinazzjoni, hija iltaqgħet ma' l-istess Sindku li kien parti kif ukoll iffirma twinning ma' lokalita' tagħna. Wara diskuzzjoni, kien hemm qbil unanimu dwar dan. Gie deciz wkoll li jsir kuntatt mal-Kunsillier P. Fenech qabel ma jsir xi pjan.

#### **Mill-Kunsillier E. Rossignaud**

31.4.2 Il-Kunsillier E. Rossignaud informa li huwa wkoll jaqbel mal-kollegi tiegħu u rringrazzja lil Kunsillier P. Fenech kif ukoll lil Kunsill ta' din l-opportunita'. Hu ssostrna li hu ferm importanti li nkomplu ntejjbu l-kuntatt ma' l-organizzaturi ta' dawn il-programmi.

31.4.3 Huwa nforma li skond l-aħħar rapport li pprezenta l-Perit A. Valentino rigward il-permessi ta' żvillup fil-lokalita', f'dawn l-aħħar sitt xhur ġew sottometti tnejn u għoxrin oġezzjonijiet, ħames appelli u tnax-il appell ieħor li l-Kunsill ippartecipa bi sħiħ fihom. Il-Kunsill irringrazzja lil Perit Valentino ta' xogħol siewi u l-impenn tiegħu.

#### **Mill-Kunsillier A. Pisani**

31.4.4 Il-Kunsillier A. Pisani infurmat li illum kellha laqgħa flimkien mas- Sinjuri Mario u Asha Caroline Caruna kif ukoll mas- Segretarju Eżekuttiv sabiex jiftehmu sew kif se jaħdmu waqt il-konferenza li se ssir wkoll fl-Italja nhar it-18 t' Awwissu.

31.4.5 Hija staqsiet jekk hux possibli li jsir xi tip ta' tindif fuq l-arbli minħabba l-awrina tal-klieb. Sfortunatament dawn qed jagħtu dehra vera kerha liż-żona kif ukoll kellha xi rapporti minn xi residenti dwar dan.

31.4.6 Qed jiġi innutat li xi tfal qegħdin jilgħabu fil-ħamrija tal-Ġnien ta' Ċentru Ċiviku u anke qed ipogġu xi ġebel forma ta' kamp fi soft areas. Is- Segretarju Eżekuttiv informa li sfortunatament dan jista' jwassal għal xi ħsarat u mhux permess li jsir. Hu nforma li meta jara xi incidenti simili jirraporta mal-ewwel lil Community Police sabiex dawn iwwisuhom.

### **31.5 Approvazzjoni ta' pagamenti u xiri ieħor**

31.5.1 L-iskeda tal-pagamenti nru.24 ġiet ipprezenta. Wara diskuzzjoni din l-iskeda ġiet approvata hekk kif emendata. Kien hemm qbil unanimu dwar dan.

*Din is-seduta spiċċat fis-19.35 u s-seduta li jmiss hija skedata għat-2 ta' Settembru fil-4pm. Kien hemm qbil unanimu minn dawk preżenti.*



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## **SWIEQI LOCAL COUNCIL**

### **COUNCIL MEETING 05.08.21**

#### **Councillor Paul Fenech**

Councillor Paul Fenech had to be hospitalised and operated upon whilst he was visiting his family in Holland. We wish Paul a speedy and full recovery.

Today he sent me an e mail to apologise for not being able to attend the meeting and to inform me about his situation and he asked me to thank everyone for their well wishes and concern. He asked us to pray for him. We certainly will

I wish to offer Paul any assistance possible.

#### **Mrs Chetcuti and Mrs Bonello**

I also wish to express solidarity with Councillors Rowena Scicluna and Alex Chetcuti who both have their mums in hospital. We wish them too a speedy and full recovery.

#### **MEETINGS HELD/ATTENDED**

09.07.20 – Meeting with the locality's Youth Ambassador, Cara Aquilina. In attendance Councillor Ms Anna Pisani

14.07.21 – Lunch hosted by His Excellency the President of the Republic at San Anton Palace. In attendance Mayors representing the North Region

15.07.21 – Meeting with Sergeant Denise Vella – Community Policing

16.07.21 – Meeting with architect Rebecca Bezzina, a resident who wished to share her thoughts about the locality and may be prepared to offer assistance

25.07.21 – Swieqi Clean Up

A clean up was organised by youth Ambassador Cara Aquilina. I must heartily congratulate her for engaging 14 youngsters who hailed from other localities to carry out this clean up. A few residents turned up too. Several garbage bags were collected particularly from unbuilt plots.

03.08.21 – Courtesy visit with the President of the Republic. In attendance Councillors Theresa Valentino, Anna Pisani and Edgar Rossignaud

Various topics were discussed. However the main topic was the necessity for the locality to have the land adjacent to the local council turned into an open space with an underground Art and Culture Centre. We asked his Excellency for help.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

### **COUNCIL STAFF**

We are glad to welcome back the Executive Secretary after the absence of a fortnight. We are glad that he has recovered full health. I wish to take the occasion to thank the council staff for running the show efficiently.

## **GLASS COLLECTION**

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July was glass collection day. Early in the morning of that day we were informed that the contractor was not going offer his usual service due to a dispute that he has with Greenpak.

Clarissa immediately asked Greenpak so send another contractor to collect the glass , which they did. However as expected the glass was not collected from several roads. Moreover, the containers were not collected either.

I immediately sent an e mail to Greenpak wherein I strongly protested for having let the problem escalate to this extent and for not informing us before hand that they were in dispute with the contractor.

I also informed Greenpak that we have always received an excellent service from our present contractor and that we do not wish to experience a change in the contractor.

I am informed that Greenpak have reached an agreement with our contractor re services that he offers to other localities, but an agreement re services offered to Swieqi has not been discussed yet !

## **ROAD WORKS BEING CARRIED OUT BY INFRASTRUCTURE MALTA**

### **Triq it Tiben**

Works in riq it Tiben are still at a standstill. The 8 households that had been identified as having defective drainage connections were given up to the 31<sup>st</sup> July to carry out the repairs.

Yesterday I asked the architect in charge of the road works what the situation was and he informed me that only 2 household carried out the necessary repairs and a 3<sup>rd</sup> applied for permits to carry out the works.

the architect in charge said that if the repairs are not carried out they will proceed with laying the second layer of tarmac and after that they will not entertain any request to carry out repair.

I informed architect Galea that this is not on. We need to find out why these households have not carried out the required repairs and I asked whether they could pass on the information to the local council so that we will contact the residents ourselves.

It must be noted that works in the road started during September 2020 and 10 months later it has not yet been completed. This is not right and it is a terrible shame that residents have been made to endure this bitter experience.

### **Triq tal Franciz**

The same contractor and architect are responsible for road works being carried out in triq tal Franciz. The work is being divided in three parts. The first part is the section from triq il Mizura till triq l-brag. The second part is between triq V Menville and triq il Mizura and the third part will be from triq V Menville to triq il Qasam.

Part one is practically ready. But even in this instance the first layer of tarmac in the stretch between triq il Mizura and triq l-brag was laid about 5 weeks ago and to date the second layer of tarmac has not been laid yet, with several manhole covers lying dangerously exposed. The reason being some 'connection' problem.

Works on the second phase ( between Mizura and V Menville) have started too. We are very pleased that this section of the road is finally being constructed. However I must protest that the contractor abandoned the site for at least two weeks and residents had to put up with an incredible amount of dust and lack of accessibility into their garages. Not to mention the fact that damage was done to the water mains and the drainage system. I simply cannot understand why such work methods are being applied. It sounds like having regressed to stone age.

## **ST ANDREWS ROAD WORKS**

On 14<sup>th</sup> June we had our last meeting with IM officials so as to discuss the proposed changes in St Andrews road. Since then I sent at least four chasers asking for updates about the plans to which I did not even receive an acknowledgement. Finally last week I was informed that they are going ahead with the plans as discussed during our last meeting.

I am convinced that these changes are going to effect the residents of Swieqi very negatively. Accessibility into and out of the locality is already very poor and these changes are going to make accessibility even more difficult. Moreover, in order to make traffic in St Andrews road flow smoothly and at a speed they are going to cause great confusion within the locality, particularly in the streets of Mizura, Keffa, Wizna, Qasam etc this is simply not on and definitely very unfair on residents.

It must be noted that this may have been eased had triq ir Ratal been made fully accessible which they did not.

I suggest that we engage Architect Bjorn Bonello so as to obtain professional guidance about these changes and the effect that they will have on the locality both now but especially in the near future when the population in the locality, particularly around the streets mentioned above are expected to increase significantly.

Besides it is our duty to inform residents about the planned changes.

It must be noted that works on the 'five a side' pitches in the Luxol grounds have already started. Hence we need to act with speed.

## **Patching Works**

I wish to express my disappointment about the way our contractor in charge of carrying out major patch works is treating us. On 22ny May major patch works in triq is Sidra and Triq il Qasam had to be carried out. To date these works have not been carried out even though I regularly chase them to carry out the works.

This just adds to our daily misery. We may be seen in a negative light by our residents when in fact we spend so much time and energy chasing and pushing and yet no progress is registered.

It in indeed very disheartening

## **CAPITAL PROJECTS**

### **Gnien Esprit Barthet**

Finally works on Gnien Esprit Barthet have started.

### **Club House**

Works on the extension of the Club House are progressing well.

### **Embellishment Ibrag Road**

I am not aware of any progress made.

### **Other works**

I am very disappointed to note that once again I feel being let down by our architect. Several months ago I asked for plans to have 3 tress planted in the corners Kwarta/Kartocc. To date these plans have not been prepared.

## **E BIKES**

The way E Bikes are being used both in our locality and other localities is causing residents discomfort. Whereas we are not against the use of E Bikes since we consider that they are a cheap and clean means of transport, we are not at all happy about the way that they are driven and the way they are abandoned.

I regularly see people driving the bikes wrong way. I have even seen two people riding on one bike. Are there rules and regulations in force ?

I am please to inform you that tomorrow the police are organising a meeting during which E Bikes are going to be discussed.

Noel Muscat

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