



Is-Swieqi
LOCAL COUNCIL

MINUTI

LAQGĦA TAL-KUNSILL LOKALI S-SWIEQI

IT-TMIEN LEĠISLATURA 2019

SEDUTA NUMRU 48

Il-Kunsill Lokali tas-Swieqi iltaqa f' seduta nhar it-Tnejn 7 ta' Novembru 2022 fl-16.34

Din il-laqgħa qed issir ukoll online.

Preżenti:

Noel Muscat	-	Sindku
Mary Anne Abela	-	Viċi Sindku
Anna Pisani	-	Kunsillier (16.50)
Matthew Bonello	-	Kunsillier
Alex Chetcuti	-	Kunsillier (16.50)
Edgar Rossignaud	-	Kunsillier
Rowena Scicluna	-	Kunsillier (16.45)
Theresa Valentino	-	Kunsillier
Paul Fenech	-	Kunsillier

Uffiċjal Preżenti: Clarissa Buhagiar – Aġent Segretarju Eżekuttiv

Is- Sindku qal it-talba.


Noel Muscat
Sindku



Clarissa Buhagiar
Aġent Segretarju Eżekuttiv

48.1 Approvazzjoni ta' Minuti

48.1.1 Il-Minuti tas- Seduta Nru.47 ġew approvati. Il-Kunsillier P. Fenech ippropona pproponiet u l-Kunsillier E.Rossignaud issekonda.

48.2 Punti li joħroġu mill-Minuti

48.2.1 Il-Kunsillier T. Valentino staqiset jekk hux possibli li tiġi irrangata l-lapida tal-Ġnien ta' Ċentru Ċiviku. L-Aġent SE infurmat li diġa' saru l-kuntatti neċessarji biex jsiru dawn it-tiswijiet.

48.2.2 Il-Kunsillier T. Valentino staqiset jekk kienx hemm xi żvilluppi dwar it-transport ta' Silver-T. L-Aġent SE infurmat li se tkun qed terġa' tagħmel kuntatt magħhom.

48.2.3 Il-Kunsillier E.Rossignaud staqsa jekk kienx hemm xi żvilluppi dwar il-parking bays li kien allokati għal karozzi tal-GO-TO. Is-Sindku kif ukoll l-Aġent SE infurmaw li sa llum lanqas Transport Malta m'huma f'pożizzjoni li jindikaw x'se jsir minnhom.

48.2.3 Il-Kunsillier E.Rossignaud staqsa jekk l-AED li qiegħed installat fil-ġnien ġiex mnizzel fl-app. L-Aġent SE infurmat li dan ġie inkluz ma' lista ta' l-AEDs installati f'Malta.

48.2.4 Il-Viċi Sindku staqset jekk kienx hemm xi żvilluppi dwar il-manhole ta' WSC fi Triq tal-Mielaf. L-Aġent SE infurmat li ta' kull ġimgħa, il-Kunsill jibgħat reminders lil WSC dwar din pero' sfortunatament kollox jibqa' fl-istess stat. L-Aġent SE infurmat li se nibqgħu nsegwu din il-materja.

Il-Kunsillier R.Scicluna kienet prezenti għal din is-Seduta. Il-ħin kien 16.45.

48.2.5 Il-Kunsillier P. Fenech staqsa jekk hemmx xi ħsieb li l-Kunsill joffri l-vaċċin ta' l-influenza dis-sena. Is-Sindku nforma li wara ħafna insistenza kemm minn naħa tiegħu personali kif ukoll minn naħa tal-Kunsill jidher li llum irċivejna korrispondenza ufficċjali li se tiġi offruta mill-Kunsill ukoll. L-Aġent SE infurmat li diġa' saru tnejn neċessarji u bejn l-14 u 18 ta' Diċembru se jsiru l-appuntamenti għar-residenti. Diġa' ġie infurmat wkoll il-Kappillan biex jgħinna nagħmlu l-avvizi neċessarji.

Il-Kunsillieri A. Chetctui u A.Pisani kienu prezenti għal din is-Seduta. Il-ħin kien 16.55.



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Sindku



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48.3 Rapport mis- Sindku

48.3.1 Is-Sindku pprezenta rapport idettaljat li se jkun aness ma' dawn il-Minuti bħala App. A.

48.3.2 Hu rrefera għall-festa ta' Halloween li għalkemm jidher li hemm li kien hemm xi żoni li kien xi qxur tal-bajd (partikorlament fi Triq l-Uqija) ma jidhirx li kien hemm problemi aktar gravi.

Għaldaqstant hu rringrazzja lill-uffiċċjali tal-Community Police għall-kooperazzjoni tagħhom. Ż

48.3.3 Nhar is-17 t'Ottubru, huwa nforma li flimkien mal-Aġent SE kellu laqgħa ma' Sur A. Borg mill-MDIA rigward il-possibilita' li l-Kunsill japplika għal skema relatata ma' teknoloġija innovativa. Waqt din il-laqgħa ġew diskussi l-proposti ndikati hawn taħt:

- Possibilita' li l-bring in sites ta' Triq il-Keffa jiġu aċċesibbli għal daww ir-residenti biss li jkollhom access card
- Li jiġu nstallati żewġ apparti fi Triq is-Swieqi u Triq tal-Ibrag sabiex ikejju l-livelli ta' storbu kif ukoll il-kwalita ta' l-arja

Il-Kunsill ma kellu l-ebda oġezzjoni dwar din l-applikazzjoni.

48.3.4 Nhar is-17 t'Ottubru, huwa kellu laqgħa ma' l-ERA dwar kif din l-entita' tista' tgħin lil Kunsill fil-problemi li ta' kuljum naffaċċjaw ħabba ħruġ ta' l-iskart. Huma staqsewna sabiex ngħinuom jidentifikaw iż-żoni li ta' spiss joħolqu dawn it-tip ta' problemi. Is-Sindku l-Aġent SE pprovdew lista ta' dawn il-postijiet.

48.3.5 Is-Sindku nforma li nhar it-18 t'Ottubru, il-Kunsill iltaqa' ma' l-Onor. R. Buttigieg fl-uffiċċini tal-Kunsill. Waqt din il-laqgħa, is-Sindku enfaziza fuq l-importanza li l-Kunsill għandhom jingħataw l-għajnuna u rizersi meħtieġa biex jkunu jistgħu jaħdmu għal gid komuni tal-lokalita.

48.3.6 Is-Sindku nforma li huwa staqsa jekk kienx hemm xi tibdiliet fejn jidhlu l-Kunsilli li issemmev waqt il-Budget. Hu nforma li staqsa lil xi membri Parlamentari dwar dan ukoll. Hu nforma li l-qagħda finanzjarja tal-Kunsill tinsab fi krizi u għalhekk hemm bżonn li l-allokkazzjoni tkun aktar ta' sostenn.

48.3.7 Rigward l-aċċess ta' minn Triq il-Ġizimin għal Triq Josef Kalleya, is-Sindku nforma li sfortunatament minħabba li din hija art privata, din se tibda' tinbena u għalhekk dan l-aċċess ingħalaq. B'konsegwenza t'hekk ir-residenti ta' Triq Josef Kalleya jistgħu biss jaċċessaw ir-residenza tagħhom minn naħa ta' San Ġiljan biss. Is-Sindku nforma li l-Perit tal-Kunsill issottometta applikazzjoni għal PC Application sabiex jekk dejjem jkun approvat mit-TM u PA flok it-taraġ li hemm skedat jsirr pasagġ.


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Is-Sindku talab sabiex issir sospenzjoni tas-Seduta sabiex jkun jista' jitkellem l-Accountant tal-Kunsill. Il-ħin kien 17.15.

L-Aġent SE ipprezentant l-Quarterly Report għax-xhur ta'Lulju, Awwissu u Settembru. L-Accountant tal-Kunsill spjega li l-Kunsill għadu b'deficit u allura hemm bżonn immedjat li nikkontrollaw l-infiq kif ukoll naħsbu f'alternattivi xierqa kif il-Kunsill jista' jkabbar id-dħul tiegħu.

Reġa' ġie spjegat li l-akbar spiza huma dawk relatati ma' ġbir ta' skart kif ukoll tisiwġiet tad-dawl ta' toroq. L-Aġent SE infurmat li l-Kunsill huwa marbut b'kuntratt dwar il-ġbir ta'skart li beda fis-seħħ mis-sena l-oħra. Hija infurmat ukoll li dan it-tender issa se jkun fir-responsabilta' ta' Reġjun u għalhekk il-probabilita' hija li jinbidlu r-rati. Rigwar it-tisiwġiet tad-dawl, l-Aġent SE infurmat li peress li l-lampi huma kollha mogħtija b' devoluzzjoni lil Kunsill, irridu nespoloraw possibiltajiet oħra u li żgur ma naffordajwx li jsiru intallazzjonijiet ġodda.

L-Accountant tal-Kunsill wieġeb għal mistoqġijiet li kellhom il-Kunsilliera. Wara diskuzzjoni fd-detta, dan il-quarterly report ġie approvat. Is-Sindku ppropona u l-Kunsillier P. Fenech issekonda. Is-Sindku nforma li se jkun qiegħed jiddiskuti din il-qagħda preokkupanti ma' entitajiet oħra.

Din is-seduta reġgħet bdiet fil-17.30.

48.3 Rapport mis- Sindku – ikompli

48.3.8 Nhar it-28 t'Ottubru, is-Sindku attenda għal esebizzjoni t' Arti ta' Sur John Martin Borg fis-sala tal-Kunsill. Hu rringrazzja lil Kunsillier P. Fenech, lil Kunsillier R. Scicluna, lis-Sa. Asha Caruana kif ukoll lill-istaff tal-Kunsill li organizzaw din l-attività ferm interessanti.

48.3.9 Nhar il-5 ta' Novembru, hu nforma li flimkien mal-Viċi Sindku attenda għal laqgħa tas-Sindki li saret il-Westin Dragonara. Waqt din il-laqgħa ġew diskussi diversi punti u problemi li anke l-Kunsill tagħna jaffaċċja ta' kuljum.

48.3.10 Fis-7 ta' Novembru, is-Sindku flimkien ma' l-Aġent SE kienu preżenti għal laqgħa li saret mal-kuntrattur u l-Perit ta' IM dwar ir-rikostruzzjoni ta' Triq l-Ilqugh. Skond l-aħħar informazzjoni jidher li dawn ix-xogħlijiet se jibdeu fl-14 ta' Novembru. Ir-residenti tal-madwar se jiġu infurmati permezz ta' nota li se tintbagħat f'kull dar.

48.3.11 Is-Sindku nforma li wara li kien hemm diskuzzjonijiet bejn iż-żewġ Kunsilliera ikkonċernati, kien hemm qbil li bħala parti mid-dekasteru tal-Kunsillier R.Scicluna jkun hemm wkoll inkluz l-Arti u l-Kultura. Dan it-tibdil qed issir b'mod immedjat minħabba raġunijiet ta' saħħa.



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48.3 Rapport mis- Sindku – ikompli

- 48.3.12 Nhar is-27 t'Ottubru, is-Sindku nforma li kien hemm is-smiegħ tal-Madliena Opportunity site li għaliha attendew il-Periti Rossignaud u Valentino. Sfortunatament jidher li dan is-sit se jinbena hekk kif kien pjanat.
- 48.3.13 Is-Sindku nforma li nhar it-18 ta' Novembru, is-Sindku flimkien ma' Fr.Blake u l-President ta' Regjun Lvant se jkunu qed jipprezentaw starter-packs ta' stationery lil klassi ta' Dutralina.
- 48.3.14 Is-Sindku nforma li nhar it-20 ta' Novembru hemm il-Fun Run tal-President u għalhekk heggeg lil Kunsilliera sabiex jipparteċipaw u jippruvaw jheggu lil oħrajn. Hu nforma li l-flokkijiet jistgħu jinxtraw mill-uffiċċju tal-Kunsill.
- 48.3.15 Nhar id-9 ta' Novembru, is-Sindku nforma li se titella' konferenza organizzata mid-DLG rigward ir-riforma tal-Gvern Lokali. Hu nforma li se jkun prezenti għal din il-laqgħa.
- 48.3.16 Rigward il-problema li hemm minħabba ipparkjar ħażin fil-biċċa ta' gewwa ta' Triq il-Pedialwett. Wara li l-Kunsill talab għal direttiva mit-TM, dawn infurmawna li qabel ma jsiru xi sinjali sofor, trid issir bankina. Wara diskuzzjoni, gie deciz li l-Kunsill ma jhossx li hu għaqli li ssir bankina minnħabba il-wiesgħa ta' triq. Kien hemm qbil unanimu dwar dan.
- 48.3.17 Is-Sindku nforma li MTA bgħatulna applikazzjoni sabiex nkunu nistgħu napplikaw għal għajjnuna finanzjarja għat-tizjin tad-dawl dekorattiv tal-Milied. Kien hemm qbil unanimu li napplikaw.
- 48.3.18 Is-Sindku nforma li xi ħadd illegalment għamel rampa fi Triq is-Sidra quddiem garage tiegħu. Skond l-uffiċċjal ta' TM, din ir-rampa hija mibnija b' mod illegali u għalhekk se jsiru l-kuntatti neċċessarji mal-Pulizija.
- 48.3.19 Is-Sindku ppropona li jsir il-proġett tal-pavimentar ta' Triq tal-Ibraġ minn ħdejn Pjazza Navona sa ftit 'il fuq mill-Knisja Parrokjali. Wara diskuzzjoni, gie deciz li jibdew il-preparamenti ta' tender u li nappilkaw għal fondi li hemm disponibli ta' DPF. Kien hemm qbil unanimu dwar dan.
- 48.3.20 Wara li l-Kunsill irċieva diversi lmenti minn residenti dwar l-ammont ta' vetturi kbar li qed jgħaddu mill-parti dejqa ta' Triq il-Madliena u qed jikkawżaw ħsarat fuq propjeatijiet privati. Fuq istruzzjoni ta' TM, il-Kunsill se jkun qiegħed jinstalla tabelli li jindikaw li ma jistgħux jgħaddu vetturi kbar minn dil-parti.


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48.4 Kommunikazzjoni mill-Kunsillieri

Mill-Kunsillier P. Fenech

48.4.1 Il-Kunsillier P.Fenech informa li flimkien mal-Kunsillier E.Rossignaud attendew għal konferenza ta' EU Week fejn dawn ipprezentaw rapport idettaljat dwar il-ħidma tagħhom. Dan ir-rapport se jkun anness ma' dawn il-Minuti bħala App. B.

Il-Kunsillier A.Chetcuti talab sabiex jkun skużat. Il-ħin kien 19.00.

48.4.2 Huwa rrefera għall-iskema ta' Attivitajiet Kulturali fejn informa li għad hemm fondi allokati sabiex issir attivita' f'Diċembru fil-Madliena. Għaldaqstant, huwa talab sabiex il-Viċi Sindku u l-Kunsilliera T.Valentino jikkooperaw miegħu sabiex din tkun tista' titella.

Mill-Kunsillier R.Scicluna

48.4.3 Il-Kunsillier R. Scicluna pproponiet li jiġu nstallati 3 traffic calmers fi Triq tal-Franċiż peress li skond diversi rapporti jidher li l-vetturi qed jgħaddu b'veloċità eċċessiva. Is-Sindku u l-Aġent SE infurmaw li dawn traffic calmers huma diġa ordnati u se jkun qed jiġu installati fil-futur qarib.

48.4.4 Hija staqsiet meta huwa pjanat li jitressaq il-bin li gie installat riċentament fi Triq is-Sidra k/m Triq il-Qasam. L-Aġent SE infurmat li l-kuntrattur diġa' infurmat dwar dan.

Mill-Viċi Sindku

48.4.5 Il-Viċi Sindku infurmat li l-Kunsill jista' jibbenefika minn fondi tar-Reġjun Lvant sabiex jorganizza l-attivitajiet tal-Milied. Wara diskuzzjoni, gie deċiż li bejn is-6 u l-11 ta' Diċembru jiġu organizzati l-attivitajiet hekk kif indikati hawn taħt:

- 6 ta' Diċembru (mill-17.00 'il quddiem) – Ftuħ ufficcjali u tigi mixgħula s-sigra tal-Milied
- 7 ta' Diċembru (mill-17.00 'il quddiem) – Bibita żgħira għall-anzjani residenti tas-Swieqi
- 8 ta' Diċembru (mill- 17.00 'il quddiem) – Kant relatat mal-Milied
- 9 ta' Diċembru (mill- 17.00 'il quddiem) – Festin żgħir għat-tfal tal-lokalita'
- 10 ta' Diċembru (mid-09.00 sa nofsnhar) – sezzjoni ta' krafts għat-tfal
- 11 ta' Diċembru (mill-17.00 'il quddiem) – kuncert mill-orkestra ta' tfal tas-Swieqi

Kien hemm qbil unanimu dwar dan.



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48.4 Kommunikazzjoni mill-Kunsillieri- ikomplu

Mill-Viċi Sindku- ikompli

48.4.6 Hija infurmat li waqt l-aħħar seduta tal-Kunsill Reġjonali Lvant, ġie deċiż li Reġjun japplika għall-iskema ta' latrini f'isem kull Kunsill. Kien hemm qbil unanimu dwar dan.

Mill-Kunsillier A.Pisani

48.4.7 Il-Kunsillier A.Pisani pproponiet li s-sena dieħla, il-Kunsill għandu jikkonsidra li jtella' attivita' żgħira sabiex it-tfal jkun jistgħu jaqtgħu ż-żebbuġ mis-sigra li hawn fil-ġnien ta' Ċentru Ċiviku. Kien hemm qbil unanimu dwar dan.

48.4.8 Hija ġibdet l-attenzjoni li l-bozza ta' Triq tal-Ibraġ ħdejn Drift għadha mhux tixgħel. L-Aġent SE infurmat li din il-bozza qiegħda f'idejn l-Enemalta u għadna qed nistennew l-updates tagħhom.


Mill-Kunsillier T.Valentino

48.4.9 Hija staqsiet jekk hux possibli li traffic calmer fi Triq il-Madliena (lejn Triq Wied id-Dies) tiċċaqtaq minn hemm minħabba każ ġenwin. Wara diskuzzjoni, ġie deċiż li din titneħħa. L-Aġent SE infurmat li sa issa l-Kunsill diġa nefaq madwar 7k fi traffic calmers u għalhekk jista' jagħti l-każ li għalissa din ma terġax tiġi installata x'imkien ieħor.

48.4.10 Il-Kunsillier T.Valentino staqsiet jekk hux possibli li jiġi ċċirkolat ma' kull Kunsillier ir-rapport li ġie ppreparat mill-Perit Valentino dwar National Startegy 2050. L-Aġent SE infurmat li se tibgħat dan ir-rapport.

Mill-Kunsillier E.Rossignaud

48.4.11 Il-Kunsillier E.Rossignaud informa li nhar it-28 t'Ottubru flimkien ma' l-Aġent SE attendew għal sezzjoni ta' informazzjoni organizzata mill-AKL dwar id-Development Planning Funds. Hu nforma li kienet laqgħa interessanti fejn kull min kien preżenti ġie infurmat bil-proċeduri ufficċjali.


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48.4 Kommunikazzjoni mill-Kunsillieri- ikomplu

Mill-Kunsillier M.Bonello

48.4.12 Il-Kunsillier staqsa jekk hux possibli li ssir traffic calmer fi Triq it-Tiben (fil-bidu tagħha). L-Aġent SE infurmat li traffic calmers qed jiġu jiswew ħafna u għalhekk jkun jaqbel jekk għalissa nirrefriskraw SLOW signs li diġa' hemm. Kien hemm qbil unanimu dwar dan.

48.5 Approvazzjoni ta' pagamenti u xiri ieħor

L-iskeda tal-pagamenti nru.40 giet approvata minn dawk preżenti. Kien hemm qbil unanimu minn dawk preżenti.

48.6 KOMMUNIKAZZJONI MIS-SEGRETARJU EŻEKUTTIV

48.6.1 L-Aġent SE infurmat li l-applikazzjoni li issotometta għall-iskema SPI/SCI/1/2022 – Finanzjament għal-żvilupp u titjib fil-kundizzjonijiet tal-Playing Fields fil-Lokalitajiet f'Malta u Għawdex giet milqugħa. Għaldaqstant, il-Kunsill Lokali ha jkun qed jibbenifika mill-ammont ta' **€30,712.00**. Għaldaqstant, hekk kif jistipula Artiklu 7.1 ta' l-iskema, il-Kunsill Lokali huwa obligat li jiffinanzja 15% ma' l-ammont mogħti mid-Direttorat għall-Gvern Lokali, Strategija u Implimentazzjoni ta' *Policy*. Il-Kunsill Lokali ser ikun qed jingħata s-somma ta' **€23,034.00** bil-quddiem.

48.6.2 Rigward il-laqgħa annwali tal-lokalita', gie deciż li din issir nhar l-Erbgħa 30 ta' Novembru fil-17.30. Kien hemm qbil unanimu dwar dan.

Din is-seduta spiċċat fit-20.00 u s-seduta li jmiss se ssir nhar it-Tnejn 28 ta' Novembru fl-16.30

Kien hemm qbil unanimu minn dawk preżenti.

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Swieqi Local Council

Council meeting 7/11/22

Meetings held/attended

10/10 - Meeting with the Community police

In attendance Vice Mayor, Ms MaryAnne Abela, The Executive Secretary Ms Clarissa Buhagiar and Sergeant Denise Vella

Discussed security measures that need to be taken during Halloween on 31/10/22. We also discussed over speeding in the locality and the possible use of hand held speed guns and night disturbances besides other matters

17/10 - Meeting with MDIA

17/10/22 - On line Meeting with ERA

In attendance the Executive Secretary, Ms Clarissa Abela –

During a visit to the ERA stand that was set up during Swieqi Fest we agreed to meet and discuss ways as to how ERA could help the Local Council. We informed them that the biggest challenges faced by the locality are the garbage problem caused by people who take out garbage on the wrong day and time, construction problems caused by contractors who do not apply for the necessary permits and over speeding.

They informed us that they will be doing their very best to assist us. With regards to the garbage problem, they informed us that they are in discussions with MTA so as to see what can be done on a national level. We informed them about the cause of the problem and how in our opinion this problem could be solved.

They asked us for a list of the hot spots and we provided this list to them.

I kindly ask the Executive secretary to remain in regular contact with the ERA officials and to obtain information about developments/action taken.

18/10 Meeting with the Hon Rebecca Buttigieg – Parliamentary secretary for Equality and Reforms

In attendance, Vice Mayor, Ms MaryAnne Abela, Councillors Ms Theresa Valentino, Ms Rowena Scicluna, Ms Anna Pisani and Mr Matthew Bonello. Councillors Mr Paul Fenech and Mr Edgar Rossignaud were representing the Local Council in Brussels whereas Councillor Mr Alex Chetcuti asked to be excused due to pressure of work.

We discussed the challenges that our Local Council is facing and the changes that need to be made. We informed the Parliamentary Secretary that we were very disappointed about the fact that services that used to be offered by the Local Councils have been removed and we asked her to interevene so that these services will be re introduced, thus the use of the Berga, Social Services and the administration of the annual influneza vaccine. We stressed that Local Councils should be strengthened and not weakened. A copy of the report that we presented to Hon Buttigieg is attached.

18/10 - Meeting re appointment of an Executive Secretary

In attendance the Executive Secretary, Ms Clarissa Buhagiar

During this meeting officials from the informed us about the procedures that are going to be applied when selecting an Executive Secretary.

21/10 - Launch of 'Bollol Regionali'

This is an initiative undertaken by the Eastern Region of Local councils, of which we form part, and Maltapost. Basically each of the 12 local councils that form part of this region has had an important feature in its locality printed as a postage stamp. We were also presented with a painting prepared by the artist of this feature. Swieqi's feature is the entrance of Fort Maddalena.

24/10 – National Budget

The National Budget was presented in Parliament by the Minister of Finance. I am attaching a summary of the allocation towards Local Councils. We need to find out how this allocation will effect the administration of our Local Council. We are all aware that the cost of services purchased by the local council and the cost of wages have increased substantially. Will the new allocation cover our costs ?

We are also not aware how the change in the collection of garbage which is expected to take place in the coming months will effect us in financial terms.

I kindly ask the Executive secretary to obtain more information about these issues before we prepare the budget for Basis Year 2023.

25/10 - On site meeting with Perit David Vassallo & residents re triq il Giebja/Josef Kalleja

We are all aware that lower Triq il Giebja, that is the section of the road that leads to Triq Josef Kalleja is built on private land. As per PA plans, steps should be constructed and not a road. The Local Council is of the opinion that due to the very poor accessibility in that particular area of the locality , steps were not the ideal solution. In our opinion a road should be constructed and not steps. We have discussed this with Infrastructure Malta on various occasions and this is documented in council Minutes and reports. The gradient of the road has always been an issue and the Local council's architect, Perit Dieter Falzon was always of the opinion that Transport Malta will refuse an application for a road due to its gradient. On the other hand we were of the opinion that by hook or by crook a road should be built.

We were recently informed by the owner of the land on which lower Triq il Giebja is situated that he planned to start developing the site during the month of October. The present road was going to be closed until the developer constructs an alternate passage in the area where the planned steps should be built as per PA regulations.

By means of a letter we informed residents who live in the vicinity of this road about this, thus those residents living in triq il Gizimin, triq il Giebja and Triq Josef Kalleja.

Residents were very upset and several residents contacted me personally whereas others went to the Local Council so as to express their worry and

concern. It appears that most of the residents are in favour that a road be constructed . however I must admit that there are a few residents who for one reason or another prefer that a pavement be constructed.

Some residents wrote to the Hon Minister for Infrastructure about their concerns and two meetings were arranged with the residents, an on site meeting with Infrastructure Malta Architects David Vassallo and David Massa on 25/10/22 and another meeting with Infrastructure Malta CEO, Mr Ivan Falzon and Perit David Vassallo on 27/10/22.

The residents invited me to attend to these meetings which I did.

During the on site meeting with Periti Vassallo and Massa it was explained that Transport Malta will support the construction of a road and they encouraged the Local Council to present a PC application to the Planning Authority to this effect. I immediately informed the council's Architect about this and he immediately presented the application to the Planning Authority. The reference is PC 0067/22.

27/10 – PA hearing re Madliena opportunity site.

In attendance Peirt Anton Valentino and Councillor Edgar Rossignaud.

27/10 - Meeting with residents from Triq Josef Kalleja and the vicinity and Infrastructure Malta CEO Ivan Falzon and Perit Pavid Vassallo.

During this meeting I informed the gathering about the very poor accessibility in that area of the locality and about the significant increase in the population. I also stressed about the serious security problems that there exists. I asked that Triq Josef Kalleja be made fully accessible and that a road be built in triq il Giebja rather than steps. Thus we could could a circular one way road which would link triq Josef Kalleja to triq il Giebja. The reason why it should be one way is due both to safety measures as well as the width od the roads. IM CEO informed the gathering that for various reasons, particular environmental ones, within the foreseeable future Triq Josef Kalleja will not be made fully accessible. He did however reiterate that IM would fully support the construction of a road rather than steps.

28/10 – Meeting re Planning Development Funds

In attendance Councillor Edgar Rossignaud and Executive Secretary Ms Clarissa Buhagiar

28/10.22 John Martin Borg

The famous artist John Martin Borg delivered a very interesting lecture about his artistic inspirations. My heartfelt congratulations to the Art Committee for the excellent organisation.

2/11/22 – Meeting with Mr Adrian Borg - Digitalisation funds

Mr Borg informed us about funds that are available for Digitalisation programmes which could help to improve the efficiency with which the local council works. Agreed to apply for funds that that would help the local council monitor the level of pollution in the main roads, thus triq is Swieqi, triq il Qasam and triq l-Ibrag and also to apply for funds that will assist to create a Smart I Bins Collection Centre

05.11.22 – Meeting for Mayors, Vice Mayors and Executive Secretaries held by the AKL at the Westin Dragonara.

In attendance Vice Mayor Ms MaryAnne Abela

07.11.22 – Meeting re resurfacing of Triq l-Ilqugh

In attendance Perit Roderick Bonnici from IM, officials representing the Contractor, officials from WSC and GO plc.

Works on this road are expected to start on Monday 14th November. They will first instal new water mains. They will they carry out repairs to the drainage system, rebuild the pavements and eventually resurface the road.

We managed to convince Perit Bonnici to construct culverts wic will help to absorb the water flow of the rain water.

We shall be informing residents who live in triq l-Ilqugh, triq il Hawt and triq ta l-GHOQOD ACCORDINGLY.

07.11.22 – Meeting re distribution of Starter Pack by Regjun Lvant

In attendance The Parish Priest, Fr Blake, Mr [redacted] from the Eastern Region and the Executive Secretary Ms Clarissa Buhagiar.

In other localities, these starter packs were distributed among children who attend year one of the school in that locality. Since we do not have our own school it was decided that these starter packs will be distributed to year one children attending religious classes at our Parish the tentative distribution date is 25/11/22.

07.11.22 – Meeting re planting of trees

In attendance architect Dieter Falzon, The Executive Secretary Ms Clarissa Buhagiar, developer Mr Fabio Fenech and his architect.

The developer shall be developing some plots in Victoria Gardens. PA has requested that 20 trees that will be removed from the site that is going to be developed be donated to the local council. We plan to plant these trees in our public gardens, thus Gnién Esprit Barthet, Gnién Maurice Caruana Curran and the garden next to the Local Council Premises.

Forthcoming events

09.11.22 - Riforma Gvern Lokali – 09.11.22 – Swieqi Council Hall

A meeting the proposed changes the Local Councils Act will be discussed in our Community Hall next Wednesday 9/11/22. The Parliamentary Secretary for Local Councils will be in attendance.

Locality Meeting – 30/11/22

20.11.22 – The President' Fun Run/ Walk

Other Matters

One way roads

Pavement in lower/inner Pedidalwett

Christmas activities & their funding

Request to MTA for lighting s' ship - accepted

Resident who constructed a garage ramp in the newly surfaced/constructed triq is Sidra

Opening hours of Daves in triq is Sidra

Heavy vehicles passing through Madliena road c/w Xiber

Junction box triq Sirk / l-Gharbiel

Press release re garbage problems

Tender re Embellishment of lbrag Road

PA Application – Embellishment of Gnien Maurice Caruana Curran

Noel Muscat

07.11.22

EU REGIONS WEEK 2002

Between the 10th and 13th October 2002, Councillors Paul Fenech and Edgar Rossignaud from the Swieqi Local Council attended the '20th European Week of Regions and Cities' in Brussels, as part of the group 'Regjun Lvant'.

Prior to attending the opening session, we had a private meeting with Dr. Roberta Metsola, President of the European Parliament, at her office. It was a privilege and an honour to be afforded this opportunity.

This conference is an annual get together of thousands of representatives from the European Union, and consisted of various sessions aimed at improving the workings of the EU in its relationship with its citizens. There were four main areas of interest in the event and, in order to benefit more, we made sure not to attend the same sessions. Edgar Rossignaud attended seminars dealing with environmental matters whilst Paul Fenech focused on Youth Empowerment.

The meetings were held either 'on site', or 'on line' and sometimes 'hybrid'. Before we travelled, we applied for the maximum number of seminars. There was a large demand for most sessions and some were listed as 'fully booked' before the registration was officially opened.

As explained before, whenever possible, we did not always attend the same sessions, some of which were discussions by chosen speakers, others workshops besides the interactive debates and exchanges of opinions between the attendees during the breaks, The sessions were held at a number of locations, such as the Jacques Delors building, the Brussels Convention Centre, the Parliament building and others.

The sessions Edgar Rossignaud attended were:

Monday 10th – Opening Discussion, addressed by Vasco Alves Cordeira (European Committee of the Regions), Elisa Ferreira (European Commission) and Roberta Metsola (President of the European Parliament). This focused on what was expected from this conference. This was also attended by Paul Fenech.

Tuesday 11th – “Making the most of public investment to address regional inequalities, megatrends and future shocks”. This was a high-level workshop where the speakers were Peter Berkowitz (European Commission), Shinji Shousan (Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism), Flavia Terribile (Presidency of Council of Ministers, Italy), Jim Himes (US Select Committee on Economic Disparity and Fairness), and Sri Mulyani Indrawati (Government of Indonesia).

Tuesday 11th afternoon – “Citizens’ Dialogue”, addressed by Elisa Ferreira (European Commission), Anna Rizzo (European Commission) and Dina Subasic (freelance journalist).

Wednesday 12th – “20 years of EU policies in island regions – where are we?”. This was about how Island Regions suffer from territorial discontinuity and peripheral position from the mainland, etc. This was a high-level workshop with a panel consisting of Konstantinos Kapodistriasis (Ionian Island Region), Clint Camilleri (Ministry for Gozo), Marie Antoinette Maupertuis (Corsica), Christian Solinas (Sardinia), Rosario Sanchez Grau (Balearic Islands Government), Gianluca Spinaci (European Committee of the Regions), and George Alaxakis (Region of Crete). Topics discussed were the risk that island regions can face not to fall behind, and how fisheries will be affected by

climatic change, and how to attract younger people to engage in this industry. It was pointed out that special cohesion funds are also available for island regions, and EU provides all tools if required to even acquire the right personnel, as island regions may face a fragile economy which could bankrupt small industries.

Wednesday 12th afternoon – “EU Cities and regions solidarity with Ukraine”. This discussed building on the CoR cooperation experience with the Ukrainian local and regional authorities, and was addressed by various online speakers including Sergei Chernov, deputy Minister from Ukraine.

Thursday 13th – “The Vanguard initiative: leading by example in the Green Transition”. This discussed 2030 and 2050 targets, particularly on energy use and new directions for hydrogen to replace gas. This was addressed by Patrizia Busolini (European Commission), Tiziana Appollonia De Nittis (Emilia Romagna Region), Hubert Schrenk (Lower Austria Business Agency), Farha Brahmi (Vanguard Initiative) and Raffaele Cattaneo (Lombardy Region).

The sessions Paul Fenech attended were:

Tuesday 11th – “Boosting Youth Participation through Local Democracy”. This was organized by the European Committee of the Regions and the European Youth Forum. This session was dedicated to workshops about a number of projects carried out in various countries.

Wednesday 12th – “European Youth Capitals” – boosting youth employability in times of disruption. This was a joint project between the European Youth Forum, the National Youth Congress and the Start Net Europe.

Thursday 13th - "Youth Beyond Borders" – how to overcome obstacles. This was hosted by Northern Ireland, Pomorskie Region, Saarland and Valle d'Aosta Antonomoua Region.

We thank the Regjun Lvant and the Swieqi Local Council for subsidizing us to be able to attend this conference, and we encourage more councillors to attend such EU sponsored discussions as there is so much to learn and so much that can be done to take advantage of all the EU programmes available to participating countries. It was mentioned (though not confirmed) that 2024 will be dedicated to island regions and nations, which should be the right platform for Malta to improve its problems arising from insularity and especially Gozo, with its double-insularity.

Edgar Rossignaud

Paul Fenech