Is-Swieqi
LOCAL COUNCIL

MINUTI

LAQGĦA TAL-KUNSILL LOKALI S-SWIEQI

IT-TMIEN LEĠISLATURA 2019

SEDUTA NUMRU 58

Il-Kunsill Lokali tas-Swieqi iltaqa f'seduta nhar it-Tnejn 18 ta' Settembru 2023 fil-16.40.

Din il-laqgħa qed issir ukoll online.

Preżenti:

Noel Muscat	-	Sindku
Mary Anne Abela	-	Viċi Sindku
Paul Fenech	-	Kunsillier
Anna Pisani	-	Kunsillier
Rowena Scicluna	-	Kunsillie
Edgar Rossignaud	-	Kunsillier

Uffiċjal Preżenti: Clarissa Buhagiar – Segretarju Eżekuttiv

Il-Kunsillier T.Valentino talbet sabiex tkun skużata minħabba impenji mportanti oħra fil-waqt li l-Kunsillieri A.Chetcuti u M. Bonello kienu assenti.

Għal din is-seduta kien hemm preżenti wkoll l-Accountant tal-Kunsill.

Is- Sindku qal it-talba.

Noel Muscat
Sindku

Clarissa Buhagiar
Segretarju Eżekuttiv

59.1 APPROVAZZJONI TAL-MINUTI

59.9.1 Il-Minuti tas-Seduta Nru 58 ġew approvati. Il-Kunsillier P.Fenech ippropona u s-Sindku ssekonda.

Is-Sindku talab sabiex ssir sospezzjoni ta' l-Aġenda sabiex jkun jista' jiġi diskuss ir-rapport finanzjajru ta' xhur (April – Ġunju) . Il-ħin kien 16.50. Kien hemm qbil unanimu dwar dan.

L-Accountant tal-Kunsill infroma li għal dawn ix-xhur, il-Kunsill irreġistra profit ta' madwar 6k. Tajjeb li wieħed jinnota li għalkemm dan huwa pass 'il quddiem tajjeb, il-profit huwa relativament żgħir u għaldaqstant il-Kunsill jeħtieġ li jibqa' kawt fl-infiq tiegħu. L-Accountant tal-Kunsill sostna li huwa importanti ferm li l-Kunsill jibda' jiġbor ir-rimborsi minngħand id-Dipartimenti kkonċernati. Is-Segretraju Eżekuttiv infurmat li jista' jkun hemm problema fiil-cash flow tal-Kunsill dan peress li parti mill-allokazzjoni tal-Kunsill ingħatat lil Reġjun minħabba l-ħlasijiet ta' ġbir ta'skart apparti li l-Kunsill kull xahar iħallas wkoll l-invoice relatata li jibgħat lir-Reġjun. Wara diskuzzjoni, ġie deċiż li dwar din il-materja ninfurmaw lil AKL.

59.2 RAPPORT MIS-SINDKU

59.2.1 Is-Sindku ppreżenta rapport tiegħu li se jkun anness ma' dawn il-Minuti – App. A.

59.2.2 F'dan ir-rapport hemm mniżżlin kull laqgħa li s-Sindku attenda minn l-aħħar Seduta sa llum.

59.2.3 Is-Sindku informa li nhar id-29 t'Awwissu, il-Kunsill organizza laqgħa pubblika dwar il-permess ta' żvillup PA 01446/22 – Triq il-Gejża fis-sala tal-Kunsill. Għal din il-laqgħa kien hemm attendenza tajba. Waqt din il-laqgħa, il-maġġorparti ta' residenti kienu kontra dan l-iżvillup. Għaldaqstant, il-Kunsill idecieda li jerġa' jissottometti rapreżentazzjoni oħra bir-raġunijiet li ppreżentaw ir-residenti.

59.2.4 B' referenza għall-attivita' ta' Swieqi Fest ta' dis-sena, is-Sindku nforma li din kienet waħda ta' suċċess kbir. Hu rringrazzja b'mod speċjali lil sponsors, lil Kunsilliera li kienu parti mis-sotto kumitat kif ukoll lil voluntiera ta' xogħol siewi li għamlu tul it-3 ijiem kollha. Il-Viċi Sindku infurmat li bħala sinjal ta' ringrazzjament, il-voluntiera kollha huma mistiedna jattendu għal bibita' żgħira. Kien hemm qbil unanimu dwar dan.

59.2.5 Nhar il-25 t'Awwisu, is-Sindku nforma li ltaqa' ma' l-Imħallef Scicluna dwar ir-rebbieħa ta' Ġieħ is-Swieqi u raġunijiet tal-Bord ta' l-Għażla. Is-Sindku fakkar li d-deċiżjoni ta' min jingħata dan l-Unur hija assolutament tal-Bord indipendenti mill-Kunsill.

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59.2 RAPPORT MIS-SINDKU – ikompli

59.2.6 Fl-istess ġurnata, is-Sindku informa' li attenda wkoll għal laqgħa ma' l-uffiċjali ta' l-ERA dwar il-problema nazzjonali ta' ħruġ ta' skart barra mill-ħinijiet skedati kif ukoll ta' short lets.

59.2.7 Nhar it-28 t'Awwissu, fis-sala tal-Kunsill ġiet organizza konferenza stampa mir-Reġjun Lvant. Din il-konferenza saret peress li dan ir-Reġjun huwa mejqus bħala Reġjun tal-Kultura għas-sena 2024. Għal din l-attivita' kien hemm preżenti wkoll l-Onor O.Bonnici u l-Onor. Zerafa Civell, id-Direttur M. Pisani kif ukoll il-President ta' Reġjun Sur A. Chircop.

59.2.8 Nhar il-31 t'Awwissu, is-Sindku flimkien mal-Perit tal-Kunsill attendew għal laqgħa li saret ma' TM rigward il-proġett ta Slow-Streets. Huwa nforma li dan il-proġett għandu jagħti prijorita' liż-żoni ta' Victoria Gardens fejn tista' ssir cycle-lane kif ukoll l-introduzzjoni tal-kunċett ta' slow-streets fi Triq is-Swieqi, Triq il-Qasam u Triq tal-Ibraġ.

59.2.9 Nhar it-8 ta' Settembru, is-Sindku nforma li wara waqfa ta' 3 snin, għal din is-sena reġġġet ġiet organizzata Swieqi Run. Huwa rringrazzja lil sponsors bħal Intersport, Corner Food Store, EF Language School u Reġjun Lvant ta' l-għajnuna tagħhom.

59.2.10 Nhar it-13 ta' Settembru, is-Sindku nforma li flimkien mal-Perit tal-Kunsill u s-SE iltaqgħu uffiċjalment mal-kuntrattur l-ġdid li se jkun qed jaħdem fuq il-manutenzjoni ta' bankini , toqob u fil-ġonna pubbliċi.

59.2.11 Nhar l-14 ta' Settembru, flimkien mal-Perit tal-Kunsill u s-SE attendew għal laqgħa fil-Ġnien MCC dwar l-installazjoni ta' apparat ġdid ta' logħob ta' tfal. Fl-istess ġurnata, saret wkoll l-ewwel clean-up fiż-żona tal-Madliena (ħdejn bridge). Għal dan il-clean-up attendew wkoll il-Viċi Sindku u l-Kunsillier E.Rossignaud. Għalkemm l-attendenza ma kinitx kif dak mixtieq, jidher li Kunsilliera flimkien mas-SE u żewġ membri ta' l-istaff naddfu kemm setgħu minn din iż-żona.

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59.2 RAPPORT MIS-SINDKU

59.2.12 Rigward ix-xogħlijiet ta' Triq il-Ħemel huma mexjin bil-mod ħafna u bir-raġun ir-residenti jinsabu ferm pre-okkupati b' din is-sitwazzjoni minħabba l-ammont ta' trab u nuqqas ta' aċċesibilta.

59.2.13 Huwa rrefera wkoll għat-trejqa ta' bejn Triq il-Ġiebja ma' Triq Josef Kalleya, li sfortunatament il-Kunsill għadu mwaħħal fil-proċess twil ta' riċeriki li jridu jsiru minn Nutar. Is-SE infurmat li kontinwament qed jintbaħtu reminders kemm lil Perit kif ukoll lil Nutar ikkonċernat sabiex kemm jista' jkun jitħafef dan il-proċess.

59.2.14 Is-Sindku staqsa jekk kienx hemm xi żvillupi dwar l-advertising panels li diġa' hemm installati fit-toroq tagħna. Il-Kunsillier E.Rossignaud informa li fil-jiem li ġejjin se jkun qed jiltaqa' ma' żewġ persuni li jidhru li huma itressati li jikru.

59.2.15 Rigward l-akkwist ta' vettura eletronika, is-Sindku nforma li s-SE kitbet lil DLG u dawn staqsew sabiex jimtlew xi formoli fejn il-Kunsill irrid jindika liema vettura se jagħżel sabiex dan il-bejgħ jkun jista' jiġi approvat mill-Ministru ikkoċernat. Il-Kunsillier E.Rossignaud informa li se jkun qed jiċċekja ż-żewġ kwotazzjonijiet li rċieva l-Kunsill.

59.2.16 Is-Sindku rringrazzga lil MTA talli offrewlna 6 bins ġodda. Hu nforma li fil-jiem li ġejjin, dawn se jkunu qed jiġi installati fi Triq is-Swieqi.

59.2.17 B'referenza għall-possibilta' li terġa' tinfetaħ l-Berġa fl-uffiċini tal-Kunsill kif ukoll biex terġa' tingħata l-vaċċin ta' l-influenza lir-residenti mill-Kunsill, is-Sindku ssuġerixxa sabiex nikbu lid-Dipartiment tas-Saħħa dwar dawn il-possibiltajiet. Is-SE infurmat li se tkun qed tagħmel dan.

59.2.18 Matul il-*weekend* li għadda, sfortunatament l-*play area* tal-ġnien ta' Ċentru Ċiviku spiċċca fil-mira ta' vandaliżmu. Arblu tad-dawl waqa' u anke kellhom jissejħu l-Pulizija għall-assistenza. Is- SE infurmat li hija diġa' għamlet kuntatt mal-Pulizija u provdiet stima tal-ħsarat li saru hekk kif kien mitlub mill-Pulizija.

59.2.19 Is-Sindku nforma li l-apparat ta' li jirraporta' dwar il-kwalita' ta' l-arja ġew installati kollha fi Triq tal-Ibraġ, Triq is-Swieqi u Triq il-Qasam. Hu satqsa jekk hux possibli li jiġi mqabbad espert sabiex janalizza r-rapporti li qed jinħarġu kull ġimgħa minn dan l-apparat. Wara diskuzzjoni, kien hemm qbil li nsibu persuna teknika.

Noel Muscat

Sindku

Clarissa Buhagiar

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59.3 RAPPORTI MILL-KUNSILLIERA

Mill-Kunsillier E. Rossignaud

59.3.1 Il-Kunsillier informa li r-rota ta' l-eżerċizzji li hemm fi Ġnien FX Ebejer, għandha bżonn xi manutenzjoni peress li qed iżaqżaq. Is-SE se tkun qed tinforma lil kuntrattur ikkonċernat.

59.3.2 Huwa staqsa jekk hux possibli li jiġi installat dog-bin ma' dawra tal-ġnien fi Triq is-Swieqi. Is-SE infurmat li diġa' hemm wieħed fi Triq is-Swieqi quddiem l-entratura tal-ġnien.

59.3.3 Hu ppreżenta rapport iddetaljat li pprepara l-Perit Valentino dwar il-permessi ta' żvillup li jiġu ppublikati fil-lokalita' tas-Swieqi. Dan ir-rapport se jkun anness ma' dawn il-Minuti.

59.3.4 Il-Kunsillier issuġerixxa li jitħejja magazine tal-Kunsill għall-festi tal-Milied hekk kif kien isir fil-passat. Wara diskuzzjoni, ġie deċiż li jekk kemm-il darba jkun hemm il-kooperazzjoni ta' kulħadd il-Kunsillier R. Scicluna flimkien mal-Perit Rossignaud jieħdu ħsieb dan il-magazine. Se jkunu qed jinġabru wkoll il-kwotazzjonijiet. Il-Kunsillier R.Scicluna appellat sabiex jekk kemm-il darba dan se jsir, kulħadd jirrispetta deadlines li jkun hemm.

Mill-Kunsillier A.Pisani

59.3.5 Il-Kunsillier infurmat li l-pal ta' bajtar ta' Triq il-Miżura inqata' għaldaqstant irringrazzjat lil kuntrattur peress li wieħed jista' jaċċessa l-bankina b'mod iktar faċli.

59.3.6 Hija staqsiet jekk kienx hemm xi permessi għal jiem li ġejjin fi Triq il-Miżura peress li hemm xi sinjali biex ma jsirx ipparkjar. Is-SE infurmat li skond ma jidher fuq is-sistema tal-permessi, hemm permess ta' lifter.

Mill-Kunsillier P. Fenech

59.3.7 Il-Kunsillier informa li issa l-ktejjeb bi tifsira ta' l-ismijiet ta' toroq huwa ffinalizat u għaldaqstant hemm bżonn li jinstabu mezzi sabiex dawn jkun jista' jiġi ffinanzjat ħalli jkun jista' jiġi ppublikat. Is-Sindku informa li f'diversi okkażżjonijiet semma' din il-materja f'diskuzzjonijiet ma' l-Onor. O.Bonnici u l-Onor. Zerafa Civelli.

59.3.8 Huwa nforma li riċentament kellu laqgħa ma' SEM, dwar il-possibilta' ta' twinning imma sfortunatament l-budget allokat huwa ftit wisq biex ikopri l-ispejjeż kollha involuti għal delegazzjoni sħiħa.

Il-Kunsillier A.Pisani talbet sabiex tkun skużata. Il-ħin kien 19.35.

Mill-Viċi Sindku

59.3.9 Il-Viċi Sindku staqsiet jekk il-Kunsill hux se jkun qed jorganizza xi attivitajiet għal żmien il-Milied. Wara diskuzzjoni, ġie deċiż li s-siġra tal-Milied tinxtegħel għall-ewwel darba fi 30 ta' Novembru u l-bqija ta' l-attivitajiet jsiru fi 2 u 3 ta' Diċembru. Ġie deċiż wkoll li s-sotto kumitat li kien organizza SwieqiFest jieħu ħsieb dawn l-attivitajiet. Għaldaqstant lejn nofs Ottubru għandha ssir l-ewwel laqgħa. Sadanittant l-kor EnKor jilħaq jiġi avżzat dwar l-attivita' ta' 30 ta' Novembru.

59.3.10 Il-Viċi Sindku talbet lis-SE sabiex jekk jista' jkun tinforma lil Reġjun Lvant li sfortuntament mhux se tkun tista' tattendi għas-seduta t'għada.

Noel Muscat

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59.3 RAPPORTI MILL-KUNSILLIERA – ikomplu

Mill-Viċi Sindku – tkompli

59.3.11 Il-Viċi Sindku staqiset dwar il-possibilta' li l-Kunsill joħroġ sejħa ta' l-offerti għas-servizz ta' Contracts Manager hekk kif stipulat mid-DLG. Hija ssostniet li dan huwa bżonnjuż ħafna kemm sabiex kull kuntrattur jkun sorveljat sew kif ukoll biex jgħin lis-SE. Is-Sindku nforma li huwa tal-fehma li dan is-servizz mhux se jservi biex jgħin imma se jservi biss biex il-Kunsill ikollu kuntrattur ieħor wara min jiġri. Wara diskuzzzjoni fid-dettal, ġie deċiż li nistaqsu lil DLG jekk hux possibli li dan ix-xogħol jsir minn impjegat tal-Kunsill flok kuntrattur.

59.4 KOMMUNIKAZZJONI MIS-SEGRETARJU EŻEKUTTIV

59.4.1 Rigward is-sejħa ta' l-offerti: THE MAJOR REHABILITATION OF TRIQ TAL-IBRAĠĠ IN SWIEQI, IN A RESOURCE EFFICIENT MANNER WHICH CONSIDERS WIDER ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS , is-SE infurmat li kien hemm biss offerta waħda sa data ta' l-għeluq (04.09.23). Għaldaqstant, hija staqsiet sabiex kemm jista' jkun malajr jitlaqa' l-Bord ta' l-Aġġudikazzjoni dwar din l-offerta'.

59.4.2 Hija infurmat li nhar 26 ta' Settembru se ssir l-aħħar clean-up għal din is-sena fi żona ta' Triq is-Swieqi (in-naħa tal-mini). Hija ħeġġet lil Kunsilliera kollha biex jattendu peress li l-attendenza għal dawn it-tip ta' attivitajiet mhux tkun dik mixtieqa.

59.4.3 Is-SE ġibdet l-attenzjoni li hekk kif mitlub fl-Att tal-Kunsilli Lokali, kull Kunsillier irrid jinforma bil-miktub minn qabel li ma jistax jattendi għas-Seduta tal-Kunsill.

57.6 APPROVAZZJONI TAL-PAGAMENTI U ĦLAS IEĦOR

L-iskeda tal-pagamenti nru.50 ġiet approvata minn dawk preżenti. Il-Kunsillier P.Fenech ppropona u l-Kunsillier R.Scicluna ssekondat.

Din is-seduta spiċċat fit-20.30 u s-Seduta li jmiss hija skedata għal nhar is-16 t'Ottubru fl-16.30.

Kien hemm qbil unanimu minn dawk preżenti.

Noel Muscat

Sindku

Clarissa Buhagiar

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Swieqi Local Council

Council meeting 18.09.23

Meetings held / attended

25/8 – Meeting with Judge Scicluna re Gieh is Swieqi

Judge Scicluna presented informed me about this year's winners and proposed some amendments that will be discussed by the Organising Committee

25/8 – Meeting with ERA & MTA re garbage problems

Present, ERA CEO, Mr Kevin Mercieca and Enforcement officer Ms Aimee Buhagiar and representatives from MTA, Mr Kevin Fsadni, Mr Mark Scerri Simiana and Ms Nicola Caruana

This meeting was held at the request of ERA CEO Mr Kevin Mercieca.

During this lengthy and frank meeting we discussed various issues related to the garbage crises that we are facing.

I wish to thank Mr Mercieca for listening to our issues and for the action that is being taken on reports that we are submitting to the authority. I also wish to thank MTA officials since they too are inspecting various premises that we have been reporting.

It must be noted that MTA have identified several residences that were operating without the necessary permits.

Court evidence / Oath

It must be pointed that whereas reports made to the police and Lesa must be corroborated by court evidence, in the case of reports made to ERA , the authority will prosecute the wrong doers as long as the person making the report takes an oath at the ERA offices.

28/8 – East Region - Region of Culture 2024

The East Region has been chosen as the Region of Culture 2024.

The launch was made at our Council' s Hall in the presence of the Hon Minister for Culture, Heritage & Art and Local Councils, Hon Owen Bonnici, Parliamentary Secretary for Local Councils, Hon Alison Zerafa Civelli, Director General Ms and the President of the Eastern Region Mr Anthong Chircop. Aso in attendance were members from various local councils that from part of the Eastern Region.

29/8 - Residents' meeting re Old Peoples' Home (OPH) in triq il Gejza/Swieqi road

A meeting was held for residents, particularly those who live in the vicinity of the site where the developers plan to construct the OPH .

An interesting discussion ensued. However it was evident that the majority of those who attended were against the construction of the OPH.

The main reason being that the policies do not allow the construction of an OPH in a residential priority area.

31/8 – Meeting with TM re Slow Streets

In attendance, Perit Conti and Mr Debono from Transport Malta and Perit Dieter Falzon and the Executive Secretary, Ms Clarissa Buhagiar.

We explained to Transport Malta our plans for Slow Streets.

We emphasised that priority should be give to the installation of cycle lanes in Victoria Gardens, as well as the introduction of Slow Streets in triq is - Swieqi , Triq il – Qasam and Ibrag road.

1/9, 2/9 & 3/9 – Swieqi Fest

I wish to heartily thank the organisers of this year' s edition of Swieqi Fest. The hard work put in by the

councillors involved, council staff, the numerous volunteers, the Art group and the director/organiser were truly impressive.

A word of thanks must also go to the numerous sponsors.

I must admit that the whole event was very well organised and very successful.

A note of special thanks must go to the volunteers in the Bar and Kitchen area.

I was amazed with the way that the kitchen volunteers and Executive Secretary reacted when a fire accident that occurred in the kitchen area on the third day disrupted proceedings. Even though the kitchen equipment was out of order they simply would not give in. Within minutes of aggressive thinking and pondering, the Executive Secretary and Donna went to buy food whereas alternate equipment was brought over. The area was cleaned and cooking resumed as tough nothing ever happened. Truly impressive. Thank you.

4/9 – Meeting at AKL re Timed Parking

During this meeting we were invited to provide information as to where we wish to introduce timed parking. This information must be provided by the 30th of September. I kindly ask Councillor Edgar Rossignaud to take charge of preparing our report, assisted by another two councillors and myself.

8/9 – Swieqi Run

After an absence of 3 years, this event was organised once again.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who helped to organise the run which was partly financed by the Eastern Region. We wish to thank Intersport who sponsored the medals and the T Shirts.

12/9 – Meeting with ERA re bring in sites

This meeting was attended by the Executive Secretary and Councillor Alex Chetcuti. I could not attend this meeting.

13/9 – Meeting with the new contractor re various outstanding works

In attendance Perit Dieter Falzon and the Executive Secretary, Ms Clarissa Buhagiar. During this introductory meeting with the new works contractor, we discussed the outstanding works that need to be carried out, such as pavement repairs and the embellishment works in Gnien Maurice Caruana Curran.

We also discussed the new lighting system with Mr James Agius from Mica Med.

14/9 – Site Meeting with John G Cassar re Embellishment works in Gnien Maurice Caruana Curran

In attendance Perit Dieter Falzon and The Executive Secretary, Ms Clarissa Buhagiar.

We discussed and agreed on the toys that need to be installed etc.

14/9 – World Clean Up Day

18/9 – Meeting at Regjun Lvant re Garbage Conference that will be organised on the 6th October.

In attendance Vice Mayor, Ms MaryAnne Abela, mayors from other councils and the Region's president, Mr Anthony Chircop.

The Eastern Region shall be organising a Conference on the 6th of October so as to discuss the garbage crises that various localities within the region are facing and to propose solutions. Various authorities, entities, organisations and stake holders have been invited to attend and participate during this conference. It has been decided that the 12 local councils forming part of the Eastern Region will be represented on a panel by the mayor of I - Iklin, Dr Dorian Sciberras who summarised all the points and issues that were put forward by those in attendance

Other Matters

Road Works

Triq il Hemel

Road works in triq il Hemel are progressing at a snail' s pace. Works commenced over 5 months ago, which means that residents have been enduring dust issues and inconveniences for such a long time.

When one considers the relatively short length of the road, this delay is unacceptable.

Residents are up in arms and fed up. And rightly so. I have been regularly drawing the attention of Infrastructure Malta about these delays and the 'stone age' work methods that are being applied. It is evident that the contractor odes not have sufficient workers to carry out the job swiftly and efficiently.

Triq il Giebja/Josef Kalleja

Unfortunately we have not yet been presented with the required reports from the Notary who was assigned to do the job. This is another frustrating situation. Residents who live in triq Josef Kalleja have been denied access to the locality for nearly one year and this is absolutely not right. I excuse myself for the great inconvenience that has been caused to them. We

I kindly ask the Executive Secretary to chase the Notary and to obtain the report that is required by PA and IM.

Advertising Boards

It appears that the advertising boards have not been leased out yet. Could those involved accelerate the process please.

Council' s Electric Van

Two quotations for an electric van have been obtained. We need the assistance of someone who some

knowledge of electric vans to advise us which vehicle is the most suitable to our needs.

New Bins

We have managed to obtain six new bins from the Cleansing Department and we hope to obtain others from MTA.

We shall be replacing the metal bins that are situated in Swieqi road. These in turn will be installed elsewhere in the locality.

Berga & Influwenza Jab

We have once again asked the Health Department to help us reopen the Berga and to offer the Influenza Jab next month.

Damages in Council Garden play area

One of the lighting poles in the council' s children play area Was pulled down. Surely this was not done by the children who are allowed to play in this area. We have asked the police for assistance as to whether they have reports about these damages.

Air Quality reports

Recently we introduced equipment which reads the quality of the air. This equipment was installed in Triq is Swieqi, triq il Qasam, triq l-Ibrag and triq il Prekursur. We now need to find someone who can interpret the reports and give us feed back !

Noel Muscat

18.09.23