

Is-Swieqi
LOCAL COUNCIL

MINUTI

LAQGHA TAL-KUNSILL LOKALI S-SWIEQI

ID-DISA' LEGISLATURA 2024

SEDUTA NUMRU 11

Il-Kunsill Lokali tas-Swieqi iltaqa f' seduta nhar it-Tnejn 9 ta' Dicembru 2024 fl-16.00.

Preżenti:

Noel Muscat	-	Sindku
Jordan Galea Pace	-	Vici Sindku
Rowena Scicluna	-	Kunsillier
Mary Anne Abela	-	Kunsillier
Miguel Balzan	-	Kunsillier
Anna Pisani	-	Kunsillier
Edgar Rossignaud	-	Kunsillier
Lucia Vassallo	-	Kunsillier

Ufficjal Preżenti: Clarissa Buhagiar – Segretarju Eżekuttiv

Il-Kunsillier T.Valentino talbet sabiex tkun skuzata.


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Is-Sindku talab sabiex issir sospenzjoni tas-Seduta sabiex l-Accountant tal-Kunsill flimkien mas-SE jkun jistgħu jagħtu spjegazzjoni cara tal-qagħda finanzjarja bejn Lulju u Settembru 2024. Il-ħin kien 16.40. Kien hemm qbil minn dawk prezenti.

Is-SE infurmat li dan ir-rapport finanzjarju intbagħat minn qabel permezz ta' imejl lil kull Kunsillier. Hija infurmat li hekk kif ġie stabbilit f'dan ir-rapport, il-Kunsill għalaq it-tielet kwart tas-sena b'deficit ta' 8.5k.

L-Accountant tal-Kunsill innota li saru diversi xogħlijiet infrastrutturali bħal bini ta' planters ġodda, tiswijiet ta' culverts/bankini kif ukoll installazzjoni ta' traffic calmers/sinjali ġodda. Jista' jagħti l-każ li xi uħud minnhom irridu jitniżżlu taħt proġetti kapitali. Wara diskuzzjoni, ġie deċiż li min-Nominal Ledger jiġu iddentifikati dawn ix-xogħlijiet sabiex jkun hemm klassifikazzjoni aħjar.

Il-Kunsillier R. Scicluna talbet li tingħata break-down ta' kemm ġiet tiswa' kull attivita li saret matul din is-sena.

Is-Sindku ssostna li jidher biċ-car li l-allokkazzjoni tal-Kunsill mhux biżżejjed biex eventwalment Kunsill jopera b'mod professjonali u jwettaq l-esiġenzi kollha ta' kuljum. Jidher bi car li hekk kif se jintgħażel kuntrattur ġdid għas-servizz ta' manutenzjoni tad-dawl ta' toroq, dan il-Kunsill se jkollu problemi finanzjarji peress li l-ispejjez involuti huma ferm kbar.

Is-Sindku ppropona u l-Kunsillier M.Balzan issekonda. Il-ħin kien 17.15.

11.1 APPROVAZZJONI TAL-MINUTI

Il-Minuti tas-Seduti Nru. 9 ġew approvati. Il-Kunsillier M.Balzan ippropona u l-Kunsillier E.Rosignaud issekonda. Il-Minuti tas-Seduta Nru. 10 ġew approvati. Il-Viċi Sindku ppropona u l-Kunsillier M. Balzan issekonda.



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11.2 PUNTI LI JOHORĠU MILL-MINUTI

- 11.2.1 Is-Sindku nforma li rigward is-sejha tal-offerti għall-installazzjoni ta' *chair-lift*, jidher li l-pass li jmiss hu li tintbagħat l-aħħar notifika lil kuntrattur b' mod legali. Kien hemm qbil unanimu dwar dan.
- 11.2.2 Rigward l-iskema tal-SPI dwar il-possibilita' ta' fondi għall-attivitajiet tal-Karnival, is-SE infurmat li din issa skadiet u peress li ma kien hemm l-ebda proposta, ma gietx sottometta l-applikazzjoni tagħna. Għaldaqstant, f'dan iż-żmien mhu se ssir l-ebda attivita' minħabba n-nuqqas ta' fondi.
- 11.2.3 Il-Kunsillier R.Scicluna staqsiet jekk sarux xi żvilluppi dwar il-possibilita' li jiġu *towed* vetturi abbandunati mil-lokalita'. Is-SE infurmat li se terġa' tibgħat lil kuntrattur.
- 11.2.4 Il-Kunsillier R.Scicluna infurmat li hemm bżonn li ssir il-gradat tal-bokka tat-taraġ mill-aktar fis peress li hija ferm perikoluża għat-tfal żgħar. Is-SE infurmat li se terġa' tfakkar lill-kuntrattur.
- 11.2.6 Rigward il-gebla storika li allegatament giet nieqsa minn Triq il-Qasam (in-naħa tal-Wied), is-SE infurmat li ġew inntofikati Heritage Malta.
- 11.2.7 Is-SE infurmat li s-Sa Casey Robson permezz ta' imejl infurmat li tkun tista' tibda' taħdem ma' dan il-Kunsill fil-bidu t'April. Wara diskuzzjoni, gie deciż li jekk kemm-il darba, hija *committed* il-Kunsill lest li jistenna sa żmien indikat. Kien hemm qbil unanimu dwar dan.

11.3 RAPPORT MIS-SINDKU

- 11.3.1 Is-Sindku pprezenta rapport idettaljat tal-ħidma tiegħu. Dan se jkun aness ma' dawn il-Minuti bħala App.A. F'dan ir-rapport hemm indikat kull laqgħa li s-Sindku attenda għaliha mill-aħħar t'Ottubru sa lllum.
- 11.3.2 Is-Sindku nforma li l-WSC qed tagħmel diversi xogħlijiet ta'tiswija fuq il-*water mains* u li sa lllum ħadmu diġa fit-toroq indikati hawn taħt:

- Triq il-Ħawt
- Triq Fuq il-Gonna
- Triq il-Molletta
- Triq il-Gejza
- Triq il-Għajn
- Triq il-Ktajjen

Jidher wkoll li se jibdeu jaħdmu f'parti minn Triq il-Ħemel.



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11.3 RAPPORT MIS-SINDKU – ikompli

11.3.1 Hu nforma li sfortunatament, il-Kunsill għadu mhux infurmat bil-lista ufficċjali ta' xogħlijiet ta' rikostruzzjoni ta' toroq li huma mistennija li jsiru minn IM matul is-sena 2024/2025. Minkejja li hu flimkien mas-SE iltaqgħu mal-amministrazzjoni l-għdida f'Settembru li għadda.

11.3.2 Is-Sindku staqsa jekk sarux l-arragamenti neċessarji sabiex jsir light resurafcing fi Triq il-Barmil u Triq il-Wiżna. Is-SE infurmat li l-Perit tal-Kunsill flimkien mal-kuntrattur iltaqgħu u kellhom jimmarkaw sew iż-żoni.

11.3.3 Hu nforma li l-planter għdida fi Triq il-Qasam (parti għdida), hija lesta mix-xogħlijiet kollha. Ġew ikkuntatjati ufficċjali minn Project Green sabiex nistaqsu jekk hux possibli li jiffinanzjaw l-ispiza relatata. Sfortunatament, jidher li huma lesti biss biex jipprovdu s-siġar lejn nofs Jannar tas-sena diegħla.

11.3.4 Is-Sindku staqsa jekk kienx hemm xi żvilluppi dwar l-applikazzjoni li ssotometta l-Kunsill lil IM bl-isem ta' Vjal il-Kulhadd. Is-SE infurmat li sa llum m'hemm l-ebda żvillup dwar dan. Hu talab sabiex terġa' tintbagħat din l-applikazzjoni li kull Kunsillier sabiex jiġu mfakkra dwar il-kontenut u d-dettalji.

11.3.5 Is-Sindku nforma li sfortunatament ġie nieqes l-artist Raymond Pitre fil-jiem li għaddew u li jemmen li jkun xieraq li nipproponu li triq fil-lokalita' tagħna tisemma propju għal dan l-artist. Huwa qed jipproponi li Sqaq St. Wistin jinbidel għal Triq Raymond Pitre dan sabiex nonoroaw lil dan l-artist kif ukoll biex nevitaw konfużjoni żejda mal-Kunsill Lokali ta' San Ġiljan. Kien hemm qbil unanimu dwar dan. Is-SE ħadet l-inkarigu li tinforma lil Street Naming Committee.

11.3.6 Is-Sindku nforma li rċevejna rikjesta sabiex issir *zebra crossing* fi Triq tal-Ibraġ (ftit 'il fuq minn Triq il-Barmil). Bħalma wieħed jista' jivverfika, diġa' hemm waħda ftit iktar l'isfel u għalhekk il-Kunsill qabel li ma jistax jimplimenta *zebra crossing* oħra f'distanza daqstant qasira.



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11.3 RAPPORTI MIS-SINDKU

11.3.7 Hu rringrazzja lil residenti, Sur Matthew Tabone li offra donazzjoni tas-siġar. Dawn ġew miżrugħa fil-planters ta' Triq il-Ħemel km Triq l-Ispiera, Triq is-Sieġħ u Triq is-Swieqi.

11.3.8 Rigward il-problema tal-permess minn naħa tal-ERA, dwar il-qluġħ tas-siġar minn Ġnien MCC, il-Kunsill ġie infurmat li reġa' sar kuntatt ma' din l-entita' u qed jiġi pjanat li ssir laqgħa bl-għan li tinstab soluzzjoni adekwata b'mod immedjat.

11.3.9 Is-Sindku rringrazzja lil Plant Directorate ta' donazzjoni ta' 30 siġar indiġina li se jkunu qed jiġi miżrugħa fil-parti tal-proġett tal-Madliena Trail. Is-SE infurmat li dawn se jkunu qed miżrugħa hekk kif indikat minn Dr Charles Grech u mill-kuntrattur li ħadem ġa fuq dan il-proġett – Delta Projects. Kien hemm qbil unanimu dwar dan. Is-Sindku informa li dan kien proġett ambizzjuż u ġew miżrugħa 400 siġra f'din iż-żona bi saħħa ta' dan il-proġett. Hu rringrazzja lil Kunsillier M.Abela, T.Valentino kif ukoll lil kuntrattur tal-kooperazzjoni shiħa li offra.

11.4 APPROVAZZJONI TA' PAGAMENTI U XIRI IEHOR

11.4.1 L-iskeda tal-pagamenti nru 7 li ġiet mibgħuta minn qabel lil kull Kunsillier, ġiet approvata minn dawk preżenti. Il-Kunsillier R.Sciclina pproponiet u l-Kunsillier T.Valentino issekondat.



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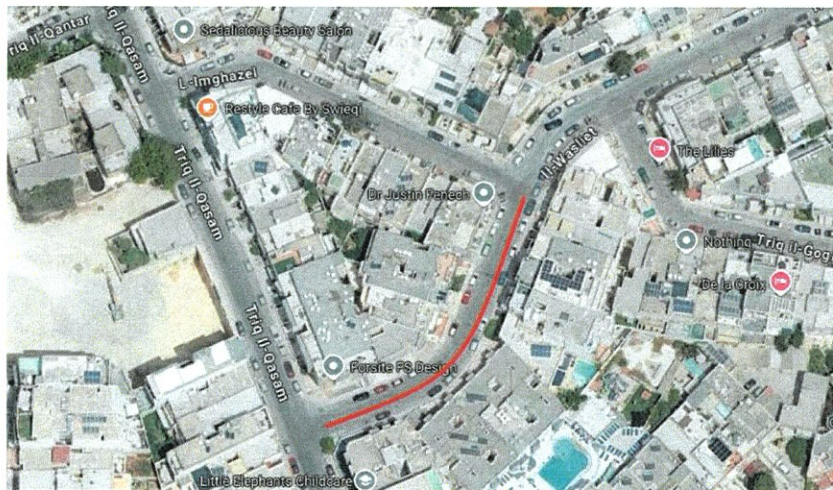


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11.5 RAPPORTI MILL-KUNSILLIERA

Mill-Kunsillier R.Scicluna

11.5.1 Il-Kunsillier reġgħet ipropriet li l-ewwel parti ta' Triq l-Imghazel tiġi msemmija bħal kumplament ta' triq- Triq il-Wasliet. Dan minhabba li diversi *deliveries*/posta mhux jirnexxilhom jaslu. Il- Kunsillier R. Scicluna infurmat li din il-problema tista' tikkawża anke diffikulta f'każ ta' servizzi bħal ambulanzi, fire engines etc. Wara diskuzzjoni, għalhekk gie deciz li l-parti indikata hawn taħt tiġi msemmija Triq il-Wasliet.



Din is-seduta spicċat fid-20.40 u kien hemm qbil li s-Seduta li jmiss issir nhar il-Ħamis 19 ta' Diċembru 2024.


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SWIEQI LOCAL COUNCIL

Council meeting 9/12/24

Meetings held / attended

29/10/24 – Funeral of ex councillor Bernard Manduca who served as a councillor

29/10/24 – Starter pack distributed by Regjun Lvant to children attending Catechism classes.

31/10.24 – meeting with ERA re invasive plant in triq il Pulzier / Wied Mejxu. In attendance Mr Matthew Tabone

11/12/24 – Council continuation meeting

12/11/24 – Meeting with the Community Police

15/11/24 – Meeting with PWD architect and contractor re pavement works to be carried out.

15/11/24 – Meeting with Ben Munster from Politico

16/11/24 – Plein Air Painting

18/11/24 – meeting with Mr John Azzopardi from MEEREA

20/11/24 – World Childrens' Day

20/11/24 – Pedestrian Crossing in triq is Sidra

20/11/24 – Meeting with ERA re Wied Mejxu

20/11/24 - Participated on 'Popolin' re Tourism & Short Let Apartments

21/11/24 - Meeting re proposed development of an Old Peoples' Home in Wied Mejxu on ODZ land.

27/11/24 - Meeting with Mr Jean Luke Micallef - owner of J L Properties Ltd

27/11/24 - Meeting with residents re turning triq il Wizna 'one way' and the introduction of a 'no right hand turn' from triq il Marbat into triq is - Swieqi

28/11/24 - protest re Development of an Old Peoples' Home in Wied Mejxu.

29/11/24 - Meeting with residents who live in a section of triq l-Gharbiel

29/11/24 - Mayors' Meeting in Gozo

01/12/24 - Childrens' Art event organised in conjunction with Regjun Lvant

01/12/24 - Kick off to the Christmas season - activities organised by th Local Council

02/12/24 - 'Meet & Greet'

04/12/24 - Meeting with Enemalta Chairman

04/12/24 - Meeting with Matthew from 360 Estates re short let apartments

06/12/24 - PA Hearing re development in triq il Hemel

08/12/24 - 25th Anniversary - Parrocca Ibrag

OTHER MATTERS

WATER AND DRAINAGE WORKS

WSC are carrying out water main repairs in various roads.

To date works hve been carried out in :

Triq il Hwt

Triq fuqil Gonna

Triq il Moletta

Triq il Gejza

Triq il Ghajn

Triq il Ktaejjen.

It appears that works will be carried out in part of Hemel too

OTHER ROAD WORKS

IM have still not informed us in which roads they plan to carry out works during 2025.

Works in progress

Resurfacing of Wizna & Barmil

To confirm with the contractor when he plans to carry out these works

Planter triq il Qasam

Works are practically completed. Project Green have accepted to donate the trees that shall be planted. However delivery of the trees will not be made before mid JANUARY.

Planting of trees in 3 planters + replacement of 3 trees that had died

Trees have been planted in 3 new planters situated in the corners : Mizura/Kartocc, Li Spiera/Hemel and Hemel/ Ronkun

We have also replaced 3 trees that died in Victoria Gardens, in the planter in the corner Sirk/Gejza and in a planter in Ibrag road (next to LU LU).

Vjal Kulhadd – Triq is - Swieqi

We have submitted an application to Infrastructure Malta re ‘Vjal Kulhadd’ project.

Plans attached.

Embellishment of Swieqi rd - Project Green

We are still waiting for the signing of the € 300,00 project for the embellishment of Triq is Swieqi.

Land adjacent to the local council

Further to our meeting held with Project Green last 30/09/24, to date we have not received any feed back. I have sent a chaser.

Clinic

Even though we wrote to the Minister for Health on several occasions, we have never received a reply. I kindly ask the Executive Secretary to send one final reminder. If we do not receive a reply, we will then write to the Hon Prime Minister about this issue.

Stair lift

In this case we have hit a brick wall. Unfortunately the contractor who won the bid has failed to deliver. We have asked our legal advisor to inform the contractor that the agreement is being terminated and in due course we shall be contacting the bidder who was second in the list.

This is indeed very disappointing news since several people with mobility problems have been deprived from making use of the council hall.

Due to the sensitivity of the issue and so as to expedite matters we had begged DLG to let us obtain 3 quotations rather than issue a tender. They did not allow us and this is the result. This is NOT RIGHT.

Embellishment Ibrag road

We need to contact the contractor and agree on a time frame for works to be carried out.

Gnien Mairice Caruana Curran - boundary wall in triq il Hemel/Pavement in triq is Sejjieh

ERA have once again refused our claim to remove trees the roots of which have damaged the pavement in triq is Sejjieh and the boundary wall in triq il Hemel.

We have no other option but to work around the problem and work as they suggested, the embellishment project must proceed as soon as possible.

Triq il Giebja/Josef Kalleja

Mr Bugeja from Allwoods and Steel sent us his 'no objection' re construction of a road in triq il – Giebja rather than steps.

We need to follow up the position with PA.

Madliena afforestation

The project is progressing well and we should be meeting the deadline. Probably this week it will be completed.

It must be noted that we have obtained an additional 30 indigenous trees from the Plant Directorate, and for this we heartily thank Mr Matthew Tabone, Chief Scientific Officer at the Plant Directorate. These additional trees were delivered and planted today. 400 trees have been planted in this area.

Allow me to thank all the people who have worked on this project, thus councillors MaryAnne Abela and Teresa Valentino, together with Dr Grech and the contractor.

However allow me to particularly thank the Executive Secretary, Ms Clarissa Buhagiar, who worked tirelessly and incessantly so as to make sure that the project id completed on time. She must have had a few sleepless nights.

Green Wall on the roof of the Local Council

We need to follow up at what stage this project is

Embellishment of the area in front of San Andrea Court

OTHER MATTERS

Drainage smells In triq il qasam – near Jolly Jumpers

The foul smell persists. This needs to be solved.

Donation of trees

The Plant Directorate donated 4 trees to the local council.

An Azalor was planted in the new planter in the corner Spiera/Hemel and 3 Pistaccias were planted in two pots that are situated in Swieqi road and in another pot on triq is Siegh.

We thank Mr Matthew Tabone, Chief Scientific Officer at the Plant Directorate

Raymond Pitre -

The famous artist Raymond Pitre passed away two weeks ago. The artist resided in Swieqi. I suggest that a road be named in his honour.

There are two roads named 'Santu Wistin'. One is the road that leads to Bay Street and it falls under the territory of St Julians. The other is the dead end road at the rear of Santa Rita, and the Hyatt Hotel, and this falls under our territory.

Very often this causes confusion. Only recently, a contractor obtained a permit to carry out works in our Santu Wistin from the St Julians the St Julians Local council.

I suggest that we re name this road to Raymond Pitre.

Request for a zebra crossing in Ibrag road in front of the parking area, further up from triq il Barmil

A resident has asked for the installation of a zebra crossing in upper triq l-Ibrag, in front of the car park further up from triq il Barmil.

There already exists a zebra crossing a few meters down the road, close to the ex Halland Hotel.

Hemel appeal

Last Friday the PA decided in favour of the proposed development in triq il Hemel. The residents wish to appeal the decision and have asked the local council for financial assistance. I am in favour of assisting the residents.

Christmas Greetings

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Noel Muscat', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Noel Muscat
09.12.24