Is-Swieqi
LOCAL COUNCIL

MINUTI

LAQGĦA TAL-KUNSILL LOKALI S-SWIEQI

ID-DISA' LEĠISLATURA 2024

SEDUTA NUMRU 31

Il-Kunsill Lokali tas-Swieqi iltaqa f'seduta nhar il-Ħamis 4 ta' Diċembru 2025 fil- 16.46.

Preżenti:

Noel Muscat	-	Sindku
Jordan Galea Pace	-	Viċi Sindku
Mary Anne Abela	-	Kunsillier
Teresa Valentino	-	Kunsillier
Anna Pisani	-	Kunsillier
Edgar Rossignaud	-	Kunsillier
Lucia Vassallo	-	Kunsillier

Uffiċjal Preżenti: Clarissa Buhagiar – Segretarju Eżekuttiv

Il-Kunsillieri M.Balzan u R. Scicluna talbu sabiex jkunu skużati.

Is-Sindku qal it-talba.

Noel Muscat
Sindku

Clarissa Buhagiar
Segretarju Eżekuttiv

31.1 APPROVAZZJONI TAL-MINUTI

31.1.1 Il-Minuti tas-Seduta Nru. 29 ġew approvati hekk kif emmendati. Il-Kunsillier A.Pisani pproponiet u l-Kunsillier L.Vassallo issekondat.

Il-Minuti tas-Seduta Nru 30 ġew approvati. Il-Kunsillier T. Valentino ipproponiet u l-Viċi Sindku ssekonda.

31.2 PUNTI LI JOĦORĠU MILL-MINUTI

31.2.1 Il-Kunsillier A.Pisani staqsiet jekk hemmx xi indikazzjoni meta se tiġi ttrimjata is-siġra fi Triq il-Faxxina k/m Triq il-Qasam. Is-SE infurmat li se terġa' tfakkar lill-kuntrattur.

31.2.2 Il-Kunsillier T. Valentino staqsiet jekk hemmx xi progressi ġodda dwar il-proġett ta' restawr tal-Militiary Wall tal-Madliena. Is-SE infurmat li wara li saret laqgħa mal-Perit ikkonċernata jidher li qed jintalab sabiex jitpoġġew *barriers* tal-konkrit mad-dawra ta' Triq il-Pont. Is-SE infurmat li peress li dan barriers se jitpoġġew fi triq u din it-triq hija waħda dejqa, hija inkiwtanti u jkun jaqbel jekk jiġu infurmati TM qabel ma jibdew dawn ix-xogħlijiet. Kien hemm qbil unanimu minn dawk preżenti peress li s-sigurta' tibqa' l-ewwel prijorita'. Is-SE infurmat li se tagħmel kuntatt mal-Perit responsabli.

31.2.3 Il-Viċi Sindku staqsa jekk hemm xi indikazzjoni meta se jitħawlu s-siġar fil-planter il-ġdid ta' Triq il-Qatta. Is-Sindku nforma li qed nistennew minn naħa ta' PG dwar meta se jkunu qed jipprovdu dawn is-siġar.

31.2.4 Il-Kunsillier T.Valentino staqsiet jekk Ambjent Malta infurmawx x'inhu l-pjan tagħhom għal Masġar tal-Madliena. Is-SE infurmat li sa issa għad m'hemm l-ebda tip ta' rispons.

31.2.5 Il-Kunsillier M.Abela staqsiet dwar il-proposta tal-fondi ta' 15k minngħand ir-Reġjun. Is-SE infurmat li Reġjun ma laqax l-ewwel proposta tal-Kunsill, dik li ssir attivta' kulturali, u għalhekk hemm bżonn li tiġi sottometta proposta oħra. Wara diskuzzjoni, kien hemm qbil unanimu li napplikaw sabiex issir tip ta' *shading* biex fil-ġranet tas-sajf , il-*play area* ta' Ġnien Mons Victor Grech tkun tista' tintuża xorta. Fil-waqt li mill-fondi disponibli tal-LESA, napplikaw biex isiru dawn *shading* fil-ġonna indikati hawn taħt:

- Ġnien FX Ebejer (l-area ta' l-open gym)
- Ġnien Espirt Barthet

Kien hemm qbil minn dawk preżenti. Is-SE se tkun qed tressaq dawn il-proposti.

Noel Muscat
Sindku

Clarissa Buhagiar
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31.2 PUNTI LI JOĦORĠU MILL-MINUTI

31.2.6 Il-Viċi Sindku staqsa jekk hemm xi rispons dwra il-proposta tiegħu li parti minn Triq it-Tiben (minn Faxxina sa Ġwielaq) tistax issir *chicane*. Is-SE infurmat li din il-proposta għaddietha lil Perit tal-Kunsill u dan informa li jrid jsir studju fuq it-triq l-ewwel u li hemm il-probabilta' li jintilfu diversi parking spaces.

31.3 RAPPORT MIS-SINDKU

31.3.1 Is-Sindku ppreżenta rapport idettaljat tal-ħidma tiegħu. Dan se jkun anness ma' dawn il-Minuti bħala App. A.

31.3.2 B'referenza għall-appell li qed jiġi ppreparat mill-Moviment Graffiti dwar l-permess ta' żvillup li nħareġ riċentament mill-PA lil DB; is-Sindku staqsa jekk dan il-Kunsill hux se jkun qed jipparteċipa. Huwa nfurmat li l-Kunsill ta' San Ġiljan se jkun qed jipparteċipa. Il-Kunsillier Rossignaud informa li għalkemm dan il-proġett huwa massiv wisq; ġa la darba dan ġie approvat mill-PA ma jidhirx li dan il-permess se jitwaqqa' issa u għalhekk dan l-appell mhux se jkun effettiv. Is-Sindku nforma li l-Kunsill ma jistax ma jieħux azzjonijiet meta żvillupi bħal dawn li se jkunu se jaffettwaw b'mod ħażin lil-lokalita'. Wara diskuzzjoni, ġie deċiż li l-Kunsill jipparteċipa fuq kundizzjonijiet indikati hawn taħt:

- Il-Kunsill joħroġ biss €500 bħala għajnuna finanzjajra
- Jiġi vverifikat mal-Avukat tal-Kunsill, jekk l-iżvillupatur jistax iffitex b'mod legali lill-Kunsill peress li se nkunu parti mill-appell

Is-Sindku ssuġerixxa li ninotifikaw lil PA, sabiex jekk hu possibli l-lokalita tas-Swieqi wkoll tibbenfika mill-Planning Gain Fund peress li għalkemm dawn il-proġett ma'humiex fil-konfini tas-Swieqi, bla ebda dubju dawn se jħallu impatt negattiv fuq il-lokalita'. Is-SE se tkun qed tikkomunika mal-PA.

31.3.3 Is-Sindku nforma lil mill-5 ta'Jannar se jkunu qed jsiru xogħlijiet relatati mal-*cables* tad-dawl minn naħa tal-Enemalta fi Triq il-Qantar, Triq il-Keffa, Triq it-Terz u Triq il-Kwartin. Minħabba li Triq il-Keffa hija relativament triq ġdida li saret biss ftit tas-snin ilu; il-Kunsill jinsab preokkupat li titħaffer trinka. Wara diskuzzjoni, ġie deċiż li l-Perit responsabli jiġi kkuntattjat dwar din il-materja.

Il-Kunsillier L.Vassallo talbet sabiex tkun skużata. Il-ħin kien 18:30.

Noel Muscat
Sindku

Clarissa Buhagiar
Segretarju Eżekuttiv

31.3 RAPPORT MIS-SINDKU- ikompli

31.3.4 Fir-rapport aness hemm lista tal-laqgħat li s-Sindku attenda dwar xogħlijiet tal-Kunsill.

31.3.5 Is-Sindku nforma li IM bdew ix-xogħol tat-tarmak fi Triq ix-Xiber (il-parti li tmiss ma' Triq is-Siegħ). Sadanittant, skond l-arraġamenti li saru minn naħa ta' TM, it-traffiku qed jgħaddi minn Triq F. Vidal. Ġie innutat li din it-triq ukoll qiegħda fi stat ħażin għat-traffiku u għaldaqstant sar kuntatt ma' IM sabiex din tkun ukoll fil-lista ta' toroq li jridu jingħataw it-tarmak mill-aktar fis.

31.3.6 Rigward Triq il-Barmil, is-Sindku nforma li ingħata l-ewwel saff tat-tarmak. Hu rringrazzja lil IM kif ukoll lir-residenti ta' din l-istess triq.

31.3.7 Rigward ix-xogħlijiet fi Triq il-Ħemel li qed isiru minn IM, is-Sindku nforma li dawn jinstabu fi stat avvanzat sew peress li ix-xogħlijiet fuq sistemi tad-drenaġġ diġa' huma lesti.

31.3.8 Nhar it-13 u l-14 ta' Diċembru, is-Sindku nforma li saru l-attivitajiet tal-Milied fi Ġnien Mons. Victor Grech. Hu rringrazzja lil kull min għen fl-organizazzjoni speċjalment lil Kunsillieri M.Abela, R.Scicluna, A.Pisani flimkien mas-SE, membri tal-istaff u s-Sa. Asha Caruana. Fil-11 ta' Diċembru, sar wkoll festin zgħir għall-anzjani u li wkoll kien ta' suċċess. Hu rringrazzja lil Kunsillier T.Valentino.

31.3.9 Is-Sindku nforma li mill-1 ta' Diċembru, xegħlu dawl dekorattiv tal-Milied fit-toroq indikati hawn taħt. Dawn ġew installati b'għajnuna finanzjarja diretta mill-MTA u mir-Reġjun Lvant.

- Triq il-Qasam
- Triq is-Swieqi
- Ġnien Mons Victor Grech
- Ġnien Esprit Barthet
- Ġnien FX Ebejer
- Triq tal-Ibraġ
- Triq l-Uqija

31.3.10 Is-Sindku nforma li b'kollaborazzjoni mad-Dipartiment tas-saħħa, il-Kunsill għal darb oħra reġa' offra dani is-servizz tal-vaċċin tal-COVID, tal-influenza u PV2. Il-Kunsillier R. Scicluna infurmat li dis-sena dan is-servizz kien mogħti lil kull resident mhux biss għall-anzjani.

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31.3 RAPPORT MIS-SINDKU- ikompli

31.3.11 Rigward il-possibilta' li jiġi installat *chair-lift* sabiex persuni bi problemi ta' mobilta' jkunu jistgħu jaċċessaw ukoll is-sala, CRPD qed jinsistu li jrid jsir outdoor lift. Jekk mhux se jirnexxilna nikkonvinċu CRPD qegħdin f'riskju li:

- Nitilfu l-fondi allokati
- Jkollna noħorġu sejħa għall-offerti oħra
- Apparti li żgur m'hemmx fondi biżżejjed biex isir dan l-*outdoor lift*

31.3.12 Is-Sindku nforma li llum stess irċvejna b'mod uffiċċjali mill-ERA li nistgħu nipproċedu bil-qlugħ tas-siġar tat-tieni fażi tal-ħajt ta' Ġnien MCC. Sfortunatament mir-rapport tal-persuni tekniċi jidher b'mod ċar li dawn kellhom jinqalgħu wkoll.

31.3.13 Is-Sindku nforma li l-Kunsill irċieva l-allokazzjoni finanzjara għas-sena 2026. L-allokazzjoni totali tammonta għal €993,950.00. Hu nforma li għall-ewwel darba, fuq talba tiegħu, il-Kunsill irċieva għajnuna finanzjarja addizzjonali ta' €20k. Din is-somma tingħata biss lil dawk il-lokalitajiet li jkollhom influs ta' turisti f'ċerti perjodi tas-sena. Is-SE infurat li fil-jiem li ġejjin se jkunu qed jibdew il-preparamenti fuq il-Budget tal-Kunsill għas-sena 2026.

31.3.14 Rigwad it-tieni fażi tal-proġett tal-Madliena Trail, is-Sindku nforma li skont informazzjoni mill-GAL Majjistral jidher li hemm fondi disponnobli għal dan l-iskop. Is-SE infurmat li hekk kif il-Kunsill jiġbir ir-rimbors tal-ewwel fażi u b'hekk l-ewwel fażi tkun kompluta, nkunu nistgħu nibdew il-preparamenti fuq it-tieni fażi.

31.3.15 Is-Sindku nforma li Mr Caruana Dingli mill-Breast Cancer Foundation avviċina lil dan il-Kunsill sabiex fl-okkażżjoni tal-għeluq ta' 25 sena anniversarju minn din il-fondazzjoni, jiġu mħawla 200 siġar/arbuxxel fil-Madliena Trail nhar il-Ħadd 4 ta'Jannar 2026. Hu rringrazzjah talli għażel din il-lokalita' u tal-kooperazzjoni tiegħu. Il-Kunsillieri M.Abela u T. Valentino qed jassistu f'din l-inizjattiva. Il-Kunsill se jkun qed ikopri l-ispejjez relatati ma' plakki kommemorattivi kif ukoll l-irrigazzjoni.

31.3.16 Rigward l-installazjoni ta' CCTV Cameras ġodda, is-Sindku nforma li MTA aċċettaw li jiffinanzjaw dan il-proġett u għalhekk se jkun qed jibda' ix-xogħol b'mod imminenti sabiex sal-aħħar ta' Diċembru jkunu ġew installati cameras. Hu nforma wkoll li dawn il-cameras se jkunu qed jiġu ssorveljati minn naħa tal-LESA.

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31.3 RAPPORT MIS-SINDKU- ikompli

31.3.17 Is-Sindku nforma li IM dalwaqt se jkun qed jibdew ix-xogħolijiet *ta' resurafcing* fi Triq l-Għajn. Hu ppropona li jsiru planters fi Triq il-Għajn km Triq il-Ktajjen sabiex anke din iż-żona tingħata iktar ħajja. Kien hemm qbil minn dawk preżenti għaldaqstant il-Perit tal-Kunsill se jkun qed jiddisinja dawn il-planters u hekk kif kif jiġu approvati minn naħa ta' TM, se nkunu qed insaqsu lil IM forsi jkunu jistgħu jagħmluhom huma.

31.3.18 Is-Sindku rrefera għall-attiviatjiet tal-Milied li qed jiġu ppjanati mis-Sotto Kumitat imexxi mill-Kunsillier M. Abela bl-għajnuna tal-Kunsillier R. Scicluna, A.Pisani u T. Valentino flimkien mas-SE. L-attiviatjiet se jkunu mqassmin hekk kif indikat hawn taħt u se jkunu l-maġġorparti ffinanzjati mid-Dipartiment għall-Gvern Lokali wara li l-Kunsill kien applika u bbenifika minn din l-iskema wkoll.

- 11 ta' Diċembru – festin żgħir għall-anzjani residenti
- 13 u 14 ta' Diċembru – attivitajiet differenti bħal *Breakfast with Santa, crafts* tal-Milied, artisti lokali, jinġabru rigali għat-tfal li għaddejjin minn żminijiet diffiċli etc
- 3 ta' Jannar – nagħlqu l-festi tal-Milied b' ċelebrazzjoni żgħira fil-Kappella tal-Madliena

Is-Sindku rringrazzja lil dawk kollha involuti tax-xogħol u l-impenn tagħhom u ħeġġeġ lil kulħadd biex jattendi.

31.3.19 Rigward il-proposta' sabiex ssir *planter* fi Triq il-Wiżna k/m Triq il-Qasam ,is-Sindku nforma li l-Perit għaddielna id-disinn il-ġdid u jekk hemm qbil, dan jista' jiġi ppreżentat lil TM għall-approvazzjoni tagħhom u wara ngħaddu għall-applikazzjoni mill-fondi ta' DPF. Kien hemm qbil unaninu dwar dan.

31.3.20 Rigward l-*embellishment* ta' kull kantuniera fi Triq is-Swieqi bi ftehim ta' finanzjament minngħand Project Green, is-Sindku nforma li hemm bżonn lir-residenti ta' Triq is-Swieqi kif ukoll ta' toroq li se jsir tibdil fl-immaniġjar tat-traffiku għandhom jiġu avżati mill-aktar fis. Wara diskuzzjoni, ġie deċiż li tintbagħat ittra idettaljat b' mod uffiċċjali.

31.3.21 B'referenza għall-ispazju miftuħ propost minn Project Green, is-Sindku nforma li se ssir laqgħa nhar il-15 ta' Diċembru fi 09.30 fl-uffiċċcju tal-Kunsill. Hu stieden lil Kunsilliera sabiex jattendu.

Noel Muscat
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31.3 RAPPORT MIS-SINDKU- ikompli

31.3.22 Rigward ix-xogħlijiet minn naħa tal-Public Works, bħalissa qed nistennew l-kuntrattur imqabbad minnhom sabiex jindika meta se jibda xogħlijiet fi Triq is-Siegħ u Triq G.Lebrun.

31.3.23 B'referenza għax-xogħlijiet li saru b'test fi Pjazza Uqija, skont il-Perit, jirriżulta li l-bażi ta' siment għadha f'kundizzjoni tajba u li l-ħsara tidher li ġiet ikkawżata minħabba l-materjal li tpoġġa taħt il-madum. Għalkemm ilkoll naqblu li dawn ix-xogħlijiet għandhom jsiru mill-aktar fis, irridu jinstabu l-fondi neċċessarji peress li DPF m'għadhomx jistgħu jintużaw għal dan l-iskop.

31.3.24 Is-Sindku nforma li l-ħajt li jwasslek għas-sala, għandu bżonn jinkesa b'xi tip ta' materjal peress li jagħti vera dehra kerha u ta' telqa lill-binja kollha. Is-SE infurmat li l-problema tal-ilma tidher li baqgħet ma ġietx solvuta minkejja li tneħħiet il-planter ta' fuqu eżatt. Hija kienet ukoll ħadet parir mill-Perit tal-Kunsill fejn dan kien informa li sabiex jiġi stabilit x'inhi l-problema trid tinqala' l-ħamrija tal-istess ġnien sabiex jiġi ddentifikat jekk hemmx xi problemi fil-membrane u l-qlib. Wara diskuzzjoni, ġie deċiż li għalissa tinstab soluzzjoni adekwat sabiex dan il-ħajt jitgħatta.

31.4 APPROVAZZJONI TA' PAGAMENTI U XIRI IEĦOR

31.4.1 L-iskeda tal-pagamenti nru. 19 ġiet approvata minn dawk preżenti. Din l-iskeda intbagħet permezz ta' imejl lil kull Kunsillier minn qabel.

Noel Muscat
Sindku

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SWIEQI LOCAL COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING - 04.12.25

MEETINGS HELD ATTENDED

31.10.25 - COUNCIL MEETING RE USE OF THE COUNCIL VAN

30.11.25 – AI FOR LOCAL COUNCILS

20.11.25 – SWIEQI FC LAUNCH RE PARTNERSHIP WITH ILAJI FC AND COLLABOARTAION WITH FC VYSOCINA JIHLAVA FROM THE CHZECH REPUBLIC

04.11.25 – MEETING WITH JEAN PIERRE AND LLIANA AZZOPARDI

11.11.25 – MEETING WITH KRISTIN HOLLAND FROM YMCA

11.11.25 – MEETING WITH MARTINA SAMMUT – MANAGER RE EU FUNDS WITH REGJUN LVANT

13.11.25 – LOCAL COUNCIL CONTINUATION MEETING

14.11.25 – TESTING RE DAMAGES IN TRIQ LUQIJA

18.11.25 – DISTRIBUTION OF STARTER PACK BY REGJUN LVANT TO YEAR ONE CHILDREN WHO ATTEND CATECHISM LESSONS AT TH IBRAG CHURCH

19.11.25 – MEETING WITH MADLIENA RESIDENTS & DEVELOPER CHARLES CAMILLERI

20.11.25 – MEETING WITH MR GORDON CARUANA DINGLI RE BREAST CLINIC MEMORIAL GROVE IN MADLIENA

20.11.25 – MOBILE HEALTH UNIT

30.11.25 – TREE PLANTING IN MADLIENA – NGO THE COAST IS CLEAR & AN I GAMING COMPANY

24.11.25 - MEETING WITH CASUMO HR OFFICIALS

24.11.25 – MEETING RE CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

24.11.25 – MEETING AT AGENZIJA ZAGHZAGH

26.11.25 – SITE MEETING WITH LADY MARKS RE BREAST CLINIC MEMORIAL GROVE AND PHASE 2 OF THE AFFORESTATION PROJECT.

27.11.25 – MEETING WITH THE COMMUNITY POLICE

27.11.25 PA HEARING RE DB EXTENSION

28.11.25 MEDITERRANEAN TOURISM FORUM

29.11.25 – CHILDRENS' DAY

01.12.25 – MEETING RE XUEREB TOWER

02.12.25 – MEETING WITH ENEMALTA RE PROPOSED WORKS IN C TORISI/KEFFA/QANTAR/TERZ

04.12.25 – MEETING WITH PERIT DIETER ANS CATBROS RE OUTSTANDING WORKS

We discussed the various projects in hand . these are rported below.

OTHER MATTERS

ROAD WORKS

TRIQ IX XIBER

Works in triq ix Xiber have commenced and they are progressing well.

Meanwhile, traffic has been deviated through nearby triq Vidal. This road was already in a bad state, however due to the continuous flow of heavy vehicles the road has deteriorated to unacceptable levels. We have now included it in our priority list of roads that need to be upgraded with urgency.

TRIQ IL BRAMEL

The first year of tarmac has been laid.

TRIQ IL HEMEL

Works in triq il Hemel are at an advanced stage. Works on the pavements and the parking areas have been completed. Repairs on a section of the drainage system have been carried out. Soon the road will be scarified and the prepared for the laying of the tarmac.

14.12.25 – presentation of awards to the winners of the Childrens' on line Art Exhibition –

16.12.25 – Christmas lunch

It must be noted that the cost of the activities is financed by Department for Local Councils.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

As in previous years we decorated part of Swieqi road, parts of triq il Qasam, part of Ibrag road and part of triq l-Uqijaas well as our four public gardens, Gnien Maurice Caruana Curran, Gnien Mons Victor Grech, Gnien Esprit Barthet and Gnien F X Ebejer.

I suggest that next year we will light up triq il Qasam from triq il Keffa to triq il Faxxina.

The cost of these decorations was financed by the Malta Tourism Authority and Regjun Lvant

FLU JAB

The Flu Jab was successfully administered at the council premises. We wish to thank Ms Mary Dimech, the nurse who very kindly and efficiently delivered the service to 200 people.

CHAIR LIFT

Unfortunately no progress has been registered with the installation of this lift. CRPD are insisting that we re instal an outdoor lift and not a chair lift. This means that :

1) We will loose the funds that we have available for a chair lift.
2) We will need to issue another tender of the purchase and installation of an outdoor lift, which means a further delay of several months
3) We do not have the funds available for an outdoor lift.

We are trying to set u a meeting with CRPD and minister Julia Farrugia to try and solve this very sad issue which has dragged for too long and which has deprived people with mobility problems to attend and participate in the activities that are organised in the Council Hall. This is simply not right.

RETAINING WALL IN TRIQ IL HEMEL

Today we received a notification from ERA that we can proceed with the removal of the remaining trees that are causing structural damage to the retaining wall in triq il Hemel.

FINANCIAL ALLOCATION FOR BASIS YEAR 2026

The Department for Local Councils has sent us details of the Financial Allocation for Bais Year 2026. The total allocation is of € 993,950 which is practically at par with that of last year. for the first time we have received € 20,000 to fund touristic zones.

I am convinced that due to the steep increase in the cost of services and products purchased by the local council we will find it vey difficult to make ends meet during 2026.. We await the budget that will be presented by the Executive Secretary for Basis Year 2026.

PHASE 2 OF THE AFFORESTATION PROJECT IN MADLIENA.

I am informed that there are EU funds available for the implementation of Phase 2 of the afforestation project in Madliena. I am of the opinion that we should apply for these funds.

Lady Marks has shown interest to finance the 20% of the cost which should be paid by the Local Council.

BREAST CANCER MEMORIAL GROVE

We have been approached by Mr Gordon Caruana Dingli, a renowned Surgeon, who heads the Breast Cancer Foundation in Malta. This year the Foundation is celebration its 25th anniversary, and to commemorate this important event they have expressed their interest to plant trees in Madliena.

We are thankful to Mr Caruana Dingli for having chosen our locality to commemorate such an important event. We have since organised several meetings to plan the way forward. The costs of the tree planting will be paid for by the Foundation and they aim to plant the trees toward the end of December.

Councillors MaryAnne Abela and Teresa Valentino are assisting with the realisation of this noble project. We have onboarded Dr Charles Grech to assist us with the logistics of this project.

It must be noted that since The Foundation announced this project, three individuals have asked us to pay for the planting of a tree in memory of their departed loved ones.

CCTV CAMERAS

I am pleased to inform you that MTA have accepted to finance the cost of the replacement of the CCTV cameras that were installed in the locality about ten years ago.

The works need to be completed by the end of December

The system will be administered by LESA.

We thank MTA for their continued assistance.

NEW PLANTERS IN TRIQ IL GHAJN

IM will soon be starting road works in triq il Ghajn.

We shall be asking IM to instal two new planters in the corners of triq il Ghajn corner with triq il Ktajjen. Plans have been prepared and we have asked IM to issue the permits.

TREE PALNTING IN THE NEW PLANTERS IN TRIQ IL HAWT.

We have planted 6 different types of Etna Fire in three new planters in Triq il Hawt.

PLANTERS IN TRIQ IL QATTA

We are still waiting for Project Green to deliver the Cipress trees that will be planted in the new planters situated in triq il Qatta. Hopefully they should be delivered next week.

Project Green will also be donating 8 Etna Fire plants which are going to planted in 3 planters in triq il Qasam.

OTHER PLANNED ROAD WORKS

Once works in Hemel are completed, full works will proceed in Ghajn, Ktajjen, and Dris whereas trench repairs will be carried out in Gwielaq and Gharbiel.

On 15th December we shall be meeting IM so as to discuss pending works.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

I wish the heartily thank councillors MaryAnne Abela, Teresa Valentino, Rowena Scicluna and Anna Pisani and the council staff ably led by The Executive Secretary , Clarissa and Donna together with Asha Caroline Caruana. Together they planned and organised an ambitious, interesting and varied program of activities that will be organised between the 11th and the 16th of December which includes ;

11.12.25 – Party for senior citizens with Freddie Portelli as the main guest

13 & 14.12.25 – Various Christmas activities – including the switching on of the Christmas Tree, opening of the Christmas Market, with the participation of Local bands. We shall also have the 'Father Christmas Hut'. Father Christmas will receive presents from children to be donated to less fortunate children a band will also be touring some of the roads in the locality with the participation of Father Christmas.

PLANTER IN THE CORNER QASAM/WIZNA

Recently Perit Falzon provided us with a plan for the new planter in the corner Qasam/Wizna.

If we are in agreement with the plans presented, and once TM give us their go ahead, we can proceed with filing an application to PA for the funding of the project using Project Development Funds.

TRIQ IL GIEBJA STAIRCASE/ROAD

Believe it or not, after all these months since we filed our application and after trying hard to obtain the assistance of Minister of Lands, we have now been asked to prepare some other document. This is totally unacceptable. Why weren't we informed of this requirement in the first place. This just adds on to our several other frustrations. The lack of genuine assistance from certain departments ridicules us and makes us appear as useless in the eyes of our residents.

EMBELLISHMENT WORKS IN SWIEQI ROAD

We plan to start works during early January. Residents who live in Swieqi road and in the side streets need to be informed about the project. Shall we organise a public meeting so as to explain the plans ?

OTHER WORKS IN PROGRESS

PROJECT GREEN GARDEN IN TRIQ IL MIZURA/KARTOCC

An information meeting is going to be held on 15th December at 9.30am either at the council premises or on site

EMBELLISHMENT WORKS IN IBRAG ROAD

These works are at a legal standstill. Since PA are not financing tiling works any longer, we need to change our plans and this may cause problems with the tender specifications.

PAVEMENT REPAIR WORKS IN TRIQ IL LEBRUN & TRIQ IS SIEGH

We are chasing the contractor to start these works.

SHADES IN GNIEN F X EBEJER AND GNIEN MONS VICTOR GRECH

Perit Falzon will be preparing the design and costing for the installation of shades. The cost will be financed by funds made available by Regjun Lvant and Lesa.

REPAIR WORKS IN TRIQ L-UQIJA

Tests carried out have shown that the base of cement is in a good condition and that the damage was caused due to problems in the material that is placed under the tiles.

These repair works need to be carried out soonest possible but we need to source funding !!

REPAIRS TO THE OUTSIDE WALL OF THE COUNCIL HALL

Something must be done to repair the terrible state in which the wall next to stairs leading to the council hall is.

It makes the premises look shabby and neglected. Perit Falzon has been informed to find a solution.

UPGRADING OF THE AREA IN THE CORNER OF MADLIENA RD / MADLIENA HILL

Today we were informed that we have secured the funding of this project. We need to finalise the plans and we must make sure that we work around the finances available.

Noel Muscat

04.12.25