



Is-Swieqi
LOCAL COUNCIL

MINUTI

LAQGHA TAL-KUNSILL LOKALI S-SWIEQI

ID-DISA' LEGISLATURA 2024

SEDUTA NUMRU 34

Il-Kunsill Lokali tas-Swieqi iltaqa f'seduta nhar il-Gimgħa 27 ta' Frar 2026 fl-16.40.

Preżenti:

Noel Muscat	-	Sindku
Rowena Scicluna	-	Kunsillier
Mary Anne Abela	-	Kunsillier
Anna Pisani	-	Kunsillier
Miguel Balzan	-	Kunsillier
Edgar Rossignaud	-	Kunsillier

Uffiċjal Preżenti: Clarissa Buhagiar – Segretarju Eżekuttiv

Skuzati:

Vici Sindku – J. Galea Pace

Kunsillier – T. Valentino

Kunsillier – L. Vassallo

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

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34.1 APPROVAZZJONI TAL-ESTIMI FINANZJARI GĦAS-SENA 2025

34.1.1 Ġew ipprezentati l-estimi finanzjarji għas-sena 2025 li wkoll ġew iċċirkulati minn qabel permezz ta' imejl lil kull kull Kunsillier. Is-Sindku rringrazzja lil dawk prezenti peress li din is-Seduta isejthet b'urgenza minnhabba li deadline tiskadi illum sabiex dawn l-estimi jġu sottometti.

Is-Sindku nforma li l-Kunsill għalaq is-sena 2025 b'deficit ta' €7,419.00 u l-FSI mhux qiegħed skont kif mitlub mir-regolamenti finanzjarji. Hu nforma li din is-sitwazzjoni kienet waħda mistennija u għalkhemm *deficit* ma tistax tqiesu wieħed kbir ħafna, hija xorta sitwazzjoni inkwitanti meta tqis li l-Kunsill qiegħed joqgħod lura milli jagħmel proġetti kapitali ffinanzjati kompletament mill-allokazzjoni, ma sarux installazzjonijiet ġodda ta' dawl tat-triq u hemm impjegat nieqes mill-operat tal-Kunsill.

Is-SE infurmat li ż-żewġ *invoices* li rċieva l-Kunsill riċentament rigward il-cables u demarcation boxes marbuta mal-Proġetta Pilota tal-Enemalta; ma kienux *budgeted* u kompli jitfgħu piż finanzjarju żejjed fuq il-Kunsill li fl-ebda ħin ma konna nfurmati bih qabel ma' dal-proġett skatta.

L-Accountant tal-Kunsill spejga li r-riservi tal-Kunsill spiċċaw kompletament u li qegħdin f'sitwazzjoni li l-Kunsill qed joħroġ iktar milli jdaħħal. Is-Sindku kompli jsostni li s-servizzi kollha għolew b'mod sostanzjali u l-allokazzjoni mhix tirrifletti dawn iż-żidiet.

Il-Kunsillier M. Balzan irrefera għall-ispiza relatata mal-Professional Fees, fejn staqsa jekk dawn jistgħux b'l mod jġu mnaqqsa. Is-SE infurmat li din l-ispiza hija relatata mas-servizzi tal-Periti, Avukat tal-Kunsill, Accountant, Tree Experts u persuno professjonisti li l-Kunsill bilfors għandu bżonn biex jopera sew u anke biex napplikaw għal fondi/proġetti.

Wara diskuzzjoni, ġie deċiż li dawn jġu approvati. Is-Sindku ppropona u l-Kunsillier M. Abela ssekondat.



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SWIEQI LOCAL COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCIL MEETING - 09.03.26

MEETINGS HELD ATTENDED

19.02.26 – MEETING WITH INSPECTOR G GATT

In attendance– Inspector Gabria Gatt and Sergeant K Mintoff, the councillor in charge of security, Mrs MaryAnne Abela and the Executive Secretary Ms Clarissa Buhagiar

We discussed security measures that the Police plan to introduce in the locality shortly. It was agreed not to announce any of the planned measures before the plans are concluded.

19.02.26 – MEETING WITH THE COMMUNITY POLICE

In attendance – Sergeant K Mintoff, Councillor MaryAnne Abela and the Executive Secretary, Ms Clarissa Buhagiar. Discussed :

PARKING AND NOISE NEAR RESTYLE CAFE

A resident has complained of noise coming from this Cafeteria as well as hap hazard parking in the area. Re noise, we were advised that this should be reported to the police as and when it will be happening. Re traffic issues, the police and Lesa will coordinate to control it.

ROAD SIGNS & TRAFFIC THROUGH GAHRBIEL

We discussed whether ‘no entry signs except for residents or to render a service’ which are installed when road works are in progress are enforceable or not.

The quantity of such signs that have been installed in the locality and their long duration has caused some confusion as to whether they are enforceable or not.

Strictly peaking they are enforceable, but if this had to be done, traffic flow in the locality will jam. Ideally these signs should be covered when works are not in progress. We have asked TM for guidance.

27.02.26 –COUNCIL MEETING - APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2025.

In attendance the council's accountant, Mr Daniel Galea, councillors and the Executive Secretary.

The accounts show a deficit for the year of just under € 8K.

The main cause for this deficit was the unexpected and extraordinary cost that we incurred towards the end of the year when we had to replace all the street lights to LED's. Enemalta paid for the cost of the bulbs, but the local council had to pay for the costs of demarcation boxes that needed to be replaced and any extra wiring.

01.03.26 – 1st ANNIVERSARY RE CONSECRATION OF THE IBRAG CHURCH

The local council was invited by the Ibrag Parish for the celebration of the first anniversary since the Church was consecrated.

02.03.26 – LESA SKEMI TA FIANZJAMENT

During this activity our council was awarded € 30K to finance the cost of the shades for Gnien FX Ebejer and Esprit Barthet.

03.03.26 – MEETING WITH PERIT FALZON RE MADLIENA GREENING PROJECT

In attendance Perit Dieter Falzon, councillors MaryAnn Abela and Teresa Valentino and the Executive Secretary. The meeting was not conclusive and an on site meeting will be held so as to see what exactly could be done to embellish the area.

03.03.26 – MEETING RE MINN PJAZZA GHAL PJAZZA

Councillors MaryAnne Abela and Lucia Vassallo are planning to organise a traditional Maltese event in the locality as part of 'Minn Pjazza ghal Pjazza'.

OTHER MATTERS

SHOP IN SWIEQI ROAD SELLING MEDICAL CANNABIS

Worried residents informed queried what type of shop was going to open in the corner Swieqi road/Moletta street. We found out that in all probability a shop selling Medical Cannabis was about to open.

We immediately contacted Perit Rossignaud and Perit Valentino and the police so as to check whether this type of business was allowable.

The architects informed us that the owner of the shop had a permit in hand to operate a small shop. The licence was obtained several years ago, even though we had objected.

The police informed that they could not act at this moment in time since they do not have any concrete evidence in hand.

Considering that the shop is in the proximity of a public garden we wrote to the Commissioner for children for guidance. To date we have not yet received a reply. We have sent a chaser.

BRIDGE FROM PEMBROKE TO SWIEQI

Last week we were all surprised, or rather shocked, to read a post from the Mayor of Pembroke which announced that TM/IM plan to build a bridge that will connect Pembroke to Swieqi.

Believe it or not, the Swieqi Local Council was never informed or even briefed about this project.

We immediately wrote to Minister Chris Bonett and to the CEO of IM, Mr Steve Ellul, about the subject matter but till today we have not yet received a reply.

The plans are appearing on the PA portal and even though the date for objections has not yet opened, i am informed that several objections have already been submitted.

GARBAGE DEPOT

Cleansing Department have informed me that they are trying to instal a 'temporary' garbage depot in the field in Swieqi road, next to the tunnels.

I informed them that this field was always earmarked for road works.

They shall be coordinating with other departments for the necessary permits.

I have no further information to give and we shall be monitoring proceedings closely.

TRIQ CANNATACI

SERVICE CULVERTS

I have been informed that when carrying out road / pavement works, IM do intervene if there are service culverts under a particular pavement.

This is the reason why no works were carried on a stretch of the pavement in Triq l-Gharbiel.

MALTA WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION – OUTREACH PROJECT

MWBA plan to organise a Basketball game in localities. I have asked councillor Miguel Balzan, who is the councillor in charge of sports, to coordinate matters. If need be the game will be organised in the tennis court.

RUBBLE WALL IN MADLIENA ROAD

Lighting in Triq Esprit Barthet

ROADS IN A VERY BAD STATE –

Faxxina

Barmil – part of

Vidal

Gogi

Horza

Imghazel

PLANNED ENEMALTA WORKS – SWIEQI/IKLIN

Today i received a call from an official at Enemalta who wants to set up a meeting to discuss major Enemalta works that are planned from Swieqi to Iklin.