

LOCAL COUNCIL MEETING

06.05.24

MEETINGS HELD/ATTENDED

26.03.24 – TALK BY CANCER SURVIVORS

01.04.24 – MR HENWOOD FROM ERA

In attendance, architect Dieter Falzon, gardener Chrles Mifsud, contractor Simon Muscat and Mr Henwood and another gentleman from ERA.

We discussed the issue of the roots that have uprooted the pavement in triq is Sejjieh and are damaging the boundary wall in triq il Hemel.

The damage is evident and even though we informed ERA that we shall be planting more trees they are still not convinced that the trees should be removed. In their opinion the roots should be trimmed. However the gardener informed us that if we trim the roots the trees will collapse ! Perit Dieter informed them that he will not take responsibility of any damages that may be caused in the event that someone gets injured.

We are waiting for ERA to send us their report.

01.04.24 - PERIT RODNEY MICALLEF – IM

In attendance the contractor Mr Joseph Desira.

Perit Micallef has taken charge of the outstanding works in triq il Mizura. Together we discussed the 'modus operandi'.

03.04.24 – IVAN FARRUGIA – PROJECT GREEN

With Mr Farrugia i discussed the possibility that we introduce several planters all along Swieqi road. In principle he agreed with the project and they would be prepared to finance the project. We need to prepare the plans. Works will be carried out by our contractor.

04.05.24 – PARROCCA IBRAG – 25th ANNIVERSARY

In attendance Vice Mayor, Ms MaryAnne Abela,

We attended Holy Mass that commemorated the 25th Anniversary since Ibrag Church, which is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception, was celebrated by the incoming Parish Priest Fr Brian Gialanze.

We welcomed Fr Gialanze and presented him with a plaque to commemorate the event.

05.04.24 – FR BLAKE CAMILLERI – FAREWELL

In attendance vice Mayor Ms MaryAnne Abela, councillors Ms Theresa Valentino, Mr Edgar Rossignaud and Ms Rowena Scicluna.

Fr Blake Camilleri celebrated his last Holy Mass in his capacity as the Parish Priest of the Ibrag Parish Church.

We thanked him for the sterling service that he offered to the community during his seven year term.

We presented Fr Blake with a gift that was donated from all the local councillors as well as a commemorative plaque.

07.04.24 – OUTING TO HORSE SANCTAURY

This event was organised by Councillor Ms Rowena Scicluna together with Ms Madliena.

08.04.24 – SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT – STUDY

Regjun Lvant organised this talk/seminar during which the results of studies prepared by the department for Social Well Being at the University of Malta were presented.

08.04.24 – COUNCIL CONTINUATION MEETING

10.04.24 – ON SITE MEETING AT GNIEN MAURICE CARUANA CURRAN

In attendance Perit Dieter Falzon, contractor Simon Muscat and Mr Mario from John G Cassar, suppliers of the toys etc.

Progress works were discussed and time frames were established

11.04.24 – MEETING WITH THE HON OMAR FARRUGIA

During this meeting Hon Farrugia announced that Central Govt has allocated a fund of € 10M which will be put at the disposal of local councils to carry out maintenance works in their locality.

Hon Farrugia informed me that they have not allocated a specific amount of fund to each council. Had the fund to be divided equally between each council, our share would be circa € 147,000.

12.04.24 – COUNCIL 80's DISCO

Unfortunately i missed this event since i was abroad. May i congratulate the organisers ably headed by Councillor Ms Theresa Valentino

13.04.24 – ART FOR CHILDREN

Another Art event ably organised by Ms Asha Caroline Caruana. It was very well attended.

16.04.24 – MEETING RE MADLIENA TRAIL

18.04.24 – MEETING WITH DR CHARLES GRECH

22.04.24 – MEETING WITH MR JOHNATHAN BORG RE TRAFFIC LIGHTS IN QASAM

22.04.24 – MEETING WITH THE COMMUNITY POLICE

22.04.24 – IM PUBLIC MEETING RE SWIEQI/PACEVILLE JUNCTION

Infrastructure Malta organised a public meeting in the Council Hall. During this meeting which lasted from 2 to 6pm, three architects and the CEO of IM explained the planned project and replied to residents' concerns.

It appears that the main concerns and worries are directed at the planned alterations in triq l-Gharbiel, particularly with the trimming of the bend.

We must make sure that we involve the council's architect so as to make sure that these adjustments will not have any negative effect on the residents' well being.

Re loss of parking spaces, i have already asked IM to make sure that the remaining car spaces will be reserved for residents only. I have also informed IM that If the planned changes effect residents negatively, the road will serve residents' only.

We need to set up a 'follow up' meeting with IM.

23.04.24 – MEETING WITH RESIDENTS FROM VICTORIA GARDENS

In attendance Vice Mayor Ms MaryAnne Abela and the Executive Secretary, Ms Clarissa Buhagiar.

The residents have asked us whether it was possible for them to instal a camera that will face the entry/exit in triq il Barmil and it will be used for security purposes. The installation and maintenance costs will be paid for by the residents. the camera will be connected to the council's server.

It has been decided that a letter will be sent to every household in Victoria Gardens. Residents will be asked whether they agree that a camera will be installed and whether they agree to finance the costs.

27.04.24 – REGJUN LVANT AGM

The AGM was held at the Hotel Intercontinental. Unfortunately i could not attend.

03.05.24 – ART DEXHIBITION

Asha Caroline Caruana has done it again and in a bigger way !! A huge thank you and 'prosit' to Asha Caroline Caruana who organised a three day exhibition single handed since Councillor Paul Fenech was indisposed and Perit Muscat Azzopardi was not available. Once again thank you Caroline & Mario.

04.05.24 – ARTISIAN FAYRE

Allow me to congratulate Councillor Ms Rowena Scicluna and resident Derek Abbot, together with the council staff who took charge to organise this beautiful event. It was very well organised and people seem to have enjoyed themselves. It was an excellent first and i sincerely hope that we will have more of these events in the near future.

OTHER MATTERS

ROAD WORKS

MIZURA

Works in triq il Mizura are progressing at a very slow pace. Works commenced on 01.04.24 and during this time only works in the section Ibrag road/triq il Kartocc were carried out.

We have written to the IM architect in charge about the slow pace with which works are being carried out.

WIZNA / BARMIL

Council had accepted that part of these roads will be resurfaced/patched.

We are waiting for the contractor to confirm when works can commence.

OTHERS ROAD WORKS

We have repeatedly written to IM asking them to confirm which roads they plan to resurface this year. We have been asking them for this information since last January, and even though we are in the fifth month of the year we still do not know which roads are going to be resurfaced.

We have provided them with the list of the roads that in our opinion need to be resurfaced in the short term, thus :

Triq il Ghajn

Triq il Horza

Triq il Ktajjen

Triq il Faxxina

Triq il Moletta

Triq il Ghamad

There are some roads where WSC plan to carry out works and they had assured us that they would be resurfacing the roads themselves, thus :

Part of triq il Hemel – from Sirk to Gwielaq

Triq il Hawt

Triq fuq Gonna

We have been chasing WSC to inform us when they plan to start carrying out the works, but to date we have not received any confirmation.

TRIQ IL GIEBJA / TRIQ JOSEF KALLEJA

Notary Fenech completed the ricerki that were outstanding.

EMBELLISHMENT WORKS

GNIEN MAURICE CARUANA CURRAN

The first phase of the embellishment works have been completed. I am very please with the outcome.

The second phase involves civil works, which include the repair of the pavement in triq is Sejjieh, corner with Qatta, where we plan to construct a larger planter, the replacement of the boundary wall in triq il Hemel and the reconstruction of the two entrances. Works cannot proceed until a decision is taken as to what can be done to solve the damage being caused by the roots of the trees.

I am informed that severai people are frequenting the garden since it has been refurbished.

I ma of the opinion that we should do a soft opening to commemorate the refurbishment.

REPAIR WORKS IN THE COUNCIL GARDEN & GNIEN F X EBEJER

Repair works are being carried out in the council garden as well as in Gnien F X Ebejer. These works are being carried out by Central Government

NEW PLANTER IN THE CORNER HORZA/GHAJN

The new planter has been completed and 5 cypress trees, a Christmas tree and tow ? have been planted.

PLANNED PLANTER IN KTAJJEN/SIRK

We plan to construct another planter in the corner Ktajjen/Sirk. The design has been sent to TM for acceptance.

PLANTER IN SIRK/GABILLOTT

The trees that were planted in these planters have been removed since there were looking in a sorry state. The gardener blamed the fact that the planters are not deep enough. We shall be planting 2 Etna Fire in their stead.

BOUNDARY WALL IN TRIQ TAL FRANCIZ

We are building a boundary wall so as to remove the danger that there existed.

PRIMARY HEALTH

We are chasing the Health Department to confirm whether they still plan to go ahead with the opening of the clinic in our premises, however they are not replying our e mails. I have a feeling that they are having second thoughts/ if this is the case we will write to the Health Minister.

The locality needs the service of a clinic.

COUNCIL VAN

Has a date been set when the council van will be made at the disposal of the local council ?

STAIR LIFT

What is the position re stair lift that needs to be installed to serve the local council hall ?

Noel Muscat

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