



MINUTI

LAQGHA TAL-KUNSILL LOKALI S-SWIEQI

IS-SEBGHA LEGISLATURA 2017

SEDUTA NUMRU 35 (kontinwazzjoni)

8 ta' Frar 2017

Il-Kunsill Lokali tas-Swieqi Itaq' fl-Ufficcju Amministrattiv tieghu li jinsab fic-Centru Civiku, Kunsill Lokali S-Swieqi, Triq G. Bassiera, S-Swieqi fil 17.15

Prezenti:

Noel Muscat - Sindku
Mary Anne Abela - Kunsilliera
Paul Fenech - Kunsillier
Theresa Valentino - Kunsilliera
Mauro Miceli - Kunsillier

Ufficjal Prezenti:

Vince Tanti - Segretarju Ezekuttiv

Skuzati:-

Alex Chetcuti - Kuinsillier
Justin Fenech - Vici Sindku
Mario Fava - Kunsillier
Alfred Curmi - Kunsillier

Qari tal-Minuti

Peress illi l-laqgħa kienet kontinwazzjoni ma nqrawx il-minutu u lanqas ma gew approvati. Dan ser isir wara li l-kunsillieri li kien baqa jagħmlu l-interventi tagħhom jipprezentawhom.

Rapport mis- Sindku

Is-Sindku pprezenta dokument (Anness A) bil-punti li ressaq.

Is-Sindku għamel referenza għal-laqgħa tad-19 ta' Jannar, Seduta 34, fejn talab skuza li nesa jagħti l-kondoljanzi f'isem il-Kunsill lill-Kunsillier Alfred Curmi wara t-telfa ta' huh.

Wassal ukoll il-kondoljanzi lill Kunsillier Theresa Valentino li tilfet lill-ommha fil-21 ta' Jannar 2017, u fl-ahhar nett awgura xewqat għal fejqan malajr lill-kunsillier Mario Fava peress li kien rikoverat l-isptar.

Rapport mill-Kunsillier Mauro Miceli

- i. Is-Sur Miceli avza fuq l-izvilupp li sar fuq il-progett illi qiegħed jahdem fuqu, progett ffininzjat mill-Eunjoni Ewropeja li jinvolvi il-partecipazzjoni ta' numru ta' organizzazzjonijiet mill-Ewropa. Lokalment il-Kunsilli tas-Swieqi u ta' Santa Lucija huma rregrati bħala partners. Is-Sur Miceli informa li ser jkun hemm 27 grupp minn diversi pajjizi. Ser jsiru hames laqgħat internazzjonalment fuq dan il-progett u l-Kunsill tas-Swieqi ser jospita wiehed minn dawn il-laqgħat, wisq probabbli fs-sena 2018.

Rapport mill Kunsillier Mary Anne Abela

Is-Sinjura Abela avzat li attendiet għal laqgħa fuq fondi għal toroq Rurali. Avzat li jeziztu possibiltajiet ta' fondi għal toroq rurali u hitan rurali.

Tkellmet ukoll fuq il-hmieg u skart li xi nies mhux magħrufa tefghu fi-trejqa li tagħti għal għelieqi fil-Madliena u kif pproponiet li tingħalaq b'katina sabiex ma jkunx hemm access għal vetturi minn post l-isfel. Is-Sindku ppropona li jigi *embellished* l-area b'fences puliti ta l-injam u tingħalaq kif qed tissugerixxi is-Sinjura Abela mill-parti ta' gewwa, izda rridu noqgħodu attenti li jingħataw cwievet lill minn għandu bzonn access.

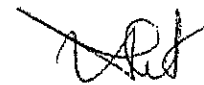
Waslet kwotazzjoni għal *embellishment* ta' progett fil-Madliena li ser tiddiskuti mal-kumitat Amministrattiv fil-laqgħa li jmiss.

Fl-ahhar informat li saru xi tibdil ta' xi tabelli ta' l-ismijiet tat-toroq wara li saru xi lmenti li ma sarux sew.



Noel Muscat

Sindku



Vince Tanti

Segretarju Ezekuttiv

Rapport Mil-Kunsillier Theresa Valentino

Is-Sinjura Valentino pprezentat dokument (Anness B) li huwa resume' tal-punti li xtaqet titkellem fuqhom.

Is-Sinjura Valentino avzat li attendiet ghas-smiegh ta appell (PA1117/16) mressaq mill-kunsill dwar applikazzjoni ghal bini ta' zewgt semi-detached villet fi Triq il-Madliena, flimkien mal-periti Valentino u Rossignaud. Kien hem diversi entitajiet, kif ukoll il PA li rrakkomandaw li l-applikazzjoni tigi rifjutata u fil-fatt hekk gara.

Attendiet ukoll is-smiegh ta' seduta fuq applikazzjoni fuq sanzjoni ta' alterazzjonijiet fuq razzett mibni fi Triq tal-Franciz. Dan ukoll kien hemm diversi NGO's li oggezzjonaw ghalih. Is-sanzjonijiet gew mgħoddija mill-PA, u s-Sinjura Valentino oggezzjonat għal dan peress li x-xogħol sar f'ODZ u fil-wied u li jmur kontra r-Rural Policy and Design ta' l-istess awtorita'. Il-fatt li dawn is-sanzjonijiet gew approvati jista' jkollhom precedent ikrah għal applikazzjonijiet fil-futur u l-Kunsill, sostniet is-Sinjura Valentino ma kellux triq oħra hliet li jappella din id-decizjoni.

Is-Sinjura Valentino regghet fakkret li għadha ma ttehdietx decizjoni fuq rikjesta li tigi rrangata parti minn Triq Bouganvilla gewwa Victoria Gardens. Is-Segretarju Ezekuttiv informa li tkellem mal-kuntrattur u talbu kwotazzjoni u gie nformat li wara spezzjoni fit-triq, il-kwotazzjoni titla fl-eluf. Is-Segretarju Ezekuttiv għandu jitolb lill-kuntrattur kopja tal-kwotazzjoni għal prezentazzjoni tal-kunsill.

Hawnhekk is-Sindku u kunsillieri oħra prezenti staqsew jekk il-periti Valentino u Rossignaud humiex jibghatulna kont ta' l-ispejjez tagħhom, u s-Segretarju Ezekuttiv għandu jiktbilhom fuq hekk. F'Jannar kien diga kitbilhom għal kont fuq servizz li taw lill-kunsill f' attivita simili izda l-kont għadu ma wasalx.

Is-Sinjura Valentino avzat ukoll li kellha diversi rikjesti min-residenti sabiex issir Bus shelter għal Bus Stop quddiem Pender Gardens. Il-kunsillier Mauro Miceli gibed l-attenzjoni li din il-bus stop taqa' taht il-lokalita ta' San Giljan, izda verament tintuza hafna minn residenti tas-Swieqi. Gie deciz li is-Segretarju Ezekuttiv jikteb lis-Segretarju Ezekuttiv ta' San Giljan biex isir pressjoni fl-istess hin juri sapport lejhom għal din ir-rikjesta.

Rapport mil Kunsillier Paul Fenech


Is-Sur Fenech avza li attenda f'isem il-Kunsill il-laqgħa li għal fondi relatati mal-Valletta 2018, u kien mal-ewwel avza lill-kunsillieri sabiex jibghatu l-ideat tagħhom għal attivitajiet li jixtiequ jorganixxaw. Għalkemm fic-cirkulari issemma li qed jittiehdu ideat għal attivitajiet sa Gunju 2017, avza li qed jittiehdu wkoll ideat anki għal wara Gunju.

Ipprezenta dokument (Assess C) li jagħti indikazzjoni fuq l-attivitajiet li qiegħed jahdem fuqhom mall-grupp li fforma.



Noel Muscat

Sindku



Vince Tanti

Segretarju Ezekuttiv

Rapport mil Kunsillier Paul Fenech – ikompli

Talab lill-kunsillieri sabiex jibghatu l-ideat taghhom malajr ghaliex l-applikazzjoni jaghlqu fl-10 ta Frar, gurnata festa u ghalhekk hemm biss gurnata cans biex jibghatuhom. Talab lis-Segretarju Ezekuttiv sabiex jikteb lid-dipartiment koncernat sabiex jipprova jgib estensjoni.

Is-sur Fenech avza li mhux issib il-kooperazzjoni jew is-sapport mixtieq minghand is-Segretarju Ezekuttiv ghal proġetti li jixtieq jorganizza. Spjega qed jhoss li kull attivita li jipprova jorganizza tintaqa' ma' xi red-tape minn ghandu u li dan qieghed jiskoraggih. Is-Segretarju Ezekuttiv spjega lill-kunsill li hu qieghed biss jaghmel dak li hu mitlub minnu skond il-ligi, u r-responsabilta tieghu hi li jizgura li l-affarijiet jsiru sew u fil-konfini tal-ligi. Jiddispjacih li s-Sur Fenech qed jhoss hekk u mhux l-intenzjoni tieghu li jaghmel bsaten fir-roti lill-hadd – l-importanti izda li kollox jsir sew u kif ghandu jkun.

Punti Ohra

Il-Kunsillier Mauro Miceli staqsa jekk il-hlas dovut ghal leave vokazzjonali akkumulat tas-Segretarju Ezekuttiv precedenti thallasx lilu.

Is-Segretarju Ezekuttiv informa li minkejja li dan il-hlas gie approvat unanimament mill-Kunsill Lokali fis-seduta numru 29 tal-13.10.16, hass li kellu jitlob kjarafika minn ghand id-Direttur tad-DLG rigward dan il-pagament u qed jistenna risposta minn ghandu. Sakemm ma jkollux konferma li mid-Direttur li l-pagament jista jsir minghajr problema ma xtaqx jikkonferma l-pagament.

Approvazzjoni ta' Pagamenti u Xiri lehor

Fl-assenza tal Kunsillier Is-Sur Alfred Curmi, is Segretarju Ezekuttiv ressaq sketa ta' pagamenti li Is-Sur Curmi ta' l-approvazzjoni taghhom b'email datata ta' Frar 2017 (Annessa D), izda talab xi kjarafikkazzjoni fuq tlett pagamenti, tali pagamenti gew diskussi mas-Segretarju Ezekuttiv bit-telefon u finalment gew approvati wkoll.


Is-Segretarju Ezekuttiv semma li l-vettura illisjata mill-Kunsill. Il-Kuntratt ghalaq f'Ottubru tat-2016 u b'hekk talab estenzjoni tal-kuntratt sakemm l-kunsill jiddiskuti x'ser jaghmel. Is-Sindku talab lis-Segretarju Ezekuttiv jigbor xi kwotazzjonijiet ghal xiri ta vettura simili second-hand.

Il-laqgha ntemmet fis 19.15 u gie miftiehem li l-laqgha li jmiss ser tkun l-Erbgha 8 ta' Marzu 2017.



Noel Muscat

Sindku

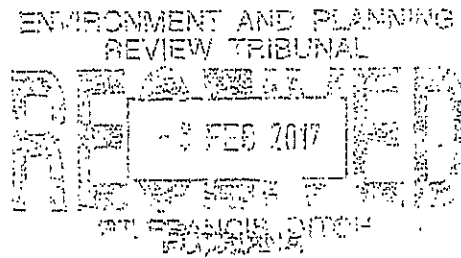


Vince Tanti

Segretarju Ezekuttiv

6th February 2017

The Environmental Planning and Review Tribunal
St Francis Revelin
Floriana.



Reference: PA 4710/16
Location: Tal-Franciz, Wied Ghomor, Swieqi
Proposal: To sanction alterations as built to existing farmhouse

The Swieqi Local Council is hereby submitting its Appeal against the decision taken by the Planning Authority to sanction extensions carried out on the property referred to in this application for the following reasons.

First of all, the Council contends that the works which have been sanctioned are all objectionable in the context of the building's location (ODZ and in a valley) as well as in the context of the provisions of the PA's Rural Policy and Design Guidelines 2014. Furthermore, the Council is of the opinion that Enforcement Action should have been taken to ensure removal of the extensions which have been carried out without permit. It is unacceptable that persons be allowed to carry out illegal works and to then get approval against all Planning principles.

The proposed extended building could only have been considered under the PA Rural Policy and Design Guidelines 2014 if, and only if, they were completed prior to 1978. No proof has been submitted which shows this, the fact that the only previous application on this building (2028/04) was approved in 2008 suggests that the alterations which are the subject of PA 4710/16 were not completed at this time, and therefore were not carried out prior to 1978. this proof is not forthcoming then the permit should be revoked.

In the unlikely event that the RP&DG 2014 is invoked, then referring to Policy 6.3 (which is the only Policy which may be applicable), the following are to be considered:

Para (4) states that a building can be extended to a maximum floor space of 200 square metres, which we assume that this area includes all levels and not ground floor alone. In this case; although the permit gives the total area at ground and first floors as just over 200 sm, we still contend that the area of the basement (114 sm) and of the car porch (72 sm) should be added to this figure, since both constitute roofed areas which have an impact on the rural environment, and that therefore the real area is 386 sm. The proposal therefore falls foul of 6.3(4).

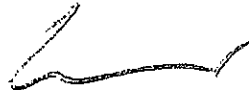
Para (5) requires that the scale, massing and design of the extension shall not visually dominate the existing dwelling and shall be acceptable in the landscape setting. In this case the elevation drawing shows that the view from the valley (and from across the valley) will be, at ground floor, of a glass wall, 8.8 m long and 11 courses high — hardly in keeping with the vernacular; on the

south eastern side of the main building, a new building enclosing the higher part of the split-level basement, up to a height of circa 4.2 metres above the lowest soil level, topped by the car porch roof at a further height of 2.8 metres; again, a significant effect on the setting. Therefore the proposal falls foul of 6.3(5).

The end of 6.3 states that "a basement completely below ground level may be permitted provided it does not extend beyond the footprint of the building and is accessible internally. The perit's own drawings show that the basement extends beyond the building by circa 114 square metres (excluding the part underlying the "pool deck") and therefore is clearly against the rules.

Finally, Section 6.4 states that the pool and deck area shall not exceed a footprint of 75 square metres. The pool deck and pool in actual fact cover an area of circa 170 square metres, although the drawing has shown 95 square metres of this area as covered in "soil" (clearly a very thin layer!), therefore leaving the required 75 sm as "pool and deck area". The fact is that under this "soil" is a concrete slab shown on the drawings, and whatever the finish is (soil or lawn or tiles) it is still a flat pool deck plonked above an undulating landscape. Therefore this pool and deck are inadmissible.

The Swieqi Local Council reserves the right to bring up other reasons for their objection in due course



Noel Muscat

Mayor – Swieqi Local Council

Events Organised by Swieqi Local Council

1. Friday 20th Jan 6.00 p.m.,

Protecting Maltese natural heritage, current & future Projects

Main speaker: Matthew Dawson

The talk will be about conservation projects that are being implemented by a new scientific NGO called greenhouse. It will explain the current and recent projects that were carried out this year, for example the ongoing study on Maltese bees and Ecologica, a week-long intense bio survey which took place last September and established a standardised grid system for the Maltese Islands to be used for ecological surveys. The talk will also explain future conservation projects the NGO is intending to implement next year, including a study on the Maltese fresh water crab, Maltese orchids, and a broad study on Maltese fungi. Lastly, parts of the talks will be interactive where a small exercise on recognising bees will be done that would help the people understand the difficulties of studying these types of animals and the ethics involved in carrying out surveys, ways in which to improve the ethics of a study, and questions will be given to the people attending the talk on ghost fishing to explore the public opinion of certain conservation issues.

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2 Tuesday 31st Jan

GUIDED TOUR OF BIR MIFTUH CHAPEL-GUDJA

The Chapel of St Mary was built some time in the fifteenth-century, most probably in around 1430. This chapel survived the Great Siege of Malta and both World Wars.

In 1436, the chapel was mentioned as one of the 12 existing parishes by Bishop Senatore de Mello; it is believed to have existed long before that. It was not in the village centre, but mainly covered the areas of Gudja, Hal Kirkop, Hal Safi, Mqabba, Hal Tarxien, Hal Luqa, Hal Farruġ and Birzebbuga.

The chapel stands freely and has a rectangular plan which measures about eleven by fourteen metres. Having said that, it was originally built in the shape of a cross. In 1512, the rear end of the chapel was demolished and the stones were used in the const...

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3. 3rd Feb 6.00 p.m

Exploring the Phoenician Shipwreck off Gozo

Illustrated lecture by Dr. Timmy Gambin, Director of Archaeological expedition – Fri. 3rd Feb at 6.00 p.m.

In 2016, the University of Malta conducted another season of underwater operations on the Phoenician Shipwreck off Gozo. An international team of technical divers was used to record this unique site as well as to recover a number of archaeological objects. This presentation covers aspects such as the logistics of the project, diving procedures and the recording processes used this season. Works in progress and some

4. 17th Feb

ART EXHIBITION BY JOE & DORIS FARRUGIA

A husband and wife team of senior citizens who started studying at the School of Art ten years ago. Both are very academic in their approach and are amazingly versatile. They are a classic example of active living. Doris is more inclined to paint nature subjects whilst Joe is more technical and his still life paintings are very realistic. Doris and Joe are a shining example of how it is never too late to start painting and what very high levels can be reached with dedication and commitment.

On Sat 18th at 10:00 the artists will be giving a demonstration of their painting techniques. Joe is Malta's last surviving artist of of pin stripping (tberfil), a traditional art that needs to be saved. He is undoubtedly a "Maestro". He will be painting names of the visitors who visit the exhibition. A unique opportunity not to be missed!

5th Feb

ARTISTS AND ARTISANS MARKET 5th February 9.30 to 13.00

Dress rehearsal for 9 fine art artists and one photographer. They will be exhibiting their art whilst painting. This is a trial for the first proper MARKET on THE 5TH March. It has always been the dream of our mayor to start an Art Hub in our locality. We are inviting performing artists, musicians, dancers and stage artists to come and show their skills together in our park every first Sunday of the month.

This event is primarily for artists who live in our locality. We are inundated by requests from artists from all over Malta to join, BUT we do not want to turn this event into a Monti. Each one of you who wishes to invites artist they know to contact me for details. Our plan is to start slowly and build up gradually.

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6. 5th March 9.30 a.m.

ARTISTS AND ARTISANS MARKET