



**Is-Swieqi**  
LOCAL COUNCIL

**MINUTI**

**KUNSILL LOKALI SWIEQI**

**IS-SEBGHA KUNSILL 2015-2018**

**SEDUTA NUMRU 7**

**20 TA' AWWISSU 2015 FIL-5PM FL-UFFIĊĊJU AMINISTRATTIV TAL-KUNSILL**

**PREŻENTI:**

**Is-Sinjuri:**

NOEL MUSCAT	SINDKU
DR. JUSTIN FENECH	VICI SINDKU
ALEX CHETCUTI	KUNSILLIER - 5.30PM
MARY ANNE ABLE	KUNSILLIER
ALFRED CURMI	KUNSILLIER
MAURO MICELI	KUNSILLIER
MARIO FAVA	KUNSILLIER

Il-Kunsillieri P.Fenech u T. Valentino ma setghux jattendu ghal din il-laqgha minhabba li kienu msiefra.

**Is-Sindku qal it-talba.**

## **I APPROVAZZJONI TAL-MINUTI**

Il-Minuti tas-Seduti Nru. 5 u 6 gew approvati. Is- Sindku ppropona u l-Kunsillier M. Miceli ssekonda.

Is- Segretarju Ezekuttiv informa li minhabba li l-Kunsillier T. Valentino ma setghetx tkun prezenti hija talbet sabiex il-Kunsill jigi nformat li nhar il-Gimgha 4 ta' Settembru 2015 se ssir laqgħa mal-MEPA dwar iz-zewg ittri li se jkun anessi ma' dawn il-minuti bhal App. A.

Is- Sindku ssugerixxa sabiex din il-laqgħa tigi sospiza sabiex is-Sur Alan Camilleri li kien prezenti wkoll għal din il-laqgħa, jkun jista jispjega fid-dettal il-progett ta' *bike-sharing* fil-lokalita' tagħna. Il-hin kien il-5.15pm.

Wara diskuzzjoni twila dwar is-suggett, il-laqgħa reggħet bdiet fis-6.10pm.

Il-Vici Sindku ippropona li dan il-Kunsill għandu jippartecipa f' din l-inizjattiva, kien hemm qbil unanimu dwar dan. Għaldasqant is-Sur Camilleri informa li se jibgħat rapport bi dettalji kollha dwar dan il-porgett. Gie issugeriet li dawn jigu nstallati mill-postijiet msemmija: Gnien fi Triq il-Hemel, Kunsill Lokali, Triq ta' l-Ibrag hdejn Greens, Triq il-Qasam hdejn Corner Food Store, Triq il-Gizimin, Triq il-Marbat u Gnien FX Ebejer.

## **II PUNTI LI JOHORGU MILL-MINUTI**

1. Il-Kunsillier M. Miceli rega' rrefera għas-CCTV Cameras li kienu nstallati fi Sqaq Lourdes. Is- Segretarju Ezekuttiv nforma li dawn il-cameras kienu gew installi minn naha tal-Gvern Centrali minhabba li fl-istess triq kien joqdgħod Ministru u ex-Speaker tal-Parlament.
2. Il-Kunsillier A. Curmi fakkar sabiex jintbagħtu l-Minuti tal-Kumitat Amministrattiv tal-Madliena lil Kunsillieri kollha hekk kif dawn jigu approvati.
3. Il-Kunsillier M. Fava fakkar li jekk hu possibli l-Minuti tar-Regjun Tramuntana li dan il-Kunsil jappartjeni fih jintbghatu lilu wkoll. Is- Segretarju Ezekuttiv informa li hekk kif dawn jintbagħtu lil-Kunsill permezz ta' email, dawn se jerggħu jintbagħtu lil kull kunsillier.
4. B' referenza għall-ahhar korrispondeza li l-Kunsil bghat lit-TM dwar un/laoding bay fi Triq l-Uqija fejn informa li din ma kinitx se tigi mplimentata, il-Kunsil staqsa jekk kienx hemm xi zviluppi godda minn naha ta' TM dwar din il-materja. Is- Segretarju Ezekuttiv nforma li sa issa, il-Kunsill kien għadu ma teceviex risposta minn naha ta' TM.

**HUGH ZAMMIT  
SEGRETARJU EZEKUTTIV**

**NOEL MUSCAT  
SINDKU**

**III RAPPORT MIS-SIDNKU**

1. Is- Sindku pprezenta rapport idettaljat dwar il-hidma tieghu mill-ahhar seduta tal-Kunsill. Dan ir-rapport se jkun aness ma' dawn il-minuti bhala App. B.

**III RAPPORTI MILL-KUNSILLIERI**

Mill-Kunsillier M.Fava

1. Il-Kunsillier informa bil-problema li diversi residenti ta' Triq l-Gharbiel qeghdin isoffru minhabba garage li m'ghandux bieb u f'dan qed jokkumula hafna skart u hmieg. Konsegwenza t'hekk xi residenti infurmawh li hemm bejta ta' grieden u insetti ohra. Is- Segretarju Ezekuttiv ha l-inkarigu li jinforma lil tas-Sanita.
2. Rigward Triq il-Kartocc, il-Kunsillier informa li se jsir zvilupp f' din it-triq u possibilment il-pendementi m'humieq b'sabhithom bizzjed ghal dan it-tip ta' zvilupp. Wara diskuzzjoni, gie deciz li din l-informazzjoni ghandha tghaddi lil Perit Valentino u Rossiganud ghal aktar investigazzjoni.
3. Il-Kunsillier informa li qed jahdem fuq cirkulari b'messag aktar qawwi dwar il-hinjiet ta' gbir ta' skart fil-lokalita taghna. Hu informa li permezz ta' email se jibghat lista ta' l-ismijiet tat-toroq kollha lill-kunsillieri kollha.
4. B' referenza ghall-konferenza ta' l-ECAD li se ssir f'Ottubru li gejj, il-Kunsillier staqsa jekk dan il-Kunsill hux se jippartecipa. Wara diskuzzjoni, gie deciz b'mod unanimu li l-Kunsillier M. Fava kif ukoll is-Segretarju Ezekuttiv jattendu ghal din il-konferanza f' San Patrigiano l-Italja.
5. Il-Kunsillier fakkar sabieq kemm il-Pulizija kif ukoll il-Maltapost jergghu jigu avzati sabieq japplikaw u jinstallaw ghall-arlogg separat tad-dawl u l-ilma.

Mill-Kunsillier A. Curmi

1. Il-Kunsillier rrefera ghall-Quarterly Report li se jigi diskuss u approvat f' din is-Seduta, fejn huwa nforma li saret laqgha ma' l-Accountant tal-Kunsill fejn gie spjegat aktar fid-dettal il-qaghda finanzjajrja prezenti tal-Kunsill li tirrifletu srplus ta 3%. Ghal din il-laqgha kien hemm prezenti wkoll il-Membri G.L. Ganado u minhabba mpenji mportanti ohra, is-Sindku kif ukoll il-Kunsillier M.Fava ma setghux jattendu. Is- Segretarju Ezekuttiv nforma sabieq il-Kunsill ghandu joqghot attent ghall-infiq li jsir peress li surplus ghandu jkun 10%. Wara diskuzzjoni, il-Kunsill approva dawn ir-rapport finanzjajri. Is-Sindku ppropona u l-Kunsillier A. Curmi ssekonda.

**HUGH ZAMMIT  
SEGRETARJU EZEKUTTIV**

**NOEL MUSCAT  
SINDKU**

**III RAPPORTI MILL-KUNSILLIERI – ikompli**

Mill-Kunsillier A. Curmi

2. Huwa nforma li huwa ferm importanti li l-Kunsill jircievi f' ismu invoice minn ghand l-ARMS bit-total tal-kont dovut mill-Kunsill ghal provista ta' l-eletriku li jammonta ghal €9,591.63.
3. Il-Kunsillier se jipprezenta rapport dwar il-hidmiet li fadal pendenti – App. D.

Mill-Kunsillier M. Abela

1. Il-Kunsillier irringrazzjat li dawk kollha li hadmu fuq il-magazine li tqassam f' kull residenza. Hija nformat li rceveiet diversi punti pozittivi ghal mod kif kien imqassam dan il-magazine.
2. Il-Kunsill gie nformat li l-festa li saret f' gieh St. Maddalena f' Lulju li ghadha, kienet wahda ta' success u li l-maggoranza ta' l-ispejjez gew ffinizjati minn benefatturi li offrew ghajnuna finanzjari sabiex titella' din l-attivitá'.
3. Il-Kunsillier infurmat li l-Kumitat Amministrattiv tal-Madliena pprepara u ssottometta applikazzjoni ghar-restawr tal-kappella tal-Madliena. Din l-applikazzjon saret bil-lest biex hekk kif tigi varata l-iskema dwar ir-restawr, din tkun tigi sottometta fi zmien qasir.
4. Hija rreferiet ghall-cafetria Vago fi Triq l-Ibrag, fejn infurmat li wara li recviet diversi lmenti li din il-cafeteria qed taghlaq l-access tal-bankina, hija marret fuq is-sit inkwozjoni sabiex tivcerfika dan u sabet li l-access tal-bankina kien imblukkat b' hafna siggijiet u imwejjed. Is-Segretarju Ezekuttiv informa li se jkellew lis-sidien ta' dan l-istabiliment dwar din il-materja.
5. Il-Kunsillier irrikomandat sabiex l-iskart jibda' jingabar filgahxijiet minflok filghodu minhabba li hafna residenti ma jkunux id-dar u ghalhekk l-iskart li jakkumula matul il-gurnata jinhareg filghaxija u. Wara diskuzzjoni twila dwar dan is-suggett, is-Sindku ppropona li din il-materja ghandha terga' tigi diskussa aktar 'il quddiem.

Il-Kunsillier M. Fava talab sabiex jigi skuzat. Il-hin kien 7.15pm.

6. Il-Kunsill gie nformat li f' xi toroq li l-kennies jkun qed inaddaf ta' spiss qed ihalli boroz mimlijin bl-iskart migbur ghal granet shah quddiem residenzi privati. Ghaldaqtant, il-Kunsillier A. Chetcuti ha l-inkarigu li jinforma lill-kuntrattur kkoncernat.

**HUGH ZAMMIT  
SEGRETARJU EZEKUTTIV**

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**III RAPPORTI MILL-KUNSILLIERI – ikompli**

Mill-Kunsillier M. Abela – tkompli

7. Il-Kunsillier infurmat li Wied Ghomor ghandu bzonn jitnaddaf sew mill-aktar fis peress li kemm il-palm kif ukoll sigar salvaggi ohra kibru sew. Is- Segretarju Ezekuttiv informa li llum stess kiteb lid-dipartiment responsabli minn dan it-tindif sabiex immedjatament issiru x-xoghlijiet mehtiega.
8. Hija rringrazzjat lill-Handyman tal-Kunsill ta' xoghlijiet professjonali li qed jaghmel fuq il-bankijiet tal-Madliena.

Mill-Vici Sindku

1. Il-Vici Sindku nforma li l-magazine gie ppublikat u tqassam f' kull residenza. Ghaldaqstant irringrazzja lil dawk kollha li kienu nvoluti fil-preparamenti. Huwa nforma li kelluu rimarki pozitivi mir-residenti.

Il-Kunsillier M. Abela talbet sabiex tigi skuzata. Il-hin kien 7.30pm.

2. Il-Vici Sindku rrefera ghall-hsarat li soffrew xi vetturi fi Triq il-Keffa u informa li se jaghmel kuntatt ma' l-Avukat tal-Kunsill dwar din il-materja.
3. Rigward is-sejha ta' l-offerti ghall-gbir ta' skart goff, manutenzzjoni ta' soft areas kif ukoll installazzjoni u manutenzzjoni ta' tabelli u sinjali tat-traffiku kif ukoll tas-servizzi ghall-perit tal-kunsill; hu nforma li dawn dal-waqt se jkunu ffinalizati.
4. Il-Vici Sindku irrikomanda sabiex tinhareg is-sejha ghall-kwotazzjonijiet tad-dawl dekorattiv tal-Milied. Is- Segretarju Ezekuttiv ha l-inkarigu li jaghmel dan.
5. Rigwrad Swieqi Fest ta' din is-sena kif ukoll Festa Familja, huwa nforma li se jipprezenta rapport u programm aktar idettaljat li se jkun aness ma' dawn il-Minuti bhala App. B.

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SEGRETARJU EZEKUTTIV**

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**III RAPPORTI MILL-KUNSILLIERI – ikomplu**

Mill-Kunsillier M. Miceli

1. Il-Kunsillier informa li qed jiffanlizza l-ahhar preparamenti dwar il-Youth Exchange ma' Kunsill fir-Rumanija. Din l-attivita' se tghin biex aktar zghazagh jkunu attivi fil-hidma tal-Kunsill b'risq il-lokalita'. Huwa se jkompli jahdem fuq dawn l-attivitajiet ghal beneficcju ta' edukazzjoni ghaz-zghazagh tal-lokalita'.
2. Rigward l-ambaxxatur zaghzugh tal-lokalita', huwa nforma li bhalissa qed jikkomunika ma' l-ambaxxtur precedenti, is-Sur Tyler Cassar, sabiex jigu establit lista ta' zghazagh li jistghu jkunu interessani sabiex jippartecipaw ghal din il-kariga.
3. Huwa nforma li l-mera ta' quddiem il-Corner Shop ghandha bzonn tigi ttrangata mill-aktar fis sabiex itejjeb il-vista tas-sewwieqa. Is- Segretarju Ezekuttiv informa li dawn ix-xoghlijiet saru propju illum.

Mill-Kunsillier A. Chetcuti

1. Il-Kunsillier issugerixxa sabiex fi Triq V. Menville issir post ghall-parkegg ta' mutur u linji doppji sofor fil-genb kif ukoll linji sofor fi Triq l-Ibrag k/m Triq il-Kejla. Wara diskuzzjoni, gie deciz li jsiru appuntament mal-kuntrattur kkoncernat minn dawn ix-xoghlijiet.
2. Il-Kunsillier irrikomanda li ssir laqgħa mar-residenti dwar l-installar ta' CCTV Cameras fil-lokalita' sabiex il-Kunsill jkollu l-opinjonijiet tar-residenti dwar din il-materja. F'kaz li jkun hemm qbil, wara din il-laqgħa, il-Kunsill ghandu johrog sejha għall-offerti għall-provizzjoni u l-installar ta' dawn il-cameras. Gie deciz li din il-materja tigi diskussa aktar 'il quddiem.
3. Huwa ssugerixxa li meta residenti jcmplu l-ghassa tal-pulizija tas-Swieqi u għal xi raguni dawn ma jkunux qed jirrispondu, it-telefonata tagħhom għandha tigi *diverted* mal-ewwel fid-Depot tal-Pulizija.
4. Rigward il-clamping ta' vetturi, gie deciz li ssir talba lill-Kunsilli l-ohra jekk gielix hargu kwotazzjonijiet/ tenders għal dan it-tip ta' servizz. Is- Segretarju Ezekuttiv ha l-inkarigu li jagħmel dan.

**HUGH ZAMMIT  
SEGRETARJU EZEKUTTIV**

**NOEL MUSCAT  
SINDKU**

**IV APPROVAZZJONI TA' PAGAMENTI U XIRI IEHOR**

Giet pprezentata l-iskeda tal pagamenti nru.7, u wara li saru xi aggstamenti hekk kif mitlub fl-email tal-Kunsillier A. Curmi (mehmuz bhala App.C ), il-pagamenti kollha gew approvati minn dawk prezenti. Is-Sindku ppropona u l-Kunsillier A. Curmi ssekonda.

Din il-laqgħa spiccat fit-8.30pm u wara diskuzzjoni b' mod unaniment sar aggnament għal nhar il-Hamis 10 ta' Settembru fil-5pm.

**HUGH ZAMMIT  
SEGRETARJU EŻEKUTTIV**

**NOEL MUSCAT  
SINDKU**

APP A

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Theresa Valentino** <teresavalent100@gmail.com>

Date: Monday, June 15, 2015

Subject: Proposals to MEPA

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Dear Mayor,

In relation to our discussion with architects, would you kindly forward the following proposals to MEPA.

1. The Swieqi Local Council respectfully requests that, in addition to Planning Applications, all Development Notifications (DNO) and Planning Control Applications (PC) received by MEPA within the locality of Swieqi be notified to the Council for its comments.

Your reaction to this request would be appreciated.

2. The Swieqi Local Council requests that Commencement Notices for work within the locality of Swieqi be copied to the Council as soon as they are received by MEPA, in order that any traffic Arrangements that may be necessary can be implemented in good time.

Your reaction to this request would be appreciated.

Thank you.

Regards

Theresa Valentino

21/08/2015



16<sup>th</sup> June 2015

Perit Christopher Borg B.E. & A. (Hons),  
Director of Planning  
Malta Environment and Planning Authority,  
St Francis Ravelin  
Floriana

Dear Perit Borg,

The Swieqi Local Council

Having noticed that there are currently a large number of construction development works within the boundaries of Swieqi, which include Ibrag, High Ridge and Madliena, and moreover that MEPA is regularly receiving a number of new applications for more developments in the area, and

Having received a number of justified complaints from Swieqi residents about the negative impact which such developments are having on their quality of life, and

Having noted a number of deficiencies in the Mepa's Policy and Design Guidance policies, in the interpretation thereof and in processing of planning applications,

Hereby proposes that MEPA takes immediate cognisance of the above and in particular to the issues highlighted below, and that it takes the necessary measures to address positively the points of concern.

1 On street parking

It is clear that parking of vehicles in the street has now reached a point of saturation, and our streets, particularly in lower Swieqi (where the Paceville spill-over is present), cannot possibly handle much more. This is compounded by the number of developments taking place concurrently in contiguous streets, which restrict even further any available spaces. We feel that measures can be taken to counter act this issue, amongst which

- (i) The Directorate of Planning should implement a higher requirement for provision of parking facilities within new developments, since the current request for 1 car space per unit (and 2 for penthouses) is, in today's reality, inadequate. We recommend that this requirement should become for 2 car spaces for each new unit over 45 square metres, and including penthouses. For offices and shops, this should be 2 car spaces per 50m<sup>2</sup>, plus 0.5 space per employee.
- (ii) With the CPPS as applied at present, it is much more profitable for a developer to opt out of providing on-site parking, by paying into the CPPS or UIF. We therefore recommend that the rate applied for compensating for non-provision of parking space should be at least equivalent to the cost of constructing a garage space, say € 6,000. We understand that in certain development proposals (such as when proposal is to increase 1 or 2 floors over an existing building), the developer hasn't got many options, so maybe a reduced rate would apply in that case. MEPA Circular 3/93 defines clearly where the CPPS can be adopted and should therefore not be the developers' prerogative.
- (iii) On street parking could be significantly improved by implementing more one-way street traffic which, though not directly within the MEPA remit, should be put on the agenda when discussing issues with Transport Malta. Furthermore, the opening of certain streets, which have been planned for decades, such as Triq is-Swieqi (Western end), Triq il-Qasam, Tal-Franciz, Triq l-Istasija and Triq it-Terz, would alleviate traffic from certain nodes, such as top of Triq il-Gejza, and indirectly improve the limited on-street parking availability.

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## 2 Commercial activity

Though the Local Plan identifies only certain zones as Shopping areas, it is a fact that Local shops, albeit within a certain size and use, are permitted according to MEPA policies, and a number of such permits have been issued recently. A number of pending applications include such shops and it is assumed that they will be approved. Still the NIMBY effect is in evidence as, while most people find it handy to pop to the near-by shop for daily needs, they still moan about the negative effects (unloading, irregular parking, noise, rubbish etc). We are therefore suggesting that

- (i) a meeting be set up at the earliest instance between SLC and the Directorate to identify areas where local shops should be permitted.
- (ii) The accepted uses of such shops should be such as to ensure that they do not affect unduly the nearby residents. This in particular reference to language schools which have negatively affected the quality of life of neighbours, and have had a significant effect on the value of nearby properties.
- (iii) Where local shops are being approved, that loading/unloading can only be done within certain brackets – ideally afternoon.

With the number of permits being issued for such Local Shops, there is a reasonable risk that new 'Shopping Areas' be discreetly created, whereupon pressure will mount for larger outlets in the areas. We therefore reiterate that the Local Council is not in favour of this and is insisting that no more Shopping Areas besides the ones as in the current local plan, be considered, without consultation.

## 3 Consideration of applications

Through our regular monitoring of applications for new developments in Swieqi, we have unfortunately noticed a number of deficiencies in the system (which do not necessarily apply only for Swieqi). Some of these are:

- (i) Some applications (as seen through eApps) seem incomplete and are still processed to permit stage. We have noticed applications without a marked site plan, without photos, or even without sections and other relevant information.
- (ii) Some drawings submitted for consideration are clearly intended to misguide, or even 'trick' the Case Officers to achieve a development which would otherwise not be permitted or would entail a higher Development Fee or CPPS charge. A Typical case would show duplex apartments which will clearly be converted into 2 units the moment the Compliance Certificate is issued; such apartments are normally meant for letting. Besides our advice that Case Officers should be wary about such drawings, it is suggested that, in the case of duplex apartments, the DCC should insist on an internal staircase connecting the two levels, with the main staircase stopping at the lower level.

## 4 Other Issues

- (i) Swieqi, being a relatively new town is one of the few towns where practically all properties have at least a 3 metre front garden, and even more in villa sites of Madliena and High Ridge. These give the area a light and pleasant street-scape. This should be encouraged and it is recommended that applicants should be made to allow a certain percentage of this front garden which is to be planted with trees and shrubbery, thereby reducing hard landscaping, and improving the streetscape.
  - (ii) Due to the height relaxation policy, whereby new developments allow penthouses, it results that the underlying apartments do not have access to the roof for drying their clothes, and we have instances where residents are hanging their clothes outside in the balconies facing the street. These are obviously unsightly, and it is
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therefore recommended that the Planning Directorate should introduce a requirement for the provision of a drying terrace at the back of the property, or elsewhere, as long as it does not affect the street scape.

- (iii) In order to avoid nuisance to residents, including blocking of pavements and attraction of rodents, by rubbish bags placed outside dwellings, it is recommended that the Directorate should require all new developments to provide an appropriate sheltered and ventilated area at street level, within the front garden, for storing of bags pending collection.

In the light of the above, the Swieqi Local Council, kindly requests you to seriously consider the above recommendations, and to implement the measures at the earliest.

Should you wish to meet us again to discuss the above, or any other matter, we shall would be pleased to meet with you at your convenience.

I look forward to your response.

Noel Muscat  
Mayor

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## **Council meeting 20<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

### **Events / Meetings**

#### **20<sup>th</sup> July – Hon Justyne Caruana – Day Centre**

I met the Hon Justyne Caruana so as to discuss the possibility of opening a Day Centre for Active Ageing in Swieqi. Hon Caruana informed me that she was very keen to open this Day Centre in the locality by October and would be exploring ways and means how this could be done.

On 18<sup>th</sup> August I met officials from the Dept for Active Ageing at the Church Hall. They were of the opinion that the premises were suitable. However certain structural changes/ alterations / additions had to be made, such as to the toilets, the construction of a kitchenette and an office.

#### **21st July – residents' 'security' protest walk**

A protest walk was held by residents who are demanding improved security measures.

The Vice Mayor, and myself greeted the residents who took part during the protest at the council premises. Councillor Mauro Miceli was present too. The organiser of the event, Mr JP Barthet, presented us with a letter which included suggestions and measures which in their opinion should be adopted.

A discussion with the residents ensued about the points mentioned in the letter and about what was being done by the council and what could be done so as to improve security measures in the locality.

### **22<sup>nd</sup> July – Madliena Feast –**

The Madliena Administrative committee successfully organised the first Madliena Feast. It was a very well organised and very well attended activity. Well done to the organisers and we look forward to next year's festa !

### **28<sup>th</sup> July – Mepa re Activision application**

Attended a Mepa hearing re Activision's application to include the services of a cafeteria/snacks.

The Chairman refused the application on the grounds that such shops are not allowed in the area.

### **5<sup>th</sup> August – St Julians Mayor Mr Karl Gouder**

Met St Julians mayor, Mr Karl Gouder, and suggested that the lighting of the exit from the tunnel to the regional road be improved. He agreed and confirmed that he would be applying to Enemalta to instal two or three lights on poles.

We also discussed the possibility of creating a safer passage for people walking in that road and the possibility of improving traffic management in the area.

### **Post Office –**

Finally the post office was officially opened on the 17<sup>th</sup> of August.

I must take the opportunity to thank everyone who helped for the opening of this much needed service in the localiy.

### **Renewal of Identity Cards –**

the renewal of Identity Cards started on 17<sup>th</sup> August in the Community Hall. Residents' feedback on facebook was very positive.

### **Vandalism – sat 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>**

Between the 8<sup>th</sup> and the 16<sup>th</sup> September about 12 sign posts were vandalised, the majority were literally ripped. Unfortunately those damaged during the week end could not be removed from site or even replaced since the contractor was on a shut down.

It is evident that with regards to certain services offered, the council is helpless during week ends. I am of the opinion that future contracts, particularly contracts relating to street patching and maintenance as well as signs and markings must include a clause which states that in emergency cases the contractor may be called to render a service during week ends and public holidays.

## **Night Disturbances**

Unfortunately night disturbances caused by people talking / singing or even arguing aloud during all times of the night do not seem to have abated. Residents complain about these disturbances regularly and I can personally vouch for it.

## **Road works :**

At this time of the year Central Govt. will be preparing next year's budget. It is a fact that if funds are not allocated to our locality for road reconstruction and repairs no road works will be carried out.

For this reason I wrote to Transport Malta CEO, Mr James Piscopo and informed him that we need funds to reconstruct triq il -Keffa besides triq it Tiben and triq il Giebja.

He replied saying that ' we shall be including your suggestion in our list which however needs to be assessed from a priority perspective in the context of budgetary allocation by the Ministry of Finance'.

## **Access from triq is Swieqi to triq il Qasam**

On Transport Malta's suggestion we wrote to MEPA so as to enforce the removal of the boundary wall that separates access from triq is Swieqi . Mepa informed us that it is Transport Malta that has to take such action !!! we are still waiting for a reply from Transport Malta.

**Access from triq it Terz and triq tal Franciz ( middle part).**

Unfortunately no progress has been registered !!

**Road works in part of Triq il Giebja**

Road works and pavement works in part of triq il Giebja have been completed.

**Noel Muscat**

**20.08.15**





**Is-Swieqi**  
LOCAL COUNCIL

**Swieqi Fest 2015**

**Saturday 5th**

Traditional Sports Day  
@ the Swieqi Tennis Court (St Andrews Garden)  
9am to 12pm  
Sack Race  
Potato Race  
Tug of War  
Three Legged Race

Events for parents and children - as well as residents of all ages.

**Saturday 5th**

Acoustic Night  
@ Swieqi Civic Centre  
8.00pm            Ellipse  
8.30pm            Lara & Keith  
9.00pm            Cheryl & Kenneth  
9.30pm            Kim & Chris  
10.00pm          Emma Muscat  
10.30pm          Kurt Calleja & Kevin Calleja

## Sunday 6th

### Family Festival

- 4.00pm Entertainment for the Kids provide by Jump Malta
- 6.00pm Art For The Family
- 8.00pm Moveo Dance Company
- 8.30pm Mad About the Voice & Vital Formation

## Monday 7th

### Music Festival

- 8.30pm Relik
- 9:30pm Skarlet

10:00pm Red Elektrik

## Tuesday 8th

### Sport Festival

- 8.15am 5KM Run (16+)
- 8.30am 5KM Walk (All Ages)
- 8.45am 1.3KM Fun Run (All Ages)
- 4-8pm Swieqi Handball Cup

Food and drinks can be purchased on the nights.

Entrance is FREE !

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## Swieqi Local Council at DLG

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**From:** Alfred Curmi <alfredcurmi@onvol.net>  
**Sent:** 19 August 2015 21:44  
**To:** Swieqi Local Council at DLG; Zammit Hugh at DLG  
**Cc:** noel@noelmuscat.com; jusfenech@gmail.com; abelamaryanne@gmail.com; paul.fenech@melita.com; teresavalent100@gmail.com; mauromiceli@gmail.com; keaneo@onvol.net  
**Subject:** Schedule of Payments - 11.07.115 - 18.08.15

Dear Hugh,

Herewith my comments in respect of the above document which due to problems at your end, could not be electronically transmitted to me as an attachment by Clarissa. However, copies will be made for perusal by all while in the process of approval:

- 02. LCA (220.00) – Insurance cover additional premium (no supporting documentation).
- 05. ARMS (760.00) – Is this additional to the two amounts of 900.00 & 345.00 respectively paid during the previous period? If this is so, the suspension of power supply experienced is costing considerably more than anticipated.
- 11. ARMS (1000.00) – No supporting documentation?.
- 13. FGI Comm. Ltd (369.01) – invoice Incorrectly addressed.
- 14. Go plc. (521.68) – invoice incorrectly addressed which irregularity is being directly handled by myself through personal contacts. Naturally in view of its nature , settlement cannot be delayed. Incidentally, yet again mobile telephone numbers are still being made using three of our fixed telephone lines, numbers 21370199, 21373939 & 21383072 and during this period the amount involved totals 276.00. We need to review our current contract for purposes of acquiring an additional mobile for use by Customer Care and not allow this ever spiralling overhead to get out of hand. Official clearance for such a facility had been recommended.
- 24. Galea Cleaning Solutions. (11340.01) - Were original contractual conditions not inclusive of emptying bins?. If so, why are we being invoiced separately?
- 6/27. S. Mifsud (3,839.58 & 3,839.58) – contractual obligations provide for weed cutting which in certain areas is being 'overlooked'.
- 28. S. Mifsud (210.00) – this embraces several works orders which in consequence to their absence and reference when invoicing fall short of requirements.
- 33. left blank and therefore to insert 'Cancelled'.
- 34. ARMS (118.11) – incorrectly addressed.
- 37. RGS Supplies (27.62) – incorrectly addressed.
- 38. Govt. Property Dept (1,718.33) – incorrectly addressed and relates to Local Council Rent for the period 26.02.15 to 25.02.16. Presumably, for accounting purposes. that part in respect of 2016 is being taken into consideration?.
- 44. left blank and therefore to insert 'Cancelled'.
- 60. Simon Sammut . (4,399.01) – apart from delayed invoicing, each job requires corresponding date of execution of works undertaken and some reference to corresponding Works Orders