MINUTI

Laqgħa tal-Kunsill Lokali Ħ'Attard

ID-DISA' LEĠIŻLATURA

Laqgħa Numru 15

30 ta' Lulju 2025

Il-Kunsilli Lokali Ħ'Attard iltaqa' fis-Sala tal-Bini Amministrattiv tal-Kunsill, li jinsab fi Ġnien Ħal Warda, Triq Ħal Warda, Ħ'Attard, fis-5.30 ta' filgħaxija.

PREŻENTI:
STEFAN CORDINA – Sindku
Alexander Louis Mangion – Viċi Sindku
Nicole Portelli - Kunsillier
Helen Caruana – Kunsillier
Remigio Bartolo – Kunsillier
Paul Ciantar – Kunsillier
Ralph Cassar– Kunsillier
Martin Musumeci– Kunsillier

ASSENTI B'APOLOĠIJI (Skont Ordni Permanenti 14A (3):
John P. Bonnici – Kunsillier

ASSENTI

UFFIĊJAL PREŻENTI:
Marica Mifsud Mintoff - Segretarju Eżekuttiv

Minuti

Is-Sindku, is-Sur Stefan Cordina ppresjieda l-laqgħa. Il-laqgħa bdiet fil-5.45pm. Kulħadd, minn dawk li kellhom ikunu preżenti fuq il-post, kienu preżenti fil-ħin, bl-eċċezzjoni tas-Sur John P. Bonnici.

15.1 Qari tal-ittri ta' apoloġiji

15.1.1 Is-Segretarju Eżekuttiv qalet li ma kellha l-ebda ittra ta' apoloġija imma li Dr. Helen Caruana kienet f'kuntatt mas-Sur Bonnici li kien jinsab indispost.

15.2 Kunsiderazzjoni u Approvazzjoni tal-Minuti

15.2.1 Dr. Cassar qal li l-kelma qliegħ fil-minuti aħjar titneħħa għax tagħti ideja ta' kummerċ u titniżżel il-kelma *surplus* minflok, li hi iktar addattata mal-operat tal-Kunsilli Lokali. Dan il-kumment ġie innotat u l-kelma irranġata. Il-Minuti tal-laqgħa Nru. 14 ġew approvati.

15.3 Komunikazzjoni mis-Sindku

15.3.1 ***Uffiċini ġodda***

Is-Sur Cordina qal li għadhom jiġru wara l-Perit ħabba l-*compliance* minħabba li ma jistax isir il-ftuħ uffiċċjali mingħajru.

15.3.2 ***Festa Santa Marija***

Qal li l-festa qegħda fil-qrib u bħal kull sena jispera li f'din il-festa żgħira kollox imur u jispiċċa b'wiċċ il-ġid.

15.4 Tweġibiet għall-Mistoqsijiet tal-Kunsillieri

15.4.1 Dr. Alex Mangion

- Saqsa fuq ir-reċipjenti tal-iskart, tal-festa, biex ikun hemm extra. Is-Segretarju Eżekuttiv qalet li dejjem ikun hemm, li se tintalab l-għajnuna tal-Cleansing and Maintenance Division sabiex wara l-festa tal-karti jsir it-tindif kollu tal-Pjazza. Saret ukoll mistoqsija mis-Sinjorina Nicole Portelli rigward ir-rotta tal-purċissjoni li ġiet spjegata mis-Sindku

15.4.2 Dr. Ralph Cassar

- Qal li se ssir attività oħra, l-għada filgħodu Doqqu Doqqu Sajf Malti, fit-8.30 ta' filgħodu fi Ġnien l-Istazzjon, għat-tfal bejn l-10 u 14-il sena u li kulħadd hu mistieden. Is-Segretarju Eżekuttiv qalet li t-tfal se jagħmlu ftira Maltija bħalha parti mill-attività.

15.5 Rapporti

15.5.1 Ma kienx hemm rapporti.

15.6 *Items* oħra ta' xogħol ieħor tal-Kunsill Lokali li jkunu meħtieġa

15.6.1 *Management Letter* u Risposta ts-Sindku

Is-Segretarju Eżekuttiv tat rendikont fuq il-*Management Letter* hawn taħt riprodotta:

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Department for
- 8 JUL 2025
Local Government

REG
30 JUN 2025
NATIONAL AUDIT OFFICE

Our ref MB/mf/135825

25 June 2025

Dear Sir,

Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

During the course of our audit for the year ended 31 December 2024 we have reviewed the accounting system and procedures operated by your council. We set out in this report the more important points that arose as a result of our review.

Previous management letter

1.1 Income
The council once again failed to obtain audited financial statements of the Joint Committee (refer to note 2.1).

1.2 Trade receivables
We still identified long overdue trade receivables (refer to note 3.1).

2 Income

Joint Committee

2.1 We also noted that Attard Local Council formed part of the Birkirkara Joint Committee up to 31 August 2011.

2.2 We have obtained the last audited financial statements of the Birkirkara Joint Committee and noted that reserves of the committee only amount to €5,229. To this end our audit report was not qualified as the amount to be divided between all committee members would not be material.

2.3 Nevertheless, we recommend that the council raises this issue with the Department for Local Government and ensures that the joint committee is liquidated, and that the council receives any further income that may be due to it.

3 Trade receivables

Overdue trade receivables

3.1 The books of account includes the following overdue receivables for which no provision was made in the books of account:

Debtor	€
LESA	1,398
George Farrugia & Sons	420
Santa Lucia Confectionery	140
Jean Pierre Cassar	120
Others	842
Receivables without provision	**2,920**
Era Monitoring Unit	700
Regjun Xlokk	5
Regjun Nofsinhar	5
Receivables with provision	**710**
Total long overdue receivables	**3,630**

3.2 Based on the council's representation, the receivables without provision can still be recovered since they have already chased these debtors and have committed to pay for the balances.

The council should regularly review overdue receivables for recoverability and if so, chase these debtors by sending reminders for the long overdue amounts. If recoverability of these debtors remains doubtful, the council should also consider making a provision for doubtful debts in the books of account after obtaining council approval in a meeting.

4 Trade payables

Overdue trade payables

4.1 The books of account includes the following overdue payables:

Creditors	€
Tabone Joseph	296,122
Kunsill Regjonali Tramuntana	71,179
Michael Attard Ltd	26,779
ESS - Electrical Supplies Limited	991
Jean Pierre Portanier Mifsud	826
Others	44
Total overdue balances	**395,941**

4.2 We recommend that the council reviews these amounts and either settle them if still due, or else, reverse them after having obtained approval from the council members. Furthermore, decisions and discussion regarding these balances should be minuted during council meetings.

Regjun Tramuntana

4.3 The council has overdue balances due to Regjun Tramuntana related to waste collection services as there are ongoing disputes regarding the invoices billed to the local council.

4.4 As per discussions with the executive secretary, there are ongoing discussions during the meetings of the Regjun Tramuntana regarding the settlement of these balances. Further, current cash balances are not enough to cover the amounts due to the region. As per the Executive Secretary, they will be setting up a settlement plan once the issues are resolved.

5 Expenses

Refunds from the government

5.1 We noted that there were refunds received from the Electoral Commission relating to employee overtime related to the local council elections held in June 2024, amounting to €4,598.82. This was originally netted off to the salaries and wages account. We have proposed an entry to gross up the salaries expense and reclass the amount as 'funds received from Central Government'. This is to ensure that funds from the government and the related salaries expense are not understated.

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6 **Prepayments**

Rent Prepayments

6.2 Payments for the new lease began during the year ended 31 December 2024 this amounted to €5,000 and were recognised initially as Right-of-use asset without a related lease liability. We have proposed an adjustment to reclassify it as Prepayment until such time the Local Council is able to operate in the new lease premises. The new premises is expected to be operational from the end of July 2025 in which the related right-of-use asset and lease liability will initially be recognised.

Conclusion

We would like to point out that the matters dealt with in this report came to our notice during the conduct of our normal audit procedures which are primarily designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements of the council. In consequence our work did not encompass a detailed review of all aspects of the system and cannot be relied upon necessarily to disclose defalcation or other irregularities or to include all possible improvements in internal control that a more extensive special examination might develop.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Marica Mifsud Mintoff and her staff for their cooperation and assistance during the course of the audit.

Yours faithfully,

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Hi qalet li kien hemm kumment fuq il-*Joint Committee* li baqgħu ma tawx l-Estimi Finanzjarji mill-2011 u għalkemm kien hemm sforzi mid-Dipartiment biex jiġu rkuprati dan xorta ma seħħx. Hi tat spjega wkoll fuq id-debituri u qalet li l-Awdituri rrakkomdaw li jiġu *written off* speċjalment dak tal-ERA Monitoring Unit li minħabba li l-ġnien jgħajjat lill-MDC, Malta Development Corporation, kumpanija li m'għadhiex topera, hu diffiċli biex tasal għad-devoluzzjoni.

Dr. Caruana qalet li jekk issir 166A, li hi ittra uffiċċjali/deċiżjoni legali fuq likwidi dovuti, tkun tista' tara jekk dawn jistgħux jinġabru lura jew le.

Issemmew fil-*Management Letter* ukoll il-krédituri, liema pagamenti spjegat is-Segretarju Eżekuttiv huma marbuta ma' *agreements* u lista ta' pagamenti mensili. Dr. Caruana saqsiet jekk hemmx xi *disputes*? Is-Segretarju Eżekuttiv qalet li mhux *disputes* imma diskussjonijiet mar-Reġjun Tramuntana biex issir arranġament sabiex jitħallsu lura l-flejjes dovuti fuq l-iskart meta ngħataw flus relatati mal-ġbir ta' skart organiku.

Ir-Risposta tas-Sindku li ngħatat spjega tagħha hawn fuq ġiet approvata u tinsab riprodotta hawn taħt:

Kunsill Lokali Ħ'Attard

30th July 2025

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Central Business District
Birkirkara, CBD 1050, Malta.

Attn: Mr. Mark Bugeja

Dear Sir,

Reference is made to your management letter dated 25th June 2025, received at our offices on the 10th July 2025.

The council noted all points and will be addressing these separately. See our responses below:

1. **Prior year management letter points**

   Income – please see response in section 2 below.

   Trade receivables – please see response in section 3 below.

2. **Income**

   Joint Committee – as per previous management letters the council is aware that no Financial Statements by the Birkirkara Joint Committee were presented to the council since 2015.The council had contacted the Department of Local Government on the 23rd November 2023 to remind them to perform the liquidation of the Birkirkara Joint Committee. Up till now a response on the estimated date when this will happen has not been received.

3. **Trade Receivables**

   A Statement of Account and reminders have been sent to the parties from which a receivable was noted as overdue in the management letter and for which a provision was not recognised. The council is confident to receive these amounts in 2025. If this is not the case, the provision for doubtful debts will be adjusted accordingly or a write-off will be carried out on the amounts not received.

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4. **Trade payables**

The overdue payables noted in the management letter will be reviewed and these will be paid off or reversed accordingly. It is to be pointed out that in relation to the amount due to Joseph Tabone and to Michael Attard Ltd., which constitute most of the overdue payables, a re-payment schedule is in place. The Attard Local Council is following these re-payment schedules accordingly to effect payments to these suppliers.

Regarding the amount due to Regjun Tramuntana, as noted in the management letter discussions are ongoing in relation to the points raised by the Attard Local Council on the issues noted with the service provided by the regional contractor for waste collection. Once these discussions are finalised the amount that will need to be paid to Regjun Tramuntana will be agreed and a settlement plan will be put in place accordingly.

5. **Refunds from Government**

The recommendation proposed by the auditors to reclassify the amount received by the Electoral Commission for the overtime of the Attard Local Council staff, in connection with the local council elections held in June 2024, was accepted and this amount was reclassified to income rather than netted off with expenses in the 2024 financial statements.

6. **Prepayments**

The recommendation proposed by the auditors to reclassify the payments made in 2024 for the lease of the new local council office from a Right-of-Use Asset to a Prepayment, until the new office becomes fully operational, was accepted and this amount was reclassified accordingly in the 2024 financial statements.

On behalf of the Local Council and staff I would like to thank the Auditors for their collaboration and professional attitude during the course of the audit.

Regards,

Stefan Cordina
Mayor

Endorsed by:

Marica Mifsud Mintoff
Executive Secretary

15.6.2 Restrizzjoni fuq dħul fi Triq il-Linja

Is-Sinjorina Nicole Portelli talbet biex

- isir sinjal ta' restrizzjoni ta' dħul fi Triq il-Linja biex min ġej minn Triq il-Mosta ma jerġax idur l-isfel min-naħa tad-dħul ta' Triq il-Mosta u *refreshing* tal-*give-way*.
- Saqsiet fuq tneħħija ta' *double yellow line* fi Triq is-Sardinella faċċata ta' garaxx li għandu restrizzjoni ta' dħul. Is-Sur Cordina kwota r-risposta mibgħuta lura minn Transport Malta fuq dan il-każ: 'irrelevanti minn dak li jridu n-nies, it-triq hi pubblika u ħadd m'għandu l-jedd fuqha. L-awtorità, bħalha regolatur skont il-liġi, tapprova jew tirrifjuta talbiet a bażi tal-liġi u *policy* tal-istess awtorità'. Din it-talba ma ġietx approvata. Is-Sindku qal li l-każ hu magħluq.

15.6.3 **Diversi affarijiet**

Is-Sur Ralph Cassar:

- qal li kien hemm avviż fuq il-*bus stop* ta' Triq Santa Katerina li qed jitneħħa minn hemm temporanjament u wegħda li jsir *upgrade* tal-istess *bus shelter.* Is-Sur Cordina qal li dan se jsir f'post iktar adattat faċċata minħabba li kien hemm inċident fejn karozza baqgħet dieħla ġol *bus shelter* tal-ġebel u waqa' xi ġebel fuq in-nies.
- qal li fuq dak il-proġett żgħir fl-istess triq ħa jiżdiedu l-konok minn tlieta għal tmienja u li iktar il-quddiem jitkellem fuq is-siġar li jirrakkomanda li l-aħjar jinżergħu.
- saqsa jekk tkompliex ix-xogħol fuq il-ġardina fi Triq San Pawl? Dan ħa jitkompla.
- talab *update* fuq Ġnien il-Palma. Is-Segretarju Eżekuttiv qalet li l-konkos fuq l-ewwel u t-tieni fażi lesti u li preżentement qed tinqala' t-trejqa tal-ġenb, li l-arbli jinsabu ordnati, l-apparat jinsab nofsu Malta u nofsu Sqallija u li minnu tħallas 50%. Qalet li qed isir id-dawl u l-bins jinsabu ordnati wkoll. Ħa jitħallas il-konkos li sar *to date* u suppost ix-xogħol ikun lest sal-4 ta' Settembru għax s'hemm ġiet mogħtija l-estensjoni.
- saqsa jekk il-Kunsill irċeviex kwotazzjoni fuq il-*bicycle repair station.* Is-Segretarju Eżekuttiv qalet li rċeviet waħada ta' €2026. Hi qalet li aħjar jekk isiru tnejn. Saru suġġerimenti fejn jistgħu isiru xi *bicycle racks* u postijiet prospettivi fejn jistgħu dawn l-*istations.*

15.6.4 ***European Week of Sports***

Dr. Musumeci qal li xtaq li jsir *tournament* bejn l-1 ta' Settembru u 15 ta' Ottubru għall-*European Week of Sports* organizzat minn Sports Malta. L-applikazzjoni trid issir sal-31 ta' Lulju 2025 li jaħbat għada. Forsi jsir xi *tournament* tal-football. Hu qal li se jaħdem fuq ha filgħaxija.

15.6.5 **BOV plc**

Is-Sur Paul Ciantar qal li rċieva mingħand xi residenti li ntefgħu pjanti ġodda fuq dak il-proġett ta' fuq BOV plc. Is-Sur Cordina qal li l-oġġezzjoni se tibqa' valida.

15.6.6 **Pjazza Brembana**

Is-Sur Bartolo qal li wara li ġiet id-delegazzjoni f'Marzu minn Pjazza Brembana il-Kunsill ġie mistieden jitla' hemm imma minħabba li ż-żmien kien qasir u fondi m'hemmx ġie deċiż li għal din is-sena ma jsir xejn.

Kompla jgħid li wara ħafna imejls mal-koordinatur tagħhom dawn bagħtulu programm liema programm m'għoġbu xejn għax hu ma jixtieqx imur vakanza imma jkun hemm ċans ta' skambji kulturali. Hu qal li l-programm irid ikun primarjament edukattiv u

kulturali. Dawn reġgħu irrevedu kollox u bagħtulu programm tajjeb ħafna. Huma ppproponew li d-delegazzjoni Maltija tmur hemm bejn id-9 u t-13 ta' Lulju 2025. Hu qal li jekk jinġabu fondi jistgħu jinvolvu l-iskola, il-banda, NGO's etc. Hu talab li jsir appuntament mal-uffiċċju tal-EU, il-Belt Valletta ħabba fondi sabiex id-delegazzjoni tiltaqa' ma' xi ħadd mill-iskola, banda, sports u kummerċ. Is-Segretarju Eżekuttiv qalet li meta telgħu Gela marru delegazzjoni ta' kważi mitt ruħ u l-Kunsill spiċċa joħroġ iktar fondi milli daħħal.

Is-Sur Bartolo qal li l-ammont irid ikun ta' bejn 20-25 ruħ.

15.6.7 **Ġnien l-Istazzjon**

Is-Sur Bartolo saqsa jekk Ġnien l-Istazzjoni hux qed jinkera għall-attivitajiet privati? Is-Sur Cordina qal li iva qed jinkera barra. Is-Segretarju Eżekuttiv qalet li s'issa mhux qed issir użu minn ġewwa għall-attivitajiet privati ħlief meta jsiru xi seminars u attivitajiet edukattivi imma mhux attività privata. Is-Sur Cordina qal li l-kċina la qed tintuża issa u lanqas se tintuża l-quddiem minħabba li din mhix xi kċina industrijali. Is-Segretarju Eżekuttiv qalet li ħejjiet *bye-law* li qed tiġi ikkorreġuta mill-Avukat speċifikament sabiex ikun hemm sett ta' regoli bil-liġi għal meta jinkera dan il-post.

Is-Segretarju Eżekuttiv qalet li xtaqet titkellem fuqha hekk kif din il-bye-law tkun f'idha minħabba li fiha hemm elenkat kollox, il-kera, l-użu speċifiku, it-tindif. Is-Sur Bartolo qal li tajjeb li jinkera tali post għax vera ġie sabiħ imma li mportanti li jkun hemm sett ta' regoli tindif, *overtime* u spejjeż kollha li jkunu nħarġu.

Dr.Caruana qalet li għaliha titlobhom anka flus għat-tindif u jkun hemm ħin stabbilit għall-avveniment. Hi qalet li mill-esperjenza titlobhom €100 għat-tindif.

15.6.8 **Kiri ta' siġġijiet għall-festa**

Is-Sur Cordina qal li rċieva talba bl-imejl għall-kiri ta' siġġijiet u li fis-snin ta' qabel dawn kienu jingħataw kemm għall-kunċert tal-King's Own u kemm għal dak tas-soċjeta' li jsir lejliet il-festa. Dan l-aħħar kienu qed jingħataw għajnuna fiż-żewġ okkażjonijiet. Kif appena rċieva t-talba s-Segretarju Eżekuttiv ġibdet l-attenzjoni li mhux possibbli tingħata għajnuna waqt iż-żewġ avvenimenti. Għalhekk ġie deċiż li jiġu ordnati 300 siġġu biss għall-lejliet il-festa, 14/08/2025. Kulħadd qabel.

15.7 Kunsiderazzjoni u Approvazzjoni tal-Iskeda ta' Pagamenti.

15.7.1 Is-Sindku saqsa min jipproponi u min se jissekonda.

Proponent: Sur Remigio Bartolo Sekondant: Sur Paul Ciantar

L-iskedi ġew approvati.

15.8 Mozzjonijiet; u

15.8.1 Ma kienx hemm mozzjonijiet.

15.9 Tmiem tal-Laqgħa u data tas-seduta li jmiss.

15.9.1 Il-laqgħa ntemmet fis-6.37pm u ġiet aġġornata għat-19 ta' Awwissu 2025 fis-5.30pm

Konfermati illum, 19 ta' Awwissu 2025.

Stefan Cordina	Marica Mifsud Mintoff
Sindku	Segretarju Eżekuttiv