

District council meeting of 9 March 2022

Convened and announced on 3 March 2022

Present: ZOVILÉ-BRAQUET Marion (CSV), Mayor, SCHILTZ Fernand (LSAP), Deputy Mayor, JUNGBLUT Tom (CSV), Deputy Mayor, EIFES Eric (DP), DI GENOVA Jean-Pierre (CSV), SCHMITZ Jean-Pierre (CSV), ARRENSDORFF Jean-Jacques (Déi Gréng), WEYMERSKIRCH Patrick (LSAP), Councillors, TAZIAUX Tim, Acting Municipal Secretary, GASPAR Alix, Secretary.

Apologies: ZHU Dali (DP), LAKAFF Laurent (CSV)

1. Determination of venue for the district council meeting

The district council unanimously approved the Cultural Centre in Moutfort as the venue for this district council meeting.

2. HR matters

In closed session.

3. Creation of two posts and conversion of one officer post (fonctionnaire)

The Mayor explained that several posts were being created or converted in order that the individual departments of the Council could continue to guarantee a good service to residents. The posts in question were the creation of an administrative post in Career Track C, salary group C1, the creation of a post in Career Track A2, sub-group scientific-technical (former engineer-technician), and the conversion of a post in Career Track C1, technical salary group (ancien expéditionnaire) into a post in Career Track B1, technical salary group.

The Council unanimously approved the creation of two posts and the conversion of one officer post.

4. Approval of two agreements – SIAS

Tom Jungblut, Deputy Mayor for the Environment, presented the agreement on staffing costs for the “Animateur EAU” concerning the coordination and supervision of water protection areas. The staffing costs are being borne by the Water Fund (Fonds pour la gestion de l’eau) during the first two years, after which they are split 1/3 to the water supplier and 2/3 to the Fund.

He also presented the agreement on the financial distribution of costs associated with the programme of measures for the respective protection areas. The cost allocation code was geared partly to the average spring discharge, and the charges for Contern District Council are 40.51%.

Jean-Jacques Arrensdorff welcomed the two agreements and made reference to the subsidies from the Water Fund. He also requested to be sent the specific catalogue of measures produced by BEST. This is being forwarded to Jean-Jacques Arrensdorff.

The Council unanimously approved the two SIAS agreements.

5. Determination of a representative to the working groups “Wasseranimateur” and “Scheedhaff”

As part of the agreements just voted on, Contern District Council respectively requires a delegate for the regional collaboration committee and a representative to attend meetings organised in connection with implementing the programme of measures. The Cabinet proposed allocating these posts to Tom Jungblut, as Deputy Mayor for the Environment, as he has the necessary competences in water issues.

The Council approved the appointment of Deputy Mayor Tom Jungblut as representative on the “Wasseranimateur” and “Scheedhaff” working groups, by 6 votes in favour and 3 abstentions (Jean-Jacques Arrensdorff, déi Gréng, Eric Eifes, DP, Laurence Wolter, déi Gréng).

6. Approval of an agreement – Amicale Conter Pompjeeën “Willys Jeep”

The Mayor presented the agreement concerning the vehicle “Willys Jeep” between Contern district administration and Amicale Conter Pompjeeën. The district council owns the vehicle, which has been restored thanks to the efforts of Amicale Conter Pompjeeën over many years. The conditions for ownership and use are now being set out. The agreement envisages the costs for repairs, maintenance, vehicle tax and insurance being met by Contern district administration. All other costs arising are being met by Amicale Conter Pompjeeën.

The Council unanimously approved the agreement with Amicale Conter Pompjeeën concerning “Willys Jeep”.

7. Approval of an agreement – EnerCoop Syrdall

Deputy Mayor Fernand Schiltz explained the contents of the agreement with EnerCoop Syrdall concerning use of the roofs of the music school in Oetrage to collect solar energy. The agreement came into force on 1st February 2022 and runs for 15 years. The District Council continues to look for suitable surfaces and roofs for installation of photovoltaic systems, being mindful of climate protection.

The Council unanimously approved the agreement with EnerCoop Syrdall.

8. Approval of a document – “Cession gratuite” in Oetrage

The Council unanimously approved the document for a free transfer in Oetrage.

9. Approval of a document – “Purchase of an apartment” in Moutfort

The Council unanimously approved the document for purchase of an apartment in Moutfort. This apartment was being repainted, so that it could then be rented out as part of social housing provision.

10. Approval of a “compromis d’échange” – Exchange of land in Oetrage

The Mayor presented the exchange contract for a plot of land of 0.33 Ar, located in Oetrage, in exchange for two plots of land of 0.05 Ar, also located in Oetrage.

Since there was a difference in areas of 0.28 Ar, the exchange was being made against payment of a residual sum of EUR 11,200.00 in favour of Contern District Council.

The Council approved acceptance of a “compromis d’échange” concerning the exchange of land in Oetrage by 7 votes in favour and 2 abstentions (Jean-Jacques Arrensdorff, déi Gréng, Laurence Wolter, déi Gréng).

11. Special development plan (PAP) for “Bei der Hiel” in Moutfort – Approval of the agreement and of the implementation design (“projet d’exécution”)

The Council unanimously approved the agreement and the “projet d’exécution” for the PAP “Bei der Hiel” in Moutfort.

12. Approval of two statements of accounts, “Compte administratif” and “Compte de gestion” 2020

Deputy Mayor Tom Jungblut spoke about the Financial Controller’s analysis of the Contern District Council accounts. He emphasised that the Finance department, together with Acting Municipal Secretary Tim Taziaux, had done excellent work and had adhered rigorously to the guidelines and laws. The Council unanimously approved the two statements of accounts, the “Compte de gestion” 2020 and the “Compte administratif” 2020.

13. Creation of six new items in the District Council budget

Tom Jungblut, Deputy Mayor for Finance, explained why it was necessary to create six new budget items in the 2022 budget. The expenditures involved were costs in connection with “Willys Jeep” and usage fees for the Night Rider. On the revenue side, reimbursements from insurance companies following accidents, the payment from Enovos Luxembourg SA for electricity generation, the annual Night Card subscriptions for the Night Rider and the annual Conti Bus subscriptions were added.

The Council unanimously approved the creation of six new items in the District Council budget.

14. Approval of a cost estimate and of the detailed design (“avant-projet détaillé”) – 30 kmph zone in Contern

The Mayor presented the project for a 30 kmph zone in Contern village centre, which will contribute significantly to traffic calming.

Eric Eifes welcomed the idea of traffic calming, but expressed concern that the needs of pedestrians, car drivers and bus drivers needed to be taken into account. A bay for the school transport would be very sensible in this location, he felt. Such bays are no longer provided by the Ministry of Mobility and Public Works; despite this, the Cabinet will contact the Road Construction Authority to examine possible options for this section of road.

The Council unanimously approved a cost estimate and the detailed design (“avant-projet détaillé”) for the 30 kmph zone in Contern.

15. Approval of a cost estimate and of the detailed design (“avant-projet détaillé”) – Construction of a car park in Contern

The Mayor presented the estimate and the preliminary project for construction of parking spaces behind the old school building in Contern. It concerns around 100 parking spaces. In addition to standard parking spaces, there will be areas for buses, electric cars and disabled parking.

The Council approved acceptance of a cost estimate and detailed design concerning construction of a car park in Contern by 7 votes in favour and 2 abstentions (Jean-Jacques Arrensdorff, déi Gréng, Laurence Wolter, déi Gréng).

16. Extraordinary grant – World Rescue Challenge

The Cabinet proposed granting the organising committee of World Rescue Challenge 2022 asbl a grant of € 250.00.

The Council unanimously approved a grant for the World Rescue Challenge.

17. Creation of a new working group – Nature Pact

Deputy Mayor Fernand Schlitz explained that as part of the Nature Pact, it was planned to establish a working group, known as the “Équipe Pacte Nature”.

The Council unanimously approved the creation of a new working group for the Nature Pact.

18. Approval of two resignations by members from several committees

Ms Marianne Schanck-Kettmann was resigning as a member of the Sports Committee. Ms Marie-France Back-Pelalaï was resigning as a member of the Culture Committee.

The Council voted unanimously to accept the two resignations, of a member of the Sports Committee and a member of the Culture Committee.

19. Appointment of various new members to various committees and working groups

The Council unanimously approved the appointment of various members to the Sports Committee, the Integration Committee, the Music Teaching Committee, the “homme de l’art” Committee, the Mobility

Committee, the Equal Opportunities Committee and to the Fairtrade Team and Nature Pact Team working groups.

Following a vote, the Council approved the appointment of new members to the Committee for Culture and Tourism.

20. Change to traffic regulations in Contern district

The Council unanimously approved a change to traffic regulations in Contern district relating to the parking rules for “Op der Haangels” in Contern. There is now a ban on parking in this road, apart from in the marked or laid-out parking spaces, from House 1 to House 5a on both sides.

21. Approval of a traffic order – Rue de la Source, temporary change

The Council unanimously approved a temporary, urgent traffic order in Rue de la Source, Moutfort, from 21 February to 15 April 2022. This was required since through passage of traffic at the sites of the open ditch during drainage works is not possible.

22. Approval of income

Laurence Wolter left the meeting. The Council unanimously approved income of € 341,442.32 for 2021 and € 2,101,231.71 for 2022.

23. Announcements and councillor questions

The Mayor informed councillors of letters of thanks received from UGDA and Echternach Town Council.

She was pleased by the large response and the solidarity shown by residents in the donor action for Ukrainian refugees. The collection centre was being moved from the industrial area to the sports hall near the Council office, for reasons of space. The Mayor thanked the secretariat staff for coordinating the situation.

Not only the Cabinet, but the whole District Council supported the Sycicol resolution concerning the forthcoming wave of refugees.

Deputy Mayor Tom Jungblut distributed a copy of the medium-term budget plan (“Plan pluriannuel financier”) to all councillors.

Eric Eifes raised the matter of traffic accidents on the Rue de Luxembourg. The Mayor assured him that the risk to safety had not escaped the Cabinet, and that every effort was being made to alleviate the situation together with the consultancy firm as quickly as possible.

Patrick Weymerskirch asked, with regard to rising energy prices, whether the Cabinet had plans to provide financial assistance to residents. Deputy Mayor Tom Jungblut explained that this was a very complicated process, from a legal viewpoint, and that it was preferable to wait to see whether the state intervened.