

District council meeting of 13 July 2022

Convened and announced on 07 July 2022

Present: SCHILTZ Fernand (LSAP), Deputy Mayor, JUNGBLUT Tom (CSV), Deputy Mayor, ZHU Dali (DP), DI GENOVA Jean-Pierre (CSV), LAKAFF Laurent (CSV), SCHMITZ Jean-Pierre (CSV), ARRENSDORFF Jean-Jacques (Déi Gréng), WOLTER Laurence (Déi Gréng), THIERIE Geoffrey (LSAP), Councillors, TAZIAUX Tim, Acting Municipal Secretary, GASPARD Alix, Secretary.

Apologies: ZOVILÉ-BRAQUET Marion (CSV), Mayor, ERIC EIFES (DP)

In the absence of the Mayor, Marion ZOVILÉ-BRAQUET (CSV), and of Eric Eifes (DP), Deputy Mayor Fernand SCHILTZ (LSAP) opened the meeting. He wished the Mayor a speedy recovery.

1. HR matters (in closed session)

In closed session

2. Approval of a tenancy agreement – property in Moutfort

Deputy Mayor Tom JUNGBLUT (CSV) briefly outlined the living circumstances of the future tenant. She satisfied the criteria for assistance from the district council. The Cabinet was proposing approval of the tenancy agreement signed on 5 July 2022 concerning a property in Rue d'Oetrange in Moutfort.

The district council unanimously approved the tenancy agreement concerning a property in Moutfort.

3. Approval of a supplement to contract – properties in Contern

Deputy Mayor Tom JUNGBLUT (CSV) explained that the incidental expenses for the four apartments leased by the church council via the social welfare office "Ieweschte Syrdall" have risen from € 300 to € 400, in order to spare the tenants possible supplementary payments. The Cabinet was proposing approval of the change to the tenancy agreement of 17 January 2018 in respect of the "An Théilen" residence in Rue des Prés 62 and 62a in Contern.

The district council unanimously approved the supplement to contract concerning four apartments in Contern.

4. Approval of an agreement – part of a plot of land in Contern

Deputy Mayor Tom JUNGBLUT (CSV) explained that the pavement in Rue de Syren was being widened in places by 40 cm. This was making it possible to extend the safe route to school, to make the pavement accessible for those in wheelchairs, and to design the site at the traffic light to comply with the law. In compensation, the owners of the land are getting a new wall along their entrance. The Cabinet was proposing approval of the exchange agreement signed on 5 July 2022 for a part of the plot recorded in the cadastre for Contern district, Contern Section C, No. 417/4826.

The district council unanimously approved the contract concerning a part of a plot of land in Contern.

5. Tax rules – registration fee for music teaching courses

Deputy Mayor Fernand SCHILTZ (LSAP) explained the new law, under which the majority of music teaching for young people up to 18 is free. In addition to this, the member districts in the UGDA have standardised their tariffs. The Cabinet was proposing to set the registration fees for music teaching

from the academic year 2022/2023 for all courses not benefiting from the free registration provided for under the aforementioned law.

The district council unanimously approved the new tax rules concerning the registration fees for music teaching.

6. Tax rules for courses in Luxembourgish – adjustment

Deputy Mayor Fernand SCHILTZ (LSAP) outlined that 40 participants had already registered for the language courses in Luxembourgish offered by the district. The offering has been expanded to include an intensive course for advanced learners. The Cabinet was proposing to set the registration fees for the intensive language course in Luxembourgish at € 160 with effect from 1 September 2022.

The district council unanimously approved the new tax rules concerning the registration fees for language courses in Luxembourgish.

7. Creation of two new items in the district council budget

Items needed to be introduced retrospectively in the district council budget for two revenues that were not foreseeable. These were firstly the grant towards the costs for district councils for the care of refugee children, and secondly the Wifi4EU subsidy.

The district council unanimously approved the creation of two new items in the district council budget.

8. Supplementary credits

Vehicle insurance after indexation has come out somewhat higher than the estimate from the insurance company. Moreover, additional expenditures and hiring was necessary for the organisation of the Comic Festival 2022, and the costs of travel and accommodation for authors had risen. In addition to this, the negative interest rates had not been foreseeable when preparing the budget plan 2022. Accordingly, the Cabinet was proposing to approve certain supplementary credits.

The district council unanimously approved supplementary credits for the 2022 financial year.

9. Change to traffic regulations in Contern district

The Cabinet proposed a change to the local traffic regulations to accommodate the request for a commercial parking permit. Under it, in future the council-owned vehicles will also comply with the new rules on parking.

The district council unanimously approved the change to the traffic regulations in Contern district.

10. Appointment of a public transport delegate and of a replacement delegate

Deputy Mayor Tom JUNGBLUT (CSV) explained that the task of the district council delegate consisted in ensuring communication between the district council, its residents and the public transport management for all matters relating to the organisation of public transport, and in informing the public concerned. The Cabinet proposed Mr Fernand Schiltz as the delegate and Mr Geoffrey Thierie as the replacement delegate.

By a majority vote, the district council accepted Mr Fernand Schiltz as the delegate and Mr Geoffrey Thierie as the replacement delegate for public transport affairs.

11. Articles of association for an association – for noting

Deputy Mayor Tom JUNGBLUT (CSV) gave information about the new church community “Den Danske Kirke i Luxembourg” and its articles of association, as a new member of Contern district. The charitable

association has its head office in Saint-Donat church in Medingen. The articles of association were adopted on 13 July 1993.

The district council noted the articles of association for an association.

12. Approval of grave concessions

There has been no previous voting in the district council regarding grave concessions. In order to comply with the applicable regulations, however, this item will henceforward be on the agenda. The Cabinet proposed approving two concessions in the graveyards in Contern and Oetrange.

Councillor Jean-Jacques ARRENSDORFF (Déi Gréng) requested a change to the regulations regarding the requirements concerning the last place of residence of the deceased person. The text is being revised in that regard.

The district council unanimously approved two grave concessions.

13. Approval of income

The district council unanimously approved income of € 2,127,695.90 for 2022.

14. Announcements and councillor questions

Deputy Mayor Tom JUNGBLUT (CSV) spoke regarding the flower-boxes along Route de Luxembourg in Contern. The planning office has devised a new concept free of charge, which has secured the approval of the national transport committee. The new plan for traffic-calming appears to be safer and will reduce the accident rate on this road considerably.

Councillor Jean-Jacques ARRENSDORFF (Déi Gréng) enquired about the greening of these alternative plans. Deputy Mayor Tom JUNGBLUT (CSV) assured him that the definitive installation would also be planted up, following completion of all works.

Deputy Mayor Fernand SCHILTZ (LSAP) invited those present to attend the Comic Festival in Contern on the weekend of 16 and 17 July. After two years of restrictions, the Cabinet was pleased to again be able to welcome visitors for a moment of comic-related conviviality and entertainment.

Deputy Mayor Fernand SCHILTZ (LSAP) also gave a reminder regarding the Wheelchair Rugby event taking place in Contern on 24 and 25 July. He also announced that the Fairtrade Picnic of 18 June which had had to be cancelled due to the heat alert was now being held on 17 September at 14.30.

Deputy Mayor Tom JUNGBLUT (CSV) referred to a letter from the DP regarding the 2022 budget, which was sent to the Cabinet on 15 June. The Cabinet will examine the current status of the budget and share its findings with the district council after the summer break.

Councillor Jean-Pierre DI GENOVA (CSV) reported on the last meeting of the SIGI Committee with the office and the management. President Yves WENGLER took the opportunity to address recent disquiet and criticisms, and the representatives from the individual districts had then responded to what he had said. After lengthy discussions, it was established that on the one hand an independent and impartial audit was needed, and on the other hand that a study should reveal which districts were regularly using which programmes at all. The issue is likely to be considered again in further meetings and rounds of discussions.

Councillor Laurent LAKAFF (CSV), as President of the Youth Committee, referred to the Beach Days taking place in Contern on 23 and 24 July. It features a beach volleyball tournament, with a barbecue party and cocktails.

Councillor Jean-Jacques ARRENSDORFF (Déi Gréng) praised the recently-dedicated Bédéric Monument in Contern. He thought it was a great success.

The Cabinet invited those present to share in a glass of sparkling wine, at the start of the summer holidays.