

District council meeting of 10 February 2021

Convened and announced on 04 February 2021

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), LAKAFF Laurent (CSV), ARRENSDORFF Jean-Jacques (Déi Gréng), WOLTER Laurence (Déi Gréng), WEYMERSKIRCH Patrick (LSAP), Councillors, TAZIAUX Tim, Acting Municipal Secretary, REIFFERS Cindy, Secretary

Apologies: LORENT Guy (DP)

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. Notification regarding the resignation of a councillor

The Mayor notified the meeting of the resignation of Councillor Claude Schmit, who is moving to another district and thus is no longer permitted to remain a councillor in this district council. The Mayor thanked him for his constructive contribution to the Council's work.

3. Update to the Council's "Table of precedence"

The "Table of precedence" was updated due to Laurence Wolter joining the Council for the "Déi Gréng" party.

At the next council meeting, this document will be further revised due to a member of the "DP" party joining the Council.

The Council unanimously accepted the "Table of precedence".

4. Decision in principle for the planning and execution of a housing complex in Contern: special specifications including cost estimate and tender procedure

The Council voted unanimously to approve the Cabinet continuing to work on the project for a housing complex in Contern. The project in question, which was presented by the consultancy firm MC Luxembourg, is for construction of five affordable dwellings in "Contern South" which, subject to conditions, can be acquired at a price of € 450,000 upwards.

5. HR matters

In closed session

6. Creating a post – "Salarié(e) à tâche intellectuelle" ("Clerical officer")

The Council voted unanimously to approve the creation of a clerical officer post ("salarié(e) à tâche intellectuelle"). This person will direct workers in future, and serve as the intermediary between the Head of Technical Services and the workshop.

7. Approval of the implementation agreement ("convention d'exécution") and implementation design ("projet d'exécution") for the special development plan PAP Kinert in Moutfort

By 8 votes in favour and 2 abstentions (Jean-Jacques Arrensdorff and Laurence Wolter), the District Council accepted the implementation agreement and the implementation design for PAP Kinert in Moutfort. This is a site of approximately 68 are, on which 14 houses are to be built.

8. Approval of termination of a tenancy agreement with the Ministry of Education, Children and Youth for offices in Contern, at 24 rue Edmond Reuter

The Council voted unanimously to approve termination of a tenancy agreement with the Ministry of Education, Children and Youth for offices in Contern, at 24 rue Edmond Reuter. The Cabinet intends to offer the property for rent again at the earliest opportunity.

9. Approval of termination of a tenancy agreement with the operator of a physiotherapy practice for offices in Contern, at 24 rue Edmond Reuter

The Council voted unanimously to approve termination of a tenancy agreement for offices in Contern, at 24, rue Edmond Reuter with Ms Nathalie Mangen, the operator of a physiotherapy practice. The Cabinet is considering using these premises for the community in future.

10. Approval of an agreement regarding the “Mais kappen” project with Weiler-la-Tour council

The Council voted unanimously to approve the agreement with Weiler-la-Tour council regarding the corn trimmer. This agreement provides for the Contern Council’s corn trimmer now also to be used on the land belonging to Weiler-la-Tour council. Through the Cabinet’s initiative to progress this project from 2019-2020, Contern Council is taking a leading role in the “Syrdall” water conservation area.

Jean-Jacques Arrensdorff praised the principle of this sustainable field management and would have liked the SIAS (Syndicat intercommunal pour l’assainissement du bassin hydrographique de la Syre, the inter-communal association for nature conservation in the Syre drainage basin) to have set up an inter-authority project in this context.

11. Approval of an agreement with Post Luxembourg for a PackUp station

The Council voted unanimously to approve the agreement with Post Luxembourg for a PackUp station. This service to residents now makes it possible to collect parcels ordered from closer to home.

12. Approval of a document concerning the sale of land in Moutfort

The Council voted unanimously to approve the document concerning the sale of land in Moutfort. This relates to a plot located in the Rue d’Oetrange, with a size of 1.42 are, which is being sold to Mr Armand Joseph TILGES, at a price of € 50,000.

13. Approval of a traffic order – Rue des Prés – temporary change

The Council voted unanimously to approve the temporary change to the traffic order in the Rue des Prés. This is necessary due to work on the water supply.

14. Confirmation of changes to the traffic orders for Contern district – temporary changes

The Council voted unanimously to approve temporary changes to the traffic orders.

15. Approval of several resignations by a member from various committees

The Council voted unanimously to approve the resignations by Claude Schmit from various committees.

16. Grants to clubs – supplement for USMM

The Council voted unanimously to approve a grant of € 1,050 to the sports club USMM (Union sportive Moutfort-Medingen).

17. Approval of several statements of accounts

The Council unanimously approved six statements of accounts.

18. Request for a loan – in-principle agreement

By 8 votes in favour and 2 votes against (Jean-Jacques Arrensdorff and Laurence Wolter), the Council approved the request for a loan in connection with the purchase of “Conterstuff”.

19. Approval of two rights of way in Contern

The Council voted unanimously to approve two rights of way in Contern. These were approved in order to permit the crossing of land by third parties during instatement of the rainwater retention basin.

20. Approval of the cost estimate for traffic calming in the Route de Luxembourg in Contern

The Council voted unanimously to approve the cost estimate for the traffic calming measures in the Route de Luxembourg. A working party has already been convened with regard to this, and the opinion of the Transport Committee has been sought.

21. Approval of the cost estimate for the Heed – Kackeschbesch water supply

The Council voted unanimously to approve the cost estimate for renewing the Heed – Kackeschbesch water supply.

22. Statement on noise reduction action plan proposals (“Projets de plan d’action contre le bruit”)

The Mayor reported on noise being generated by the heavily trafficked Rue de Canach in Oetrange, the sports aircraft training over Contern district, and the station in Oetrange. This statement had become necessary due to complaints from residents.

The Council unanimously approved the statement.

23. Approval of a resolution against the free trade agreement between the EU and Mercosur, the South American trade bloc

Fernand Schiltz, Deputy Mayor, explained that the European Commission is seeking to move forward with ratification of the free trade agreement between the EU and Mercosur, the South American trade bloc. However, this agreement is not consistent with human rights and climate protection.

The Council unanimously agreed to send a letter to the Foreign Ministry, assuring it of support from Contern Council.

24. Approval of income

Income totalling € 1,524,630.00 was accepted.

25. Announcements and councillor questions

The Mayor announced that the Social Welfare Office expenditures, based on the medium-term budget plan (Plan pluriannuel financier), were increasing slightly.

The Mayor also announced the abolition of the AAA label on energy-saving electrical devices, which is being replaced by an "A" labelling.

Jean-Jacques Arrensdorff asked about the unfilled Council posts and proposed that some should be deleted, in order to have a better overview. The Mayor replied that there was no provision for this since the intention was to plan with an eye to the future. As part of the efforts by the Cabinet to improve Council services for the residents, for example through having quarterly or monthly statements of the Council charges, there was a need to increase staffing; in part, this was also having regard to the rapidly growing numbers of residents.

The Mayor provided information about the current coronavirus situation in the "Um Ewent" primary school and in the nursery.

A resident asked whether he was billed for the emptying of his waste bin even if he did not put it out for collection. The Mayor said that was not the case.