

District council meeting of 30 June 2021

Convened and announced on 24 June 2021

Present: ZOVILÉ-BRAQUET Marion (*MZB*) (CSV), Mayor, SCHILTZ Fernand (*FS*) (LSAP), Deputy Mayor, JUNGBLUT Tom (*JT*) (CSV), Deputy Mayor, EIFES Eric (*EE*) (DP), ZHU Dali (*DZ*) (DP), SCHMITZ Jean-Pierre (*JPS*) (CSV), DI GENOVA Jean-Pierre (*JPD*) (CSV), LAKAFF Laurent (*LL*) (CSV), ARRENSDORFF Jean-Jacques (*JJA*) (Déi Gréng), WOLTER Laurence (*LW*) (Déi Gréng), WEYMERSKIRCH Patrick (*PW*) (LSAP), Councillors, TAZIAUX Tim, Acting Municipal Secretary, REIFFERS Cindy, Secretary.

Apologies: none

Agenda; supplementary item

MZB proposed adding a supplementary item to the agenda. This concerned the proposal to declare Contern district an LGBTIQ “freedom zone”. The district council unanimously agreed to include this supplementary item on the agenda between Items 18 and 19.

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. Approval of specifications and decision-taking criteria – Sale of sites in the special development plan area PAP Contern South

The consultancy MC Luxembourg presented the specifications and the decision-taking criteria concerning the sale of sites within the PAP Contern South. Amongst other points, emphasis was being put on young families having the opportunity to find a home in their region.

JPS joined the meeting.

The sites mentioned above are being sold without a contract for building.

The district council approved the specifications and the associated decision-taking criteria by 7 votes in favour and 4 abstentions (EE, DZ, JJA and LW).

3. HR matters

In closed session.

This item was taken up again after Item 20 on the agenda.

4. Creation of a post – Agent municipal

By 9 votes in favour and 2 abstentions (JJA and LW), the district council approved the creation of a post of “Agent municipal” (council officer) with the function of “Garde-champêtre” (forest ranger/game warden/code enforcement officer). The district will also benefit in future from the expansion of competencies covered by this officer.

MZB further advised that a meeting had been arranged with a Moutfort craft workshop to discuss the traffic problem outside that site and at the nearby junction in Moutfort, and to identify solutions.

5. Change to rules for flexitime (“Horaire mobile – Administration”)

The arrangements concerning flexitime (“horaire mobile”) had previously been presented to the district council on 18 November 2020 for approval, and had been approved by it. However, the Interior Ministry had subsequently not accepted them, and a meeting was held at the Ministry to amend a number of details. The district council again unanimously voted to approve this version of the arrangements.

6. Nomination of several members to various committees

The district council unanimously voted to approve the nomination of Mr Patrick Elsen to the Buildings Committee and Mr Charles Muller to the Environment, Energy and Climate Committee.

7. Approval of the application from the City of Luxembourg to join the Minett Kompost syndicate and of the new articles of association for the syndicate

The district council unanimously approved the application from the City of Luxembourg to join the Minett Kompost syndicate and the new articles of association for the syndicate. MZB advised that the Minett Kompost operation and the bio-gas facility are being enlarged.

8. Approval of an agreement concerning a hunting lodge in Contern

The district council unanimously approved the agreement concerning a hunting lodge in Contern. An annual payment of € 5 is to be paid by the tenant to Contern district council.

9. Special development plan (PAP) “Bei der Hiehl” in Moutfort – Approval of the implementation agreement (“Convention d’exécution”) and supplement to the implementation agreement

By 7 votes in favour and 4 abstentions (EE, DZ, JJA and LW), the district council accepted the implementation agreement and the supplement to it for the special development plan for “Bei der Hiehl” in Moutfort.

10. Approval of a division of a plot of land in Oetrange

The district council unanimously approved the division of a plot of land in Oetrange.

11. Opinion of the district council – Listing of a building in Contern

By 7 votes in favour, with 2 votes against (JJA and LW) and 2 abstentions (EE and DZ), the district council voted to formally express a negative opinion to the Culture Ministry concerning the listing of a building in Contern as a “Monument national”. This is a residential building located in Contern at 22, Rue de Moutfort.

12. Approval of various statements of accounts

The district council unanimously approved two statements of accounts. In one case, these concerned the renovation of Rue Kiem, more specifically the Route de Remich section in Moutfort, and in the other the play area and pétanque pitch in Contern.

13. Exceptional grant – Special Olympics Luxembourg

The district council voted unanimously to make an exceptional grant of € 250 to Special Olympics Luxembourg.

14. Exceptional grant to the USMM football club

The district council voted unanimously to make an exceptional grant of € 1,601.96 to the USMM football club.

15. Grants to clubs and associations

Further grants were approved unanimously for various clubs and associations. In total, these amounted to € 71,778.82.

16. Change to traffic regulations in Contern district

The amended traffic regulations for Contern district were approved unanimously by the district council.

17. Approval of a number of temporary modifications to the traffic regulations

The district council voted unanimously to approve a number of temporary modifications to the traffic regulations.

18. Confirmation of temporary modifications to the traffic regulations for Contern district

The district council unanimously approved temporary changes to the traffic regulations for the Contern district.

19. Supplementary item: Resolution by the district council to declare Contern district an LGBTIQ “freedom zone”

The district council unanimously approved the proposal to declare Contern district an LGBTIQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, intersexual, queer) freedom zone. In addition, the district council condemned the discriminatory actions of the Polish and Hungarian governments against these fellow citizens, and resolved to fly the rainbow flag outside the council building for a week during Pride Month (June).

20. Approval of income

Income totalling € 495,059.03 was unanimously accepted for the financial year 2021.

21. HR matters

In closed session

22. Announcements and councillor questions

MZB gave a reminder regarding the public meeting on 12 July concerning the sale of five houses at reduced prices.

The building site for the “Henkeshaus” was progressing well.

The “Bande Dessinée” comic event will be staged this year in a smaller format, for known reasons.

LL gave an announcement concerning “Beach Day”, being organised by the Youth Committee and the “Schweini-Multi-Sport a.s.b.l.” association. The event is taking place on 24 and 25 July and will involve a Covid check.

MZB advised regarding the situation with “Conterstuff”. At present, a full inventory was being taken. Discussions were being held with the “Service des Sites et Monuments” and a cost estimate prepared. Expert advice will be sought in regard to that. The intention is to bring life back to this former restaurant.

TJ added that the building had suffered while it had been standing empty, since it had not been ventilated. Working sessions of the district council are being convened regarding "Conterstuff".