

## **District council meeting of 21 July 2021**

### **Convened and announced on 15 July 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), 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:** SCHMITZ Jean-Pierre (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. Approval of final school arrangements 2021/2022**

Lena Wangen, Deputy President of the School Committee, presented the final school arrangements for the academic year 2021/2022. The children are being spread across a total of 20 classes. The new “Léierstiffchen” project was presented. The district council unanimously approved the final school arrangements.

#### **3. Approval of the extra-curricular support plan (PEP) for the academic year 2021/2022**

Ms Anne Schwartz, teacher at the “Um Ewent” primary school, and Mr Tom Nero, management representative and educator at the day-care centre in Contern, presented the PEP (plan d’encadrement périscolaire). The day-care centre, which can support up to 240 children at any one time, plays an important educational role, and therefore a purposeful collaboration with the school is highly important.

MZB stated that she was delighted by the excellent collaboration by both establishments, and thanked them for their commitment. In this context, she also advised that an information event was planned for all parents, scheduled for 5 October 2021.

#### **4. Decision of the Social Welfare Office – Avis Conseil Communal**

The district council unanimously endorsed the decision of the Social Welfare Office concerning the determination of remuneration for an employee.

#### **5. Nomination of several members to a committee**

The district council unanimously approved the nomination of Mr Eric Eifes and Mr Arsène Kihm to the Consulting Committee.

#### **6. Approval of a document – Sale of a parcel of land**

The district council approved the deed for sale of a parcel of land by 6 votes in favour and 4 abstentions (EE, DZ, JJA and LW). It relates to a parcel with an area of 1 Ar and 3 m<sup>2</sup>, which the district council is selling to Mr Paul Henri Emile Denzle for € 3,090. The price for this sale was determined under a decision of the district council of 12 July 2002.

## **7. Approval of a division of a plot of land in Contern**

The Council unanimously approved the division of a plot of land in Contern.

## **8. Council rules – Use of school playgrounds, playing areas and multi-sports pitches**

This item was removed from the agenda by unanimous consent, due to legal disagreements, and will be brought before councillors again in a later meeting.

## **9. Tax rules “Allocation de vie chère” (cost of living allowance) – Adjustment**

The district council unanimously approved the adjustment to the tax rules concerning the “Allocation de vie chère”. Henceforward, the sums disbursed will not be higher than the amount the applicant has already had approved by the “Fonds national de solidarité” (National Solidarity Fund).

## **10. Supplementary loan – Various items**

Supplementary loans totalling € 105,000 were unanimously approved by the district council. These are needed, amongst other things, for repairs to council buildings damaged by the floods of 14 and 15 July.

## **11. Two exceptional grants – “Eng Uergel fir d’Conter Kierch”**

Two exceptional grants for “Eng Uergel fir d’Conter Kierch” were unanimously approved by the district council. The total amount was € 1,858.26.

## **12. Grants to clubs and associations**

Further grants were approved unanimously for various clubs and associations. In total, these amounted to € 16,043.

## **13. Income**

Income totalling € 1,655,686.19 was accepted.

## **14. Announcements and councillor questions**

MZB reported that in “Im Medenpoull” in Oetrange, 28 houses were flooded. MZB and TJ were involved throughout the night in providing active support.

MZB thanked the Mayor of Sandweiler, who had made containers and trucks available for the Contern district. Containers for green waste from the Contern district were emptied in order to dispose of the waste that had been created. The Mayor also thanked ProActif, the CGDIS, the Oetrange-Schrassig youth club and council staff for their efforts. People were very grateful for the help, and had also helped one another.

In addition, radiators in the cultural centres had been underwater. A leak was found in the youth centre in Moutfort. Various council buildings need to be repainted. Although the council is insured, the radiator repair costs will need to be laid out upfront, for instance, since it is not possible to wait until the financial compensation from the insurance company comes through.

In that regard, MZB emphasized Cabinet transparency and anticipated that budget finance will need to be re-adjusted.

However, MZB also wanted to put her discontent on the record. Some residents had exploited the flood disaster by clearing their attic and disposing of their unwanted items. This meant that some people who were suffering in the emergency were initially unable to find any space in the containers to dispose of their waste.

A meeting with the water management agency AGE (Administration de la gestion de l'eau) has been requested. The council itself has no authority e.g. to widen the bed of the Syre river.

JJA proposed that permeable balustrades could be created along the Syre, instead of walls. TJ replied that the problem of spatial planning needed to be solved as a priority. MZB and TJ made reference to the proposed meeting with the AGE.

JJA reported on one case of flooding in the "Rue du Kiem" in Moutfort. There, a lot of water ran past the "An Espen" housing development. He proposed that the neighbouring ditch be extended, as far as the entrance to "An Espen".

FS reported on the "Semaine européenne de la mobilité" (European Mobility Week) and extended an invitation to attend various activities. These include distributing croissants and fruit at bus stops (17.09), the traditional bike ride (19.09), and "Respekt um Feldwee" (20.09), an initiative to combat littering, and a themed bike ride taking in the biological station of the SIAS (Syndicat intercommunal pour l'assainissement du bassin hydrographique de la Syre) (21.09)

FS also reported on the reply from the Environment Ministry regarding the district council opinion of 10 February on noise reduction action plan proposals ("Projets de plan d'action contre le bruit").

LL reported on the "Beach Day", which was taking place at the weekend.

MZB announced that two new council employees, namely Mr Rick Reicher and Mr Luc Hansen, had taken up their posts on 15 July.

MZB gave notice of a survey about extracurricular sport linked to the league of primary-school sports associations, LASEP (Ligue des associations sportives de l'enseignement fondamental). The day-care centre had already committed to offering this activity during the lunch break. Whether LASEP sports are ultimately to be offered is dependent on the result of the survey.

FS reported on a workshop about the "Climate Model" on 23 September in the Cultural Centre in Moutfort.

MZB gave notice of a survey about the "ProActif" service. This was an intermediate assessment, which is currently being evaluated by the district council. The Cabinet has already intervened on "ProActif" in order for the service to residents to be improved. "ProActif" keeps rigidly to the specified working hours, a principle that was not previously observed by ClGR (Centre d'initiative et de gestion régional, the initiative and regional management centre).

Concluding, MZB stated her hope that there would not be a further wave of coronavirus in September.