

Meeting of the Municipal Council

of 25 June 2025

Present

Mayor

ZOVILÉ-BRAQUET Marion (CSV) – MZB

Aldermen

ANSAY STÉPHANIE (LSAP) - SA

LOOSE YVES (CSV) - YL

Councillors

ARRENSDORFF Jean-Jacques (Déi Gréng) - JJA

AXMANN Robert (DP) - RA

DI GENOVA Jean-Pierre (CSV) - JPDG

EIFES Eric (DP) - EE

RODRIGUES Noé (CSV) - NR

THOMÉ Pol (LSAP) - PT

ZHU Dali (DP) - DZ

Municipal Secretary

NIEDERWEIS Mike

Recording Secretary

MOLITOR Yves, ACC

Excused

ENTRINGER MARC (CSV)– ME

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2. Approval of the forestry planning for the Contern municipal forest 2025-2034

The forestry planning for the municipal forest of the Municipality of Contern for the period from 2025 to 2034 was presented to the Municipal Council by Mr. Philippe Schmitz, Mr. Gil Jacquemoth and Mr. Pascal Armbrorst. The plan underlines the central importance of the forest and its sustainable regeneration for future generations. The focus is on management close to nature, which is becoming increasingly relevant.

Currently, the Municipality has a total forest area of 285.98 hectares, of which 248.84 hectares are designated as production areas and are therefore subject to forestry planning. 151 hectares have been designated as protected habitats. A special focus here is on the preservation of deadwood as an essential component for the protection of native flora and fauna.

Climate change poses major challenges for forests: rising temperatures and increasing drought require a rethink in forest management. The current tree population consists of 51% oak, 36% beech, 10% other deciduous trees and a smaller proportion of spruce and other coniferous trees. Tree felling is usually carried out to keep the stock healthy and helps to preserve young and healthy trees.

The aim of the ten-year plan is the ecological and climatic adaptation of the forest as well as the long-term regeneration of the tree population. Beech and oak trees will play a major role in this in the future, as they are better adapted to dry conditions than conifers. The focus is on promoting resilience and multifunctionality - above all through consistent rejuvenation of forests.

Forester Gil Jacquemoth emphasised that natural regeneration still offers clear advantages: The natu-

ral cultivation of young plants is easier to maintain and enables natural selection, which allows stable, adapted populations to develop. However, planting by human hand remains a necessary but less-than-perfect substitute.

The Municipal Council unanimously approved the forestry plan for the period 2025-2034.

3. Creation of various positions

3.1. Creation of a position - employee C1

The creation of an employee position at career level C1 was approved by the Municipal Council with 6 votes in favour and 4 abstentions. The background is the internal transfer of an employee to the Public Relations department. The new employee to be hired will be tasked in the future to work with the Conciergerie and in the new Sports Hall.

3.2. Creation of a position - employee H3bis

The creation of the CH3bis employee position is approved by the Municipal Council with 6 votes in favour and 4 abstentions. The future employee will work as a responsible supervisor in the Communal Studio.

3.3. Creation of a position - municipal employee A2

The creation of the employee position at career level A2 is approved by the Municipal Council with 6 votes in favour and 4 abstentions. The current Safety Officer is very busy with his daily tasks, which means that the exercise of this function is no longer possible to the desired extent. The creation of this position is intended to help provide noticeable relief and a more efficient distribution of tasks.

3.4. Creation of a position - municipal employee B1

The creation of the employee position at career level B1 is approved by the Municipal Council with 6 votes in favour and 4 abstentions. The Public Relations department continues to be understaffed, as two former employees have left the team due to dismissal or illness. One of these positions has not yet been filled.

4. Power of attorney for legal proceedings (Ester en justice)

After extensive discussion, the agenda item regarding the granting of a power of attorney for legal proceedings was removed from the agenda at the request of the Mayor with 6 votes in favour and 4 abstentions.

The background to this request is the submission of a lawyer's letter by Councillor Ari Arrensdorff, which was not available to the College of the Mayor and Aldermen and the other members of the Municipal Council in advance. According to Ari Arrensdorff, this document should only have been sent to the employee concerned after an appropriate decision by the Municipal Council, in accordance with the

applicable legal requirements.

Councillor Ari Arrensdorff also expressed doubts about the usefulness of further legal proceedings in the L.B. case, as the court ruled that the salary payments to Ms. L.B. should be continued. From his point of view, it is questionable whether the Municipality of Contern has realistic prospects of success in further proceedings.

Councillor Robert Axmann, on the other hand, emphasised that each Council member should carefully weigh up his/her own decision. He expressly spoke out against following the Mayor's proposal to remove the item from the agenda.

5. Division of a plot of land - Rue Beau Soleil - Contern

The parcelling out of a plot of land in Rue Beau Soleil in Contern was unanimously approved by the Municipal Council.

6. Creation of a budget item

The creation of a budget item for the redesign of the "Kuerzeberg" bus stop in Oetrange was unanimously approved.

7. Approval of various projects

7.1. Redesign of the "Kuerzeberg" bus stop in Rue de Moutfort in Oetrange

The redesign of the "Kuerzeberg" bus stop was unanimously approved by the Municipal Council.

7.2. Installation of a pedestrian crossing on the N2 in Moutfort (at the top of "um Kinert")

This item was removed from the agenda by a unanimous decision due to various uncertainties. The Municipal Council would like to see further clarification of the planned road changes by the College of the Mayor and Aldermen.

7.3. Installation of a pedestrian crossing on the N28, Rue de Canach, in Oetrange

The installation of the pedestrian crossing on the N28, Rue de Canach was unanimously approved by the Municipal Council.

7.4. Creation of a new "Église" bus stop in Rue de Moutfort in Oetrange

The creation of a new bus stop in the Rue de Moutfort in Oetringen was unanimously approved. However, the Municipal Council attaches importance to the stop being given a Luxembourgish name.

8. Amendment to the General Traffic Regulations - selective amendment

The selective amendment to the General Traffic Regulations was unanimously approved. It concerns the path connecting Syrener Weg to the pedestrian crossing and the cycle path.

9. General Traffic Regulations - temporary amendments

The following amendments were approved unanimously:

Temporary arrangement in Moutfort -

Rue de Contern (22.05.2025)

Temporary arrangement in Contern -

Rue de Syren (19.05.2025)

Temporary arrangement in Contern -

Rue de la Gare (11.06.2025)

10. Confirmation of revenue

Revenue of EUR 885,615.39 was unanimously approved.

11. Information for the municipal councillors after the end of the meeting

The Mayor praised the positive response of the citizens to the national holiday. Neither the food nor the beer proved sufficient, which impressively confirms the great success of the event.

The employees Sandra Totaro and Mike Niederweis have taken over the Secretariat on an interim basis and are expressly appreciated for their good work. The Mayor requested that the meeting be postponed from 16th July to 15th July, as Mr. Niederweis cannot attend the original date in his role as Deputy Secretary.

Alderman Yves Loose, in his role as Environmental Alderman, informed the meeting that the Municipality of Contern has been officially certified by the Nature Park and is now allowed to use the relevant logo. The official handover will take place on the weekend of 28th June.

Councillor Pol Thomé inquired about the current parking system at Conter-Sandweiler Railway Station. It was established that the Municipality of Sandweiler has still not introduced a fee system and that the parking meters are apparently not yet in operation. He also enquired about an inventory of the parked vehicles.

The Mayor explained that the College of the Mayor and Aldermen is waiting for feedback from the responsible ministry, in particular on the question of whether the current fixed price of EUR 0.50 should be maintained. An answer is not expected until the autumn.

Councillor Pol Thomé expressed the opinion that a daily parking fee of EUR 5 is already very cheap.

Councillor Robert Axmann criticised the inadequate distribution of the flyers by the Municipality and the clubs and associations. Numerous residents do not receive important information through their letterboxes, which is why an improvement is necessary here.

The Mayor recommended that citizens contact the communal administration directly if they are missing flyers.

Councillor Robert Axmann also expressed his disappointment that the Municipal Council hardly receives any invitations to events from clubs and associations. This was also the case recently with the awards for the completion of the Luxembourg language courses.

Ms. Sandra Totaro from the Secretariat pointed out that, up until now, the invitations have been sent to the email address of the previous secretary, which she did not have access to during his absence.

Councillors Robert Axmann and Eric Eifes proposed advising the clubs and associations not to use the email address they have used so far and giving them a new address instead. In this way, those responsible could receive and forward the messages. Councillor Eric Eifes added that the Municipal Council also receives little feedback from the syndicates and their activities.

The Mayor explained that the limited access to the relevant information is a problem here, too.

Councillor Ari Arrensdoeff asked whether there are problems in general with postal deliveries, as access to the emails was limited.

The Mayor informed the meeting that the IT company AC (Automation Center) was on site all day and is working to fix the problems as quickly as possible.

Councillor Eric Eifes mentioned a traffic problem that appears to be caused by the lack of a road sign: Between Rue de Moutfort and Rue Roger Leiner, there is an increased number of cars and delivery vehicles, even though it is a pedestrian path where vehicles are generally not allowed to be driven. This situation poses a considerable danger, especially for pedestrians and for children playing.

The Mayor assured the meeting that the Municipality would take immediate action.

The meeting was closed by the Mayor.