



Citta Notabile

Mdina Local Council
Administrative Report 2019

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1.0 Introduction

This report is reviewing the period between 01st January 2019 and 31st December 2019 which is the conclusion of the term of the 7th Council and beginning of the 8th legislature.

In the past year, one can notice with satisfaction that, notwithstanding our limitations, we managed to reach a desired and acceptable standard of efficiency and effectiveness although we would have done much more if we had the right financial resources. As in previous years a large part of the Council's financial budget went to cover contracts concerning Cleansing, and Gardens upkeep. During this year a tender was issued for Street sweeping and Cleaning and maintenance of Parks and Gardens.

The Council this year once again we had to face a number of vandal acts with the destruction of a equipment, street furniture mainly in the Playing field, and public gardens which is not always covered by our insurance policy.

Other types of maintenance interventions where also engaged this year, with a constant program for the upkeep of street furniture and light fittings, as well as preventive maintenance operation launched to maintain safety issues.

During the year, the Council continued insisting with the authorities regarding the lease of the area suitable to be developed into a car park. The Council has committed itself during this legislature, now that the financial books of the Council have resulted in a surplus to continue with the process to convert the field situated near the Stazzjon into a parking area under the form of a private partnership project. Unfortunately, there was no progress in this regard and every day that passes, the problem in the area is on the rise every year with the increase in tourists visiting the city besides the frequent events being organized in Mdina. With regards to the Council premises, we are still waiting for a lease agreement from the Lands Department and is beyond our control.

The running of Casino Notabile after its restoration, has been entrusted to Mr. Clifford Galea as the Curator of the premises and during this year various cultural and philanthropic activities have been held. This year we took care to do the cleaning and maintenance of its interior and upgraded its facilities.



Cultural and social activities played an important part in our agenda and this includes our medieval festival, Medieval Mdina which every year is increasing its popularity, an Annual BBQ for residence at the end of summer which is well attained and also the Christmas lunch. A number of cultural outings have also been organized for our Residents. Furthermore, for the fourth consecutive year Mdina was the also the setting for the Mdina Grand Prix and in which was another success.

Other Government Departments and Agencies continued to support and assist the Council, both in a number of funds granted and in addition to direct interventions, especially the Restoration Unit. (MRRA).

In reviewing last year's working progress on behalf of the Council, we feel we've reached satisfactory results, and although our operation is limited by various factors, amongst which our biggest hurdle is no doubt financial restrictions, we were able to reach our projected targets. This was the result of full cooperation from all the stakeholders including our residents, of all Councillors, and all staff, whilst this encourages us to even work harder in the coming years.



Peter Sant Manduca

Mayor



2.0 The Council

2.1 Meetings

During this year 16 meetings were held with the following attendance:

Peter Sant Manduca – <i>Mayor</i>	16 Present	0 Excused	0 Absent
Joseph Debono – <i>Vice Mayor</i>	15 Present	1 Excused	0 Absent
Maryanne Sultana– <i>Councillor</i>	16 Present	0 Excused	0 Absent
Alfred Barbaro Sant - <i>Councillor</i>	16 Present	0 Excused	0 Absent
Camille Scerri – <i>Councillor</i>	14 Present	2Excused	0 Absent
Mark Mallia - <i>Executive Secretary</i>	16 Present	0 Excused	0 Absent

One has to notice that the attendance by Residents to Council meetings was quite encouraging. During the meetings held apart from the standard items like correspondence and approval of payment schedules, the Council discussed matters concerning the day to day operation, adjudication of tenders and quotations, as well as other matters arising from time to time.

Apart from the official Council Meetings, we had various other meeting with Government departments, agencies and other authorities. Meetings as well were held with other private entities. The subjects for such meetings were various and mainly concerning future interventions or actions requested by the Council.



2.2 Set Up

As in previous Councils, no Council members were given a particular responsibility, but all responsibilities were shared amongst all the Councillors, thus no sub-committees were set up. A Cultural committee functioned during this year, mainly meeting to discuss Cultural Activities, especially the organisation of the Medieval Festival.

The office is administered by the Executive Secretary he is assisted by a clerk, Clare Camilleri working on reduced hours and Francesco Scicluna working on a Full-Time job since 1st June 2019, complete the staff structure of the office. During this year the Vehicle Access Passes were once again issued with a computer-generated program which is connected to the Guards & Wardens who are the operators of the system

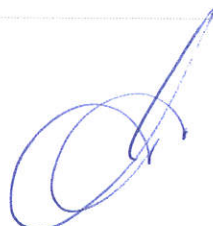
A number of Circulars were issued to communicate and inform the residents about various activities notices about Power cuts and Closing of roads, amongst others This apart from the direct contact between our Residents and Councillors/ Council Staff, an opportunity that is unique for our Council.

2.3 Activities – routine interventions

The Council agreement with GreenPak to collect recyclable waste once weekly without any extra charge With regards to the collecting of glass separately there was no service in this regards as all recycling companies found that it is not financially viable to introduce it in Mdina. On a monthly basis the washing of the streets is done and emptying of litter bins is done on a daily basis. Non urban areas are cleaned not on a routine programme but when the need arises and eventually we made several intervention in rural areas like Triq Gharreqini with the removal of weeds and cleaning of the whole area. .

The upkeep of Howard Gardens includes the upkeep of the Gardens, including gardening and cleansing, as well the watering of plant pots in the city.

The Cleansing Department this year assumed again the management of the Public Convenience in Howard Gardens.



The street light system is continuously maintained throughout the year, after there was a change in the contractors, not only to overcome wear and tear, but also to fix vandalism acts, especially in Howard Gardens. Eventually an exercise was taken to consolidate the bullet lights to avoid easy vandalism.

2.4 Activities – Infrastructure

During the year the Council continued to maintain the Playing Field with various interventions.

Other small interventions included (i) the change of broken slabs from the paved street flooring(ii) the installation of traffic signs and new traffic mirrors; (iii) restoration on rubble walls in the various areas outside the walls; (vi) the cleansing of the valley bed next to olive gardens. Many of the interventions were possible with the assistance of the government departments.

2.5 Activities – International and EU Funds

The Council officials were involved on many occasions with the visit from Various dignitaries to our City.

This year as well we continued our participation in the Covenant of Mayors which is an association between different communities in the EU that together commit them self to safeguard with action the environment. We as well are members in the ECAD, European Communities against Drugs, and the European Walled Cities)

2.6 Activities – Social and Cultural

The Medieval Festival, which is organised by the Council, has now established itself not only in the local calendar of Cultural events but this year we once again, with a greater number, experienced a good number of enquiries from abroad. The popularity of this event has increased and this was not only beneficial to enhance the Medieval image of our city, but as well boosted economic activity for our business



community. This year we had the participation of various international groups together with a number of Maltese Medieval groups Concerts and children's area.

As part of Mdina Day a BBQ was organised in one of the Squares of Mdina, in which a good number of Mdina residents with their families attended. A Christmas Lunch was as well organised in December.

During the Mnarja festivities the Bandu (Town Crier) is as well organised in collaboration with the Council.

During this year as well, the Council offered the service of a Nurse for the inoculation for the Jab against Influenza.

3.0 Conclusion

This report cannot be complete if one does not mention as well the numerous interventions done by different central Government Departments. The Police force who put our mind at rest with their preventive measures and their daily traffic management. In this regard the Council expects a better service from LESA who seem to do their best to help out but cannot cope with the demand and supply of their service. Last but not least the service providers who rendered a good service in keeping our city clean and in good shape.

In reviewing the past year operations of the Council, one can realise that throughout the year the Council is involved in different interventions intended to improve the environment and the infrastructure of the city, in work intended to improve our service to the community, in events that highlights the glorious history of our city, and communicate with all stakeholders to assure that these interventions are beneficial to all the community and visitors of our City, We sincerely hope that this is not only our perception.



Mark Mallia
Executive Secretary

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
For the year ended 31 December 2019

		2019	2018
		€	€
Income			
Funds received from Central Government	4	261,505	264,340
Income raised under Local Council Bye-Laws	5	14,149	23,774
Income raised under Local Enforcement System	6	454	445
General Income	7	28,864	23,548
		<u>304,972</u>	<u>312,107</u>
Expenditure			
Personal emoluments	9	(78,198)	(59,840)
Operations and maintenance	10	(76,754)	(71,265)
Administrative and other expenditure	11	(116,941)	(76,362)
		<u>(271,893)</u>	<u>(207,467)</u>
Operating Surplus for the year		33,079	104,640
Finance income	12	-	2
Surplus for the year		<u>33,079</u>	<u>104,642</u>

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 December 2019

		2019 €	2018 €
ASSETS			
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	13	15,963	40,637
Intangible assets	14	760	1,234
		<u>16,723</u>	<u>41,871</u>
Current Assets			
Receivables	15	13,482	9,974
Cash and Cash Equivalents	16	190,337	124,361
		<u>203,819</u>	<u>134,335</u>
Total Assets		<u><u>220,542</u></u>	<u><u>176,206</u></u>
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Reserves			
Retained Fund		<u>178,879</u>	145,800
		<u>178,879</u>	<u>145,800</u>
Current Liabilities			
Payables	17	30,432	30,406
Deferred income	18	11,231	-
		<u>41,663</u>	<u>30,406</u>
Total Equity and Liabilities		<u><u>220,542</u></u>	<u><u>176,206</u></u>

Alfred Barbaro Sant

Kunsillier Responsabbli għall-Manutenzzjoni u l-Indafa tal-Ambjent

- Responsibilities – Councillor Alfred Barbaro Sant
- Howard Gardens (Large & Small Garden)
- Maintaining a clean and safe environment
- Reporting on trees / bushes etc. Regarding pruning / replanting and damages
- Reporting any maintenance work and damages of fixtures
- Keeping contact with gardeners and cleaners

Mary Ann Sultana

Kunsilliera Responsabbli mill-Kommunitajiet, il-Qasam Soċjali u l-Integrazzjoni Soċjali

Bħala Kunsill b'kommunita` żgħira ġewwa l-Imdina prattikament nafu lil kull resident b'mod personali u dan narawh ta' vantaġġ biex naraw li kull resident ikun moqdi bl-añjar mod possibbli f'dak kollu li jkollu bżonn.

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Il-kunsill jaħseb ukoll fis-saħħa tar-residenti tagħna u għalhekk ma dħul ix-xitwa jagħmel l-arranġamenti kollha biex jingħata l-vaċin tal-influenza bla ħlas. Bħala kunsilliera responsabbli minn dan id-dikasteru ser nibqgħu nipromwovi dawn l-attivitajiet biex inkomplu nuru li aħna kommunita` maqgħuda. Din ir-rieda li bħala kunsill naħdmu fil-komunitajiet tagħna tawgura tajjeb għall-futur tas-soċjeta` tagħna, fit-tiħiħ ta' oqsma kulturali, soċjali u reliġjużi.

Camille Scerri

Kunsilliera Responsabbli mill-Edukazzjoni u ż-Żagħżagħ

As the Councillor responsible for Education and Youths, it is my duty to set up educational events, which creates cultural views. In our locality our main attraction is The Medieval Festival which has turned out to be a success throughout the years. Regretfully this year, due to the pandemic caused by Covid-19 the event was not held. Regarding Youths, sadly Mdina has an ageing community and little can be organised.