



Citta Notabile

Mdina Local Council
Administrative Report 2023

1.0 Introduction

This report is reviewing the period between 01st January 2023 and 31st December 2023 which is the continuation of the term of the 8th Council

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. As in previous years a large part of the Council's financial budget went to cover contracts concerning Cleansing, and Gardens upkeep.

The number of vandal acts with the destruction of a equipment, electric appliances and street furniture mainly in the Playing field, and public gardens unfortunately continued to persist. Hopefully during 2024 as part of the setting up of fences around Howard Gardens, CCTV cameras will be installed and used a deterrence to vandalism.

Other types of maintenance interventions were 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. 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 entrusted to Councillor Mrs Maryann Sultana and during this year various cultural and philanthropic activities have been held.

Cultural and social activities played an important part in our agenda and this includes an Annual BBQ for residence as part of Gieh L-Mdina at the end of summer which is well attended and also the Christmas lunch.

Several cultural outings have also been organized for our Residents.

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 and Malta Tourism Authority

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:

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| 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> | 15 | Present | 1 | Excused | 0 | Absent |
| Camille Scerri – <i>Councillor</i> | 15 | Present | 1 | Excused | 0 | Absent |
| Mark Mallia - <i>Executive Secretary</i> | 16 | Present | 0 | Excused | 0 | Absent |

One has to notice that attendance by Residents to Council meeting was second to none. 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, 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*

The office is administered by the Executive Secretary he is assisted by a clerk, Clare Camilleri working on reduced hours and a Full Time Clerk, Francesco Scicluna (up to September 2023), 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*

As from the 1st of January 2023 the functions on the collection of waste collection, recyclable waste and glass were passed on to the Western Regional Council. In summer the washing of the streets is done, as well an extra emptying of litter bins. 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.

2.4 Activities – Infrastructure

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

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

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.

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 Community 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

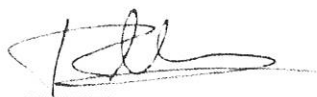
Executive Secretary

4 Financial Statement for Year ended 31st December 2023

4.1 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As at 31 December 2023

| | Notes | 2023 € | 2022 € |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| ASSETS | | | |
| Non-Current Assets | | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 12 | 37,490 | 34,773 |
| Intangible assets | 13 | - | - |
| | | <u>37,490</u> | <u>34,773</u> |
| Current Assets | | | |
| Receivables | 14 | 16,203 | 14,904 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | 15 | 473,812 | 372,096 |
| | | <u>490,015</u> | <u>387,000</u> |
| Total Assets | | <u><u>527,505</u></u> | <u><u>421,773</u></u> |
| RESERVES AND LIABILITIES | | | |
| Reserves | | | |
| Retained Fund | | <u>418,521</u> | <u>325,667</u> |
| | | <u>418,521</u> | <u>325,667</u> |
| Current Liabilities | | | |
| Payables | 16 | 49,001 | 35,008 |
| Deferred income | 17 | 59,983 | 61,098 |
| | | <u>108,984</u> | <u>96,106</u> |
| Total Equity and Liabilities | | <u><u>527,505</u></u> | <u><u>421,773</u></u> |

These financial statements were approved by the Local Council on 9th May 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Peter dei Conti Sant Manduca
Mayor



Mark Mallia
Executive Secretary