



Kunsill Lokali

Local Council

Ix-Xewkija

ID-DISA' LEĠSLATURA

AGENDA Numru 19

Laqgħa Urgent tal-Kunsill Lokali Ix-Xewkija

Lill-Membri kollha tal-Kunsill Lokali,

Qiegħed tiġi mitlub/a biex tattendi għal-laqgħa urgenti tal-Kunsill Lokali numru 18 li ser tinżamm fl-Uffiċċju Amministrattiv tal-Kunsill, nhar is-Sibt, 17 ta' Mejju 2025 **fin-nofs siegħa (12.30pm)**.

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IFFIRMATA

14 ta' Mejju, 2025

Heidi Grech

Agent Segretarju Eżekuttiv

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Laqgħa Urgenti tal-Kunsill Lokali Ix-Xewkija

Il-Kunsill Lokali ix-Xewkija iltaqa' fl-Uffiċċju Amministrattiv tal-Kunsill fi Triq Santa Katerina, Xewkija nhar is-Sibt 17 ta' Mejju 2025. Il-Laqgħa bdiet fl-13:30.

PREŻENTI:

Simona Refalo – Sindku

Josef Charles Hili – Kunsillier

Jeanelle Attard – Kunsillier

George Zammit – Kunsillier

ASSENTI B'APOLĠIJA (skond ordni Permanenti 14A (3):

Paul Azzopardi – Viċi Sindku

ASSENTI:

UFFIĊJAL PREŻENTI:

Heidi Grech – Aġent Segretarju Eżekuttiv

19.1 Talba

Intqagħlet talba tal-bidu flimkien. Is-Sindku s-Sa. Simona Refalo ippresediet l-laqqgħa.

19.2 Qari tal-ittri ta' apologiji;

Peress li l-laqqgħa bdiet aktar tard minn dak previst, il-Viċi Sindku talab li jkun skużat għaliex ma setax jibqa jistenni minhabba li kellu mpenji personali. Il-Kunsill laqa din l-apologija.

19.3 Rapport tal-bord tal-għażla – Vakanza ta' Segretarju Eżekuttiv fil-Kunsill Lokali Xewkija.

L-Agent Segretarju Eżekuttiv ipprezentat u qrat ir-rapport ippreparat mill-Bord tal-Għażla. Kien hemm ħames kandidati li attendew għall-intervista'.

Il-Bord tal-Għażla irrakkomanda li l-kandidata Sa. Marion Mejlak, 273471(M) biex tiġi maħtura fil-pożizzjoni ta' Segretarju Eżekuttiv tal-Kunsill Lokali Xewkija.

Il-membri kollha preżenti qablu u approvaw ir-rapport tal-bord tal-għażla. Għalhekk l-Aġent Segretarju Eżekuttiv infurmat lill-membri li se jkun qed jitkompli l-proċess sabiex is-Sa Mejlak tinħatar fil-kariga.

Impjegat Handy Man fi Skala 18 fil-Kunsill Lokali Xewkija

L-Agent Segretarju Eżekuttiv flimkien mas-Sindku nformaw lill-membri preżenti is-sitwazzjoni tal-Impjegat Keith Caruana li kien ġie ngagġat mal-Kunsill Lokali ricentament u li kien għadu fuq żmien ta' prova. Is-Seg. Eżekuttiv spjegat li wara li s-Sur Caruana ammetta li kien ħa s-somma ta' €1000 mill-Kunsill, il-Kuntratt tiegħu ġie terminat b'effett mill-10ta' Mejju 2025. L-Agent Seg. Eżekuttiv qrat ittra li qed tiġi hawn annessa u mmarkata bħala **Anex 1**, fejn hija spjegat kif indunat bil-flus neqsin waqt li kien qed isir il-proċess ta' rikonċiljazzjoni. Is-Sindku ħadet ħsieb li jsiru r-rapporti meħtieġa mal-Pulizija u l-Agent Seg. Eżekuttiv infurmat lid-Dipartiment tal-Gvern Lokali dwar it-terminazzjoni tal-impjieg tas-Sur Caruana. F'laqqgħa li nżammet mas-Sur Caruana, s-Sindku u l-Agent Seg. Eżekuttiv, huwa talab li tinzamm il-paga dovuta lilu u iffirma dikjarazzjoni li ser jirrifondi d-differenza sal-31ta' Mejju 2025. Fin-nuqqas ta' dan, huwa kien infurmat li l-Kunsill kien se jipproċedi legalment fil-konfront tas-Sur Caruana.

Il-membri preżenti qablu unanimament mat-terminazzjoni immedjata tas-Sur Caruana u kien hemm qbil li nipproċedu skond il-liġi għaladarba is-Sur Caruana ma jirrifondix il-fondi sal-aħħar ta' Mejju 2025. Kien hemm qbil ukoll sabiex immedjatament terġa toħroġ is-sejħha sabiex tintela l-vakanza ta' Handyman/Driver fi Skala 18 mal-Kunsill Lokali Xewkija.



'Anex 1'

The Mayor and Councillors

Xewkija Local Council

17th May 2025

Following the 7th of April 2025, after taking office as Acting Executive Secretary of Xewkija Local Council, and on reconciling the cash found at the Council on the day being Friday, the 9th of May, it transpired that the amount of € 1000 was missing from cash collected at the Maltapost branch under the council's remit.

Furthermore, on reconciling both the amounts deposited in the council's account with those paid to Maltapost, it transpired that the amounts deposited previous to my tenure do not tally with the amounts due to Maltapost. Hence, the balance in the bank account as on the 16th of April being that of €405.07 does not suffice to cover the amounts due to Maltapost.

In view of this, after having deposited the amounts of €14,560 on the 13th of May 2025, I had to carry out an internal transfer between own accounts, of €1857.20 to cover for both the €1000 mentioned above together with the €857.20 being the unlocalised cash which was also received at the council.

I hereby declare that I have immediately informed the Mayor about these findings and immediate action was taken from both my end and the Mayor's. On the 10th of May 2025, in the presence of myself and the Mayor, Mr. Keith Caruana, holder of Identity Card number 5998(G) who is employed with the council, has admitted to the theft of €1000. Considering that the Mr. Caruana was recently employed and currently on probation, considering the various mishaps and warnings from our end, together with lack of respect towards both his colleagues and superiors alike, his employment has been terminated as on the 10th of May 2025. Mr. Caruana has agreed and signed a declaration to confirm that he will be returning the amount of €1000 to the Council by the 31st of May 2025. He was also informed that should he fail to comply the Council will proceed with legal action against Mr. Caruana on the basis of misappropriation and theft of public funds.

Mayor Simona Refalo has also filed a police report on the 12th of May 2025. This declaration has been presented and read to the Council on Saturday, the 17th of May during an urgent meeting number

Kind regards,

Heidi Grech

Acting Executive Secretary