

Annual Administrative Report

2019

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Mayor's Introduction

During the year 2019, the council had two different legislatures as in May there was a council election. The Eighth Legislature of the Ghasri Local Council began to function on 1st July 2020. The newly elected council has 3 newly elected councillors but the same Mayor and Vice Mayor thus the transition was a very smooth one. The previous council and the new council continued its ongoing resurfacing program.

Triq Wied il-Ghasri and Triq il-Gonna were completed in 2019. The council also began works on Trejqet San Pupulju, Triq id-Dehra and Treqjet Dun Gużepp Cassar as well as part of Triq il-Fanal and Triq it-Tamar during this year.

Besides road resurfacing the council concluded works on the extension of the local library and the restoration of the famous niche in Ghasri located in Wesgħa Dun Gużepp Buttigieg.

The main priorities, which the Council embarked and worked hard to achieve during this year, were:

- 1. Trying to acquire government land for the construction of Children's recreational area.
- 2. The annual event of Traditions: Wine, Olive Oil & Honey
- 3. Cultural & Educational activities.
- 4. Ghasri Branch Library
- 5. Direct contact with residents.

1. Recreational Area.

The council opened up a court case with the Department of Lands regarding an application submitted by the council many years ago for the creation of a recreational area for all the family in the only available government owned land in Ghasri. This was turned down by the Lands Department. A subsequent court case declared that the Lands Department's decision could be overturned. However, the Land's Department appealled this decision and the original sentence was granted.

2. Traditions: Wine, Olive Oil & Honey

The council organised for the 3rd consecutive year the annual event Traditions: Wine, Olive Oil & Honey. More features were added to the event including a local home made wine competition and an art exhibition. Once again, this event was a success.

3. Cultural and Educational activities.

The council organised the annual sports event in June with the participation of all, children, adults and the elderly. For the first time the council organised a concert in the Parish Church during the week of the feast. Several other cultural and informative meetings were organised by the council addressing foreign residents of the locality. Cultural outings were organised whereby residents had the opportunity to visit several local museums and places of interest. The annual Christmas show was organised and presented during the Christmas season.

4. Ghasri Branch Library.

The council acknowledged the need to enlarge the local library, due to the amount of books being purchased and being donated. The council then applied for a grant for such works. The grant was very small but the council continued with these works and has now doubled the size of the library. This makes the library a more comfortable and attractive place to visit for all.

5. Direct contact with residents.

Passing information to our residents was and still remains one of the main priorities of this Local Council.

The Council issues a newsletter several times during the year to inform residents of upcoming events/services provided by the council and ongoing works by the council.

Another means of contact used by the Council is our Facebook page. This is updated very frequently and keept in direct contact with residents and non residents. The Council also has it's own website along with the one run by the Department for Local Government.

Future projects:

The Ghasri Local Council will continue with ongoing resurfacing works at Triq it-Tamar and Triq San Pupulju. The council has received partial funding and a commitment for more funding for resurfacing of Triq Wied Sara.

The Council had plans to organise several cultural events during the year but due to the pandemic effecting the world these events will have to be postponed.

Conclusion:

As one can analyse from this report, during the last year the Ghasri Local Council worked hard to achieve its goals. The vast and imperative programme listed above was implemented for three main reasons.

- 1. The unity between all five Council members.
- 2. The Councillors' priorities were always our locality.
- 3. Collaboration and work co-ordination between the Councillors and the Executive Secretary and staff of the council.

Dr. Daniel Attard Ghasri Mayor

2.1 The Council

Meetings held between 1st January 2019 and 31st December 2019

Position Meeting participatio			
	<u>Present</u>	Excused	
Mayor Daniel Attard	100%	0%	
Deputy Mayor Emanuel Mintoff	100%	0%	
Councillors Mr Joseph Farrugia Mr Frank Formosa	100% 100%	0% 0%	
Ms. Alexandra Mifsud	100%	0%	
Ms. Elizabeth Mintoff	100%	0%	
Mr. Salvatore Felice Pace	100%	0%	
Mr. Sammy Saliba	100%	0%	
Executive Secretary			
Ms. Rita Mifsud Attard	100%	0%	

Organisation

The organisation structure of the Ghasri Local Council consists of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors, Executive Secretary, clerk and 4 Community Scheme workers. Each councillor is assigned specific duties and responsibilities as listed below:

The Seventh Legislature:

Dr. Daniel Attard, Mayor – EU Funds, Capital Projects & Public Relations Emanuel Mintoff, Vice Mayor – Education, Library & I.T

Joseph Farrugia -Health & the Elderly

Frank Formosa – The Environment, Transport & Local Enforcement

Alexandra Mifsud - Culture, Youths & Sports

The Eighth Legislature:

Dr. Daniel Attard, Mayor - Youths, Children & Social aspects

Emanuel Mintoff, Vice Mayor - Infrastructure & Projects

Elizabeth Mintoff – The Environment, Innovation & the Elderly

Salvatore Felice Pace – Education, Social Integration & Culture

Sammy Saliba - Cleanliness, Sports & Physical Activity & Animal Welfare



3.0 Financial and Operations Review

3.2 Operations Review

General Activities

The Local Council has now been operating for twenty six years. During these years the Local Council has made various improvements in the locality by means of certain works and projects, which have either been completed or are still in a working phase.

During the year 2019, the council's main challenge was the resurfacing of roads which were in a disastrous state. Some of them never having been surfaced at all. It accomplished a good amount of these works, changing the overall view of the area. These roads serve as farmers road to their fields but also are roads frequented by tourists and visitors to the locality. The council will continue with these works as long as funding is aquired from the Ministry or from other sources.

During the year 2019 the council also finalized the restoration of the niche located at Wesgħa Dun Gużepp Buttigieg. This is a unique and historical niche which was in a very bad state.

The council finalized the embellishment and enlargement of the library. The library is frequented not only by residents but also persons from other localities, as the council along with the Department of Library keeps this library up to date with new books. It is now more comfortable to visit and select books, as a new section has been added to it.

In September the council organized the third annual event entitled Tradtions: Wine, Olive Oil & Honey. This has become part of the Gozitan Calendar. The council aims to continue organising this event and making it even better from year to year.

Being a very small locality with very limited resources the council provides many extra services which other councils do not provide. In the Ghasri Council one may find a Sub Post Office which is manned by the council staff. This service provides not only postal services but also where one may pay their services bills (i.e. electricity & water, telephone, etc). The council assists the volunteers of Ghasri in every possible way by giving them the opportunity to part take in events and thus this acts as a fund raiser for them.

The Local Council also organises various activities for its' residents. These consist of organisation of various social and cultural activities and distribution of a newsletter providing up to date information regarding the Local Council's works and projects. The council also keeps its' residents informed with it's Facebook page and website.

The Local Council has worked hard in order to reach its aims, which were always and still will be to improve the locality of Ghasri.

Rita Mifsud Attard
Executive Secretary

4.00 Income & Expenditure Variations

4.1 Consolidated Income and Expenditure Variations Schedule

	a	b	C	a-b/b-a	a-c/c-a
	YEAR	YEAR	YEAR-1	YEAR	YEAR
DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET VAR	ACTUAL VAR
	(EURO)	(EURO)	(EURO)	(EURO)	(EURO)
Income	2019	2019	2018	2019	2018
Government	733,412.45	756,780.00	536,619.29	(23,367.55)	196,793.16
Bye-laws	15,785.00	4,080.00	3,306.00	11,705.00	12,479.00
Investment	167.00	100.00	173.00	67.00	(6.00)
TOTAL	749,364.45	760,960.00	540,098.29	(11,595.55)	209,266.16
Expenditure					
Personal emoluments	66,472.11	58,975.00	55,724.00	(7,497.11)	(10,748.11)
Operations and maintenance	108,628.00	138,830.00	123,503.00	30,202.00	14,875.00
Capital Expenditure	307,558.00	454,331.00	(187,963.00)	146,773.00	(495,521.00)
TOTAL	482,658.11	652,136.00	(8,736.00)	169,477.89	(491,394.11)
IOIAL	402,000.11	002,100.00	(0,730.00)	103,411.03	(431,334.11)
Balance	266,706.34	108,824.00	548,834.29	(181,073.44)	(282,127.95)

4.2 Detailed Income Variations Schedule

	а	b	С	a-b	a-c
	YEAR	YEAR	YEAR-1	YEAR	YEAR
DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET VAR	ACTUAL VAR
	(EURO)	(EURO)	(EURO)	(EURO)	(EURO)
Income	2019	2019	2018	2019	2018
Government					
Annual	187,525.00	187,525.00	177,784.00		9,741.00
Supplementary	20,749.00	34,060.00	16,997.00	(13,311.00)	3,752.00
Special needs	528.00	10,000.00	9,615.00	(9,472.00)	(9,087.00)
Public/government entities					
Other b/f	524,610.45	525,195.00	332,223.29	(584.55)	192,387.16
	733,412.45	756,780.00	536,619.29	(23,367.55)	196,793.16
Bye-Laws					
Community Services	8,968.00	3,400.00	968.00	5,568.00	8,000.00
Contravention of bye-laws	4,728.00	225.00	1,662.00	4,503.00	3,066.00
Contributions and donations		400.00	453.00	(400.00)	(453.00)
General	2,089.00	55.00	223.00	2,034.00	1,866.00
	15,785.00	4,080.00	3,306.00	11,705.00	12,479.00
Investment					
Bank interest	167.00	100.00	173.00	67.00	(6.00)
Government securities					
	167.00	100.00	173.00	67.00	(6.00)
TOTAL	749,364.45	760,960.00	540,098.29	(11,595.55)	209,266.16

4.3 Detailed Expenditure Variations Schedule

	a		b	С	1 1	b-a	c-a
	YEAR		YEAR	YEAR-1		YEAR	YEAR
DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL		BUDGET	ACTUAL		BUDGET VAR	ACTUAL VAR
	(EURO)		(EURO)	(EURO)		(EURO)	(EURO)
Expenditure	2019		2019	2018		2019	2018
Personal Emoluments							
Mayor's allowance	11,354.00		14,000.00	9,064.00		2,646.00	(2,290.00)
Employee salaries and wages	37,213.00		37,500.00	35,388.00		287.00	(1,825.00)
Bonuses	2,932.00		2,500.00	2,331.00		(432.00)	(601.00)
Income supplements	256.00		375.00	61.00		119.00	(195.00)
Social Security contributions	3,320.00		3,600.00	3,330.00		280.00	10.00
Allowances	3,160.00		1,000.00	5,550.00		(2,160.00)	2,390.00
Councillor's Allowance	8,237.11					(8,237.11)	(8,237.11)
	66,472.11		58,975.00	55,724.00		(7,497.11)	(10,748.11)
Operations and maintenance							
Utilities	2,642.00		1,600.00	1,593.00		(1,042.00)	(1,049.00)
Materials and supplies	4,115.00		1,600.00	1,437.00		(2,515.00)	(2,678.00)
Repair and upkeep	36,345.00		48,000.00	47,603.00		11,655.00	11,258.00
Rent	,		400.00	,		400.00	,
Memberships-Loc Org.			520.00	500.00		520.00	500.00
Office services	2,347.00		2,200.00	2,029.00		(147.00)	(318.00)
Transport	2,867.00		2,600.00	2,762.00		(267.00)	(105.00)
Travel							
Information services	678.00		2,500.00	2,495.00		1,822.00	1,817.00
Contractual services	34,750.00		31,910.00	34,013.00		(2,840.00)	(737.00)
Professional services	10,263.00		32,000.00	15,503.00		21,737.00	5,240.00
Training	67.00		100.00			33.00	(67.00)
Community and hospitality	14,445.00		15,200.00	15,568.00		755.00	1,123.00
Incidental expenses	109.00		200.00			91.00	(109.00)
	108,628.00		138,830.00	123,503.00		30,202.00	14,875.00
Capital Expenditure							
Acquisition of property							
Construction	298,742.00		453,831.00	(189,299.00)		155,089.00	(488,041.00)
Improvements	1,141.00		,	612.00		(1,141.00)	(529.00)
Equipment	7,675.00		500.00	724.00		(7,175.00)	(6,951.00)
Special programmes/bad debt w/o						, ,	(, /
	307,558.00		454,331.00	(187,963.00)		146,773.00	(495,521.00)
TOTAL	475 400 44	[407 005 00	470 227 22		20.704.00	4 400 00
TOTAL	175,100.11		197,805.00	179,227.00		22,704.89	4,126.89
TOTAL	482,658.11		652,136.00	(8,736.00)		169,477.89	(491,394.11)

Dr. Daniel Attard, Mayor - Youths, Children & Social Aspects

During my tenure as the Mayor the council has continuously supported all manner of social activities that involve the youth and children while at the same time sustain local traditions, two essential pillars of society. We have supported all kinds of events that sustain these two pillars. Our belief has always been that of supporting existing traditions in the locality and create an incentive for new traditions to emerge. We can proudly say that the 'Traditions: Wine Olives and Honey' event has become a go to event for hundreds of Maltese, Gozitans and tourists. As Mayor I will ensure that our locality continues to promote these events and that particularly involve the youth to encourage them to love their origins.

Tied to youth and children we have relentlessly pursued the dream of obtaining an adequate site to develop a playing field for Ghasri. In 2019 we won a case against the lands department to obtain a parcel of land in Lighthouse street. By the time of writing this report the case was appealed and the appellate court rejected our arguments. We were left without a site. Undeterred we are in negotiations to obtain an alternative site.

Dr. Daniel Attard Mayor

Emanuel Mintoff, Vice Mayor – Infrastructure & Projects

F'din il-legizlatura bħala Viċi Sindku, ġejt f'dat b'responsabbilitajiet marbuta ma' infrastruttura u proġetti. Dawn li ġejjin huma xi xogħlijiet li saru sa issa b'ħidma kontinwa flimkien mas-Sindku u l-Kunsilliera.

Bhala xoghol kapitali f'dawn l-ahhar sitt xhur (Lulju – Dicembru 2019), il-Kunsill kompla bix-xoghol ta' resurfacing fit-toroq. Dawn jinkludu Triq it-Tamar u Triq San Pupulju. Dawn huma ftit mit-toroq li saru f'din l-ahhar sena.

Il-ħidma tagħna bdiet billi tlabna numru ta' kwotazzjoniet. Dawn jinkludu flokkijiet tal-ħaddiema assenjati mal-Kunsill, kif ukoll kwotazzjonjiet għas-servizz tal-ġbir ta' skart goff. Ta' min isemmi li dan l-iskart beda jinġabar kull nhar ta' Erbgħa mill-ħaddiema tal-Kunsill. Ghal dan il-għan il-Kunsill xtara trakk.

Ta' kull sena l-Kunsill jieħu ħsieb ukoll it-tindif tal-latrina pubblika, u għalhekk din is-sena saru xi xogħlijiet ta' manutenzjoni. Dan qed isir permezz ta' fondi mogħtija mil-LESA, li jammontaw għal madwar €2,000. Dawn ix-xogħlijiet huma mistennija li jitlestew sa nofs Mejju 2020.

Bhal ma hafna jafu, kien hemm bżonn li ssir manutenzjoni fit-triq ta' Wied Sara. B'hekk intlahaq ftehim mal-Ministeru ghal Ghawdex sabiex tinghata ghajnuna finanzjara ghal resurfacing f'din it-triq. Qabel ma jibdew dawn ix-xoghlijiet rajna li kien hemm il-bżonn ta' xi xoghol iehor marbut mas-sistema tad-drenaġġ u l-lma, u ghalhekk intalbet stima f'dan ir-rigward. Ta' min isemmi wkoll, li qed isiru xoghlijiet ohra ta' resurfacing f'sqaqien fi triq t'Ghammar, triq il-Fanal u triq it-Tamar. Dawn ġew finanzjati wkoll mill-Ministeru ghal Ghawdex.

Emanuel Mintoff

Vice Mayor

Elizabeth Mintoff - The Environment, Innovation & the Elderly

18/09/19 Saret "Clean Up the World" mat-tfal tar-rahal fit-triq ta' wied il-Għasri 04/11/19 Organizzajna harga ghal l-anzjani biex induru il-muzewijiet tal-Katidral filgħodu mbagħad wara nofsinhar morna x-Xagħra ghal l-ikel. Kif konna hemmek ħadniehom jaraw il-mitħna ta' Kola u l-Ggantija

17/11/19 Morna ħarga Malta fejn hadniehom sal-Birgu u l-Imdina

25/12/19 Ghamilna ikla f' nofsinhar għal l-anzajni li jinsabu waħedhom u ħadna l-ikel lil min ma kienx possibli għalih li jiġi fic- ċentru

Fil-ġimgħa tal-Millied ħadnihom ukoll jaraw il-presepjij f' Għawdex u anke morna ġurnata Malta nduru xi presepjij

Fil-bidu ta' Jannar tlajna l-Belt Valletta biex narawha mzejna ghaz-zmien tal-Millied. Matul is-sena ngħin lil anzjani tar-rahal f'dak kollu li kollom bzonn. Bhal transport, inzur li minn hu wahdu jew ingibilom affarijiet ghal min ma jistax joħroġ

Elizabeth Mintoff Councillor

Salvatore Felice Pace – Education, Social Integration & Culture

Gejt moghti dawn ir-responsabiltajiet fl-ewwel laqgha tal-Kunsill Lokali ta' L-Ghasri nhar l-1 ta' Lulju 2019.

Attendejt seminar mill-Għaqda tal-Kunsilli Lokali dwar il-Fondi tal-Unjoni Ewropea nhar il-5 ta' Lulju u kont ir-rapprezentant tal-Kunsill f'laqgħa li saret fil-Ministeru ta' Għawdex dwar linkluzzjoni tal-LGBT nhar is-7 ta' Settembru.

Kelli sehem fid-diskussjonijiet u l-preparażjonijiet dwar lejla tradizzjonali li l-Kunsill jorganizza ta' kull sena bit-tema Wine, Olive Oil and Honey. Is-serata saret nhar il-21 ta' Settembru u din is-sena żidna attivita' kulturali b'wirja tal-arti mill-artista lokali Audrey Mercieca. Il-wirja damet miftuha għal ġimgħa. Sehemi kien li ngħin lill-ħaddiema tal-Kunsill fit-twaqqif tat-tagħmir meħtieg għad-diversi stalls.

Kellna wkoll għall-ewwel darba kompetizzjoni tal-imbejjed lokali u kont mistieden biex nukkuntattja residenti barranin li setgħu jagħmlu parti mill-ġurija. Waqt is-serata xogħli kien li nkun available li niltaqa' kemm mar-residenti barranin kif ukoll mal-mijiet ta' barranin li jżuru l-villaġġ għal din l-okkażjoni, nara li jħossuhom milqugħa u ngħinhom kemm jista' jkun jitħalltu man-nies tal-lokalita'.

Nhar id-9 ta' Ottubru f'isem il-Kunsill organizzajt serata kulturali li għaliha kienu mistiedna rresidenti barranin u ħbieb tagħhom, kif ukoll nies mill-lokalita'. Is-serata kienet tikkonsisti f'taħdita minni bl-Ingliż dwar l-istorja tal-Bażilka tal-Madonna tal-Patroċinju f'Wied l-Għasri u ingħatat opportunita' biex dawk miġmugħa jaraw ix-xogħolijiet tal-arti f'din il-kappella, x'uħud minnhom imorru lura sekli sħaħ.

L-attendenża kienet tassew numeruża u l-Kunsill organizza reception. Il-Kunsill qabel li attivita' bħal din, ikkombinata mal-festa tal-Patroċinju tidħol fil-kalendarju annwali.

Nhar it-18 ta' Ottubru attendejt f'isem il-Kunsill ghal serata dwar il-poeta nazzjonali Dun Karm fil-bini tal-Ministeru.

Nhar il-5 ta' Novembru attendejt f'isem il-Kunsill għal-serata kommemorativa dwar il-mibki fundatur tal-Klabb Kotba Maltin Pawlu Mizzi. Din l-attivita'saret fil-librerija ta' Vajringa. Qabel l-għeluq tas-serata kont mistieden nagħti kopja lill-Klabb tal-ktieb miktub minn Sandra Felice-Pace bl-isem "...and more encounters of a horsey kind in Malta and Gozo" li għalkemm bl-Ingliż, tlett kwarti tiegħu huwa dwar lokalitajiet u ġrajjiet li seħħu f'Malta u Għawdex.

Nhar is-6 ta' Dicembru għall-ewwel darba organizzajna Carol Service b'differenża, għax waqt isserata li saret fil-Knisja Parrokjali ta' L-Għasri ħadu sehem diversi barranin u wara kull carol tradizzjoni li kantajna flimkien, inqraw siltiet dwar xi Milied memorabbli għalihom f'ħajjithom. Bħala rigal lir-residenti barranin il-kor lokali kanta Ninni la tibkiex izjed wara li nqrat bl-Ingliż listorja ta' din l-għanja Maltija tal-Milied. L-attendenża kienet sodisfaċenti ħafna għal lejl xitwi. Wara kien hemm reception mill-Kunsill.

Nhar is-16 ta' Jannar 2020 flimkien ma' kunsulllieri ohra attendejt ghal Gozo Tourism Awards organizzata mill-Gozo Tourism Association fil-Grand Hotel.

Nhar id-19 ta' Jannar flimkien mas-Sindku u s-Segretarja tal-Kunsill kont preżenti għal laqgħa ma' rappreżentanti tal-għaqda Sick and the Elderly in Gozo u magħhom iddiskutejna kif huma jistgħu ikunu ta' għajnuna għal dawk fil-komunita' tagħna li jiġu bżonnhom.

Fl-24 ta' Jannar irrapreżentajt lill-Kunsill fil-Librerija ta' Vajringa f'serata bi tnedija tal-ktieb pittoresk bl-isem GOZO a portrait of an island mill-Kunsill Reģjonali Għawdex.

Matul is-sena kont ir-rapprezentant tal-Kunsill fil-Kumitat Reģjonali Għawdex u dejjem irrapurtajt materji relevanti lil sħabi kunsulliera.

Bdejt nagħmel preparazonijiet dwar kif ir-residenti barranin iħossuhom aktar integrati mal-komunita' fil-Ġimgħa tal-festa, iżda l-epidemija Coved-19 waqqfet dan ix-xogħol. Bdejt ukoll nippjana għas-serata ta' Ottubru fil-Bażilka tal-Patroċinju bit-tema Honouring foreign and locals who had their writings published. Diġa' iltqajt mal-kittieb lokali Toni Calleja u diversi barranin residenti fl-Għasri. Qed inkompli bix-xogħol bil-mezzi soċjali, imbagħad naraw x'jiġri.

Salvatore Felice Pace Councillor

Sammy Saliba - Cleanliness, Sports & Physical Activity & Animal Welfare

Indafa

Isir knis mat-toroq tar-rahal kollhu. Isir qtuh ta' haxix hazin minn mal-hitan tat-toroq madwar irrahal kollhu. Isir gbir ta'Bulky Refuse minghand ir-residenti tar-rahal. Sar xi tindif minn xi widien,sar ukoll Clean up day mit-tfal tar-rahal.

Harsien tal-annimali

Twahhlu mar-rahal xi Litter dog containers u se jizdiedu aktar Litter dog containers madwar irrahal kollhu.

Sports u affarjiet fizici

Ghall-gimgha tal-festa tar-rahal isir loghob ghall-kull eta.F'dan il-loghob jiehdu sehem tfal,teenagers,adulti u anzjani.

Sammy Saliba Councillor