

Ghasri Local Council

Annual Administrative Report

2020

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Mayor's Introduction

The year 2020 was a very challenging and different one than any other year known. The pandemic changed the lives of everyone. One had to learn how to live and function in a different way and this of course included the Ghasri Local Council. The council continued as it could with its' functions. The Council office was open as usual. For some time the council had to suspend some of its' functions but these eventually resumed.

The Council finalized road works at Trejjet San Pupalju, Triq id-Dehra and Trejjet Dun Guzepp Cassar as well as part of Triq il-Fanal and Triq it-Tamar.

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. Finding alternative events/activities during the pandemic
3. Cultural & Educational activities.
4. Ghasri Branch Library
5. Direct contact with residents.

1. Recreational Area.

The council applied for a recreational area on a site adjacent to the Parish Church, however this was met with objections from the near by school. The council retired this application and sought a better site.

2. Traditions: Wine, Olive Oil & Honey

The council had begun preparations for the 4th Annual Traditions event but due to the pandemic this regretfully had to be cancelled.

3. Cultural and Educational activities.

The council had begun preparations for a cultural outing in Malta as well as the normal yearly events organised during the village feast. These too had to be cancelled. In lieu, the council organised an online event by creating different categories for different age groups, whereby each age group was to provide photos, essays and artwork. There were 4 groups in all. There were participants in each of the categories. The most successful Category was the submission of photos of the locality of Ghasri. Selected photos were then organised into a calendar and distributed to all households in Ghasri.

The Council did manage to organise an event in early December which celebrated local and resident authors. This was done with all the mandatory standards and guidelines.

The award "Premju Gieh l-Ghasri" had to be postponed but was finally awarded in late December, during this brief ceremony momentos and certificates were also distributed to the participants of the above mentioned online events.

4. Ghasri Branch Library.

Although during the year 2020 no funding was given to the local library from the Library Department the Ghasri Local Council did purchase books for the library.

Mayor's Introduction

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 kept in direct contact with residents and non residents. The Council also has a website which it keeps current.

Future projects:

The Council's main projects for 2021 are the resurfacing of Triq Wied Sara, and the creation of a recreational area in Ghasri.

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

2.0 The Council

2.1 The Council

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

<u>Position</u>	<u>Meeting participation</u>	
	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Mayor		
Daniel Attard	100%	0%
Deputy Mayor		
Emanuel Mintoff	100%	0%
Councillors		
Mr Joseph Farrugia	100%	0%
Mr Frank Formosa	100%	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%

2.0 The Council

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 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

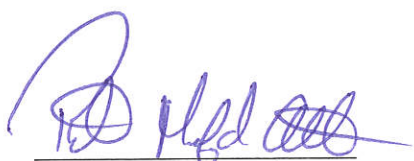
The Local Council has now been operating for twenty seven years. During these years the Local Council has made various improvements in the locality by means of certain works and projects, which have either been completed or are still in a working phase.

During the year 2020, the council's main challenge was the completion of resuracing works that had begun the previous year. Some of these roads had never been surfaced at all. The council succeeded in completing these these works, which works have changed 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.

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

DESCRIPTION	a	b	c	a-b/b-a	a-c/c-a
	2020 - 21 ACTUAL (EURO)	2020 - 21 BUDGET (EURO)	2019 - 20 ACTUAL (EURO)	2020 - 21 BUDGET VAR (EURO)	2019 - 2021 ACTUAL VAR (EURO)
Income	2020	2020	2019	2020	2019
Government	628,444.00	1,277,514.00	733,412.45	(649,070.00)	(104,968.45)
Bye-laws	15,835.00	23,900.00	15,785.00	(8,065.00)	50.00
Investment	264.00	200.00	167.00	64.00	97.00
TOTAL	644,543.00	1,301,614.00	749,364.45	(657,071.00)	(104,821.45)
Expenditure					
Personal emoluments	70,950.00	75,529.00	66,472.00	4,579.00	(4,478.00)
Operations and maintenance	75,284.00	98,294.00	108,628.00	23,010.00	33,344.00
Capital Expenditure	304,426.00	990,000.00	307,558.00	685,574.00	3,132.00
TOTAL	450,660.00	1,163,823.00	482,658.00	713,163.00	31,998.00
Balance	193,883.00	137,791.00	266,706.45	(1,370,234.00)	(136,819.45)

4.00 Income & Expenditure Variations

4.2 Detailed Income Variations Schedule

DESCRIPTION	a	b	c	a-b	a-c
	2020 - 21 ACTUAL (EURO)	2020 - 21 BUDGET (EURO)	2019 - 20 ACTUAL (EURO)	2020 - 21 BUDGET VAR (EURO)	2019 - 2021 ACTUAL VAR (EURO)
Income	2020	2020	2019	2020	2019
Government					
Annual	191,829.00	191,829.00	187,525.00		4,304.00
Supplementary		354,827.00	20,749.00	(354,827.00)	(20,749.00)
Special needs		1,000.00	528.00	(1,000.00)	(528.00)
Public/government entities					
Other b/f	436,615.00	729,858.00	524,610.45	(293,243.00)	(87,995.45)
	628,444.00	1,277,514.00	733,412.45	(649,070.00)	(104,968.45)
Bye-Laws					
Community Services	2,652.00	17,000.00	8,968.00	(14,348.00)	(6,316.00)
Contravention of bye-laws	1,503.00	1,900.00	4,728.00	(397.00)	(3,225.00)
Contributions and donations	223.00	250.00		(27.00)	223.00
General	11,457.00	4,750.00	2,089.00	6,707.00	9,368.00
	15,835.00	23,900.00	15,785.00	(8,065.00)	50.00
Investment					
Bank interest	264.00	200.00	167.00	64.00	97.00
Government securities					
	264.00	200.00	167.00	64.00	97.00
TOTAL	644,543.00	1,301,614.00	7,49,364.45	(657,071.00)	(104,821.45)

4.00 Income & Expenditure Variations

4.3 Detailed Expenditure Variations Schedule

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	2020 - 21 ACTUAL (EURO)	2020 - 21 BUDGET (EURO)	2019 - 20 ACTUAL (EURO)	2020 - 21 BUDGET VAR (EURO)	2019 - 2021 ACTUAL VAR (EURO)
Expenditure	2020	2020	2019	2020	2019
Personal Emoluments					
Mayor's allowance	13,177.00	13,177.00	11,354.00		(1,823.00)
Employee salaries and wages	37,649.00	42,000.00	37,213.00	4,351.00	(436.00)
Bonuses	3,072.00	2,935.00	2,932.00	(137.00)	(140.00)
Income supplements		260.00	256.00	260.00	256.00
Social Security contributions	3,458.00	3,430.00	3,320.00	(28.00)	(138.00)
Allowance	2,994.00	3,500.00	3,160.00	506.00	166.00
Councillor's Allowance	10,600.00	10,227.00	8,237.00	(373.00)	(2,363.00)
	70,950.00	75,529.00	66,472.00	4,579.00	(4,478.00)
Operations and maintenance					
Utilities	2,272.00	2,500.00	2,642.00	228.00	370.00
Materials and supplies	2,756.00	4,200.00	4,115.00	1,444.00	1,359.00
Repair and upkeep	15,089.00	36,500.00	36,345.00	21,411.00	21,256.00
Rent					
Memberships- Loc Org.	500.00			(500.00)	(500.00)
Office services	290.00	1,000.00	2,347.00	710.00	2,057.00
Transport	2,244.00	2,850.00	2,867.00	606.00	623.00
Travel					
Information services	2,378.00	500.00	678.00	(1,878.00)	(1,700.00)
Contractual services	36,332.00	29,844.00	34,750.00	(6,488.00)	(1,582.00)
Professional services	10,442.00	6,100.00	10,263.00	(4,342.00)	(179.00)
Training		50.00	67.00	50.00	67.00
Community and hospitality	2,979.00	14,600.00	14,445.00	11,621.00	11,466.00
Incidental expenses	2.00	150.00	109.00	148.00	107.00
	75,284.00	98,294.00	108,628.00	23,010.00	33,344.00
Capital Expenditure					
Acquisition of property					
Construction	301,251.00	990,000.00	298,742.00	688,749.00	(2,509.00)
Improvements	3,176.00		1,141.00	(3,176.00)	(2,035.00)
Equipment	(1.00)		7,675.00	1.00	7,676.00
Special programmes/bad debt w/o					
	304,426.00	990,000.00	307,558.00	685,574.00	3,132.00
TOTAL	146,234.	173,823.	175,100.	27,589.00	28,866.00
TOTAL	450,660.0	1,163,823.	482,658	713,163.00	31,998.00

Dr. Daniel Attard, Mayor – Youths, Children & Social Aspects**Dr. Daniel Attard, Mayor – Youths, Children & Social Aspects - 2020**

During my tenure as the Mayor the council has continuously supported all manners 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 creating 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 although this year we could not participate we prepared ourselves for the nex event . 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. Undeterred with a court decision against us we are in negotiations to obtain an alternative site we managed to reach an public-private partnership agreement with the Ghasri Church to use a tract of church land to use as a playing field.

Dr. Daniel Attard

Mayor

Emanuel Mintoff, Vice Mayor – Infrastructure & Projects

F'din il-legizlatura bhala Vici Sindku, ġejt f'dat b'responsabbiltajiet marbuta ma' infrastruttura u proġetti. Dawn li ġejjin huma xi xogħlijiet li saru matul is-sena 2020 b'ħidma kontinwa flimkien mas-Sindku u l-Kunsilliera.

Is-sena bdejnha billi attendejna għall-avveniment 'The Gozo Tourism Awards' li kien organizzat mill-Malta Tourism Authority ġewwa l-Grand Hotel. Dan wara li ġejna rikonoxxuti għal attività li rnexxiet b'suċċess fl-2019, li ġġib l-isem ta' 'Traditions: Wine, Olive oil and Honey'. Barra min hekk, f'isem il-kunsill attendejt għall-preżentazzjoni tal-AED (Automated External Defibrillator) li ġie mogħti mill-Gozo CCU Foundation. Dan huwa apparat li ġie mwahħal quddiem il-bini tal-Kunsill Lokali sabiex jgħin biex isalva l-hajja f'każ ta' xi attacchi kardjaċi.

Ta' kull sena l-kunsill jieħu ħsieb ukoll it-tindif tal-latrina pubblika, u għalhekk din is-sena saru xi xogħlijiet ta' manutenzjoni. Dawn tlestew f'April tal-2020 u saru permezz ta' fondi mogħtija mil-LESA, li jammontaw għal €2,000. Ta' min issemi wkoll li kawża taċ-ċirkostanzi li gabet magħha l-pandemija, kellhom isiru xi arrangamenti fil-kunsill biex jiġu protetti il-ħaddiema tal-kunsill u anke il-vizitaturi.

F'Ottobtru organizzajna attività marbuta ma' tindif ta' skart fit-triq li twassal għal Wied il-Mielah. Għal din l-attività flimkien mal-kunsilliera kien hemm numru ta' voluntiera li għenu biex dan l-iskart ikun jista' jitnaddaf. Barra minn hekk, tlestew xogħlijiet oħra ta' resurfacing f'Triq San Pappalju, Triq id-Dehra, Triq Dun Ġużepp Cassar u parti minn Triq il-Fanal u Triq it-Tamar. Dawn ix-xogħlijiet ġew iffinanzjati mill-Ministeru għal Ghawdex.

Emanuel Mintoff

Vice Mayor

Elizabeth Mintoff – The Environment, Innovation & the Elderly

Din is-sena minhabba restrizzjonijiet tal-covid 19 ma tantx kellhi l-oppurtinita li nagħmel attivitajiet speċjalment għal anzjani minhabba ragunijiet ta' saħħa. Irenxxilli nagħmel attivita f'jannar fejn hadna lil anzjani dawra Malta. Fejn hadnihom il-birgu, żorna il-knisja tar-Redentur u morna sa' ta Qali.

Fil-Millied billi s-sena ta' qabel kont għamilt ikla għal anzjani wehidhom bl-għajnuha tal-kunsill. Din is- sena ma stajnix nghanluha għalhekk jien dort li dawn l-anzjani biex nara jixtiequ li għal din is-sena ngibulhom l-ikel mir-Regjun ta' Għawdex biex imbagħad fil-Mieled gie imqassam mis-sindku.

Il-bqija tas-sena bqajt xorta ngħin lil anzjani ndividwalment f' dak li jista' ikollhom bżonn. Bħal transport għar-Rabat biex imorru sal-Bank jew għal htigijiet personali tagħhom. Għandna żewġ residenti li ma jistax johorgu inmur darba fix-xahar biex ingibilhom affarijiet relatati ma' medicina u darba kull tlett xhur għandi żewġ familji li ngibilhom l-għajnuna li tingħata minn l-Unjoni Ewropeja. Inqassam il kotba L-Anzjani Llum lil anzjani peress li ma humiex johorgu minn djarhom.

Elizabeth Mintoff
Councillor

Salvatore Felice Pace – Education, Social Integration & Culture

Din kienet sena diffiċli hafna minhabba d-dell kontinwu tal-pandemija li harbtet għal kollox dak kollu li kien ippjanat mill-Kunsill Lokali tal-Ghasri. Minkejja dan kollu, dak li sata' jsir sar.

Nhar is-16 ta' Jannar 2020 attendejt flimkien mal-Kunsillieri għal-serata organizzata mill-Gozo Tourism Association li matulha ngħataw il-Gozo Tourism Awards.

Fl-20 ta' Jannar flimkien mas-Segretarja Eżekuttiv u Kunsilliera attendejt preżentazzjoni mid-dirigenti tal-Għaqda Friends of the Sick and Elderly in Gozo fejn iddiskutejna l-bżonnijiet tal-anzjani kif ukoll ta' dawk home bound.

Fl-24 ta' Jannar f'isem il-Kunsill attendejt fil-Librerija Nazzjonali f'Victoria għal-Preżentazzjoni tal-ktieb mahruġ mill-Kunsill Reġjonali t'Għawdex bl-isem GOZO – a portrait of an island.

L-attività principali li tirrigwarda t-tlett setturi fdati f'idejja din is-sena kellha ssir fil-ġimgħa tal-festa ċelebrata fil-Bażilka storika tal-Patroċinju f'Wied Ghasri. Minhabba ċ-ċokon tal-post b'ebda lok għaż-żamma ta' distanża soċjali, l-attività' kienet trasferita għal data u post aktar tard.

L-attività din is-sena kellha t-tema ta' Ċelebrazzjoni ta' Awturi Lokali u Barranin li kellhom xogħolhom ippublikat. Madankollu x-xogħol beda xhur qabel meta l-Kunsill kien għamel avviz għall-partecipazzjoni. Dawk li aċċettaw li jiehdu sehem kienu l-istoriku kittieb u arkivista tal-Parroċċa Toni Calleja, Patricia Weimar, Irlandiża, armla tal-filantropu Otto Michael Weimar, l-Ingliża Miriam Whitaker, l-għalliem lokali George Attard, il-Pollakk Paul Gasowski u Betty Berry mistiedna biex tirrappreżenta lil mejta Sandra Felice Pace li kienet residenta fl-Ghasri mill-1992 sa l-2019.

Il-preparazzjoniet kienu jinvolvu intervisti mal-persuni msemmija hawn fuq, ġbir ta' tagħrif biografiku u l-editjar ta' dak li kien ser jinqara fis-serata. Meta l-miżuri dwar il-Covid-19 kienu anqas iebsa, kien deċiż li s-serata seħh nhar l-4 ta' Diċembru fil-knisja parrokkjali fejn il-distanża soċjali kienet adegwata. Il-Kunsill qassam fuljett dwar is-serata bil-programm u b'noti biografici dwar l-awturi. Is-serata ġibdet l-attenzjoni ta' l-amministrazzjoni tal-programm Għawdex Illum, giet iffilmjata u murija f'Jannar 2021. Kienet saret interviżta miegħi minn Alvin Scicluna qabel is-serata u fit-tmiem tagħha jiena pprezentajt u inawgurajt ktieb ta' poeżiji bl-isem 'Shepherds, Sheep and Lambs and other reflections' miktub minn Sandra Felice Pace. Il-profitti mill-bejgħ tal-ktieb qed jingħataw għall-manteniment tal-Bażilka tal-Patroċinju.

Hadit sehem ukoll fil-preparazzjonijiet ta' serata organizzata mill-Kunsill fl-okkażjoni tal-ġhoti tal-premju Ġieħ l-Ghasri li f'din is-sena ngħata lil Eċċellenza Tagħha Ms Tereza Cutajar, Ambaxxatriċi ta' Malta fit-Turkija. Is-serata saret fil-knisja parrokkjali nhar is-26 ta' Dicembru. Tul din is-sena attendejt diversi laqgħat tal-Kunsill Reġjonali ta' Ghawdex online meta s-Sindku ma kienx preżenti u wara rrapurtajt lill-Kunsill materji rilevanti. Attendejt ukoll numru ta' laqgħat online b'temi ta' interess max-xogħol tiegħi bhala Kunsullier.

Salvatore Felice Pace
Councillor

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

F'din il-legislatura bhala kunsillier gejt fdat mis-sindku u shabi l-kunsilliera l-ohra l-indafa,sports,physical activity u animal welfare.

Indafa:Matul l-granet irir xoghol ta tindif u knis mat-toroq tar-raham kollhu minn haddiem tal-kunsill.Isir ukoll qtuq ta'haxix hazin minn got-toroq tar-raham kollhu minn haddiem tal-kunsill.Isir ukoll darba fil-gimgha ,bulky refuse.Sar ukoll tindif ta skart goff u terrapien ,limiti tal-Qortin u vicin l-post li nsejhulu l-Migra limiti l-irdumijiet fejn l-bahar.Dan ix-xoghol sar mis-sindku,kunsilliera,segretarja,haddiema tal-kunsill u voluntiera.Intuza ukoll xi makkinarju. Harsien ta'l-animali:Saru xi laqghat mal-Ministru tal-biedja u sajd biex ikunu aktar imharsa l-animali.

Sports u affarjiet fizici: Din is-sena minhabba l-pandemija ma stajniex naghmlu affarjiet ta sports u affarjiet fizici.Izda l-kunsill xorta baqa ghaddej bid-diskuzzjonijiet kemm meta kie jiltaqa l-kunsill kif ukoll laqghat mal-Ministeru ghal Ghawdex ghal meta jigi kollox ghan-normal.

Sammy Saliba
Councillor

