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Laqgħa tal-Kunsill Lokali Ħal Għargħur

IID-DISA' LEĠISLATURA

Laqgħa Numru 30

Data tal-laqgħa: 4 ta' Settembru, 2025

Il-Kunsill Lokali Ħal Għargħur ltaqa' nhar l-Erbgħa 11 ta' Ġunju 2025 fis-6.30p.m.

Preżenti	***Membri***
Sindku	Mariah Meli
Viċi Sindku	Francesca Attard
Kunsillieri	Christopher Fenech Helen Gauci (SKUŻATA) Marilena Galea
Deputat Segretarju Eżekuttiv	Jeanette Galea

Il-laqgħa bdiet fis-6:30p.m. billi ntqalet it-talba.

30/01 Qari tal-ittri ta' apoloġiji

30/01/01 Is-Sindku, is-Sa Mariah Meli, infurmat li dan il-Kunsill kien irċieva ittra t'apoloġija mingħand il-Kunsilliera, is-Sa Helen Gauci, sabiex tinforma li ma setatx tkun preżenti għal din il-laqgħa.

30/01/02 Il-Kunsilliera preżenti approvaw din l-ittra t'aploġija.

30/02 Ħlasijiet Pendenti mhux Approvati

30/02/01 Is-Sindku, is-Sa Mariah Meli, infurmat lill-Kunsilliera preżenti li din il-laqgħa kienet ġiet imsejħa minħabba l-proċeduri legali li l-Kunsill għandu fuq l-attività tal-Boxing. Hi spjegat kif din l-attività ma kelliex fondi allokati għaliha u kien hemm imsemmi biss li din l-attività kienet ser tittella permezz ta' *sponsorship agreements*. Hi tenniet li fondi allokati għal din l-attività qatt ma kien hemm u s'issa qatt ma kien hemm.

30/02/02 Is-Sa Meli qalet kif fuq parir legali l-Kunsill kien żamm laqgħa ma' l-organizzaturi minħabba l-klawsola 166A li qedha pendenti u sabiex il-Kunsill jara li tiġi evitata l-konsegwenza li jkun hemm sekwestru. Hi qalet kif, wara kollox, l-organizzaturi għandhom jiġu mħalsa tas-servizz li dawn kienu taw.

30/02/03 Is-Sa Meli spjegat kif skond l-Att legali tal-Gvern Lokali, minħabba li l-attività ma kinitx approvata mill-allokazzjoni tal-fondi, u anke li l-fond ma kienx approvat u b'hekk ma kienx hemm vot għalihom, hi spjegat kif il-liġi titlob lis-Sindku sabiex tirrikorri għand il-Ministru li taħtu huwa responsabbl għall-Gvern Lokali.

30/02/04 Is-Sa Meli ressqet fuq il-mejda ittra li hi kienet kitbet indirizzata lill-Ministru ikkonċernat, l-Onor. Owen Bonnici. Hi qalet kif din l-ittra kienet intbagħatet wara li l-Kunsill kien ħa vot li ser jiġu mħallsa lill-organizzaturi.

30/02/05 Is-Sa Meli qrat il-komunikazzjoni kollha li kienet tikkonsisti fit-talba tagħha f'isem il-Kunsill, it-tweġiba li taha l-Ministru sabiex din it-talba tiġi diskussa mad-Direttur Ġenerali tal-Gvern Lokali, is-Sur Emil Vassallo, u t-tweġiba li taha s-Sur Vassallo.

30/02/06 Din il-komunikazzjoni qed tiġi annessa ma' dawn il-minuti bħala 'Dokument A'

30/02/07 Is-Sa Meli spjegat kif permezz ta' din il-komunikazzjoni, hi sejħet din il-laqgħa sabiex tinforma lill-Kunsill b'dan l-iżvilupp u spjegat kif il-Kunsill għandu din is-sitwazzjoni fejn l-organizzatur għandu jiġi mħallas. Hi spjegat kif il-Gvern Ċentrali ser ikun qed jgħati dan l-ammont dovut permezz ta' self sabiex il-Kunsill iħallas lill-organizzaturi. Madanakollu l-Kunsill irid ikollu kuntratt mal-persuna li kienet ħadet din id-deċiżjoni u trodd lura l-pagament sħieħ maqsum fuq ammonti ta' xhur sabiex dan jitħallas lura lill-Kunsill.

30/02/08 Il-Kunsilliera, is-Sa Marilena Galea, staqsiet jekk kienx hemm bżonn xi risposta mingħandhom il-Kunsilliera u jekk din il-materja ma setitx tistenna li tiġi mressqa fil-laqgħa normali tal-Kunsill.

30/02/09 Is-Sindku, is-Sa Meli, spjegat kif hi xtaqet li din il-komunikazzjoni tkun waslet immedjatament għand il-Kunsilliera u peress li l-laqgħa tal-Kunsill hija skedata għal tmiem ix-xahar, din il-komunikazzjoni kienet ta importanza b'mod speċjali minħabba l-klawsola 166A.

30/02/10 Il-Viċi Sindku, is-Sa Francesca Attard, staqsiet jekk kienx hemm data ta' għeluq meta l-Kunsill ser ikollu konferma dwar kif ser jiġu mħalsu lura.

30/02/11 Is-Sa Meli spjegat kif ir-rappreżentant legali tal-Kunsill ser ikun qed jitkellem ma' l-organizzaturi

30/02/12 Is-Sa Attard staqsiet dwar kif ser ikun qed isir il-ħlas lura lid-Diviżjoni, jekk hux l-ammont sħieħ f'salt jew jekk hux maqsum f'pagamenti fix-xahar.

30/02/13 Is-Sa Meli infurmat li, jekk dawn ser jinħarġu mill-Kunsill, il-pagament mhux ser ikun qed isir f'darba u jekk il-Kunsill jilħaq ftehim ma' l-exs Sindku sabiex tagħmel *repayment agreement* mal-Kunsill, il-Kunsill irodd lura dak il-pagament kull xahar.

30/02/14 Is-Sa Attard talbet konferma li jekk ser ikun hemm self mill-Gvern Lokali, dan ser jingħata lura mill-Kunsill *f'payment terms.*

30/02/15 IS-Sa Meli ikkonfermat dak li qalet is-Sa Attard u żiedet tgħid li peress li l-Kunsill Lokali qed jiġi mfittex għal dan il-pagament, dan ifisser li l-Kunsill huwa responsabli li jħallas lura lill-organzzatur ta' din mingħajr mal-Kunsill qatt kellu fondi allokati u fakret ukoll li dan il-fondi huma fondi pubbliċi u għaldaqstant il-Kunsill huwa fid-dover li jimxi skond kif inhu stipulat.

30/02/16 Is-Sa Meli ikkonkludiet b'din id-diskussjoni billi nfurmat li l-Kunsill ser ikun qed jerfa din ir-responsabilità billi jieħu self mill-Gvern Lokali minħabba li hemm il-proċeduri legali għaddejjin u

dak is-self għandu jitħallas lura mill-Kunsill. Hi qalet li l-ħlas dovut għas-self li ser ikun qed isir mill-Kunsill għadu mhux stabilit u għadha qed tiġi diskussa. Għaldaqstant l-organizzatur ikun jistà jitħallas wara li kellu l-pagament pendenti 'l fuq minn sena.

30/02/17 Is-Sa Attard staqsiet jekk kienx hemm direzzjoni meta dan is-self ser jingħata lill-Kunsill sabiex il-Kunsill ikun jistà jħallas lill-organizzatur.

30/02/18 Is-Sa Meli spjegat li hi kienet sejħet dil-laqgħa sabiex iżomm lill-Kunsill aġġornat u li ser tkun qed twieġeb lura il-komunikazzjoni flimkien mar-rappreżentant legali biex ikunu jistgħu jidħlu fil-kuntratt.

30/02/19 Is-Sa Galea staqsiet jekk il-Kunsilliera setax ikollhom kopja ta' din il-korrispondenza li kienet ġiet imressqa fil-bidu ta' din il-laqgħa.

30/02/20 Is-Sa Meli ma sabet l-ebda oġġezzjoni dwar dan b'mod speċjali peress li kien hemm Kunsilliera nieqsa minn din il-laqgħa.

30/02/21 Id-DSE infurmat li din il-korrispondenza ser tkun qed tiġi annessa ma' dawn il-minuti bħala 'Dokument A'.

30/03 Tmiem tal-laqgħa u data tas-seduta li jmiss

30/03/01 Il-laqgħa spiċċat fis-18:45p.m. wara li l-*items* fuq l-*Agenda* ġew eżawriti.

Mariah Meli
Sindku

Jeanette Galea
Deputat Segretarju Eżekuttiv

Dokument A.

Mariah Meli
Mayor

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Sent: Wednesday, 03 September 2025 12:32
To: Meli Mariah at Gharghur Local Council <mariah.meli.3@gov.mt>
Cc: Zerafa Civelli Alison 1 at MCLG <alison.zerafa-civelli.1@gov.mt>; Bonnici Owen at MCLG <owen.bonnici@gov.mt>
Subject: Re: Legal Matter Concerning Unauthorised Event Held on 11th May 2024 – "Pjazza De Box"

Respectable Mayor,

The Local Government Division can offer to provide the required amount to the Għargħur Local Council on condition that the same amount is returned once the Local Council recovers the funds or upon a mutually agreed repayment programme.

I hope that this helps.

Regards,

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Subject: Re: Legal Matter Concerning Unauthorised Event Held on 11th May 2024 – "Pjazza De Box"

Dear Minister,

Noted - I will look into the matter and provice feedback.

Emil

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From: Bonnici Owen at MCLG <owen.bonnici@gov.mt>
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Mr vassallo

Kindly take note of the below and advise on best way forward

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Dear Honourable Minister,

I write to you in my capacity as Mayor of the Għargħur Local Council to formally bring to your attention a legal matter of concern currently affecting the Council, arising from an unauthorised event held on the 11th of May 2024, titled *"Pjazza De Box"*, which was organised under the auspices of the Għargħur Local Council (refer to Document A).

The only recorded communication from the former Mayor, Ms Helen Gauci, regarding this event dates back to February 2024, wherein she informed the Council of her intention to organise a boxing event and secure sponsorships (Document B). No subsequent documentation was presented to the Council concerning budgetary allocations, sponsorship agreements, or logistical planning. Nevertheless, the former Mayor proceeded with confirming event logistics and issued a press release (Document C). It has since come to the Council's attention—through media reports and direct communication—that one of the event sponsors withdrew, and the logistics provider remains unpaid for services rendered, amounting to €20,200. This figure has been verified through correspondence with the Council's legal representative (Document D).

The Council has now received a judicial letter under Article 166A of the Code of Organisation and Civil Procedure from the logistics company, indicating their intention to initiate proceedings (Document E). Through its legal counsel the Council has responded through judicial means by refuting the claim. However, in an effort to mitigate further legal exposure and financial liability, I, together with the Council's legal counsel, Dr Joseph Gerada, and the Executive Secretary, held a meeting with the company's representatives and their legal counsel to explore a possible settlement.

During an emergency Council meeting convened on the 11th of August 2025, legal advice was presented and discussed. A vote was taken, resulting in a majority decision (3 in favour, 2 abstentions) to acknowledge the validity of the service rendered and to proceed with the necessary arrangements to see to the payment of the invoices of the logistics provider. However, the Council also resolved that responsibility for the unauthorised commitment should rest with the individual who acted outside the bounds of legal and procedural authority. On the 13th of August 2025, legal counsel for Ms Helen Gauci, Dr Joe Giglio, contacted Dr Gerada to communicate Ms Gauci's willingness to repay the amount of €20,200 in monthly instalments. A request has been made to Ms Gauci's lawyer to provide a formal proposal in writing.

In light of the above, and pursuant to the provisions of **Chapter 363 of the Laws of Malta**, specifically **Articles 55, 61, and 62**, I respectfully request your assistance in allocating a provisional budget to enable the Council to settle the outstanding amount with the logistics provider. This repayment shall be subject to a formal agreement with Ms Gauci, whereby she commits to reimbursing the Council through monthly instalments. The Council shall, in turn, reimburse the Government upon receipt of said payments.
Should Ms Gauci default on her repayment obligations, the Council will be compelled to pursue further legal remedies.
Your guidance and support in this matter would be greatly appreciated to safeguard the financial and legal integrity of the Għargħur Local Council.

Yours sincerely,

KUNSILL LOKALI ĦAL GĦARGĦUR

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