

Mqabba Local Council

Quarterly Financial Report

for the Period

1st January till End of March 2016 (Quarter 1)

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Overview and Summary

The Mqabba Local Council during one of its meetings also transmitted live on the internet, decided to take the tough decision and ban super large vehicles from Valletta Road (from the narrow part). The request was made to *Transport Malta* and we are still waiting for a reply by the *Traffic Management Directorate* in view of the fact that so many large vehicles are destroying facades of beautiful built houses, some of which were erected in the village core for ages. At the time when globigerina (franka) limestone was first being transported on carts from the quarries in Tower Street area, there were absolutely no hazards. However the scenario nowadays is somewhat different, and evident damages on facades of old houses is making residents literally losing their houses or parts thereof. We know that this decision is going to affect business, however other small vehicles can suffice any quarry transport requirements and loads should be distributed on smaller carriers. The local council deemed that it is not fair making residents unable to park their vehicles all the way along Valletta Road just to make sure that if there is an oncoming monstrous lorry approaching, it has enough room to maneuver with liberty. The width of the road is only a few feet and cannot tolerate abnormally large vehicles where pavement construction is ruled out and also considering the high risk of pedestrians being squashed in the midst of the streets.

The narrowness of St Michael Street has been discussed with the architect of the Council who eventually ruled out the construction of an underground culvert to take up the run-off water. St Michael Street is taking water from various places on higher grounds, namely Valletta Road, St Basil Street, Pear Street and its two alleys. Also, some of the run-off water from Carmel Street and Church Square is finding its way down St Michael Street towards 9th April Street, Qattara Road, Konvoj ta' Santa Marija Road and eventually into the storm run off open reservoir. We know that this is bad news, however the street widths are what they are and everyone one should accept the concept that these cannot be altered. However there is a proposal of digging holes on higher grounds to take up the quantities of run off water and alleviate the problem.

Points raised by the few people who attended the annual public meeting of the 1st March 2016 varied in many essential elements. The illegal dumping of garbage next to the bring-in-sites, the escalated problem of unidentified owners of many plots allegedly infested with rats, snatch and grab attempts and police enforcement, traffic and parking problems and many other different issues. These were raised during this occasion where residents had the annual opportunity to voice their problems and concerns in front of peers and councillors. Indeed it was another great opportunity missed by many who did not heed the council promotional material delivered door to door.

For the sake of the records, we would like to inform the general public that we have increased the street lighting illumination in various zones in our village. Primarily in Valletta Road, Parish Street and in the remote areas of tal-Isqof, Hal Farrug and two luminaires in Tax-Xatba l-Hamra.

On a cultural note, we are glad to announce that the street theatre organized by the Mqabba Local Council named *Crucified in Our Roads* on at 23rd March was a success.


Executive Secretary

Statement of Income and Expenditure**1st January till End of March 2016 (Quarter 1)****DESCRIPTION****Annual Budget**

	€	€
Income		
Funds received from Central Government (1)	81,062	345,388
Income raised from Bye-Laws (2)	493	5,822
Income raised from LES (3)	588	-
Investment Income (4)	1	65
Other Income (5)	-	8,000
TOTAL	82,144	359,275
Expenditure		
Personal Emoluments (6)	20,064	80,408
Operations and Maintenance (7)	24,662	129,158
Administration (8)	5,093	15,943
Finance Cost (9)	-	-
Other Expenditure (10)	25,699	109,457
TOTAL	75,518	334,966
Surplus / Deficit	6,626	24,309

Cash Flow Statement

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Surplus for the year	6,626
Adjustments for:	
Depreciation	25,699
Increase / (Decrease) in Allowance for Bad Debts	0
Interest receivable	(1)
Interest payable	-
(Profit) / Loss on disposal of asset	-
Grant released	-16,500
Increase / (Decrease) in payables	-22,296
Decrease / (Increase) in receivables	980
Decrease / (Increase) in inventories	0
Cash generated from operations	(5,492)
Interest paid	-
<i>Net cash from operating activities</i>	(5,492)
Cash flows from investing activities	
Purchase of property, plant & equipment	0
Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment	0
Interest received	0
<i>Net cash used in investing activities</i>	0
Cash flows from financing activities	
Proceeds from long-term borrowings	-
Grants received	0
Loan Repayments	.
<i>Net cash from financing activities</i>	0
Net increase/(decrease) in cash & cash equivalents	(5,492)
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of year	49,593
Cash & cash equivalents at end of Quarter	44101

DESCRIPTION	€
7 Operations and Maintenance	
2100-2149 Public Property Utilities	-
2200-2259 Materials & Supplies	-
2300-2399 Repairs & upkeep	1,844
2400-2449 Rent	574
3010 Street Lightning	2,747
3020 Lease of Equipment	-
3030 Insurance	560
3035 Bank Charges	27
3038 Penalties	-
3041 Refuse Collection	7,661
3042 Bulky Refuse Collection	696
3043 Bins on wheels	-
3045 Bring in sites	-
3050-3051 Road & Street Cleaning	4,193
3052 Cleaning & Maintenance of Non-Urban Areas	-
3053 Cleaning of Public Conveniences	976
3055 Cleaning of Council Premises	-
3040 Waste Disposal	-
3060 Other contractual Services	399
3061 Cleaning & Maintenance of Parks & Gardens	891
3062 Cleaning & Maintenance of Soft Areas	-
3063 Cleaning & Maintenance of Beaches & CA	-
6064 Cleaning & Maintenance of Country Non-Urban	-
3070-3090 Consultation Fees	-
3100-3139 Contract & Project Management	-
3300-3379 Hospitality	3,656
3380-3389 Community	-
3390-3394 Donations	-
3600-3694 Local Enforcement Expenses	438
3700-3799 EU Projects	-
3800-3899 Twinning	-
Other contractual Services	-
	24,662
8 Administration	
2150-2199 Office Utilities	1,741
2260-2299 Office Materials & Supplies	-
2450-2499 Office Rent	-
2500-2599 National & International Memberships	-
2600-2699 Office Services	1,021
2700-2799 Transport	429
2800-2899 Travel	-
2900-2999 Information Services	1,022
3410-3199 Professional Services	880
3200-3299 Training	-
3345 Office Hospitality	-
3400-3499 Sundry Minor Expenses	-
	5,093
9 Finance Costs	
3036 Interest on Bank Loan	-
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Capital Commitments

DESCRIPTION

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Approved but not yet contracted for:

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Contracted for but not provided for in Quarterly Financial Statements:

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Others

17 Depreciation of Property, Plant and Equipment

Asset	%	of depreciation	Total									
			Buildings	Office Furniture Fixtures & Fittings	Plant & Machinery	Computer Equipment & Software	Office Equipment & Airconditioning	Urban Improvements	Traffic Signs/Lights	Construction Works	Special Programmes	Total
	1%	7.50%	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Cost												
As at 1st January		#N/A	106,324	21,064	6,986	15,900	29,109	419,443	7,932	1,568,588	360,680	2,536,026
Additions			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
#N/A			106,324	21,064	6,986	15,900	29,109	419,443	7,932	1,568,588	360,680	2,536,026
Grants/ other reimbursements												
As at 1st January		#N/A	-	-	-	2,637	-	255,231	-	32,956	360,680	651,504
Additions			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
#N/A			-	-	-	2,637	-	255,231	-	32,956	360,680	651,504
Accumulated Depreciation												
As at 1st January		#N/A	12,987	11,793	4,974	11,181	14,758	71,616	7,932	640,771	-	776,012
Charge for the period			233	174	101	101	403	2,315	-	22,372	-	25,699
Released on disposal			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
#N/A			13,220	11,967	5,075	11,282	15,161	73,931	7,932	663,143	-	801,711
NBV		#N/A	93,104	9,097	1,911	1,981	13,948	90,281	-	872,489	-	1,082,811