

The questions of Marc Rauchs

Councillor Rauchs states that the budget document shows that the country, and therefore also the municipality, is still doing well. Sound finances are reassuring. Sometimes patience is required before an idea can be implemented. There are often good reasons for this, for example in the case of the housing project carried out in cooperation with the Fonds du Logement in rue de Dippach. The municipality's housing project in rue de Mamer no longer appears in the budget, leading him to assume that it has been postponed. The same applies to the Cité am Wenkel as well as the municipal workshops. Shortly before the 2023 municipal elections, the "A Schwalls" project was presented to citizens, which raised certain expectations. Citizens are impatient because no progress is visible and are asking questions. What is the current status of this project? Could another information meeting be organized to update citizens on the latest developments?

Regarding the sports coordinator, dialogue should definitely be sought, as well as addressing the need for a third sports hall. Could the opposition be more involved, also in the interest of greater transparency for citizens? What is the status of the public scribe? Does the municipality still offer this service, or is there no demand for it? Furthermore, €200,000 is included in the budget for the forest, but this is a different amount than previously mentioned. What exactly does this refer to? The Sponge City project is also an excellent initiative—are there already any interim results? Concerning street lighting, he notes that some streets are not sufficiently illuminated. The charity event generated €6,000 in donations, but the event itself cost €30,000. Can associations still have their flyers distributed via the municipality, and will this service be discontinued with the launch of the new magazine?

The mayor's response:

Mayor De Smet notes that Councillor Rauchs referred to the ministry's circular. At present, one can consider oneself fortunate, but caution is still required. Regarding the housing project in rue de Dippach, carried out in cooperation with the Fonds du Logement, the timeframe is normal and unfortunately cannot be changed. The housing development in rue de Mamer will be aligned with the development of the PAP Brill. Since the implementation of PAP Brill is currently a priority, both projects cannot be carried out in parallel. The construction of houses in the Cité am Wenkel is expected to be put out to tender next year, with construction scheduled to begin afterwards. The construction of the new municipal workshops has not been abandoned, but it must fit within an overall concept, with close attention paid to finances.

The "A Schwall's" project is ongoing, but it is a lengthy, technical, and complex process. It must also meet the ministry's requirements. The project has been partially revised, and many aspects still need to be clarified in advance. The agreement concerning the sports coordinator should be signed with the ministry in the near future. Regarding a training hall for sports clubs, he points out that around €25 million has been invested in sports infrastructure in recent years. No suitable plot has yet been found, and the new hall must also fit into the overall concept. There has been little demand for the public scribe service, which is now provided by ASTI. The €200,000 allocated for the forest concerns a joint project with the municipal executive of the municipality of Strassen; it is a request from the forester to purchase new machinery and expand the facility. Work on the Sponge City project is ongoing; satellite images have been requested, but no interim results have yet been received.

As for street lighting, it is difficult to reach a consensus; in Bourmicht, all streetlights are still switched off at night. Regarding the charity event, greater participation had been expected. Associations were informed by email that the municipality continues to allow and support the distribution of flyers for their activities.