

The Municipal Council Meeting of 24 April 2026

from the perspective of fraction spokesperson Nadine Schares

Nadine Schares paid particular attention to the following agenda items. The questions she raised are outlined below.

1. Municipal regulations

A. Municipal regulation concerning the provision of mobile phones: Approval

What reasons and arguments led to this decision? How did the system function up to now, and why did it no longer seem to meet the needs? What problems or shortcomings had been identified? Will the different phone numbers be made public so that citizens can contact the relevant service directly? Or are these mobile phones primarily intended to ensure that staff members can be reached internally while they are on the move?

- (3) For the mayor and aldermen as well as for the persons holding the positions of municipal secretary, deputy municipal secretary, treasurer, head of the technical service, works foreman, deputy works foreman, head caretaker, deputy head caretaker, director of the SEA and deputy director of the SEA, the provision of a mobile phone is systematic and automatic.

B. Municipal regulation concerning the voluntary use of private mobile phones by staff: Approval

The following question arises: reachable by whom? How can it be determined whether a staff member is on duty or not? Is there not a risk that employees may receive calls on their days off? Or does this involve forwarding calls from the landline phone to the mobile phone?

C. Municipal regulation concerning municipal merit in the field of sports: Approval

Nadine Schares stated: “I assume that this regulation was drafted in cooperation with the sports clubs and the commission. Was there a model or were there positive experiences from other municipalities?”

2. Cost estimate relating to the redesign of the town hall reception area: Approval

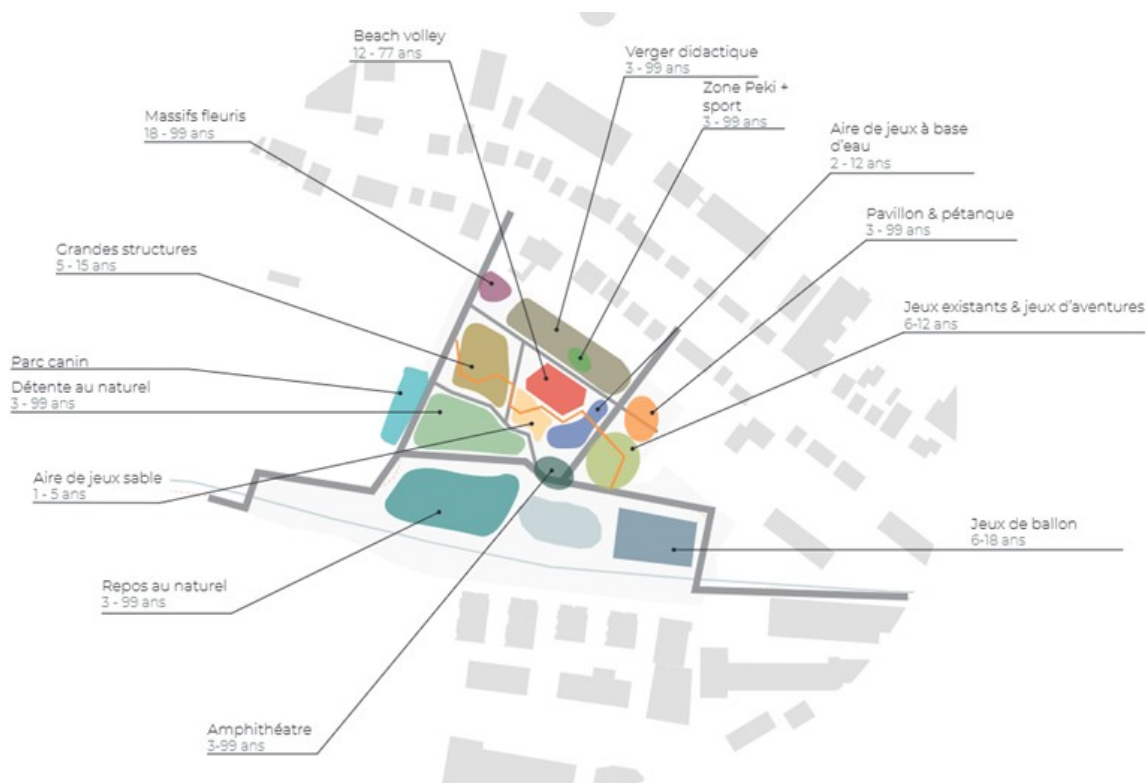
Nadine Schares expressed surprise at seeing this project return before the municipal council. While she fully understands its purpose and usefulness, she pointed out that an amount of more than half a million euros had been included in the 2024 budget before the project completely disappeared from view: both from the 2026 budget and from the multiannual plan presented only recently. During the budget discussions in December 2025, she had asked what conclusions had been drawn from the study concerning the redesign of the reception area. At the time, she had been told that the project was considered too expensive and was not regarded as a priority. She can therefore only conclude that priorities seem to have changed significantly between December and April. She therefore wonders what led to this change of direction, especially since no funding had been included in the budget.

Regarding the project itself, she remarked: “I do not know to what extent what we see in the photos is final. But I find that it looks very confined and rather dark. Could the space perhaps be opened up more towards the top?”

She also added: “Of course, it is possible to vote for a special credit for certain projects. But when the internal safety commission clearly considers that a situation needs to be changed, then, in my opinion, a certain budget should also be allocated for such a project. Even if the €500,000 included in the 2024 budget was too high and did not exactly correspond to what had been envisaged, it would nevertheless have been possible to maintain a budget line for this project.”

3. Cost estimate relating to the redevelopment of Parc Helfent: Approval

For Nadine Schares, the plans appear very interesting, with many different elements being integrated: “There is something for everyone.”



“This is also the company that carried out the analysis of our playgrounds. I have already repeatedly requested that this analysis also be made available to us. On 25 September 2025, I first asked by email to receive this file. A second email followed on 13 October, and then a third on 24 October. I raised the issue during meetings dedicated to major projects, as well as during the budget discussions. I received no reply to my emails, and during the meetings I was told that there had not yet been time to deal with it or that it had simply been forgotten. After the last municipal council meeting, I specifically requested two documents. The one concerning the Climate Pact was sent immediately. But this document — the analysis of all playgrounds — has still not been provided to us to this day.”

She ultimately wondered what more she had to do in order to obtain these documents. The mayor then stated that these documents would be attached to the report of the last project commission meeting.