

Statements by Guy Weirich

The statements below are summaries (!) of what our CSV council member presented during the meeting; minor interventions have not been taken into account.

04 A Municipal regulation concerning the provision of housing for young people

For some time now, Guy Weirich explained, Bertrange has been struggling with the fact that young people are leaving the municipality because housing prices in Bertrange are often unaffordable for them. The present project would therefore help ensure that young people from Bertrange can remain here longer and, if applicable, continue their involvement in local associations. Referring to a daily newspaper article entitled “Municipalities are the key to the housing issue,” which addressed affordable housing, Guy Weirich described the proposed project as another piece of the puzzle for the municipality of Bertrange, which has for some time been increasingly investing in affordable housing. However, all stakeholders must do their part to reduce the housing shortage: alongside the municipalities, the State and property owners. Weirich asked what the concrete planning looks like, when the rooms will be available, where they will be located, and how many rooms are available. It is also important to him that social criteria be taken into account in the allocation process.

06 A Cost estimate relating to the transformation of the multi-purpose hall at Centre Atert

Our representative pointed out that the “Bartrenger Musek” had, years ago, been willing to give up this hall, thus making it possible for a hall with versatile uses to be created at the Centre Atert. However, he wanted to know exactly where the planned emergency exit would be located and suggested that this hall should also be made available to associations holding events in the main hall if they need space for preparations or additional storage. At the same time, he proposed redesigning the ramp at the side entrance, as accidents had occurred there in the past, fortunately without serious consequences.

06 B Cost estimate relating to the redevelopment of Rue Rilspert

Since it is planned to carry out a condition survey of the houses, Weirich pointed out that in one specific case this survey had only been conducted after the completion of the works. It was therefore impossible to determine whether the damage had already existed before the street works began or whether it had been caused by the works. He therefore suggested that two condition surveys should always be carried out: one before the start of the works and one after their completion.

08 A Special development plan “Rue de la Pétrusse”

Guy Weirich pointed out that this construction project had caused concern and worry among many people due to the constant risk of flooding in the area: the neighbors, the municipal administration, and the municipal council. However, all those concerned were heard, the concerns were taken seriously, additional studies were carried out, and workable solutions were sought. The property owners were also willing to adapt their construction project to the given circumstances. In this respect, everything humanly possible was done to avoid unpleasant surprises, and one can speak here of truly successful participatory policymaking.