



## KUNSILL LOKALI GĦAJNSIELEM

STQARRIJA - MALTI

Is-Sibt, 2 ta' Lulju 2011

### **Is-sistema l-ġdida tat-transport pubbliku f'Għajnsielem**

Il-Kunsill Lokali t'Għajnsielem jixtieq juri d-dizaprovazzjoni tiegħu għal mod ta kif giet maħduma ir-ronda bis-sistema l-ġdida tat-transport pubbliku tal-kumpanij *Arriva* fejn irrizulta li ma kinitx ser tgħaddi ebda xarabank mill-qalba tar-raħal għajr minn Triq Sant Antnin u Triq l-Mgarr.

Il-Kunsill qed isostni li għal raħal ta' Għajnsielem is-sistema ser tkun ħafna għar milli kienet qabel, wara tant snin li x-xarabank kienet tgħaddi kuljum għal aktar minn darba mil-pjazza tar-raħal. Waqt laqgħa li saret fl-14 ta' Marzu 2011 bejn s-Sindki Għawdxin u r-rapprezentant Kap tas-Segretarjat tal-Ministeru tal-Infrastruttura, Transport u Kommunikazzjoni fejn ingħataw spjegazzjoni u dettalji tar-riforma tat-Transport Pubbliku, s-Sindku Francis Cauchi kien wassal l-messagg b'mod ċar li kif giet prezentata l-mappa x-xarabank ma kinitx ser tgħaddi mill-qalba tar-raħal. Pero r-rapprezentant mill-Ministeru assigurah li x-xarabank kienet ser tgħaddi minn għol-pjazza tar-raħal.

Meta dan l-aħħar tqassmu l-brochures bil-ħinijiet tas-servizz l-ġdid kif ukoll mappa f' kull dar, reġa rrizulta li x-xarabank verament ma kinitx ser tgħaddi mil-qalba tar-raħal. Fil-5 ta' Ġunju 2011 is-Sindku kiteb lill-Kap tas-Segretarjat fil-Ministeru tal-Infrastruttura Transport u Kommunikazzjoni fejn gie infurmat li l-Kunsill Lokali Għajnsielem ircieva diversi ilmenti dwar ir-rotot l-ġodda f'Għajnsielem. F'din l-ittra, s-Sindku ssuġerixxa li għalmenu x-xarabanks li juzaw ir-rotta ta' bejn ir-Rabat u l-Port tal-Imgarr (u viċi-versa) li jgħaddu kull nofs siegħa minn Triq l-Imgarr filgħodu jibdew jgħaddu mill-pjazza waqt ċertu ħinijet. Ir-risposta mill-Ministeru kienet li ser ikunu qed jimmoniteraw is-servizz u maz-zmien ser jagħmlu t-tibdil skond kif meħtieġ.

Il-Kunsill qed iwiegħed li ser ikompli jagħmel il-perssioni kolla meħtieġa mal-awtoritajiet konċernati sakemm it-talba tiegħu li tgħaddi x-xarabank mill-qalba t'Għajnsielem titwettag. B'hekk titnaqqas din l-inkonvenjenza lill-poplu Għajnselmiz sabiex jkun jista juza dan is-servizz b'ħal ħaddieħor.

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## GHAJNSIELEM LOCAL COUNCIL

PRESS RELEASE - ENGLISH

Saturday 2nd July 2011

### **New Transport System in Ghajnsielem**

The Ghajnsielem Local Council would like to show its disapproval on the way the new bus route system was implemented in Ghajnsielem by Arriva where no bus will pass from the Ghajnsielem village centre. The new bus routes in fact pass only through Mgarr Road and St Anthony's street. The local council is insisting that the new routes are a step backward and an added inconvenience for the locals after passing from the main square for so many years.

During a meeting between the Gozo mayors and a representative from the Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport and Communication held on the 14th of March of this year, Mayor Francis Cauchi raised this issue after the new Gozo route map was presented. However he was assured from the Ministry that the new bus service will pass from the main square.

However, when brochures and the new schedule were distributed to all households, it was clear that there was no route passing from Ghajnsielem centre. On the 5<sup>th</sup> of June, the Mayor wrote to the head of Secretariat of the Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport and Communication informing him that the Ghajnsielem Local Council was receiving several complaints from the locals. In this letter, the Mayor suggested that at least, a number of busses from the Mgarr – Victoria route can pass from the village centre on certain times in the morning. The Local Council received a reply that the Ministry will be monitoring the service and issue amendments accordingly.

The Ghajnsielem Local Council promises that it will keep putting pressure on the authorities concerned until this inconvenience for the Ghajnsielem residents is ratified and the service can be enjoyed from the village centre such as in other localities.

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