

Minutes of the meeting with the President of the Municipality & the Committee of May 22nd 2021

1. Garbage, water and sewage taxes (minutes of the meeting and exchange with the president taking into account the balance sheets in Chalais Information, p 18)

The sewage account of 150,000 francs is in deficit by about 30,000 francs (20%). The Municipality wishes to establish a new regulation.

The drinking water account, amounting to approximately 380,000 francs, is considered balanced with a gain of 14,000 francs, which represents 3% of the expenses. However, I still think that the "watering of the grounds" component does not reflect reality because the watering of the grounds around the chalets in Vercorin is not customary except in rare situations and the R2 only very exceptionally have vegetable gardens that need to be watered regularly. It would therefore seem to me to be in line with reality and the principle of causality to calculate the fixed price for drinking water without taking into account the watering of the garden, which constitutes only a marginal part of the water consumption of the R2. I believe that water consumption by the R2s is essentially a function of the number of occupants in the chalets, which is related to the number of rooms. Therefore, I wonder if the municipal regulation should not be changed and only the number of rooms in the chalet should be taken into account (as is the case for the tourist tax) in order to evaluate the real consumption of water.

The "hygiene" account, i.e. garbage, shows a gain of 176,000 francs for an expenditure of 43,000 francs, which is clearly disproportionate, even if we admit that this gain constitutes a reserve for the construction of the future "eco-point". With such reasoning, the other accounts should also be reviewed, which is apparently not the intention of the municipal authorities.

This discussion will be taken up orally between the president and Andreas during the month of June.

2. Misdirected Streetlights
The problem is particularly visible in Andreas' chalets, which are located on the Route des Roches Hombes. Kilian Siggen will contact Andreas to review the situation and discuss remedies.
3. Fountain in the village square
Nobody is particularly happy with this fountain. At the same time, during the meeting on the spot, there was no obvious consensus for an alternative solution. On the other hand, everyone agreed that the spout of the fountain should be replaced and that the immediate surroundings of the fountain deserve to be lightened. It was also agreed that the central square of the village should be tarred again.
4. Waste disposal center (household garbage, paper, glass, etc...)
The waste disposal site at the entrance to the village will be transformed into an "eco-point" where organic waste from the kitchen can also be deposited. However, this transformation will not take place in the immediate future because this structure will certainly be moved to a place that has not yet been formally decided.

As for the waste disposal center (the Municipal garbage tip) at the bottom of the village, the part for garden waste will be maintained. On the other hand, the dumpsters for bulky objects will certainly be removed and it will be necessary to bring this waste to the central waste disposal center in Bramois. However, the partial closure of the Municipal garbage tip will not take place this year or next year, unless the Canton decides otherwise.

5. Energy transition defined by the Canton of Valais

The Municipality takes this issue very seriously. In order to make concrete progress in this area and to come up with practical proposals, the authorities have decided to work with a professional in this field (Oiken).

6. New land zoning plan according to the LAT (law on land development)

To comply with the LAT, the Municipality needs to reduce buildable land by about 400'000 m², which is the equivalent of 400 chalets on a 1000m² plot of land !!!, a reduction which will obviously be quite painful for the owners concerned.

In order to disseminate this information to the R2, the President will send us the documents that will be presented at the public meetings, the first of which will take place on May 26th 2021 in Chalais. The flyer and the presentation document have been sent to the R2

7. Miscellaneous

- a. The access to the footpaths obstructed by the constructions to the summit of the Mont will be restored this summer as there is a right of way. According to the latest information, it could take a little more time.
- b. The chairlift at Mont Major will be built this summer and will be ready for the next winter season.
- c. The new route of the Chalais-Vercorin cable car has been given the green light by all Cantonal services and is currently with the State Council, which will make a decision this year, a decision that can only be positive given the agreements of all the services concerned.

8. Committee meeting

- a. We all felt that this two-hour meeting was extremely positive thanks to the President's willingness to listen and thanks to her transparency in terms of the information that she has shared with us.
- b. Most members have paid their dues.
- c. The development of the Creux du Lavioz is managed by the company Degré Vert. The Board of Directors of Vercorin Tourisme SA will meet on Tuesday. Jacques will send us the documents he has received for this meeting and will inform us of the decisions that will have been taken on this occasion.
The SD (Tourism Development Society) has voiced some criticism, not of substance, but concerning the insufficiently participative character of the approach.
- d. The next Committee meeting will take place on **Saturday 31.7.2021 at 10AM.**