

## Minutes of the Committee of 31.7.2020

### 1. Practical applications of energy saving measures (Gaël Packer)

Gaël sent his presentation to the committee members. I essentially retain the following points:

- a. The main energy consumption in Vercorin is due to travel and heating for private individuals (mainly permanent residents), activities which are responsible for approximately 80% of total energy consumption. The ski lifts account for 10 to 15% and the rest concerns shops and businesses. It seems that the Municipality is going to produce such an energy “balance-sheet” and update it regularly.
- b. The Municipality could encourage the installation of photovoltaic cells and wood heating to curb/ban the use of fuel oil and gas. It should be noted that natural gas allows only a modest reduction in CO2 emissions of about 20% (as compared to fuel oil).
- c. As for the means of transport in the village, replacing the car is not easy. The electric velocargo (e-bike with a small shopping or small luggage container) for hire could be considered.
- d. The integration of the new chairlift Tracuit - Mont Major in the summer tourism requires a thorough reflection to integrate it in a mountain bike circuit, or even in cultural activities.

### 2. There are only 6 people left who have not paid their dues, including one member who did not pay last year and whom we forgot to cross out. Renato and Claudine Di Gisi have not paid and apparently wish to leave the association. I will send a note to these people informing them that, without payment on their part until the end of September, we consider that they no longer wish to be part of Verco R2.

### 3. At the constituent assembly of the new tourism Development Society (DS), there was a very strong demand for R2s to join the DS committee. We decided to join as an association and Martine will be our representative on the DS committee. The DS will take care of the organisation of events of a certain importance such as the “dérupé”, the 2336 cinema, the flavours of the world etc. Our concrete participation could take the form of encouraging our members to participate as volunteers in these events. Such an attitude shows that we are not only users, but that R2s are also willing to lend a helping hand, which is already the case with many secondary residents.

The statistics for overnight stays produced by the DS have raised a certain amount of questions. For example, tourist taxes from professional renters (BAT etc.) and the Peak Resort have decreased between 2018 and 2019 by approximately 25%. On the other hand, tourist taxes from private rentals and R2s have increased by 15% without any explanation for this difference. It therefore seems important to us that the

Tourisme Vercorin Ltd Co. (SA) can provide reliable statistics in the future and be able to explain them.

4. As for the meeting with the Prefect of Sierre (subject: improving regional mobility), Michka sent us his assessment and the official minutes. We think it is very positive that the authorities are addressing this problem with the aim of reducing the use of private cars. It turns out that the big problem is the last kilometer and that mobility also raises the question of lifestyle. Michka will continue to represent us at the meetings concerning regional mobility. We want these meetings to continue to function on the basis of association representatives and we are opposed to this structure becoming an (unwieldy) association of individual members.
  
5. The Tourisme Vercorin Ltd Co. has decided to go ahead with the development of the Creux de Lavioz. Tenders have been received and work to reshape the site is expected to start this autumn.

As for the discount booklet (coupon booklet that can be used at local restaurants and shops), the Tourisme Vercorin Ltd Co. is waiting for proposals from us as to what kind of benefits should be sought after with this booklet. Claire agreed to find out about the type of "rebates" that are practised in other resorts (Anniviers, Anzère, Grächen etc).

The Municipality will send the invoices for the tourist taxes for the year 2020 in October and there will certainly be disputes about the calculation of the number of rooms and other UPH (unit per household) ! For the benefit booklet, 1'150 subscription forms have been sent out to R2s, meaning about 300 more addressees than when Vercorin R2 was founded in 2018. Why this difference ?

6. The next Committee meeting will take place on Saturday, October 17th at 5 p.m. in the Salle Bourgeoisiale on the 2nd floor. We will discuss the question of rebates (ref the discount booklet, input by Claire) and the progress of the work in the Creux du Lavioz (Jacques).

Kind regards and happy summer

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