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Constructive, critical questioning & committed - that is the work of our four local councillors.

It is generally challenging to change something and push through one's ideas from the opposition. Often our proposals were blocked by the majority around mayor Diane Bisenius-Feipel with five votes to four. Nevertheless, some of our proposals were implemented. In addition, we were able to improve some initiatives that were proposed by the college of mayor and aldermen, either because everyone agreed with our improvement propositions or because one or two members of the majority sided with us in the vote.

In this review we analyse the work of the college of mayor and aldermen over the last six years. Some points from their programme were implemented, but many high priority points were not given the right attention. A very pitiful example of such, would be the promise of creating a shared space in the Place du Lavoir. Unfortunately, it still looks the same as it did six years ago, with the exception of an artistic upgrade of the existing houses and halls.

Lou Linster

Lead candidate

Local councillor





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Infrastructure

Shared Space

A shared space in the centre of Leudelage with shops, a terrace and affordable housing: it was the main election promise of both us and the mayor's team.

- ▶ **Four years ago, a big citizen participation was organised.**
- ▶ **Two houses in the centre could be bought.**
- ▶ **Nothing has been built yet: the planning is still not finished.**
- ▶ **The redevelopment of the town centre should have been treated as an absolute priority alongside the new school. Unfortunately, the college of mayor and aldermen did not succeed in doing so.**

Street Works in the Rue de la Gare

Due to its age, the canal in Rue de la Gare was in a poor condition and not designed for the expected population growth. Consequently, street works in this street were necessary.

- ▶ **The street works could be realised faster than planned.**
- ▶ **Cost explosion: In the end, the rehabilitation cost € 3.1 million more than originally estimated, an increase of about 90%.**
- ▶ **Numerous extra requests from the college of mayor and aldermen, which only came after the construction site had already started, are the main cause of this cost explosion.**

Dismantling of the high-voltage power line at Schlewenhof

Due to the potential dangers of a high-voltage power line in a residential area, we have campaigned to remove the one located on Schlewenhof.

▶ **The removal was achieved in cooperation with the communes of Reckange-Mess and Mondcange, the operator Sotel and a private developer.**

Mobility

Late Night Bus

▶ **As a result of our forward pushing, the late night bus between Luxembourg City and Leudelage was introduced.**

▶ **A service that can certainly be expanded, but a first step has been made.**

vel'OH!

We have campaigned for Leudelage to be connected to the capital's vel'OH! network.

▶ **There are now four vel'OH! stations in Leudelage.**

▶ **The aim must be to install more stations in order to make soft mobility accessible for everyone around Leudelage. For example, there is currently no station at Schlewenhof.**

“The vel'OH! makes it possible to get around quickly and in a climate-friendly way in Leudelage, or to travel into the city. A consistent expansion of the bicycle lanes must follow.”

Jean-Pierre Roemen
Local councillor





Subway Op dem Schass

We have been campaigning for the Op dem Schass subway between Schlewenhof and Merl to be built as planned.

- ▶ **At the beginning, the college of mayor and aldermen strongly criticised us for this, but later changed their mind.**
- ▶ **The CFL originally lacked a plot of land, but its owner has since been expropriated.**
- ▶ **The subway will probably be built soon. However, it will only be accessible for soft mobility, because the city of Luxembourg is opposed to there being traffic circulation in the Rue des Celtes again.**

Call a Bus

A call bus could be used to go shopping, to the pharmacy and to the doctor, or to make use of the sports facilities offered by the commune of Bettembourg.

- ▶ **The college of mayor and aldermen was initially undecided, then in favour and then against.**
- ▶ **On our initiative, funds have been earmarked in the budget for a call bus for 2023. It depends on the college of aldermen whether this service will be introduced in this legislature.**

Residents' Parking

The implementation of the resident's parking makes it possible to get a grip on the parking problem in the village and especially in the activity zones.

- ▶ **We have been involved in the elaboration of the new traffic regulations, which were finally voted through in the summer of 2022.**
- ▶ **The new traffic regulations are certainly not perfect and still need to be adapted.**

Communal Services & Digitalisation

Public Writer

▶ **On our initiative, the public writer was introduced. A Leudelange citizen volunteers to help people interpret and answer their administrative letters, as well as to help with digital administrative procedures.**

Property tax increase for businesses

Since the reform of the law governing communal finances, the commune of Leudelange receives only € 1.5 million per year in business tax out of a total of € 25 million collected in the territory of the commune of Leudelange. Before this reform, Leudelange received about € 9 million.

▶ **To compensate for the loss of this revenue, we already proposed in 2018 by motion to increase the property tax for businesses and at the same time reduce the business tax to accommodate businesses.**

▶ **In 2021 the college of mayor and aldermen was (finally) convinced by this idea and we implemented it together.**

▶ **This measure leads to additional revenue of around € 2.5 million for Leudelange - money that is used to improve the quality of life of Leudelange's citizens, as well as to implement social measures and climate protection measures.**

▶ **Leudelange now has the lowest business tax rate in Luxembourg and consequently cannot be considered an anti-business commune.**

Referendum

▶ **We had collected over 460 signatures in favour of a referendum on a change of the electoral district from the South constituency to the Centre constituency.**

▶ **On 26 May 2019, the referendum was held and over 58% of Leudelange citizens answered yes to the question on changing the district. As part of this, Prime Minister Xavier Bettel asked the parties represented in the Chamber of Deputies to take a position on the electoral system. After all parties had answered, the Covid19 pandemic broke out and the government had other priorities than the electoral system.**

▶ **We continue to believe that our electoral system, which is now just over 100 years old, urgently needs reform.**



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Climate & Environment

Community Garden

The commune should provide interested citizens with a piece of land on which they can grow their fruit and vegetables.

- ▶ **This idea has not been implemented so far, as the college of mayor and aldermen say there is no suitable land available. Yet the commune owns several parcels in the Fronzel area.**

Klima-Agence-Infopoint

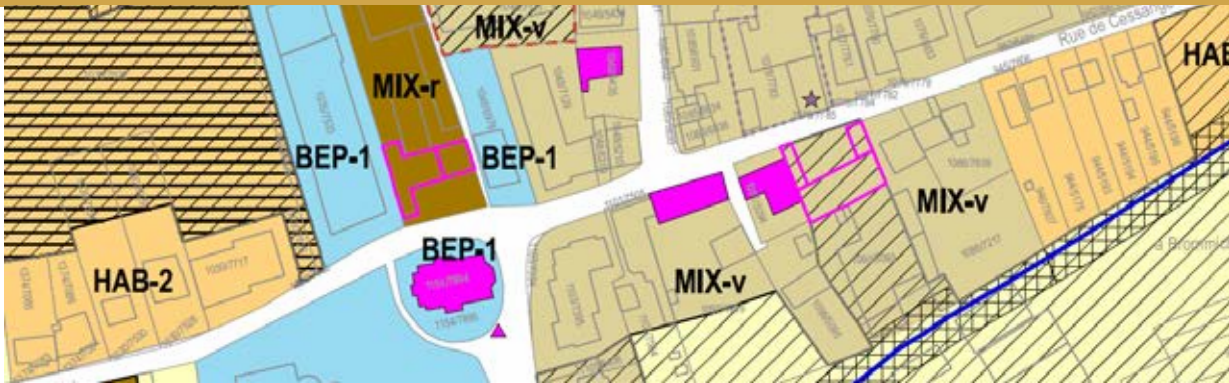
At our proposal, a Klima-Agence-Infopoint (formerly Infopoint myenergy) was created in the commune.

- ▶ **This enables all Leudelange citizens to receive free advice from Klima-Agence on energy renovation and climate-friendly building.**

“Making our houses and flats climate-neutral is a major challenge. Accordingly, adequate advice is important, both in terms of technology and government support.”

Patrick Calmus
Local councillor





Housing

Tackling the Housing Shortage

Luxembourg is in a housing crisis. In this context we have contributed to the elaboration of the new Leudelange general development plan and the new building regulations, without losing sight of the rural character of Leudelange and Schlewenhof. We have pushed through the following points:

- ▶ **A minimum of two storeys plus a stacked storey may now be built everywhere in Leudelange.**
- ▶ **The minimum size of flats has been set at 30 m² instead of 35 m².**
- ▶ **The prescribed minimum average size of flats in apartment buildings has been reduced from 65 m² to 55 m².**
- ▶ **Sewage pumping is now also allowed in residential buildings.**
- ▶ **Parking lifts have been allowed.**
- ▶ **The parking key in the activity zones was regrettably not reduced consistently. The more parking spaces there are, the more workers come to Leudelange by car and the more traffic there is in the commune.**

“The housing crisis can only be solved if we build more densely. But the rural character of Leudelange must be preserved in the process.”

Lou Linster
Local councillor



Youth Housing

- ▶ Upon our request, seven youth flats for young people between the ages of 18 and 26 have been created in House 46, Rue de la Gare.
- ▶ The young people are supervised by an educator for 10 hours a week.

Living Together & Equal Opportunities

Period Boxes

- ▶ On our initiative, period boxes have been hung up in public buildings, such as the Centre sociétaire An der Eech or the home of the scouts.
- ▶ This gives every woman free and easy access to menstrual products.

Les rues au féminin

- ▶ At our instigation, the commune took part for the first time in 2022 in the *Les rues au féminin* campaign, in which various streets are named after a woman during a month.
- ▶ The next new street in Leudelange will be named after a woman.



Sport & Leisure

Support for the clubs

- ▶ Upon our request, every Leudelange club gets the tent of the commune set up and dismantled once a year free of charge.
- ▶ In addition, each club receives a payment terminal financed by the commune.

Promotion of the Bicycle

- ▶ On our initiative, a repair and charging station as well as a washing facility for pedelecs and bicycles are going to be set up at the Schwengsweed recreation area.
- ▶ Unfortunately, no new cycle track could be realised in this legislature.

Third Age

Geierbiert Nursing Home

- ▶ Two weeks before the 2017 local elections, a convention was signed with Emera to build a new nursing home on Geierbiert.
- ▶ Almost six years after that convention was signed, first construction works have begun only recently.

“The nursing home on Geierbiert is urgently needed. The commune has to stay behind it so that no more valuable years are lost.”

Marcel Jakobs
Local councillor



Our Candidates for the Local Elections of the 11th of June 2023



Lou Linster
 31 years
 Lead candidate, Local
 councillor, Consulting engineer



Vanessa Baldassarri
 ép. Demoling
 40 years
 Lawyer at the Ombudsman



Patrick Calmus
 55 years
 Local councillor, Expert
 in metal construction,
 Secondary school teacher



**Denise Copette ép.
 Conrardy**
 50 years
 Chartered accountant,
 Economic advisor



Nathalie Entringer
 30 years
 Linguist at the Centre for
 Luxembourgish (PhD in
 Language Sciences)



Marcel Jakobs
 68 years
 Local councillor,
 Civil servant (retired)



Sandrine Pompidou
 42 years
 Lawyer, Deputy CEO
 Car Avenue Luxembourg



Jean-Pierre Roemen
 26 years
 Local councillor, Lawyer



Dr. Philippe Wilmes
 42 years
 Orthopaedic surgeon,
 Vice-president AMMD

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