

BLOEN DROT

JULY 2024



ONE YEAR AFTER THE ELECTIONS, WHERE
DOES THE CONTERN MUNICIPALITY STAND?



Dear citizens,

The elections took place just over a year ago. It is time for the first Bloen Drot of the DP section of the Contern municipality. We take a critical look at the work and statements of the CSV-LSAP majority, present our demands regarding soft mobility, and review the European elections.

A SQUARE FOR LUC FRIEDEN IN CONTERN

The DP faction was critical of the naming of a square in Contern after Prime Minister Luc Frieden. We emphasized that we respect Luc Frieden and the work he does as Prime Minister. However, the naming of squares or streets is generally considered a posthumous honor to recognize a person's merits. The few streets or squares in the country named after a living politician only received their name after the end of their political career. Additionally, the square is not limited. We hope the council will make adjustments here.

The issue was picked up by the press, showing it is a controversial topic. There are certainly more important issues in the municipality, but this one has significant symbolic value.



A RETROSPECTIVE ON A LONG CONSTRUCTION SITE IN CONTERN

In a recent article in the Luxemburger Wort, our mayor addressed the construction site that dominated the village center of Contern for a long time. One statement in the article disturbed us greatly. It was said that the construction site had lasted so long because a complete closure could not be imposed on the merchants. Before the elections, the position was different. It was said that a complete closure could not be imposed on the

citizens. After the DP section repeatedly pointed out that these merchants had to endure immense financial losses due to the construction site, it seems the position has now changed after the elections. We find this statement regrettable, especially considering that our municipality continues to grow and our villages rely on our local merchants. We also wonder why these merchants were not involved in the inauguration. This would have been a small compensation for a construction site marked by mismanagement. We hope that the mistakes made will not be repeated in the upcoming construction in Moutfort.



NEW TOWN HALL

Another topic addressed in this article was the new municipal building. The project was recently re-tendered. As the opposition was not informed by the council, we cannot assess whether the termination of the collaboration with the previous architectural firm was justified or not. However, we note that this has caused a delay in the new municipal building. The archaeological excavations will further aggravate this delay.

From the beginning, we have been very critical of a new construction. We have repeatedly insisted on examining alternatives to a new building, considering financial, temporal, and spatial aspects to find the best solution. This has not yet been done, or at least these studies have never been published, if they exist. Thus, this issue will likely accompany us for a few more years.





THE PROMOTION OF SOFT MOBILITY IN OUR MUNICIPALITY

Already in our election program, we strongly advocated for the promotion of soft mobility in our municipality. We note that little has been done so far. We are aware that some projects can only be implemented by state authorities, but we demand more pressure from the council on certain points. The connection of our localities to the national cycle network remains catastrophic. Even within the municipality, many connections are non-existent, whether on foot or by bike. We demand quick action from the responsible parties in this matter, without forgetting to involve the relevant commission.



Furthermore, we support the introduction of a bike-sharing system (e.g., vel'OH!) as well as service stations in our villages. An inventory of the condition of sidewalks is also overdue, especially outside the main streets. We also wonder where the promised connection between the Henkeshaus and the street An de Steng is.

Soft mobility would also benefit from the long-overdue renovation of the major intersections in Itzig and Moutfort. A modern traffic light system and a revision of lane guidance would make traffic flow more smoothly and make the intersections safer. Here, the council must increase the pressure on national authorities and implement adjustments that fall under municipal responsibility.



EUROPEAN ELECTIONS 2024

We look at the results of the European elections with mixed feelings. Unfortunately, a shift to the right can be observed both at the European and national levels. The DP has to cede its second seat to the ADR after an extremely strong result in 2019. However, we congratulate Charles Goerens on his first place among all candidates and all other DP candidates for their good results. Even in our municipality, we can see a strong result, above the national average. With 22.6%, the DP here achieves second place.

EVENTS

RETROSPECTIVE ON THE MAY FESTIVAL

On May 12, our May Festival took place in front of the old school in Contern. In beautiful weather, we were pleased to welcome our guests, eat a bite with them, have a drink, and exchange ideas. It is very important to us to stay in contact with the citizens and contribute to village life.



RETROSPECTIVE ON THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

On March 14, we held our General Assembly in Medingen at the cultural center. Besides looking back on a busy super election year 2023, we looked ahead to another election year 2024. A new committee was also elected. There was also a change at the top. After many years as president, Patrick Elsen hands over the presidency to Charel Muller. Eric Eifes remains treasurer, and the secretariat is taken over by Mirko Mack. We would like to thank Patrick once again for his commitment over the past years and are pleased that he remains on the committee.



BRETON EVENING 2024

On November 8, our traditional Breton Evening will take place. Mark this date in your calendar and spend a pleasant evening with us enjoying Breton specialties.





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