

## Minutes of Municipal Council Meeting 21/04/2026

### Present:

7 out of 12 elected officials for the majority

3 out of 3 elected officials for "Chalabre En Commun"

Aurélie Subreville (Town Clerk)

Mr. Mamet presided over the entire Municipal Council meeting, presenting all the items and answering most of the questions himself, with the assistance of Aurélie Subreville for budget-related questions.

The key points were as follows:

- **Cours Colbert:** Mr. Mamet reminded everyone that, just before the municipal elections, the Department opposed the tree cutting, effectively delaying the development project. Ms. Caussin (tree and landscape policy) and Mr. Benazet, both from the Aude Departmental Council (CD 11), visited the site to see the situation for themselves. Ms. Caussin ultimately approved the project, including the felling and replacement of the trees. However, she recommends replanting other species, such as maples.

Mr. Mamet indicated that the plane trees had been poorly pruned in the past and that some had even been filled with concrete! This, among other reasons, explains their poor condition. Approval from the French Heritage Buildings (Bâtiments de France) services will be required to ensure that the municipality will not have to replant plane trees.

Furthermore, the Departmental Council is allocating a subsidy of €108,268 (€50,000 to be paid into the 2026 budget and the remainder into the 2027 budget). The work should be able to begin in late September or early October.

We inquired about parking: it will be identical to that of the other 3 sides (no diagonal parking spaces that would have imposed one-way traffic). We asked about the status of the planning for the development of the so-called "Franzone" parking lot, given that, in our view, this presents an opportunity to complete the square in a coherent manner. Mr. Mamet replied that it was planned but not yet scheduled because it involves a cost.

Mr. Mamet also indicated that for the other works (village entrances and exits, the Métairie parking lot, Rue du Capitaine Danjou, etc.), a comprehensive development plan will be necessary, not just a piecemeal approach.

We therefore voted on awarding the "LOT 1 VRD" contract (i.e., the complete resurfacing of the roads) to Rescanières, the most competitive and highest-rated company according to the market study provided to us.

- **Vote on tax rates:** We voted in favour of Mr. Mamet's proposal to maintain current tax rates in order to avoid increasing local taxes (property tax on built and unbuilt land, and housing tax only for second homes).

- **Main budget:** Mr. Mamet reminded us that we needed to vote on a provisional budget for 2026. This budget was therefore largely based on the public works projects undertaken by the previous administration.

Our team, "Chalabre en commun" asked Mr. Mamet and Aurélie Subreville, several questions to fully understand the content of the various "chapters" (i.e., the budget lines).

Regarding operating revenue, we noted a decrease in state funding (approximately €20,700

less). Mr. Mamet explained that this is the case for all municipalities, although others are much more affected than we are.

Indeed, all local authorities are impacted by the decrease in state funding, from municipalities to regional councils.

In the capital expenditure section, the following lines have been allocated for:

- Two new cameras: one in the parking lot in front of the library and one in front of the Abattoirs hall. Mr. Mamet explained that this is primarily for prevention and to combat antisocial behavior (particularly littering).
- Work on the primary school building to equip it with a fire alarm, networked with that of the Collège.
- Road and utility work.
- Graffiti removal from the walls of the Abattoirs hall.
- We inquired about the renovation of the Notre Dame church door: it is not yet planned. No response from the Bâtiments de France (French Heritage Buildings Authority).
- Mr. Mamet indicated that an inventory of public buildings needs to be carried out (library door, Notre Dame door, town hall roof, etc.).
- €34,500 for St. Pierre Church: survey by the surveyor and heritage architect.
- Renovation of the gendarmerie.
- Work on Cours Colbert.
- We inquired whether the work requested by the municipal technical services staff was indeed planned (installation of a shower and changing room, etc.): it is, and the work will be carried out by the staff themselves.

Our "Chalabre en Commun" team voted in favor of this main budget.

**- Supplementary Budgets:**

- Water and Sanitation: Mr. Mamet reminded everyone that this has been a public service delegation for a very long time. It was renewed in 2025 and extended until 2032. Veolia receives a fee which is paid to the Water Agency.

- Business Incubator: This concerns the Cartofrance Factory. This is the last year, as this arrangement no longer exists.

- Service Station: Mr. Mamet indicated that it was taken over by the municipality several years ago to maintain this public service in the village. The municipality pays rent to the GOMEZ company, and it is managed directly by the municipality. He explains that it will certainly not be in deficit in 2026 due to the price increase. Indeed, TOTAL has capped prices, allowing it to remain competitive. Mr. Mamet nevertheless questions the necessity of maintaining this public service, given the €2,500 deficit from the previous year.

We point out that this deficit is due to the fact that vehicles from La Poste (the French postal service) and the Communauté de Communes (the local inter-municipal authority) no longer use the service. We emphasize that it is indeed important to maintain this service in the town.

Our "Chalabre en commun" team voted in favor of these supplementary budgets.

**- Recruitment of contract employees:** Mr. Mamet indicates that one employee will be absent for several months for medical reasons, and possibly a second. They must therefore be replaced.

We ask if these recruitments include someone to manage the Chalabre campsite, which is scheduled to open on June 15th. Mr. MAMET confirms this recruitment but adds that he has not yet drawn up the job description.

**- Presentation of the deputy mayors' responsibilities:** Mr. MAMET lists these responsibilities.

- . Muriel Cunillera Marty: HR . Defense Liaison
- . Santiago Martinez: Technical Services and Urban Planning
- . Marie Dominique Mellado Röösl: HR, Youth Council, Social Action, Finance
- . Fabrice Baurain Levi: Associations, College

**- Participation in mandatory committees:**

Tender Committee / MAPA Committee (=Simplified Procedure Contracts):

Members: Santiago Martinez, Pascal Garros, Philippe Razeyre

Alternates: Muriel Cunillera Marty, Benjamin Jamet, Virginie Gaudel

Electoral Roll Revision Committee: Elodie Rocalli, Benjamin Jammet, Valérie Salvat-Séris, Myriam Martin, Virginie Gaudel

Municipal Direct Tax Committee: the entire council is registered, and the DGFIP (French Public Finances Directorate) will select 6 members and 6 alternates.

**- Appointment of representatives:**

- College: Fabrice Baurain Lévi (member), Myriam Martin (alternate)
- School: Marie Dominique Mellado-Röösl (member), Justine Gérard (alternate)
- Defense Correspondent: Jacques Mamet (member), Muriel Cunillera-Marty (alternate), Gérard Canal (assistant)
- Fire and Rescue Correspondent: Santiago Martinez (member), Benjamin Jammet (alternate)
- SYADEN: Santiago Martinez (member), Nina Klotz (alternate)
- Network 11: Pascal Garros (member), Philippe Razeyre (alternate)
- SBGH: Pascal Garros (member), Philippe Razeyre (alternate)
- Local Commission for Remarkable Heritage Sites: Jacques Mamet (representing the Community of Municipalities), Santiago Martinez and Benjamin Jammet (members), Myriam Martin (member), Muriel Cunillera-Marty (alternate), Philippe Razeyre (alternate)

Creation of 3 working groups comprised solely of elected officials (a more flexible structure than a committee):

Urban Planning, Development, Housing, Water and Sanitation: Santiago Martinez, Pascal Garros, Marie Dominique Mellado-Röösl, Myriam Martin

Communication, Social Media, Iliwap, Newsletter: Nina Klotz, Justine Gérard

Communications, Community Life, Youth, Sports, Culture: Fabrice Baurain-Lévi, Nina Klotz, Valérie Salavat-Séris, Elodie Roncalli, Justine Gérard, Virginie Gaudel

- Creation of an advisory committee: "Living Well Together." It can include people who are not elected and will vary depending on the issues addressed (incivilities, lake development, Rue Capitaine d'Anjou, etc.).

Myriam Martin spoke to say that we support this type of structure to also consider how to integrate residents into the democratic life of the town, consult with them, etc.

- Senior Citizens' Council: Michel Brembilla, Colette Molini-Salvat, and Gérard Canal

- Youth Council: Marie Dominique Mellado-Röösl (primary school), Fabrice Baurain-Lévi (Collège), and Virginie Gaudel

**- Miscellaneous questions:**

We asked a question about the gas station and meter readings. It's not the town clerk's responsibility to handle this. Can't an elected official do it?

Mr. Mamet replied that he didn't think an elected official should do it. A town hall employee can take the daily readings. Furthermore, Santiago is the elected representative for the gas

station.

Mr. Mamet then gave us the following information:

- The Illiwap site has a "Chalabre" station and a "Library" substation.
- Health: There will indeed be a subsidy from the Community of Municipalities for the health center, but these are becoming increasingly rare, generally spread over two years. Furthermore, a meeting is scheduled for June 24th with the Regional Council at the request of Dr. Bernatas.
- Human Resources monitoring: needs strengthening.
- Need for an upgrade of the technical department to ensure safe working conditions
- Cemetery renovation, columbarium expansion
- Announced support from "Initiatives Haute Vallée" (IHVA) for the installation of the new café. This support includes, for example, a 0% interest loan and a one-year deferral of repayments
- Urban planning: problem of substandard housing. A "rental permit" should be created to require landlords to carry out the necessary repairs before renting. This is a first step towards social housing.
- Establishment of a local emergency plan for fire risks
- A night market has been requested for July 15th
- The departmental director of the Post Office has requested a meeting with Mr. MAMET. According to him, the question is whether to continue fighting against the closure of the Chalabre post office by maintaining a veto (knowing that France Services is involved) or whether to negotiate to keep it in the village by having it taken over by another business. In any case, the loss of this service would be a significant blow to the community. Currently, it seems necessary to fight for this service and to keep the community regularly informed about this issue.

- The Community Council meeting took place the day before: discussion on budget guidelines.... Replacement of plastic bins with collection points => discussion about the fact that we will lose a job (a person who will not be replaced upon retirement) related to household waste.

Myriam Martin reiterated the position she defended in this meeting: no problem with the change. However, it must be emphasized that we need to protect technical jobs, and she fears this will not be the case.

For the elected members of the "Chalabre en commun" group:

Myriam Martin  
Philippe Razeyre  
Virginie Gaudel