

## ENDUMENI MUNIICIPALITY

**Minutes of the Ward 6 Ward Committee meeting held in the Main Committee Room, Civic Centre, 64 Victoria Street, Dundee on Thursday, 3 February 2011 at 10:00**

### **Present:**

As per attendance register.

### **1. Opening:**

The Chairperson, Cllr. T.B. Mkhize (Speaker) welcomed everybody present and thereafter requested Mr. S.M. Sikhakhane to open the meeting by prayer.

### **2. Apologies:**

Mr. P.G. Mabilisa  
Mr. I. Gridale

### **3. Announcement by Cllr. T.B. Mkhize:**

#### **3.1 IEC Registration Pamphlets:**

Cllr. Mkhize stated that as we are heading for elections people get confused and forget that they are working for the community and want to get involved in politics. Ward Committees should work for Service Delivery to the community: do not stand up and criticize Councillors or a Councillor – that is not your job. Cllr. Mkhize then handed out IEC registration pamphlets to encourage people to register on 5 and 6 February 2011.

#### **3.2 Voting at KwaSithole Area:**

Cllr. Mkhize announced that voting at KwaSithole area will take place at the Morningside School.

### **4. R400 000-00 Ward Funding:**

The Chairperson stated that he has requested that this allocation be increased because it is not enough: R400 000-00 for the whole Ward 6 area is nothing. However, the matter is still under discussion. Complaints have been made that Cllr. Mkhize is only interested in Forestdale and some people came to see the Mayor that he has ignored them – not so, roads are being built at Craigsdale and there is a process about a mobile clinic. Baba Majola was requested to please explain this to the people. Cllr. Mkhize explained that R400 000-00 is allocated every year: next time it may be Craigsdale, the following year Peacevale, rural areas and so on and so forth. People must just be patient and wait their turn.

Cllr. Mkhize then requested the Acting Manager Technical Services to read out the R400 000 -00 allocations for Ward 6 (**Annexure "A"**).

The Chairperson stated that he is battling to find Jojo Tanks as uMzinyathi can no longer supply them, but at least through this allocation we can buy them.

Mr. L. Khumalo requested copies of the allocation and timeframes of the purchases.

Mr. C. Carelse said that he will issue copies to the members and that the purchases will be done before June 2011.

Cllr. Mkhize informed the meeting that Council has sat and considered this and it is only the implementation that is left.

## **5. Title Deeds and Old Houses:**

### **5.1 Title Deeds:**

Cllr. Mkhize reported that Councillors and Managers went to discuss this matter with the MEC and progress is being made. The Chairperson requested Mr. Raj Naidoo to elaborate further on this matter.

Mr. Raj Naidoo reported that the Municipality had some joy that 60 (sixty) title deeds have come back for Forestdale and 45 (forty-five) more will be coming for Peacevale – only Sithembile has yet to be signed. Mr. Naidoo said that as soon as more are received, he will make the committee know.

Mr. Goolam wanted to know when will it be sorted out for Forestdale. Mr. Naidoo responded that the MEC will be coming soon and it will be sorted out.

Cllr. Bisram explained to the meeting that when they sat with the MEC the officials do the work and Councillors guide them and receive ongoing reports. He also informed the meeting that Mr. Mbonane has been here and the MEC is contacted on an ongoing basis: he said he hoped this problem will be sorted out by the end of February.

### **5.2 Old Houses:**

Mr. Carelse reported that there was a meeting with Mr. Mbonane and the General Manager on 6 January 2011. He stated that he handed over the re-done Business Plan for the repairs to Old Houses. The General Manager has indicated the MEC will come here next week to hand-out title deeds and the NHRBC will come and evaluate the state of disrepair of the houses.

Mr. Goolam said that the MEC was on Radio Lotus and stressed the importance of the housing situation in Dundee and surrounding areas.

Cllr. Bisram said that Mr. Goolam is correct and reported that they spent almost the whole day updating the MEC of the situation and she was not aware of the plight of the people in Endumeni: Ms. Gabi Gumbi, General Manager and Mr. Mbonane were instructed to take over and run with the process.

Ms. Makaba reported that Mr. Cele came with the HOD to investigate 3 (three) days after the meeting. Mr. Cele saw that the houses were in disrepair. However, Ms. Makaba enquired whether the houses will still be repaired after title deeds were handed over, and whether a particular house was included and whether an additional room will be built.

Mr. Carelse said that if the R43 million is approved : yes but it will also dependent on what they say – about a specific particular house he was not sure (On this issue Cllr. Mkhize suggested that Ms. Makaba see Mr. Carelse to see whether that house was on the submitted list).

### 5.3 Springs in houses: Craigside:

Mr. Majola reported that it is not right when people come to the Mayor and complain but he understands the pain they feel. He said it is painful that when it is raining springs spurt water in the houses. He reported that during the 1<sup>st</sup> term of Mr. Cebehulu he reported this problem and was told that he must submit the list of houses with this problem, which he did and submitted the list to Mr. Maltman. Mr. Maltman said that Draikon will attend to these houses before they finish the contract, but now the community thinks he is a liar because since then, nothing has been done.

Mr. Maltman stated that those were true facts: the complaints was formally handed over to Sukuma & Draikon and they were duly instructed to attend to this problem. Sukuma & Draikon will be invited to the next meeting at which a Sub-Committee can be selected to do regular inspections *in loco* to oversee the progress.

### 6. Watt Road:

Cllr. Mkhize stated this is a very sensitive site and a very sensitive topic. He said he feels for the community but would request the Acting Municipal Manager to explain what Council has done to-date to alleviate this problem.

Mr. Maltman reported that there have been numerous Committee meetings regarding this matter which culminated to a MIG (Municipal Infrastructural Grant) application (**Annexure “B”**) which also culminated to a Council Resolution (**Annexure “C”**).

Mr. Maltman requested the members to articulare their views regarding the arrangements that were made at the November meeting as the inputs from the Committee and the community are needed.

Mr. Beharie stated that the coal is even worse than last year.

Mrs. Kaloo stated that Argyle Road is even worse than Watt Road with the sand, dust and noise: trucks start before 05:00 and stop after 22:00.

Mr. Goolam stated that one or two trucks have started to drive through Heron Drive.

Mr. Maltman reported that it was agreed during the November meeting that it should be between 07:00 and 17:00, if that is not adhered to, then signs will be erected and they will have to be charged.

It was also stated that a fully loaded truck was in Forestdale destroying roads and driving at speed next to the crèche.

Mr. Goolam said a lot of shale was spilled on Browning Street and Mrs. Kaloo reported that they left some when they were cleaning up.

Mr. S. Perumall explained that these decisions of the Ward Committee will be taken to EXCO and Council and if they are approved, they become resolutions of Council.

Cllr. Bisram said that it be

## RECOMMENDED

THAT

1. No truck goes through town without tarpaulins;
2. Trucks will only travel between 07:00 and 17:00;
3. MIG grant to serve the underprivileged communities;
4. Slater Coal will be liable for all the repairs;
5. Trucks will not be permitted to overtake on the Council's roads.

Cllr. Adam stated that these issues have been talked about since 2 (two) years ago: Cllr.

Bisram, Cllr. Mkhize and himself were selected to form a Sub-Committee but nothing has happened thus far.

He also said that Cllr. Bisram, Mrs. Kaloo and Mr. Goolam were truthful about this and he also went to inspect Mrs. Kaloo's house.

Cllr. Bisram requested that this matter be renamed Coal Route because Argyle Road tends to be neglected if it is named Watt Road.

Mr. Maltman requested members to make individual affidavit about their assertions (not a petition) as this matter may lend in Supreme Court if it is challenged - he stressed that the final resolution will be taken by Council and we will report back at the next meeting.

### **7. New Matters:**

#### **7.1 Speed bumps: Craigsdale:**

Mr. Majola requested that speed bumps be erected on the one way road as vehicles were moving at very high speed and putting people's lives in danger.

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That speedbumps be erected on the one way road at Craigsdale.

#### **7.2 Park employee & Talana Creche Extension: Forestdale:**

Ms. Makaba requested that a person be appointed to take care of the equipment at the park and that Talana Crèche be extended.

The Acting Municipal Manager said that this will be taken to Council as part of the minutes and the response will be given at the next meeting.

**8. Closure:**

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairperson, Cllr. T.B. Mkhize requested Ms. Makaba to close the meeting by prayer at 11:40.

**CHAIRPERSON:** .....

**DATE:** .....

