

ANNEXURE : MINUTES OF ISSUES RAISED AT COMMUNITY MEETINGS

The following issues were raised late in the process at community meetings.

Development Forum meeting 06 April 2005 in the Council Chambers @ 17:00

The meeting was chaired by the mayor and the presentation was done by Mr. T Henge.

The Mayor raised a concern about the absenteeism of department heads. He raised the importance of the IDP. He also raised the importance of having properly constituted participatory structures like the IDP and ward committees. Mr. Freddie Max of Heliport wanted to know about Township Establishment. Mr. Welgemoed informed him that this process is now with the provincial government lawyers.

- ☛ The department of Agriculture wanted to know about the end of our financial year because theirs end in March.
- ☛ Agriculture informed the meeting that they have a number of projects that are not listed on the IDP. They were told to forward those projects to Mr. Henge.
- ☛ A public participation document should be developed, where all roles and responsibilities of all committees and forums should be spelt out.
- ☛ The meeting wanted to know about the houses, why does the council not build decent houses and what is the municipal plans about the IDP Erf. A meeting was scheduled with ASLA on the 20 April 2005.
- ☛ There is no HIV programme although there are many HIV organizations in town.
- ☛ Day camping site and a facility for the disabled kids.
- ☛ Youth and a recreational centre.
- ☛ Housing for Merweville and Heliport
- ☛ Fencing of Old Cemetery next to the sewage plant.
- ☛ Skills development programme for the youth.
- ☛ Linking the IDP with Sector Departments.
- ☛ TV towers or channels for both Merweville and Heliport.
- ☛ School hall for Mandlenkosi High School.
- ☛ What is the involvement of the CDW's in the IDP process? They should be placed as eyes and ears of the community and government.
- ☛ An IDP forum should be established but the mistakes of the past should not be repeated.
- ☛ A bridge should be built between Kwa-Mandlenkosi and Izilanti.
- ☛ More should be done to take street kids of the streets.

The Mayor thanked everyone that attended the meeting.

Meeting was closed at 18:50

Ward 4 & 7 Issues Mandlenkosi Community Hall @ 17:00 on the 07/04/05

Meeting was chaired by Councillor Matunzi and facilitated by Mr. T Henge. Councillor Mjoli was absent.

- A school hall should be built at Mandlenkosi Sec School.
- A School development programme should develop.
- We should look at greening the area.
- An access road should be built between Rustdene and Kwa-Mandlenkosi, especially between the stadium and Mandlenkosi Road.
- Ward committees should be established as soon as possible.
- When will the projects at the oukamers be completed and what will be happening there?
- When will houses be built in Kwa-Mandlenkosi?
- Why is the money for the pig sties not used for something else?
- Community participation is not properly done by the municipality.
- The houses in Plakkerskamp are not of good standard when it rains their roofs fall.
- When developing the IDP's stipulate the area so that we can see which areas deserve more attention than others?
- Housing waiting list should be placed at all municipal offices.
- Volunteers at per area should be identified and be given fire fighting equipment, a person died during the December holidays.
- Community radio station should be built.
- We should look at local project leaders.
- Municipality should get factories or investors in the town to create more jobs, so that people move away from social grants.
- A bridge should be built between Izilanti and Mandlenkosi and the trees should be removed.

Meeting was closed at 19:10

Ward 1 and 3 issues 12 April 2005 At Karoo Recreational Hall @ 17:00

Meeting was chaired and facilitated by the IDP Coordinator. Councilor Phillips arrived late and Councillor Haremse never pitched.

- There are no land lines for houses in Toekomsrus nor are there public phones and that is a concern that needs to be addressed.
- A Clinic is needed for the communities of Toekomsrus, Barracks and Hillside.
- The community of Barracks feel that they are neglected in all the planning and budgeting phases of the municipality.
- They want to whose property is the hall, because meetings are called very far from them whilst there is a hall that is underutilized.
- A bridge should be built at the river because they are cut from the world when it rains.
- Where are their title deeds they pay services to the municipality, and here that the property still belongs to Propnet?

- ☛ What does the municipality plan about the crèches, are there no support for crèches?
- ☛ The municipality should consider building public toilets and those toilets should be pay toilets in order for the community not to vandalize them. This concept can be initiated at the toilet that is at the taxi rank and the one at OK parking area.
- ☛ The municipality is doing a good job by upgrading parks, but the unfortunate part is that there are no supervisors.
- ☛ Council should call more community meetings and councillors should be part of those meetings, minutes should be kept and report backs should be made.
- ☛ The municipality should look at the amount of water that goes to waist after a heavy rain, are there no scientific way that can be used to prevent that water from going to waist.
- ☛ The municipality needs a news letter to update the community about the activities of the municipality.
- ☛ What are the plans of the municipality to build proper houses for the people, the one room houses create problems for families because there is no privacy.
- ☛ Upgrade parks and graveyards.
- ☛ A School or a bus service for the children of Toekomsrus, Hillside and Barracks, Children cross railway line when they go to school.
- ☛ Parking at Donkin Street should be addressed and lines are not clearly marked.
- ☛ A high mast light should be erected at the barracks.

Meeting was closed at 20:00

Merweville issues 13 April 2005 @ 17:00

Meeting facilitated by Councillor P Lund and IDP presentation done by Mr. T Henge, IDP Coordinator.

- ☛ What is done for Merweville besides roads?
- ☛ How many times do we get together and plan?
- ☛ Councillors are not visible
- ☛ Mr. Smit the engineer is making promises about job creation and nothing is happening.
- ☛ We vote but there is no economic improvement in our lives.
- ☛ Cllr Lund informed the meeting that the council appointed Casidra to conduct an economic viability study, and few proposals were put on the table. Some of the community members know about this.
- ☛ Who are the community members elected to represent then community in developmental issues?
- ☛ What is Casidra actually doing in Merweville?
- ☛ Casidra never called a community meeting or the committee?
- ☛ Casidra was never introduced to the community or committee.
- ☛ What is happening about the distribution of title deeds? Do not have ownership of the houses.
- ☛ What is happening about the construction of low cost housing?
- ☛ Mr. Basson informed the community that the committee will call a meeting were all these concerns and questions should be answered especially the issue of housing and the title deeds. They will also report about the bakery and crèche projects.

- ☛ People were pleased to here that they have a committee in place.
- ☛ They want to be self sufficient meaning that skills development should be a priority.
- ☛ Why are there only two projects on the IDP for the next financial year?

Heliport issues raised in the IDP community Meeting on the 18/04/05

- Casidra is taking too much of the project money for project implementation: they want an economic policy for the economic development of Heliport.
- No RDP houses on the IDP and not even one house built to date.
- They need a clinic urgently because they are evacuated out of the clinic.
- They need support for their bakery.
- TV channels have been raised a long time ago, but nothing is happening.
- The streets that the municipality has tarred are not acceptable, their quality is not of a good standard, and that companies from B/West are tarring and there is no business support to the community of Heliport.
- Councillors not always visible in the community or community issues not properly raised in council meetings by councillors.
- New water meters have been installed, but the water pipes are still the old ones, they sometimes lick. The community wants the pipes to be upgraded too.
- The council should consult the department of labor to conduct a skills training.
- Mr. Welgemoed should give a detailed answer about housing: What happened to the waiting list and when will the first house be built and why nothing is in the IDP for the next financial year.
- Why is there only one project for the Heliport community in the IDP for the 2005/2006 financial year?
- They want the municipality to recognize the advice office.
- Their grave yard is not taken care off.
- They need a MPCC that will host several government services and private sector businesses and a post office.
- Heliport is a gateway into the Western Cape, but why is the Gateway planned to be established in B/West and not Heliport.
- There are no emergency services in Heliport.
- Why are tenders of Heliport always given to SV Vervoer, what about BEE.
- When will the community get their title deeds? Which part of township establishment has been completed?
- The holes that were dug in the yards for the water meters remain wet.

Rustdene issues 19 April 2005 @ Rustdene hall at 17:00

Meeting was chaired and facilitated by the IDP Coordinator because there were no councillors and the Mayor joined the meeting later.

- ☛ Electricity should be upgraded in Krisvillelaan and Prinsvalley, when there is thunderstorm the electricity trip.
- ☛ Sewage at Strilizelaan is (Drainage faulty).

- ☛ A community hall should be built in Prinsvalley, Rustdene hall is very far from that community, or the hall should be built central between Rustdene and Prinsvalley (Ward Six). Nuvelddpark should also be considered.
- ☛ Ward councillors do not call or attend meetings, council should discipline those councillors.
- ☛ Electricity in Daniel and De Vries Streets not in good standard, these streets electricity needs to be upgraded
- ☛ Peter, Petunia, Arnolds and Bower Street become dams or rivers when it rains, these streets need urgent attention.
- ☛ When streets are paved they should be paved completely.
- ☛ Storm water drainage should be regularly cleaned, because these drains normally block.
- ☛ The council should do an assessment of all streets with problems before they can be developed especially in the Rustdene Area.
- ☛ A play park needs to be built in Ward six.
- ☛ The park near Hollywood needs to be fenced and upgraded.
- ☛ Why is the police station in Nuvelddpark closed?
- ☛ A youth centre with an indoor sport complex for ward 3.
- ☛ Electricity should be sold for 24hrs, in all wards; an ATM type of both can be used for this purpose.
- ☛ What are the plans of the municipality about the stadium next to the swimming pool?
- ☛ What form of ownership will the caravan park development take? How would local people benefit from these developments?
- ☛ The MPCC was identified as an anchor project but the council is not doing enough to secure funds for the completion of the centre, council does not even budget for it from its own funds.
- ☛ Council should limit the employment of consultants, whilst they can provide bursaries for students and train them to do these jobs.

Meeting was closed at 19:20