

MPAC/OVERSIGHT REPORT



2017/2018
ANNUAL REPORT

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I. FOREWORD BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (MPAC)



Cllr Masienyane: Chairperson and Committee member

Mr Speaker,

It gives me great pleasure, on behalf of the Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC), to present the 2017 / 2018 Oversight Report in response to the draft annual report that was presented to council on the 31st January 2019. In carrying out our mandate as the MPAC, we ensured that the followed was completed:

- Reviewed and analysed the draft Annual Report;
- Invited, received, and considered inputs from Councillors on the Annual Report;
- Considered any written comments received – none were received;
- Conducted Community Consultative Meetings to allow the local communities or any organs of state to make representations on the Annual Report for 2017/2018;
- Conducted departmental hearings where Officials were required to present their respective unit's organizational performance as reported in the Annual Report; and prepared the Oversight Report, taking into consideration, the views and inputs of the public, representatives of the Auditor-General, Councillors responsible for

specific portfolios in the Mayoral Committee and other Councillors during the public hearings.

The attendance at the Community Consultative Meetings were more than expected given the time of the year when we anticipate national and provincial elections to be taking place during the 8th May 2019. The majority of issues raised during the public participation meetings were more in cue of issues current contested upon by different political parties because there are rigorous political campaigning. In essence, the queries raised in the meetings were out of sync with details of the draft annual report. Presentations in all these public participation meetings referred to specific ward achievements.

Thereafter delegates asked questions on points of clarity and made suggestions as to how the Matjhabeng Local Municipality (MLM) can improve on service delivery. Matters of concern that were raised at most of the meetings include request for provision of sites, incorrect water bills, electricity connections, ageing equipment and staff shortages as reflected in the draft annual report and Maintenance of roads in the Municipality.

Mr Speaker, I present to you the Oversight Report and MPAC is recommending that Council adopt the 2017 / 2018 Annual Report without reservations.

1. INTRODUCTION

The Municipal Finance Management Act (Act No. 56 of 2004) assigns specific oversight responsibilities to a council committee with regard to the drafting of the Annual Report and the preparation of an Oversight Report. Given the processes required by Council to effectively undertake its oversight role, the establishment of an Oversight Committee of Council would provide the appropriate mechanism in which Council could fulfil its oversight responsibilities. In the case of the interpretation required to clarify the role of MPAC and Oversight Committee, the Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) of the Municipality fulfils the role of the Oversight Committee. The Oversight Committee's primary role is to consider the draft Annual Report, receive input from the various role players and to prepare a draft Oversight Report for consideration by Council.

In essence therefore, the adoption of the oversight report is the final step in the annual reporting process in a municipality. The oversight report is a requirement in terms of Section 129 of the Municipal Finance management Act, act 56 of 2003 (MFMA), which reads that:

“The Council of a municipality must consider the Annual Report of the municipality and of any municipal entity under the municipality's sole or shared control and by no later than two (2) months from the date on which the Annual Report was tabled in the Council in terms of Section 127, adopt an Oversight Report containing the Council's comments on the Annual Report which must include a statement whether the Council –

- ☐ *has approved the Annual Report, with or without reservation;*
- ☐ *has rejected the Annual Report; or*
- ☐ *has referred the Annual Report back for revision of those components that can be revised.*

2. BACKGROUND

The oversight role of Council is an important component of the financial reforms and it is achieved through the separation of roles and responsibilities between Council, the Executive (Mayor and Executive Committee) and Administration. Good governance, effective accountability, and oversight can only be achieved if there is a clear distinction between the functions performed by the different role players.

Non-executive Councillors are required to maintain oversight on the performance of specific responsibilities and delegated powers that they have given to the Executive (Mayor/Executive Committee). In other words, in exchange for the powers in which Council

have delegated to the Executive, Council retains a monitoring and oversight role ensuring that there is accountability for the performance or non-performance of the Municipality.

The Municipal Finance Management Act, (Act No. 56 of 2004) vests in Council specific powers of approval and oversight:

- ✚ Approval of Integrated Development Plan (IDP);
- ✚ Approval of Budget related Policies; and
- ✚ Review of the Annual Report and adoption of the Oversight Report.

My inference to the above, Council is vested with the responsibility to oversee the performance of its municipality, as required by the Constitution, the Municipal Finance Management Act, Act 56 of 2003 (MFMA), Municipal Systems Act, act 32 of 2000 (MSA).

This oversight responsibility of Council is particularly important for the process of considering annual reports. The guidelines referred to above provides inter alia for the establishment of an Oversight Committee (MPAC) and public hearings to deal with and consider the Annual Report.

The Municipal Public Accounts Committee was established during a council in September 2016 for the current term of council. It consists of ten councillors with support staff and a chairperson appointed by council.

During the council meeting of the 31st January 2019, council took the following resolutions:

COUNCIL RESOLVED: (31 JANUARY 2019)

1. That Council **TAKES NOTE** of the Draft Audited Annual report for the Financial Year 2017/18.
2. That the Draft Annual report for the 2017/18 financial year **BE SUBJECTED** to the public participation process before final adoption.
3. That the Draft Annual report for 2017/18 must **BE REFERRED** to MPAC.

The public participation process started and was completed on the 25th March 2019 and there were numerous challenges that were experienced this time around and it was mainly attendance of councillors and officials to these meetings. Those that were delegated to teams did not apologise when they could not attend the meetings. The situation this year was bad

than it was in the past financial year. Please see and compare the attached schedule with the attendance register of different venues. We have instances where officials did not attend even a single meeting when they were allocated dates and venues where they were supposed to attend.

We also captured instances where ward councillors did not pitch for meetings organised for their wards and these meetings became unruly as community members asked reasons for continuing with meetings without their councillors. It was really not clear why councillors did not attend these meetings as the schedule was drafted taking into account commitments made for Mondays and Tuesdays as well as Fridays.

In cases where attendance was met and meetings succeeded, there were challenges of people asking irrelevant questions which were not related to the meeting as would be noted from the minutes as attached in the report. There has always been a temptation to divert attention away from the annual report with a need to see a team of the mayoral committee to account for the report.

3. FUNCTIONS OF THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Council approved terms of reference of the Municipal Public Accounts Committee during the 28th February 2019 meeting. The terms of reference of the committee have been taken from a document titled:

South African Local Government Association-Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC): Enhancing municipal oversight: A practical guide (March 2012): p10

The following resolution was taken after a presentation was submitted to council during the meeting by the chairperson of the committee, councillor Masienyane as follows:

COUNCIL RESOLVED: (28 FEBRUARY 2019)

1. That Council **APPROVES** the terms of reference for use by MPAC for the duration of the current term.

In a summarised version, the main functions of the Oversight Committee in relation to the annual report are to:

- a. Undertake a review and analysis of the Annual Report.
- b. Invite, receive, and consider inputs from Councillors and Portfolio Committees, on the Annual Report.
- c. Consider written comments received on the Annual Report from the public consultation process.

- d. Conduct Public Hearing(s) to allow the local community or any organs of state to make representations on the Annual Report.
- e. Receive and consider Council's Audit Committee views and comments on the annual financial statements and the performance report.
- f. Preparation of the draft Oversight Report, taking into consideration, the views and inputs of the public, representative(s) of the Auditor-General, organs of state, Council's Audit Committee and Councillors.

Key responsibilities of MPAC should interrogate the following areas in line with MFMA provisions:

- ✚ Unforeseen and unavoidable expenditure (Section 29);
- ✚ Unauthorized, irregular or fruitless and wasteful expenditure (Section 32);
- ✚ The quarterly report of the mayor on the implementation of the budget and the state of affairs of the municipality / SDBIP (Section 52(d));
- ✚ Monthly budget statements (Section 71);
- ✚ Mid-year budget and performance assessment (Section 72);
- ✚ Mid-year budget and performance assessment of municipal entities (Section 88);
- ✚ Disclosures concerning councilors, directors and officials (Section 124);
- ✚ Submission and auditing of annual financial statements (Section 126);
- ✚ Submission of the annual report (Section 127);
- ✚ Oversight report on the annual report (Section 129);
- ✚ Issues raised by the Auditor-General in audit reports (Section 131);
- ✚ Audit Committee (Section 166); Disciplinary action instituted in terms of the MFMA;
- ✚ Review of the IDP post elections (Section 25);
- ✚ Annual review of the IDP (Section 34);
- ✚ Performance management plan (Section 39);
- ✚ Monitoring that the annual budget is informed by the IDP.

4. COMPOSITION OF THE MPAC

a. Membership

An MPAC Committee was established by Council during its second meeting after inauguration in terms of section 79 of the Municipal Structures Act, 117 of 1998. The Committee consists of:



Cllr. M.D Masienyane: Chairperson and member



Cllr. M.E. Nqeobo: Councillor and member



Cllr. Molefi: Councillor and member



Cllr. Poo: Councillor and member



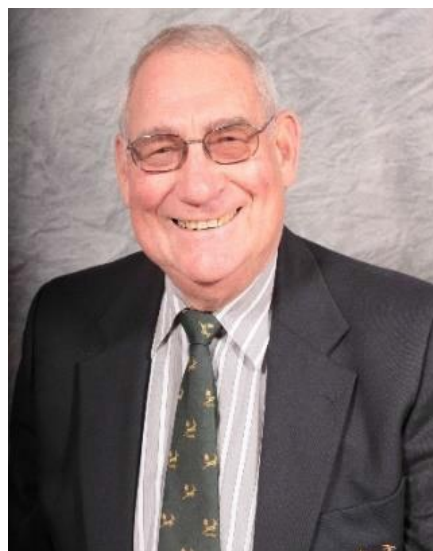
Cllr. P.F Botha: Councillor and member



Cllr. Mosia: Councillor and member



Cllr: Mafa: Councillor and member



Cllr JS Marais: Councillor and member

The Oversight Committee is a Committee of Council established under section 79 of the Municipal Structures Act, 1998. Section 79, allows for the co-option of advisory members to a Committee of Council, who are not members of the Council. In the MM the Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) fulfils the role of the Oversight Committee. Due to the separation of roles and responsibilities, between Council and the Executive (Mayor and Executive Committee) it is not appropriate that members of the Executive Committee be members of the Oversight Committee.

b. Authority and power

The Oversight Committee is delegated the responsibility to conduct meetings and to hold public hearings to receive and hear public submissions on the Annual Report, on behalf of Council. Timely notice of all meetings should be given and all meetings held by the Oversight Committee must be open to the public and minutes of the meetings must be submitted to Council meetings.

c. Financial Governance Framework applicable to Local Government:

	RESPONSIBLE FOR	OVERSIGHT FOR	ACCOUNTABLE TO
Council	Approving Policy & Budget	Executive Committee	Community
Executive Committee	Policy, Budgets, Outcomes, Management of/Oversight Over Municipal Manager	Municipal Manager	Council
Municipal Manager	Outputs and Implementation	The Administration	Executive Committee
Chief Financial Officer & Senior Managers	Outputs and Implementation	Financial Management and Operational Functions	Municipal Manager

d. Meeting Schedule

The 2017 / 2018 draft annual report was submitted to council at its meeting on 31st January 2019, and was referred to the MPAC to carry out the necessary oversight. The community was advised through the print media as well as website during February 2019 of the availability of the draft annual report and were invited to submit representations on the report.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS ON THE DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2017/2018

5.1. Auditor General

Office of the Auditor General was invited to a meeting of the MPAC to come and clarify issues of the audit findings as well as provide indications on how MPAC should deal with irregular, fruitless and wasteful spending. On a consistent basis, the Municipality grapples with similar issues as reflected in the 2016/2017 audit findings. We continuously face the challenge of a bad audit opinion due to a list of issues as identified in the audit report.

The qualified audit opinion has reference to a number of key classes of transactions and disclosure notes as disclosed in the financial statements for the 2017/2018 financial year

and have earlier been raised in the 2016/2017 financial year. Of note in this regard included items in the financial statements such as:

- ✚ Depreciation and impairment
- ✚ Rental of facilities
- ✚ Property rates
- ✚ Fines Income
- ✚ Non-current consumer receivables
- ✚ Consumer receivables from non-exchange transactions
- ✚ Consumer receivables from exchange transactions

We expect management to develop a detailed audit action in response to issues raised. We also expect that the following strategies must be devised to address the audit queries as reflected in the detailed audit findings from which a qualification audit opinion was derived:

- ✚ An audit action plan must be developed by all units of the Municipality to deal with the audit queries and they must include detailing shortcomings reported in the management report, root cause, suggested remedial action, responsibility, targets as well as the progress registered on a continuous basis;
- ✚ Section heads to monitor implementation of the action plan and thereby progress on a continuous basis to ensure that compliance matters are addressed by management.
- ✚ Each activity is expected to be updated on weekly basis to ensure that no deadline is missed and all compliance with laws and legislation is met;
- ✚ Implementation and monitoring of the audit action plan does not de-focus management in implementing the current plan and that all matters as identified in the last audit do not recur.

5.2. Departmental deliberations

A programme was established as MPAC members to deliberate on the performance report of the Municipality as audited by the Auditor General in order to establish reasons for non-performance by Departments. A general approach was followed instead of raising specific questions beforehand. Two sessions were held with each Executive Director to solicit information but this session continued whilst the public participation process was underway.

It was a diversion from the conventional process where the enquiry used to take place before we consulted with the communities and was due to time constraints.

The following Departments were interrogated:

5.2.1. Office of the Chief Financial Officer

A presentation was made by the Chief Financial Officer, Mr Thabo Panyani about all Municipal financial issues raised by the office of the Auditor General. He identified areas of irregular, fruitless and wasteful spending in the Municipality which he indicated would form part of the audit action plan. We expect to finalise unauthorized expenditure items in due course the CFO could not finish on time due to extensive consultation he was honouring.

5.2.2. Office of the Strategic Support Services

Mr Tumelo Makofane represented the Department as the Executive Director: Strategic Support Services. He then presented the draft annual report giving a reflection of details of processes that happened during the financial year. The presentation was meant for all Departments of the Municipality. The second version was to zoom into the audit queries relating to irregular spending emanating from the year under review where specific issues were identified to provide clarity.

5.2.3. Office of the Executive Director: Community Services

Me Zingisa Tindleni was requested to provide a synopsis of events that took place in her Department and which were reported. She was also requested to provide challenges for the Department and how they could be resolved as her Department was one of the units of the Municipality at the coalface of service delivery.

5.2.4. Local Economic Development, Planning and Human Settlements

Mr Barry Golele represented the Department by making a presentation where an indication was made that there were no identified issues with the Departments as regards irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure.

5.2.5. Infrastructure

Mr Tumelo Makofane made a performance related presentation representing the Department with a few issues he packaged that cause the Municipality to receive a disclaimer on performance. He mentioned the fact that office of the Auditor General dealt

with key performance area of Basic Services and that related on the main issues related to capital projects. The committee agreed to make follow up on the Department in terms of capital projects in order to establish why there were recurring challenges. A follow up session would be made with the technical team of the Municipality in the presence of the accounting officer.

5.2.6. Corporate Services

The main issue that was raised was the inability of the Municipality to plan on overtime and acting as the practice is quite rife in the Municipality. Lack of approval of the structure was said to have an effect on the employee stability in the Municipality as employees would be required to work in acting positions for a long period.

5.3. Public Hearings

Councillors, Ward Committee Members and Members of the Public were invited to attend oversight meetings in each of the identified and publicised venues throughout the Local Municipality where actual delivery as reported in the draft annual report against performance targets set out in the Integrated Development Plan were discussed. In most cases, executive directors were expected to deliver presentations with support from technical officials within departments. A summary version of some of the issues raised which require prompt action are listed below:

- a. Sites
- b. Prompt provision of services (water, sewer, refuse collection, fixing of high mast lights, streets light)
- c. Provision of electricity in informal settlements
- d. Maintenance of schools and clinics
- e. Keeping of promises by leaders who come to wards;
- f. Reconsideration of public participation approach as people are tired of empty promises.

****Attached herewith are the Minutes of the public meeting****

6. COMMITTEE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS

- a. The Municipal Manager and the Departments must develop consolidated action plan on challenges identified in the draft annual report and submit to the MPAC so that there is monthly engagement on progress against the plan.

- b. All items in the audit report on unauthorized, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure must be fully dealt with by MPAC with proper investigations where possible and reports be submitted directly to Council.
- c. That all comments made during public hearings be implemented and a report be submitted as part of Departmental quarterly reports to Council.
- d. That Council allows MPAC to investigate issues raised by the Auditor-General and report back to Council on a quarterly basis in terms of progress made.
- e. That the MPAC Oversight Report be submitted to Provincial and National Treasury and also be made public within 7 days after Council adopted the report.
- f. Council intervene against poor attendance of councillors in future public meetings.
- g. Municipal Public Accounts Committee recommends that the Municipal Manager intervenes by instructing Senior Managers and Managers to attend the set interrogation and public participation meetings.

7. CONCLUSION

The Municipal Public Accounts Committee commends Council, the Municipal Manager, the Senior Managers and all staff of the Matjhabeng Local Municipality on the strides made towards good governance and ensuring that whilst there are challenges we all face, service delivery does not get relegated to the back banner to the detriment of residents' aspirations in the Municipality. Particular good governance issues to be appreciated pertained to the following areas for the year under review:

- ✚ Review and analysis of the draft annual report;
- ✚ Invites, receipts, and consideration of inputs from Councillors and members of the public on the draft annual report;
- ✚ Consideration of any written comments get received – none were received;
- ✚ Conducting public hearings to allow the local community or any organs of state to make representations on the draft annual report;
- ✚ Prepared and finalized the draft oversight report, taking into consideration, the views and inputs of the public, representatives of the Auditor-General;

The Municipal Public Accounts Committee has pleasure in presenting the Oversight Report to Council to consider the following recommendations:

8. SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL

- That council having fully considered the draft annual report for 2017/2018 financial year and representations thereon, adopts the oversight report without reservation
- Council approves the draft annual report of Matjhabeng Local Municipality;
- That the oversight report be made public in accordance with s129 (3) of the Municipal Finance Management Act, 56 of 2003;
- That the oversight report be submitted to the relevant provincial and national departments in accordance with s132 of the Municipal Finance Management Act, 56 of 2003;

This report is signed on this -----, ----- Day of April 2019 at Welkom, Civic Centre.

ANNEXURES OF MINUTES OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETINGS ON THE DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2017/2018

MATJHABENG MUNICIPALITY



MINUTES

**MEETING : PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING ON
THE DRAFT 2017/ 2018 ANNUAL REPORT**

VENUE : FAR EAST HALL (WARD 13, 14, 15)

DATE : 25 MARCH 2019

TIME : 16:30

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MATJHABENG MUNICIPALITY

MINUTES OF THE MATJHABENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING HELD ON THE 25 MARCH 2019 AT 16:30 FOR WARD 13, 14 AND 15

ATTENDANCE

Councillors

Cllr. Ntuli

Cllr. Chaka

Cllr. Moipatle

Official

Mr Mike Atolo

Scribers

None

OPENING AND WELCOME

The Chairperson of the meeting ward Councillor Ntuli opened the meeting and welcomed all members of the community present. He introduced all guests present and indicated that the presentation will address issues that specifically affect ward 13, 14 and 15.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

Chairperson indicated that the purpose of the joint ward meeting was to make a presentation on the 2017/ 2018 Draft Annual Report

PRESENTATION

Presentation was done by Mr. Mike Atolo

- Highlighted the following aspects of the Draft Annual Report:
 - Service delivery overview
 - Auditor General's Report
 - Report on the annual performance report

- Service delivery performance
- Expenditure Report

COMMENTS/INPUTS

- ✓ The members of Community expressed their deep dissatisfaction about the no-availability of the Officials to make presentation on 20 March 2019
- ✓ Non-responsiveness to complaints raised by the community
- ✓ Inaccessible roads that are compounded by sewerage leaks
- ✓ Preferential employment of people from the Eastern Cape
- ✓ Confiscation of residential site in favour of ZCC Church
- ✓ Poor storm water drainage
- ✓ Manhole situated inside the residential site not drained

The ward councillor closed the meeting and thanked the members of community for attendance.

MATJHABENG MUNICIPALITY



MINUTES

**MEETING : PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING ON
THE DRAFT 2017/ 2018 ANNUAL REPORT**

VENUE : Ethiopian church (WARD 26, 28, 29)

DATE : 25 MARCH 2019

TIME : 16:30

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OPENING AND WELCOME

Time: 16: 30

Cllr Mafa Dipuo welcomed everyone present and requested members of the community to open with the prayer.

PRESENT WARDS

Ward 26, 28 and 29 Thabong

PRESENT

Councillor Mafa

Councillor Mosia JOSEPH

OFFICIALS

Mrs M Mothekge

Ms M Seekoei

Ms M Musapelo

Mr T Ntjebe

PRESENTATION

Councillor Mafa handed over to Mme Morakane to present the Annual Report 2017/2018.

Before the presentation Councillor Mafa introduced officials.

THE COMMUNITY OF THABONG HAVE RAISED THE FOLLOWING ISSUES BELOW

Ward 26

- Public members complained about the Ndaki road the transformer has disappeared and it becomes the problem.
- Sewer spillages and bad roads.
- High mast lights to be repaired
- Sites allocation

- Old Majakathata road is bad with potholes and sewer however it falls under ward 30 and 31 as a result it was raised in the public meeting
- No Jobs
- Refuse removal not been collected.

WARD 28

- Dr Mngoma road became flooded in the rainy times due to the poor paved roads.
- The Community have made a plea to municipality to come and fix it and place the safe mats between the holes as it is dangerous for the kids they might fall inside those open spaces.
- Storm water canal were closed and why it was closed.
- Title deeds.
- Sites/criteria of sites allocation.
- Criteria for the tenders' allocation.
- Military serviced sites how far is the processes.
- Refuse removal.
- No Jobs.
- House number 1172 electric meter box runs abnormally and it end the power, the box belong to the indigent owner of the house.
- Street Paving's
- Mgabadeli sewer spillages not been fixed yet and it is dangerous as it causes a havoc to the lives of the people, it causes a bad smell
- Municipality was called for a long time and did not come to solve the problem of Thokoza
- Old zonal water meters to be replaced
- Storm water
- Sanitation
- Rubbish not collected
- Public complained about the contractors that working together with consultants.
- The minimum wage of the grants for the projects
- How do supply chain management /municipality appoint contractors?

WARD 29

- Mgabadeli, disaster, sewer spillages
- The house next to united Methodist is full of holes therefore sewer is staging in the yard
- Storm water at Ndaki road is a disaster the old stuck rotten water
- Dr Mngoma road became flooded in the rainy times due to the poor paved roads
- The Community have made a plea to municipality to come and fix it and place the safe mats between the holes as it is dangerous for the kids they might fall inside those open spaces.
- Kotoki ground to be fixed as people are throwing the rubbish all over the ground
- Kotoki and Chalale corner street water stuck in rainy days and it becomes a pool as a results it is dangerous for the motor vehicles and kids.
- Moremaphofu sewer plant is running and stink and the community are in danger and it affects their health condition.
- CWP project posts, what was the criteria to hire people
- Refuse removal not been collected
- No jobs
- Responses

SITES

In response ,Mrs Morakane have assured the members that site allocation is done through processes ,she made a plea to the community members that if they know something about fraud in terms of sites allocation ,the offices are opened at any time ,members of the public are welcomed and may feel free to consult them in Procor building.

She further indicated to the public members to view the newspapers for the sites advertisements.

MS M SEEKOEI RESPONSE

Upon approval from Cooperate governance and traditional affairs, the municipality is able to implement those projects.

The MIG funding support is send to the municipality at the right time, on the arrival it serve for purpose and is allocated accordingly to different project of the municipality.

SERVICE PROVIDERS APPOINTED

Ms M Seekoei responses

Our procurements has to be aligned with the policy of the MFMA.

Closure: meeting adjourned at 18pm.

MATJHABENG MUNICIPALITY



MINUTES

MEETING : DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT PUBLIC MEETING
VENUE : CHIEF ALBERT LUTHULI HOUSE (WARD 27, 32, 33, 34)
DATE : 20 MARCH 2019
TIME : 16:30

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MATJHABENG MUNICIPALITY

MINUTES OF THE MATJHABENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT PUBLIC MEETING ON THE 20 MARCH 2019 AT 16:30 FOR WARD 27, 32, 33 & 34

Councilors

Cllr. C Malherbe

Cllr. A Schoeman

Cllr. P.F Botha

Officials

Mr. Themba Rasmeni

Mr. Ramalatso

Scribers

Mr. P Molelekoa

Opening and welcome

The Chairperson of the meeting ward Councilor P. F Botha opened the meeting and thanks all members of the community for the attendance and further introduced all guests present whom will address issues that will specifically affect ward 27,32,33,34 and its entire project that will take place and those that are still outstanding.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

Chairperson outlined that the ward meeting is being called by the office of the MPAC.

PRESENTATION

Presentation was done by Mr. Themba Rasmeni

- Draft annual report-cont in Chapter 1
- Service delivery overview
- Audit report of the Auditor General
- Report on the audit annual performance report (KPA 2- Basic Services and Infrastructure Investment
- Service delivery performance

WARD EXPECTATIONS TOWARDS

- ✓ Community needs specific time for the starting of projects and services
- ✓ Most of high mass light are not in good condition
- ✓ There is no proper maintenance within the ward and there are many leakages
- ✓ Municipality must provide Learner-ships for youth and every-one must know about it.
- ✓ There is high needs for water taps in each household

COMMENTS/INPUTS

- ✓ Municipality ignore community when there is project in their wards
- ✓ Ward committees must form part of Municipality committee that makes annual plan
- ✓ Reason is that Ward Committees are working together with community.
- ✓ Monitory Committee must be implemented in the Municipality
- ✓ High tariffs
- ✓ Before project are implemented, Municipality should be part of steering committee
- ✓ Lots of Potholes
- ✓ Lot of Dumping sites in their areas.
- ✓ Running sewer
- ✓ Incompetence staff of Municipality

- ✓ When community complain about Municipality the way its operate, Cllr Botha anguish them to attend IDP programme as he is aware they didn't attend IDP meeting
- ✓ Wit-pan community are not happy the way projects are implemented in their area
- ✓ They request Municipality to send them documents before meeting

The ward councillor closed the meeting and thanks the community for the well behaviour during the meeting.

MATJHABENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

MINUTES OF THE MATJHABENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT HELD AT VENTERSBURG HALL ON WEDNESDAY THE 13th MARCH 2019 16:30.

WARD 1

OPENING AND WELCOME

The meeting was opened by Mme Pulane with a prayer

The ward Councillor introduced the Acting Director Barry Golele, the MPAC Chairperson and officials present, He further welcomed the community members and thanked them for their attendance.

OPENING REMARKS

Cllr Sebotsa outlined the programme and give to the MPAC Chairperson who make an overview on the municipal oversight report.

PRESENTATION

The Draft Annual report of the Matjhabeng Local Municipality 2017/18 of ward 1 was presented by acting Director Barry Golele.

1. Acting Director indicates that the cemetery is at adjudicating stage
2. Pump station complete and working
3. Allocation of 100 sites for allocation of houses
4. Sport stadium not complete the municipality not happy with workmanship there
5. Fire station 20 appointees
Shortlisting
and budget
6. We are aware its vandalised
7. 60 allocation sites for Groenpunt

QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR AND COMMENTS

The following questions, clarities were raised by the community

1. How does the Municipality advertise posts of the fire station?
2. What are you waiting for to allocate the 60 outstanding sites?
3. Problem of roads comes a long way, there's no infrastructure in Groenpunt
4. The stadium is unfinished, and there is no sports centre
5. R12million rand of the stadium has vanished into thin air, what happen to it? We want the money back.
6. HHPO company has paid money to the municipality
7. Why is Mmamahabane residents paying R250 for sites allocation?
8. Hennenman is paying nothing
9. The remaining 60 sites nothing should be paid to it, it should be taken to council meeting and invaders should be convicted
10. Groenpunt issue is sensitive
11. Paving project is it not part of the 2017/18 budget?
12. There are 16 Cllrs in this ward please take the matter to the Speakers office, because Speelman's people are hiring secretly at night and they must stop that.
13. Speelman is dividing the community with his stinking programmes, they want him to come by himself and stop sending Directors and Officials to them.
14. When is Metampelo houses going to be fixed? Town sites nothing is said about them. Speelman promised us that he is going to grade roads after a week it never happens
15. When are we going to have water, taps and electricity, our graves are filthy.

Acting Director responded to the questions and he clarifies the budget circle.

The meeting adjourned at 18:40.

MATJHABENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

MINUTES OF THE MATJHABENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT HELD AT VENTERSBURG HALL ON WEDNESDAY THE 25th MARCH 2019 16:30.

WARD 34

OPENING AND WELCOME

Councillor Mafa opened the meeting in the presence of ward councillor Manzana. The venue of the meeting was Western Holdings Primary School. It must be noted that there was no secretariat to take minutes during the meeting. The presenter had to also take minutes during question time.

PRESENTATION

A presentation of the draft annual report for 2017/2018 was presented by Mr Makofane.

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS RAISED

- The main concern of the area is lack of electricity connection to informal houses. This has become the rallying point for the area as the primary concern.
- Next point raised was that promises were made in the past without consulting the ward councillor and nothing until this has ever been done.
- No toilets in the area. People use dug pit latrines to help themselves which they say is unhygienic.

Although the meeting was well attended, people became unruly and demanded that we pack and go because we still make promises with no definite time lines in the same manner as our leadership is used to doing when they visit the area.

The Municipality was told in no uncertain terms that we should never come to the area without having met the promises.

The chairperson, after being advised, then closed the meeting.

MATJHABENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

MINUTES OF THE MATJHABENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT HELD AT MELODING COMMUNITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY THE 20th MARCH 2019 16:30.

WARD 4, 5

OPENING AND WELCOME

The meeting was opened by Ntate Conco with a prayer

The ward Councillors present was Cllr SJ Liphoko and PMI Molelekoa, and Cllr Molelekoa introduced the officials present and the MPAC Chairperson, He further welcomed the community members and thanked them for their attendance.

OPENING REMARKS

MPAC Chairperson started by apologising for the delayal of the hall to be opened, he also apologises on behalf of the officials of Matjhabeng who was absent and suppose to present the annual report to them, and showed that it was not the first that happen, Only the manager Wellness where present, He outlined the programme and make an overview on the municipal oversight report.

PRESENTATION

The Draft Annual report of the Matjhabeng Local Municipality 2017/18 of ward 4, 5 was presented by Wellness Manager Mzito Dastile

QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR AND COMMENTS

The following questions, clarities were raised by the community

1. Ward 4 needs a community hall
2. Need for ward based budget
3. Calabria – illegal renting –Deregistration – Improper and incomplete housing were completed with full houses
4. Size allocation – Illegal occupation caused to arrest of leaders, Provincial government have intervened to to negotiate on that farm
5. High mast light are being connected and in proress
6. Sewerage pipes – Replacement of pipes and manholes

MATJHABENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

MINUTES OF THE MATJHABENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT HELD AT MAREMATLOU SECONDARY SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY THE 20th MARCH 2019 16:30.

WARD 6, 7

OPENING AND WELCOME

The meeting was opened by Ntate Conco with a prayer

The ward Councillor Buti Mahlumba, introduced the officials present, and the MPAC Chairperson, welcomed the community members and thanked them for their attendance.

MPAC Chairperson, He outlined the programme and make an overview on the municipal oversight report.

PRESENTATION

The Draft Annual report of the Matjhabeng Local Municipality 2017/18 of ward 6,7 was supposed to be presented by Director Zingisa Tindleni

QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR AND COMMENTS

The meeting did not sit it was collapsed by EFF members

The meeting was adjourned

MINUTES

For

DRAFT ANNUAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REPORT WARD 2 and 3

held on

WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH 2019

at

PHOMOLONG COMMUNITY HALL

at

16:30

**MINUTES OF THE DRAFT ANNUAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REPORT HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, 13 MARCH 2019 AT 16:30 IN PHOMOLONG COMMUNITY HALL**

PRESENT

Attendance register is attached

COUNCILLORS

Cllr Patric Itumeleng Poo

OFFICIALS

Director Tumelo Makofane

Mr. Thabiso Jobo

Mr. DP Molelekoa

Mr. TJ Majake

Mr. TS Mafa

Mr. WE Sephtim

1. OPENING

On her penning remarks Ward Cllr Patrick Poo welcomed everybody present and declared the meeting officially opened. He further introduced Municipal Officials and Cllrs at present.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of the meeting was presented by Cllr Patrick Poo

3. IDP/BUDGET DRAFT 2016/2017

The IDP/Budget report was presented by Director T Makofane

4. ISSUES RAISED

No	By Whom	Issues Raised
1.	C Rathaba (Ward 2)	Outside Toilets not working Street Paving and Lights
2.	MC Mokoena (Ward 2)	Sewer blockages Private Security employees not getting salary
3.	T Africa (Ward 3)	Misused of SMMEs and MIG monies by Municipal Officials and Councilors Incomplete – Red-house Project Incomplete – White-house Project Frizzing of advertised vacant posts Phasing out of Private Companies
4.	M Mothekge (Ward 3)	Filling of vacant posts in the current operating structure Escalation of Unemployment rate
5.	P Daliwe (Ward 3)	Request Public Clinic Need Residential sites
6.	C Kakapa (Ward 3)	Need allocation for Sites Waiting List that was approved and signed by the Ward Council Residents of Ward 2 & 3 are sidelined on job opportunities Water leakages
7.	Mr Madia (Ward 2)	Illegal Mining by immigrants
8.	M Khohle (Ward 3)	House No. 11712, 12224 and 12255 need immediate attention – Outside Toilets Issues

5. CLOSURE

Director Tumelo Makofane responded to some of those issues and the meeting was adjourned at **18h20.**

MATJHABENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

MINUTES OF THE MATJHABENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT HELD AT MELODING COMMUNITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY THE 20th MARCH 2019 16:30. WARD 8, 9

OPENING AND WELCOME

The meeting was opened by with a prayer
The ward Councillor M. D Masienyane introduced the officials present, and he welcomed the community members and thanked them for their attendance. He outlined the programme and make an overview on the municipal oversight report.

PRESENTATION

The Draft Annual report of the Matjhabeng Local Municipality 2017/18 of ward 8, 9 was presented by Tsekiso Majake Matjhabeng official

QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR AND COMMENTS

The following questions, clarities were raised by the community

1. High mass light
2. Request for community hall
3. Resealing of roads and potholes to be fixed
4. Queensway road to be fixed it was damaged by the appointed contractor
5. Saaiplaas school stadium
6. Can you please cut the grass around our parks because people get raped when they pass there, the trees also needs to be cut these thugs climb on top of the trees and jump off when people pass
7. The electric in Argon street does not have a fence around it its dangerous to our children can there be something done.
8. There are too many potholes around Saaiplaas school can the Municipality do something about it for the safety of the learners.
9. We are facing a v ery big problem of people from the municipality that cut of the electricity for indigent registered members'
- 10.Drains are blocked in rainy days roads are flooded.
- 11.There are vacant Municipal sites that are available for community member to buy.
- 12.The meter readings are always high and they never change or decrease when a payment is done its always high.

Acting Director Barry Golele arrived late and answered the questions

MATJHABENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

MINUTES OF THE MATJHABENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT HELD AT MELODING COMMUNITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY THE 20th MARCH 2019 16:30.

WARD 11, 23, 24

OPENING AND WELCOME

OPENING REMARKS

Cllr Tlake welcomed community members present in the meeting

PRESENTATION

By Malehloa Ramollo

QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR AND COMMENTS

The following questions, clarities were raised by the community

Community acknowledged the on-going project in ward 23 and 24. No questions were raised.

Closure of meeting by Cllr Tlake.

MATJHABENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

MINUTES OF THE MATJHABENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT HELD AT KUTLWANONG HIG SCHOOL ON MONDAY THE 25th MARCH 2019. 16:30.

WARD 21, 22

OPENING AND WELCOME

Opening and welcome was done by ward Cllr I.P. Poo at 17:00 due to delay of waiting for Municipal officials who didn't peach

PRESENTATION

The Draft Annual report of the Matjhabeng Local Municipality 2017/18 of ward 21, 22 was presented by Ward Councillor Poo as the where no officials.

ISSUES TOUCHED INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING

1. The role of Matjhabeng Municipality is to provide water, sanitation, roads, refuse removal and electricity
2. But to run the above the Municipality run short of money, hence they need
3. Emphasis was to encourage the residents to pay for services used.
4. The Matjhabeng Council is on the process of upgrading the pump station, to address new developments especially in O.R Tambo section.
5. Council is also aware that water meters are dysfunctional, therefore they need replacement
6. Again the council is on the process of refurbish dirt and gravel road.
7. Moreover the council is on the verge of cleaning storm water canals.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS, COMMENTS RAISED

1. Mr Kok of 6684 K7: Same residents complained about not receiving free basic electricity even though they had applied for indigent registration.
2. Some questions s raised where about roads that where not conjusive for driving.he
3. Mr Motumi Dithebe of 2344 K7: Non collection of refuse removal
4. It should be noted that during this session lady from Legal dept Mme Matshediso Seekoei arrived late and help Councillor Poo to answer the questions.
5. Councillor Pholo was also late for the meeting.
6. The meeting was well attended by community members

7. **The meeting was officially closed at about 18:20**

SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE WARDS THAT FAILED.

The following wards did not seat due to non -attendance of officials and where officials attended community members collapse the meeting they are angry of poor service delivery

Ward: 30, 31 Thabong Central, meeting rescheduled 3 times with No Municipal, officials on all events dates.

Ward: 10. 18, 20 Kutlwanong Odendaalsrus, No Municipal officials attended meeting.

Ward:19, 36: Nyakallong Allendridge, No Municipal officials attended the meeting.