

## **WARD 14 WARD COMMITTEE MEETING 3 MAY 2023**

### **1. LEGISLATION OF TRASH COLLECTORS AND THE SITUATION AT THE FOCHVILLE WASTE TRANSFER STATION**

The Chairperson introduced the point to indicate the challenges experienced in the ward with the illegal waste recyclers and suggested that they be formalised. They are the main source of littering and illegal dumping and contributes to crime in the area. Their activities continue during the night and causes a security risk. It is suggested that CWP workers be assigned to assist with litter picking and general cleaning in wards. The situation at the Fochville Waste Transfer station is appalling and needs to be addressed without delay to comply with the legislative requirements. The site has been captured by some private people and crime activities is a serious challenge.

#### **MR S. MANTJANE**

Mr. Mantjane responded that due to severe staff challenges, his department is struggling to render a proper waste management service. A National initiative is underway to formalise waste pickers and a Waste Picker Integration Workshop is hosted on 4 May 2023 by the Department of Environmental Affairs, supported by SALGA. The Municipality will attend the workshop and will implement initiatives in this regard and it will be included in the IDP. A process has also commenced to clean up the waste Transfer Station. Support has been received from the mines to provide a Roll-on truck that can service the 30 mass waste containers as a first step in the clean up process. The Municipality will address the illegal activities on site and give feedback to the Committee. It will also be investigated how to properly utilise CWP workers. The contact details of the Manager of the program will be shared with the Ward Councillor to initiate a clean-up programme in the Ward.

### **2. PROVISION OF TRAFFIC CAMERAS AT THE 4-WAY IN LOSBERG AVENUE/JACARANDA AVENUE AND VISIBILITY OF TRAFFIC OFFICERS.**

Traffic law enforcement and visible traffic patrols are non-existing. It is further suggested that the provision of fixed law cameras be investigated for moving traffic violations, especially at Main roads such as the Losberg/Jacaranda Street crossing.

**MR S. MANTJANE:**

Mr. Mantjane indicated that the implementation of fixed cameras at hotspots is being investigated and under discussion with the Municipal Service provider.

**3. TAXI ASSOCIATION PATROLLERS:**

The Chairperson introduced the point and indicated that the Taxi Association patrollers are a serious concern and is harassing the community and motorists. Some assaults have been reported and innocent drivers are pulled off the road by them. This is totally illegal and needs urgent attention.

Today on the 27th of June 2023, another incident was reported where the Taxi patrollers blocked the road and stopped every car, also blocking residents going to work and school children being transported to school.

**MR. S. MANTJANE:**

Public Safety - Mr. Mantjane took notice and committed to take the matter of the Taxi Patrollers up with the Associations and Law enforcement, will give us feedback on the matter.

**4. TRAFFIC SIGNS, AND ROAD MARKINGS:**

Traffic signs and road markings are a serious challenge and needs urgent attention.

**MR. S MANTJANE:**

Mr. Mantjane indicated that he will follow up, and prioritise the matter. He will also address the vandalising of traffic signs and requested communities to report such crime at Mr. Philip Olivier and the Manager Security Gwen Ngoako.

**4. UPGRADE OF THE MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL WARD 14, MAINTENANCE OF PARKS AND GARDENS AT MUNICIPAL FACILITIES AND GRASS CUTTING IN PUBLIC SPACES:**

The chairperson introduced the point and indicated that the maintenance of Municipal facilities and gardens are appalling. Most side walks are maintained by the community and community organisations. This is not a problem if it is

well coordinated and it is proposed that a MOU be concluded with such organisations to ensure coordination and compliance and to mitigate any public liability. It has been noted that there are plans to upgrade the Swimming pool, but it can only be supported if the necessary staff establishment and control measures are in place to properly manage the facility. Individual sports clubs have also started to upgrade the Gert Van Rensburg Sport Complex. It is suggested that it be managed through proper agreements with clubs or MOU. Infrastructure upgrade such as the electricity network is taking place which is illegal on council property. Is the work complying with legal standards? Who signs off on COC's etc.

**MR. S MANTJANE:**

Mr Mantjane responded that his department is discussing the matter and is investigating the possibility to lease out the facilities. The swimming pool upgrade has not commenced and only minor cleaning took place. Tariffs need to be adjusted to ensure a cost reflective tariff and management of the facility in future. The required staff and management will be addressed when the facility is operational.

The chairperson indicated that the community be consulted prior to any implementation of plans. The Chairperson concluded the meeting by thanking the officials for attending the meeting and urged Mr. Mantjane to ensure that his plans as discussed are updated in the IDP with a clear indication on which projects and programmes are funded. The Ward Committee is awaiting a formal response as promised by the Executive Director.