

MONTHLY REPORT

PORTFOLIO: Human settlement and Land Development

MONTH: February 2024

MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PORTFOLIO: Francois Hattingh

➤ **New build houses and old house been build on.**

*18,20,24 Denneweg, Fochville all been build on.

*93 Olienhout, Fochville building new garage

*House in vleiground in Olienhout, Fochville

*Corner of Ouhout and Olienhout, Fochville (Building)

*37 Wattel street, Fochville (Building)

*42 Keurboom, Fochville

*Cnr of Keurboom and Stinkhout, Fochville

*10 Tamboti street, Fochville

*11 Kiaat street, Fochville

*12 Dahlia street, Fochville

* 11 Keurboom, Fochville

*5 Annemoon street, Fochville

*10 Malva street, Fochville

*19 Disa laan, Fochville

*Villa Yvonne Complex Malva/Jacaranda, Fochville

*Across Froneman 8C Fochville

*Elmweg next to nr 9 Fochville

*Elmweg across nr 4 Fochville

* Annemoon 45 Fochville

*11 Jacaranda street, Fochville

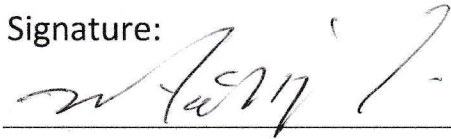
*Olienhout street net to Civic Centre

*Cnr Jacaranda and Peperkorrel street, Fochville

*65 Keurboom, Focville

* Cansa building, Pepperkorrel, Fochville

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Date:

01st February 2024

WARD 14

REPORT 2024-02-01

PORTFOLIO: WATER AND ELECTRICITY

ELECTRICITY:

We still experience overload trip after loadshedding

Escom switch transformer off till load is reduced

It takes 30min to 2 hours for Eskom to reset the feeders

Cable fault (12/1/2024) 40 Jacaranda and 6 Elmstr. It seems like the fault was in an old resin joint because of the water leak. No time frame to when equipment will be available. Trench was filled with water due to water leak. The 15 meter trenching was done by hand

Jacaranda 49 was switched off 14/1/2024 as a safety measure to break the ring feed

Elm ave was closed. TLB was trapped at Fochville traffic

Money was collected from residents to pay for cable and couplers to join cable. This is unacceptable. Merafong to make sure that there are enough spare parts in their store rooms.

The greatest concern to our electrical problems is our outstanding account to Escom. If not sorted there is a bleak future ahead for Merafong and electricity supply to our residents. We can have meeting after meeting. Nothing will be resolved if the account isn't paid. We need credit control and correction of illegal electrical connections and bridged meters. In 2022 a program was approved by council. No clear dates or areas to target were announced.

Changes on the electrical meter started. Except for a few problems everything seems to go ok

WATER:

Water leak Elm Street caused electrical problems. Merafong to fix water leaks as soon as possible to prevent damage and money lost.



Engela van der Merwe

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Portfolio – Roads, Storm water & Public works

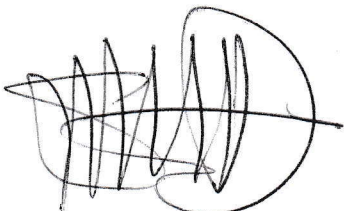
Member Responsible for Portfolio – Simon Matlala

The purpose of this report is to make sure that the people get their services delivered to them from the municipality

The following requires attention:

- Sycamore Street 25,21,14,6, very bad potholes
- Olienhout Avenue 77 big pothole
- Overall Olienhout & Hawthorne Street have very big potholes, very concerned, poses a great risk to vehicles etc
- Corner Sycamore – Same is noted
- Noted that Ouhout Str potholes, are being filled up, progress noted
- Please we need assistance with the potholes on our other streets it is a serious concern

Simon Matlala

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PORTFOLIO : PUBLIC SAFETY

MONTH : Jan-24

MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PORTFOLIO : JC VAN DER MERWE

1.) PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL 6-Jan-24

A LOT OF COMPLAINS WERE RECEIVED, SUCH AS LOUD MUSIC, USING OF ALCOHOL INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE VENUE, AND NO WORKING TOILETS AVAILABLE.

2.) ELECTRICAL CABLE FAULTS :

12-Jan-24

CABLE FAULT IN JAKARANDA SREET. FAULT WAS RESORED THE NEXT DAY.
SECURITY COMPANIES, PATROLLERS OF ALL PARTIES PATROL THE AREA.

14-Jan-24

CABLE FAULT IN JAKARANDA SREET.

3.) BURGLARIES :

7-Jan-24

ANNEMOON STREET

12-Jan-24

BLOEKOM STREET

20-Jan-24

OLIENHOUT STREET

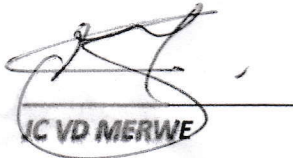
30-Jan-24

MAPLE STEET (3 HOUSES)

SECURITY COMPANIES, PATROLLERS OF ALL PARTIES PATROL THE WHOLE AREA.

4.) STINKHOUT 2 :

OWNER START AGAIN BUILDING ON THE HALF STRUCTURE.


JC VD MERWE

WARD 14 COMMITTEE REPORT: LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

01 February 2024

ON the LED front we have a town and ward in crisis.

Moreover, it seems report are ignored and no attention is given to them. Merafong has no serious intentions towards the ward committees in Fochville or any LED portfolios or projects or tasks in Fochville. Refer to LED report of 4 December 2023. We are seriously disrespected and do not even receive and acknowledgement or any sort of reply. Poorly.

On the LED side the Fochville swimming pool opened at it seems a disaster. Report of marijuana abuse, alcohol abuse and little to zero control inside the swimming pool premises. No running water pump or administration of chlorine or any cleaning agents. This is only done 30 minutes to 60 minutes before operations.

Tecc Oil open office on the corner of Disa Ave & Protea Ave. It would be to our advantage if we can make a determination on how many houses is used as offices and or business purposes in ward 14.

Otherwise, nothing to report.

Yours trully



Jaco vd Merwe
LED: Ward 14 portfolio

MONTHLY REPORT

PORTFOLIO: Intergraded Environmental Management

MONTH: February 2024

MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PORTFOLIO: Heidi Hattingh

Rubbish dumped all over ward 14 .

Dustbin diggers continue to contribute to existing problem.

Some addresses where rubbish was observed:

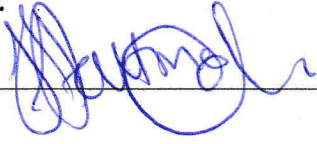
- ✓ Building rubble in field in Dahlia Street.
- ✓ Next to Cansa building in pepperkorrel the building and garden rubble in the field.
- ✓ All open field in ward 14 need to be clean.
- ✓ Annemoon 5 Fochville, on side walk a lot of garden and building rubbish
- ✓ Malva street Fochville, a lot of rubbish
- ✓ Kiepersol 40 Fochville, a lot of building rubbish
- ✓ The field to town Losberg and Olienhout Fochville, a lot of rubbish
- ✓ Kiaat 11, 5 and 9 Fochville a lot of rubbish and building rubbish
- ✓ Veld opposite Olienhout 1, Fochville, a lot of rubbish both sides of road,
- ✓ Veld oppisit Karee 14,18,20 Fochville, a lot of rubbish
- ✓ Corner of Ouhout/Waterberry ,Fochville, a lot of rubbish
- ✓ Side walk corner of Olienhout and Ouhout, Fochville, a lot of rubbish.
- ✓ Dustbin diggers was caught with 2 dustbins that was stolen and one dustbin was claimed by owner. (Losberg)
- ✓ Froneman Fochville all the open fields in the street grass needs to be cut
- ✓ Corner of Olienhout and Foreman Fochville field needs to be cut.
- ✓ Kiepersol Fochville open fields needs to be cut resident are complaining of snakes in the long grass.
- ✓ Civic Centre at main gate field needs to be cut.
- ✓ Elmweg Fochville grass is growing in the street need to be cut.
- ✓ Jacaranda Fochville open fields grass needs to be cut.

Recommendation – Olienhout vlei area needs a TLB to clear road and sidewalks.

A lot of complaints was received about areas not been maintained.

Keurboom Lane, Ebbhout Road, Olienhout Avenue, Disa Avenue, Sycamore and Ouhout street where visibility is a concern for motorist. In Kiepersol the grass is growing in the street, in Losberg the grass is so long it is a fire danger.

Signature:

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Date:

01st February 2024

MONTHLY REPORT – WARD 14

PORTFOLIO: Finance

MONTH: February 2024

MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PORTFOLIO: CWA NIEUWOUDT

Purpose

The purpose of the report is to inform the ward councilor and ward committee of the non-compliance of the municipality pertaining to in-year financial reporting and to obtain a response from Council on how and when the matter will be rectified.

Background

As previously reported to the ward committee, municipal financial reports are required in accordance with the applicable legislation.

In terms of **Section 71(d)** of the MFMA, the accounting officer of a municipality must by no later than 10 working days after the end of each month submit to the mayor of the municipality and the relevant National and Provincial Treasury, a statement in the prescribed format on the state of the municipality's budget reflecting certain particulars for that month for the financial year up to the end of that month.

In terms of **section 72**, the accounting officer must submit a Mid-year Budget and Performance assessment report by 25 January.

In terms of **section 52** of the MFMA, the Mayor of the municipality must within 30 days of the end of each quarter submit a report to the council on the implementation of the budget and financial position of the municipality.

The above compliance reports must be made public in terms of **section 21A** of the Municipal Systems Act.

As the ward committee member responsible for the Finance portfolio, it is important that the municipal financial reports, in accordance with the mentioned legislation, be obtained to analyse and inform the ward councillor of any concerns to be addressed by council that may impact on service delivery in the ward in accordance with the Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP).

In terms of the provisions of section 21B of the Municipal Systems Act, a municipality must establish its own official website and place on the official website information required to be made public in terms of this act and the MFMA.

Discussion

As reported in the previous meeting the contract of the BIQ financial system has expired and in accordance with a court order the municipality had to procure and implement a new system by 31 December 2023.

The municipality failed to meet this critical deadline, resulting in a situation where it has no operating financial system to record financial transactions and to issue reports required in terms of the above legislation. The procurement process of the new financial system is currently subject to a legal challenge by one of the bidders of which the matter was heard by the court on 10 January 2024.

The court granted an order that the process be interdicted and that an appeal process be conducted by the municipality in terms of section 62 of the Municipal Systems Act, by 31 January 2024. The BIQ service provider has provided a quotation to re-instate the system in the mean- time, which entails the licence costs and operational costs. The municipal manager rejected this offer due to the costs thereof and was mandated by council to negotiate with the service provider. The matter is still pending and will probably be subjected to another court process.

It is also clear that due to the fact that the municipality has no operating financial system, no reports can be presented as required by legislation. No cash transactions can be conducted and no creditor payments can be made. No money received through electronic payments can be recorded, no metering data can be recorded and processed to issue correct municipal consumer accounts, to name a few challenges. This is a desperate situation for which the accounting officer should be held accountable.

It is however totally unacceptable that no plans to mitigate this desperate situation has been approved by council or communicated to the public, apart from a fairly senseless press release from the Municipal Manager, providing no plan of action and calling on residents to pay for services of which they have not received any bills for. The payment of staff salaries was also done manually based on the previous month's information, which is problematic and will result in incorrect payments and deductions.

No detail is available regarding key creditor payments and it is a concern that Rand Water recently issued a 70% water reduction notice, seemingly due to non-payment. This notice was later withdrawn, without any details been made available to the public.

The non availability of a financial system remains a serious concern for which the accounting officer must be held accountable by council and parties in the council.

Recommendation

1. That it be noted that the documents required in terms of the Municipal Systems Act and Municipal Finance Management Act to be made public, were not made public as prescribed by legislation and this constitutes non-compliance and will result in an audit finding.
2. That it be noted that due to the non- availability of financial reports, no financial report can be presented to the ward committee.

3. That it be noted that the municipality has failed to procure and implement a financial system timeously which poses a serious risk for the municipality pertaining to financial management, service delivery, reporting and accountability.
4. That it be noted that a court order has been issued, interdicting the procurement of a financial system and that an appeal process should be finalised by 31 January 2024.01.30
5. That it be noted that the previous service provider has submitted a quotation to reinstate the system which included the licencing fee and operating costs, which was rejected by the Municipal Manager.
6. That it be noted that the Municipal Manager was mandated by council to negotiate with the service provider.
7. That the municipal manager be held accountable as the accounting officer for his failure in this regard.
8. That the ward committees and the public be informed on the status of the matter and plan of action.
9. That it be noted that this has a serious impact on municipal services and business in general, who needs updated financial information to conduct business.
10. That it be noted that the oversight structures of council are failing the public to timeously address issues of serious concern pertaining to good governance, compliance and service delivery.

SIGNATURE: *Original Signed*

CWA NIEUWOUDT

DATE:30/01/2024

Monthly Report – January 2024-01-31

Portfolio – Corporate

Member – Nadine Bouwer

- Health & Safety still a concern – We are experiencing our heavy rains now, concerns are even higher especially with all the electricity issues we experience, the lack of PPE, proper equipment etc, let it be noted that certain equipment is also not available to teams at times when they need to repairs faults etc, the community and Afriform have stepped up in the past/currently and this will also need to be addressed – Awaiting Feedback
- Residents – Accounts still unresolved/system currently down – Awaiting Feedback
- Staff issues at Merafong – still as previously reported – no feedback
- We are kindly requesting information if all is in line with IDP, as Salga been implemented, also clear indications of salary structures are being requested – Awaiting Feedback
- Reckless driver reports Stinkhout Avenue – Awaiting feedback
- No notes received as if yet re Section 80 meeting, as soon as I receive I will share



Sport

The members of the different clubs are complaining about the grass that has not been cut yet.

Some areas do have electricity.

There was some vandalism that took place at the small Lapa where the running club participates on Saturdays, (the old my run group)

There are some areas that still do not have electricity at the stadium.

Bathrooms are still a huge concern.

Library

Still the issue with the load shedding at night. They cannot work when the electricity goes off and it is too dark.

The entrance also looks bad, the parking area, the grass that was cut but lays in bundles.