

Portfolio Reports

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

Signature: 

Date:

05th March 2024

WARD 14

REPORT 2024-03-05

PORTFOLIO: WATER AND ELECTRICITY

ELECTRICITY:

The greatest concern to our electrical problems is STILL 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.

WATER:

In February ward 14 experienced an extreme water shortage. The old age home and some houses had no water for days. There are numerous reports going around. It seemed like Rand water restricted our water supply due to Merafong not paying their account. The future is bleak as reports are that Merafong don't have the money to pay their account. We the ward 14 residents would like to know how this is going to influence our water supply. Is there a backup plan from Merafongs side to provide water to its residents?

Merafong to see that accounts are paid – credit control – breached meters

We the residents of ward 14 are also greatly concerned about our sewerage system. The same amount of sewerage is going into the system daily with less or no water to flush it away. We are concerned what would happen when this system gets blocked due to none movement of sewerage.



Engela van der Merwe

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Portfolio – Roads, Storm Water & Public Works

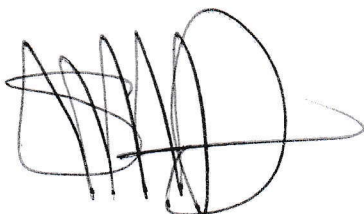
Member – Simon Matlala

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

1. The Sycamore Street 25;21;14;6 - very bad potholes needs to be attended to.
2. Corner Oliehout Avenue Nr 77 big potholes needs to be attended to.
3. Corner Oliehout Avenue and Kareeboom very bad potholes needs to be attended too.
4. Also on the corner of Sycamore Street potholes needs to be attended too.
5. Lastly corner Oliehout Avenue and Froneman sewage problem has been attended to.
6. Please we need assistance with these potholes on our streets it's a serious concern.

Signature:

SIMON MATLALA.

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PORTFOLIO : PUBLIC SAFETY

MONTH : Feb-24

MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PORTFOLIO :

JC VAN DER MERWE

1.) PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL

1-Feb-24

SWIMMING POOL IS TEMPORARY CLOSED DUE TO VARIOUS PROBLEMS AS MENTIONED IN LAST MONTH REPORT. ONE GUARD PERMANENTLY AT THE **GATE.**

2.) ELECTRICAL CABLE FAULTS :

27-Feb-24

ONE OF 2 CABLE FAULTS IN DU PREEZ STREET, LEFT WARD 14 WITHOUT POWER DURING ONE NIGHT, FAULT WAS RESORED THE NEXT DAY SECURITY COMPANIES, PATROLLERS OF ALL PARTIES PATROL THE AREA.

18-Feb-24

MINI SUBSTATION AT CNR OF PEPPERKORREL AND PROTEA WAS REPLACED THAT WAS BROKEN FOR MONTHS.

3.) BURGLARIES :

21-Feb-24

STINKHOUT ATTEMPTED HOUSE BRAKING DURING LOADSHEDDING, BUT OUTSIDE ALARM BEAM CAUGHT THEM BEFORE THEY COULD ENTER THE HOUSE.

4.) OPEN SERVE FIBRE CONTRACTORS :

I RECEIVED NUMEROUS CALLS OF THE CONTRACTORS DAMADING, POWER CABLES AND WATER PIPES.

ALL DAMAGES BEEN REPAIRED ACCORDINGLY.

BIGGEST CONCERN IS THAT SOME OP THE POLES BEEN PLANTED NEXT TO THE WALLS AND MAKE IT A EASY ACCESS POINT TO ENTER PROPERTIES.

THOSE REPORTED POST BEEN SHIFT AS OPEN SERVE UNDERSTAND THE ISSUE.

5.) SNAKES :

SEVERAL SNAKES BEEN REPORTED, AND BEEN CAUGHT BY TRAINED SNAKE CATCHERS.

6.) POTHOLES SURROUNDING SCHOOLS WERE FIXED BY COUNCIL AS IT BECOME A SAFETY RISK.


JC VD MERWE
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7.) Jogaang By Momenon se Trems Beslank.
8.) Phillip & Corrie B Pension.

WARD 14 COMMITTEE REPORT: LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

05 March 2024

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

Actions are being taken to get services delivery and supply of water and electricity up to standard.

Otherwise, nothing to report.

Yours trully,

Jaco vd Merwe
LED: Ward 14 portfolio

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MONTHLY REPORT

PORTFOLIO: Intergraded Environmental Management

MONTH: March 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:

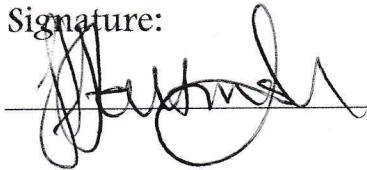
- ✓ Building rubble in field in Dahlia Street.
- ✓ Next to Cansa building in pepperkorrel the building and garden rubble in the field.
- ✓ All open field in ward 14 need to be clean.
- ✓ Annemoon 5 Fochville, on side walk a lot of garden and building rubbish
- ✓ Malva street Fochville, a lot of rubbish
- ✓ 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, Ebbehout 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:

05th March 2024

MONTHLY REPORT – WARD 14

PORTFOLIO: Finance

MONTH: March 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.

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. No information is currently available on the website in this regard.

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 understood that the appeal process in accordance with the court order has been finalised and that the new service provider must implement the new financial system. No communication on any time frames has been issued by the municipality.

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, due to non-payment. This has seriously impacted on the community and especially the high lying areas which was without water for several days.

According to the press release from Randwater, they are pursuing the matter further in accordance with the Inter-Governmental Relations Act and has put the relevant departments and National Treasury on terms. It is however not clear whether National Treasury, who has published the Merafong Financial Recovery Plan for comment, has factored this immediate crisis into the plan. According to the draft, there is no detail in this regard, which is alarming. It is suggested that National Treasury be engaged by council in this regard and that a detailed plan of action be developed to form part of the Financial Recovery Plan.

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 according to information, the appeal process was finalised and the appointed service provider must continue to implement the system.
6. That the ward committees and the public be informed on the status of the matter and plan of action.
7. 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.
8. 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:04/03/2024

Monthly Report – March 2024

Portfolio – Corporate Services

Member – Nadine Bouwer

- Health & Safety still a concern – We are approaching rain season, so the concern is even higher especially at the rate that we have electricity issues, the lack of PPE, proper equipment etc, I sincerely hope that this can be addressed and seen too as in general we are not well prepared
- Residents – System still down –accounts unresolved – System should be up again in March but no indication and or confirmation as to exactly when
- Staff issues at Merafong – still as previously reported – no feedback
- No information or feedback received to indicate if all is in line with IDP. If SALGA has been implemented, also clear indications of salary structures as previously requested
- Reckless driver – Stinkhout Avenue – several more complaints received
- Water situation especially Ward 14 affected – concerned going forward this will continuously be a problem – Reports of Afriforum on wanting to take Rand Water to court over the water-reductions, who in municipality is taking responsibility? Because going forward – Rand water offers a service we must pay for said service, which we do, the non-paying residents are not as severely affected as we the paying residents are, same goes for Eskom, which in the past same problem, most probably in winter with extra electricity usage will be again, by taking everyone to court except the parties actually responsible for managing or mismanaging the Municipality, what can be done to ensure debts are collected more efficiently and accounts are being paid more consistently within Merafong, perhaps a better cash flow will ensure more payments can be made towards debt?



Sport

Some areas do have electricity.

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

Bathrooms are still a huge concern.

There is a huge issue with the people on the offroad bikes and their four wheelers. The people are complaining about them going past the old age home, there are some of them that are still driving around inside the Gert van Rensburg sport stadium.

Library

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

There are some community members that are complaining about the staff that do not want to help if they ask for help.

The community members are also complaining about some books that are not available in the library.

My plan is to come and sit in the library
for a day to see what is happening here.

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