

Portfolio Reports

MONTHLY REPORT

PORTFOLIO: Human settlement and Land Development

MONTH: August 2024

MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PORTFOLIO: Francois Hattingh

Still waiting for feedback from Merafong still nothing is done about this list.

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

- *18,20,24 Denneweg, Fochville all been built 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:

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Date:

06 August 2024

WARD 14

REPORT 2024-07-06

PORTFOLIO: WATER AND ELECTRICITY

ELECTRICITY:

Merafong to regularly inspect and maintain existing infrastructure to prevent faults and reduce power outages.

Merafong to invest in modernizing and expanding the electrical grid to meet growing demand. Like the Protea lines that needs to be replaced

How: collaborate with government, the private sector for financial help and infrastructure development.

Load Management: residents are asking for schedules. We realize that it is difficult to know ahead what the demand will be. Some days warnings are posted on social media asking residents to lower the demand. It seems to be working. Is there a possibility that this warning post can be done daily before reductions.

Financial Stability: Merafong to improve their billing and revenue collection to ensure financial sustainability.

We need to educate residents on responsible energy usage

Merafong whatsapp centre. You don't get a reference number with every complaint. It gets ignored

Street lights burning in Losberg Ave during the day

Street light on the C/O N12 and R500 is not fixed yet. After months of reporting. It is a great concern as it is a high risk area for highjacks.

Load reduction is still an ongoing problem

To meet the needs of our residents we need to improve electricity supply

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WATER:

Burst pipe on the corner of Annemoon and Amarilla not fixed properly. Several bursts happened in the same area during the month which led to houses not having water at all. Merafong to inspect and maintain existing water infrastructure to prevent leaks and bursts.

Aging and damaged pipes should be replaced

Smaller water leaks not fixed yet

Measures should be implemented to reduce water waste

We should encourage responsible usage.

When is the pipe replacement program going to start?

Can we implement smart meters and leak detection systems



Engela van der Merwe

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Portfolio: Road, Storm Water and Public works.

Member Responsible for the Portfolio: SIMON MATLALA.

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

1. There is a bad hole on corner of Pepperkorrel and Ouhout street needs to be attended to.
2. The street Olienhout Avenue from corner Froneman going down very bad potholes needs to be attended to.
3. Sycamor street no 4,14,21,25 very bad potholes needs to be attended to.
4. Corner Kareeboom and Hawthorn very bad potholes needs to be attended to.
5. Ouhout no 4 very bad potholes need to be attended.
6. Can we please pay attention to this LELIELAAN the whole street has very bad potholes it's a disgrace please need urgent attention.
7. DALIA STREET also a very disgrace potholes the whole street needs attention very urgently.
8. ASTER street corner very bad potholes needs to be attended to.

The community of ward 14 is asking the municipality to pay attention to this bad street they're busy damaging the cars because they are in bad condition.

Signed: SIMON MATLALA.

NS! Keurboom bad potholes,

6-Aug-24

PORTFOLIO : PUBLIC SAFETY, WARD 14, FOCHVILLE.

MONTH : Jul-24

MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PORTFOLIO : JC VAN DER MERWE

1.) ELECTRICAL CABLE FAULTS / THEFT OUTAGES :

NOTHING TO BE REPORTED.

ONLY ROTATION

2.) BURGLARIES :

4-Jul-24

CPI APPREHEENDED A MAN IN A YARD IN " OLIENHOUT " AVE WHO TRY TO BRAKE IN.

3.) C.P.F.

CPF BEEN " DISBAND " FOR NOW AS RECEIVED FROM THE " ACTING CHAIRPERSON " TILL FURTHER NOTICE, AS PER SAPS STATION COMANDER.

AFRIFORUM PATROLLERS AND SECUTRITY COMPANIES STILL ASSISTING SAPS WHERE POSSIBLE.

4.) SUSPICIOUS VEHICLES :

NONE REPORTED.

5.) HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUE :

SEVERAL PLACES FIRES WAS SET ALIGHT ALL OVER THE WHOLE OF MERA FONG :

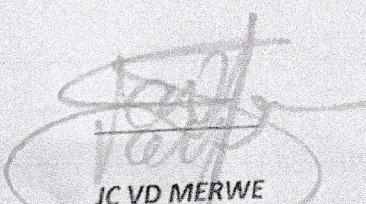
2-Jul-24	@	STINKHOUT
12-Jul-24	@	CIVIC CENTRE
15-Jul-24	@	BLOEKOM
17-Jul-24	@	AKASIA
17-Jul-24	@	FRONEMAN
27-Jul-24	@	KEURBOOM

STILL NO CASES BEEN OPENED AFTER CLEAR PHOTOS ANDS VIDEO FOOTAGE BEEN GIVEN TO AUTHOROTIES, WITH VEHICLE REG NR AND OWNERS INFO.

6.) ADDITIONAL :

LOW PRESSURE TO NO WATER IN HIGH PARTS NEAR WATER TOWER FOR PAST 3 WEEKS.

BEEN REPORTED, WITH NO EXPLAINEBLE ANSWERS.


JC VD MERWE
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Status Quo is in the order of the day.

1. Hennie's Restaurant is opening at the old Boulevard building. Not a new business but a welcome new utilization of an otherwise empty building.
2. Local Businesses are struggling.
3. Communication channels to Merafong is not working. I.E.
<https://x.com/merafongled>
Emails goes unanswered
Request for information is ignored.
PAIA request is ignored
Meeting request is ignored.
4. Ward 14 is struggling with basic service that place an extreme limit on LED development. Big issues are water and electricity.
5. IGOLIDE WIND ENERGY FACILITY (UP TO 100MW) DFFE REFERENCE: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2385
Potential positive impacts
 - Creation of employment and business opportunities, and the opportunity for skills development and on-site training.**Potential negative impacts**
 - Impacts associated with the presence of construction workers on local communities.
 - Impacts related to the potential influx of jobseekers.
Igolide WEF: Scoping SIA June 2023 ii
 - Increased risks to livestock and farming infrastructure associated with the construction related activities and presence of construction workers on the site.
 - Increased risk of grass fires associated with construction related activities.
 - Nuisance impacts, such as noise, dust, and safety, associated with construction related activities and vehicles.
 - Impact on productive farmland.

WARD 14 COMMITTEE REPORT: LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Table 5.2: Summary of social impacts during operational phase Impact	Significance No Mitigation/Enha ncement	Significance With Mitigation/Enha ncement
Generate renewable energy	Moderate (Positive)	High (Positive)
Creation of employment and business opportunities	Low (Positive)	Medium (Positive)
Benefit associated with community trust	Moderate (Positive)	High (Positive)
Benefits for landowners	Low (Positive)	Medium (Positive)
Visual impact and impact on sense of place	Low (Negative)	Low (Negative)
Impact on property values	Low (Negative)	Low (Negative)
Impact on tourism	Low (Negative)	Low (Negative)

6. Sibanye Gold Limited West Rand Tailings Retreatment Project
Possible employment opportunities for every Ward but there is resistance from the community against the project.

By compiling and analyzing these various sources of data and information, it is my humble opinion that Fochville economics is in a downward spiral with no prospects for any sustainable new developments, LED project or any growth in the foreseeable future.

Yours truly,

Jaco van der Merwe
LED: Ward 14 portfolio

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MONTHLY REPORT

PORTFOLIO: Intergraded Environmental Management

MONTH: August 2024

MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PORTFOLIO: Heidi Hattingh

Still waiting for feedback from Merafong

Rubbish dumped all over ward 14 .

Dustbin diggers continue to contribute to existing problem.

As per my report a waring about all the field fires was adres.

Field fires in Ward 14, Stinkhout on 02 July, Civic Centre on 12 July 2024, Bloekom on 15 July, Akasia and Froneman on 14 July and then Keurboom on the 27th of July 2024.

Cllr. Lindy Mariz wrote a email to Christiaan from Merafong about the Illegal Dumping on private property (across Keurboom 42 the open field) See attached email.

Only on address on the list were attended to conder of Annemoon and Kiepersol grass was cut but not very needly.

Some addresses where rubbish was observed:

- ✓ All the fields in Tamboti street Fochville need to be cut.
- ✓ All the fields in Bloekom street Fochville need to be cut.
- ✓ Palm 9 Sidewalk grass needs to be cut.
- ✓ Building rubble in field in Dahlia Street.
- ✓ All open field in ward 14 need to be clean.
- ✓ Annemoon 5 Fochville, on sidewalk a lot of gardens 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

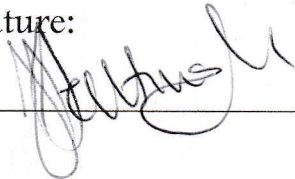
- ✓ Corner of Ouhout/Waterberry ,Fochville, a lot of rubbish
- ✓ Sidewalk corner of Olienhout and Ouhout, Focville, a lot of rubbish.
- ✓ Dustbin diggers was caught with 2 dustbins that was stolen and one dustbin was claimed by owner. (Losberg)
- ✓ Froneman Fochville all the open fields in the street 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:



Date:

06 August 2024

ILLEGAL DUMPING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

1 message

Lindy Maritz <lmaritz355@gmail.com>
To: cdejager@merafong.gov.za
Cc: Heidi hattingh <fahhattingh@gmail.com>

Wed, Jul 31, 2024 at 11:47 AM

Good day Christiaan.

I have attached photo's of illegal dumping taking place opposite 42 Keurboom lane, Fochville. This stand belongs to the residents of 42 Keurboom lane and they are also giving other residents permission to dump on their property. There are multiple mini-sub's in the area, and in a recent event, residents of Keurboom had to put out a fire started at that stand and matters almost escalated because of all the illegal rubble being dumped there, putting municipal infrastructure in danger. Could you kindly assist myself and my ward Committee member forming part of Integrated Environmental Management in this matter.

Kind regards
Lindy Maritz

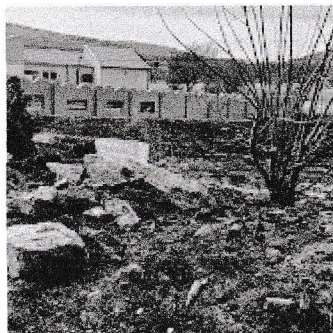
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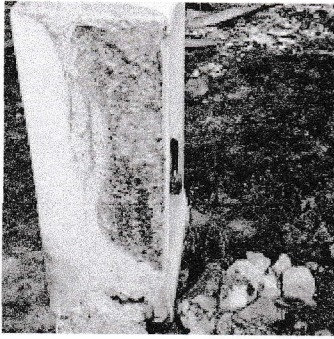
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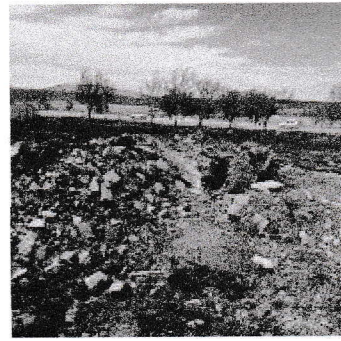
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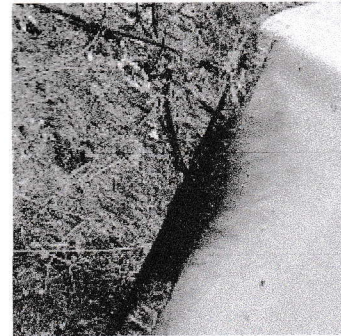
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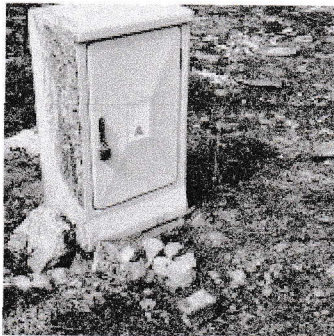
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MONTHLY REPORT – WARD 14

PORTFOLIO: Finance

MONTH: August 2024

MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PORTFOLIO: CWA NIEUWOUDT

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to inform the ward committee that no financial report can be submitted for the month, seeing that the section 71 report was not received and is also not available on the municipal website as required by law.

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.

Council, through the elected councillors must ensure compliance with legislation and hold the administration accountable for any non-compliance. It is clear that council is failing in its oversight role.

Discussion

It is a serious concern that despite making the committee and ward councilor aware of the legal compliance requirements pertaining to financial reporting, the status quo of non-compliance remains. It is a further concern that the oversight structures of council are failing to ensure compliance.

This renders the functioning of the ward committee null and void and a complete waste of time and resources and just a malicious compliance exercise.

Electricity tariff increase, 2024/2025.

As reported in the July meeting, it has been noted in the press that in a ruling of the High Court of South Africa, Gauteng Division, an order was granted in favor of the applicant, being AfriForum NPC on 28 June 2024 *inter alia*, that:

- For the 2024/2025 financial year, NERSA shall consider and, if they are legally compliant, approve such electricity tariff applications by municipalities as are based on the municipalities' **cost of supply studies timeously submitted** in accordance with the *Notice to Municipal Licensed Electricity distributors, 17 November 2023*. (A list of 66 municipalities, **which excludes Merafong City LM** is attached to the order.)
- NERSA is prohibited from considering and approving municipal electricity tariffs for the 2024/2025 financial year and subsequent financial years where the municipalities' application for approval of municipal electricity tariffs are not in accordance with *the Notice to Municipal Licensed Electricity distributors, 17 November 2023*.
- no municipality shall be entitled to levy increased electricity tariffs upon end-consumers until such time the NERSA has granted an approval of an application in accordance with the Notice to Municipal Licensed Electricity distributors, 17 November 2023.
- Any municipality for whom NERSA has not granted an approval of an application supported by a Cost of Supply Study in accordance with the mentioned notice, shall be entitled to continue levying electricity rate tariffs as applicable during the 2023/2024 financial year.
- The court granted the non-compliant municipalities 60 days from the date of the order to submit their compliant applications.

It should be noted that subsequent to this ruling, NERSA did approve the Merafong electricity tariff increases for the 2024/2025 financial year as approved by council.

Municipal accounts

Many complaints are still being received from the public about incorrect water and electricity readings and billing, which leads to consumers being threatened with disconnection of services and legal action, whilst the problem lies with the municipality.

It was clear from a visit to the municipal offices to resolve an account issue, that this is a widespread problem due to the number of consumers visiting the finance section with their complaints.

It would have been expected from councilors as the elected representatives of the consumers, to visit offices to determine first hand, the number and type of complaints and to determine the exact cause of the problem to ensure rectification. Currently officials are spending the entire day to resolve queries of frustrated consumers whilst the problem is rather a system problem and lack of understanding by management to put systems in place to resolve the identified issues.

It seems that the challenge is *inter alia* caused by incorrect meter readings which leads to incorrect billing and the subsequent consumer queries. It is not understood how the municipality has a meter reading contractor but does not rely on the monthly meter reading data, as the system apparently estimate usage where it deems the consumption too low. The system apparently also does not provide for notes to be attached where a consumer has for instance a solar system or a bore hole and therefore registers below average consumption. Provision should be made for comments on the system that will guide officials when dealing with customer complaints which will address most of the complaints

Council is fully aware of this challenge and has communicated a dedicated email address for the public to phone in monthly meter readings. This can clearly not be a sustainable solution and nullifies the role of the appointed service provider, paid for this service. Without proper systems, procedures and internal controls, this system of collecting meter data is open for abuse and corruption, seeing that meter reading data loaded on the system by the individual official, automatically results in live billing on the system without any verification and auditing of data. The system should provide for exception reports to be created from monthly meter reading data. The reports should be verified by the administration before data is amended on the system. The amendment of data should be signed off by a senior official before amendments are done on the system.

It is suggested that the meter reading contractor data be used for billing and where discrepancies or variations are noted, test readings be conducted and the actual readings be billed. The terms of the contract with the meter reading contractor as well as the deliverables and cost, should be investigated by council to ensure that the terms of the contract are met and no fruitless and wasteful expenditure is incurred by council.

It appears that there is also a shortcoming with the system pertaining to the generation of reports. It is suggested that the councilors obtain a detailed report on the implementation of the system and challenges experienced by the administration

to ensure correction. It is now 7 months since the implementation of the system, which is still not fully operational and cannot produce accurate financial reporting.

As previously reported, the procurement of the new financial system at exorbitant costs and the unrealistic implementation timeframes were flawed from the start and is compromising the entire financial administration of council. Council should obtain a detailed report on the functionality of the system and the stipulations of the contract with the service provider to ensure that implementation deadlines are met. Penalties for non-compliance should be enforced and variation orders on the system should be closely monitored to avoid scope creep and additional costs not initially included in the tender. Some duplication, E.g. the contract for issuing of accounts by two service providers and the cost implications as well as possible "fruitless and wasteful expenditure" should be investigated. It seems that currently consumer accounts can only be accessed by downloading through "cabedocs".

Recommendations

1. That it be noted that no monthly financial reports are available on the municipal website or could be obtained to report on it.
2. That it be noted that the above is non-compliant with the applicable legislation for which the accounting officer must be held accountable to ensure compliance.
3. That it be noted that NERSA approved the 2024/2025 electricity tariffs for implementation by council in accordance with the council resolution.
4. That the discrepancies on the consumer accounts and the implementation of the financial system be investigated by council to ensure correct meter readings and billing and financial reporting.
5. That it be clarified whether all areas in Merafong is being billed and how the monthly accounts are issued, seeing that not all consumers have access to "cabedocs" to download accounts.

SIGNATURE: *Original Signed*

CWA NIEUWOUDT

DATE:01/08/2024

Follow-Up Report on Response and Current Situation

Health and Social Development Report – 29 July 2024

Report compiled by: Abraham Brits

Introduction Following my initial report on the increasing number of minors in Fochville engaging in the collection of recyclable rubbish instead of attending school, I received a response from Mrs. W. Diedericks, Senior Social Worker. This report addresses her feedback and the ongoing challenges in resolving this critical issue due to inadequate support from the South African Police Service (SAPS) and social welfare organisations.

Response from Social Services Mrs. W. Diedericks outlined that it is the responsibility of SAPS, in conjunction with local social organisations, to apprehend the children involved in collecting recyclables, contact their parents, and work towards rehabilitating the children and reintegrating them into the school system. The proposed steps include:

1. **Apprehension of Minors:** SAPS is expected to take children found collecting recyclables off the streets.
2. **Parental Contact:** Authorities should inform and involve parents in addressing the issue.
3. **Rehabilitation:** Social organisations are tasked with providing the necessary support to return these children to school.

Challenges and Hopelessness of the Situation Despite the outlined responsibilities, several factors contribute to the ongoing hopelessness of effectively addressing this issue:

1. **Inaction from SAPS:** There is a pervasive lack of confidence in SAPS's ability to fulfil its duties regarding child welfare. Past experiences and observations suggest a low likelihood of SAPS prioritising or taking effective action to apprehend the minors involved.
2. **Insufficient Support from Social Welfare:** Local social organisations are often under-resourced and overwhelmed by the scale of socio-economic challenges in Fochville. The rehabilitation and reintegration efforts are hampered by limited funding, personnel, and facilities.
3. **Systemic Issues:** The broader socio-economic landscape, characterised by poverty, unemployment, and inadequate infrastructure, exacerbates the problem. Children are driven to collect recyclables out of necessity, and without addressing these root causes, the cycle is likely to continue.
4. **Lack of Collaboration:** Effective intervention requires coordinated efforts between multiple stakeholders, including SAPS, social services, educational institutions, and the community. The current disjointed approach fails to create a sustainable solution.

Current Status and Outlook Given the current scenario, the prospects for significant improvement appear bleak. The lack of decisive action from SAPS, coupled with the overwhelmed capacity of social welfare organisations, means that many minors will continue to miss out on their education and face associated risks.

Recommendations for Moving Forward To address the ongoing challenges, a multi-faceted approach is essential:

1. **Advocacy and Awareness:** Increase advocacy efforts to highlight the issue at higher governmental levels, seeking intervention from provincial or national authorities.
2. **Resource Allocation:** Push for greater allocation of resources to local social organisations, enabling them to better support affected families and children.
3. **Community Involvement:** Foster stronger community involvement and support networks to provide immediate assistance to children in need.
4. **Policy Reforms:** Advocate for policy reforms that address the systemic issues contributing to child labour and absenteeism from school.

Conclusion The situation in Fochville remains dire, with little hope for immediate improvement due to insufficient support from SAPS and social welfare organisations. A renewed commitment from all stakeholders, backed by adequate resources and policy support, is crucial to breaking the cycle of poverty and ensuring that children receive the education and care they deserve.

By continuing to raise awareness and advocating for change, we can strive towards a future where all children in Fochville have the opportunity to thrive and succeed.

Health and Safety Report: 2 August 2024

Subject: Urgent Need for Maintenance and Repairs in Fochville Parks

Prepared by: Abraham Brits

Report Summary:

This report highlights the urgent need for maintenance and repairs in Fochville parks, focusing on children's play equipment and general upkeep. The current state of the parks poses significant health and safety risks, which need immediate attention.

1. Introduction

The parks in Fochville are critical community spaces, particularly for children who use them for physical activity, socialisation, and the development of essential motor skills. The deteriorating conditions of these parks have rendered them unsafe and unusable, necessitating immediate maintenance and repair.

2. Importance of Well-Maintained Parks

- **Physical Health:** Parks provide a venue for exercise, crucial for combating childhood obesity and promoting a healthy lifestyle from an early age.
- **Mental Well-being:** These spaces contribute to the emotional and social development of children, offering opportunities for creative play and peer interaction.
- **Community Benefits:** Parks foster community spirit and social cohesion by providing a safe outdoor environment for families to gather and engage.

3. Current Condition and Safety Hazards

The following issues have been identified in the parks:

- **Broken Play Equipment:** Poses significant injury risks to children.
- **Overgrown Lawns:** Reduce aesthetic appeal and discourage use.
- **Neglected Facilities:** Deteriorating infrastructure deters families from utilising these spaces.

4. Impact on Community

The poor condition of the parks negatively affects the physical and mental health of children and diminishes the quality of life for the community. Safety hazards associated with broken equipment and overgrown lawns prevent families from enjoying these vital community assets.

5. Recommendations

Immediate actions required include:

- **Repairing Play Equipment:** Ensuring all broken equipment is fixed to prevent injuries.
- **Mowing Lawns:** Regular maintenance of the grounds to enhance aesthetic appeal and usability.
- **Ongoing Upkeep:** Implementing a schedule for regular maintenance to prevent future deterioration.

6. Conclusion

Investing in the repair and maintenance of Fochville parks is crucial for the health and well-being of our children and community. Prompt action will restore these parks to their former glory, providing a safe and welcoming environment for all.

Action Required:

The municipality is urged to prioritise the necessary repairs and maintenance of Fochville parks to ensure the safety and well-being of its residents.

Monthly Report – August 2024

Portfolio – Corporate Services

Member – Nadine Boucher

- 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 – we have contactors at the moment with electricity however that can change very quickly and we do rely heavily on Municipality workers in general who do not have the means to perform many of their tasks – still no feedback and it is rumored that vehicles of water & electric team do not have fuel at times to attend to call outs by community
- Rand Water – No further feedback was received re the possible further water restrictions as a result of the account in arrears (We have had water issues, we were informed it was due to maintenance)
- Residents very anxious re financial/billing system that is still not operational – Reports that it would have/should have been up and running at the end of March 2024 – No other feedback re this – New system up and running however residents are still trying to sort out accounts
- No section meeting minutes for this portfolio this month
- Library – No feedback re maintenance/upgrades/books – Coba to provide feedback – We would like to put together a proposal to

assist the library after our site visit there – Cllr Lindy to kindly assist

- Eskom – Overloading/Load Reduction still ongoing – no feedback re this and or possible schedules as requested by community

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.

The Squash club has an issue with water, they did ask the municipality to fix the problem. No feedback on the water issue at the squash club.

Security is still an issue with the fence that is still down at the back, this causes issues with people that are not supposed to be there.

There is a lot of illegal dumping happening around the sports ground. (not inside it but all around it)

Library

Visited the library 31/07/2024.

There are two permanent workers in the library.

For the past 3 years there has been no new books that came into the library.

The WIFI is currently with GBN company, it is uncapped but there is a lot of issue when there are windy days.

The library does special programs for the kids every month where they go and visits schools, the municipality provided transport for these days.

Bathrooms are still a huge issue as they do not look good in the bathrooms.

Building is an issue. There are leaks when it rains, they had to through away a lot of books that got rotten due to the water damage.

The inside does not look good where the water is leaking, and this is an issue. It all comes back to maintenance.

Load shedding / load reduction is an issue as there is no electricity for them to work. There is solar light that was installed but it is not working, if there is no electricity, they can not work. It is dark inside the library.

They need bigger space for the library as the space is too small for everything section to accommodate students and readers.

There is no stationery for the underprivileged kids that come to the library to do some research.

The workers did go on a course to assist brail readers, there is a shortage of that. They are still waiting for the brail equipment to come. There is a need for brail equipment. The movement is slow on this.

System is good when it is not offline.

The system is user-friendly.

Telephones are new and the public can phone the library if needed.

The staff is not trained for fire, there is no one on the staff trained for health and safety.

The shelves are all outdated and broken.

There are currently four computer stations for the public to use. The computers are outdated software. There might also be a problem that the new software will not work on the computers as the computers are seven years old. The monitors are also still small monitors.

There is no space to archive old books in Fochville. A possibility is to move the old books to offices that are not being used and put security measures in place.

The short is that the library needs to be revamp and updated with books, computers and the newest systems for the public.

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