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WARD COMMITTEE REPORTING FORMAT 2022-2026

WARD 14

DATE: 03rd September 2024 Venue: Civic Centre Fochville

TIME: 17:30-191/ 10

NO:	Name & Surname	Portfolio	Contacts	Signature		
1.	Heidi Hattingh	Integrated Environmental Management	084 628 9398	Musica		
2.	Engela van der Merwe	Water, Sanitation, Electricity, gas and PMC	082 438 7397	Early		
3.	Simon Matlala	Road, Storm water and public works	064 945 6858			
4.	Nadine Bouwer	Corporate /Support Service	076 339 8213	Surveyor		
5.	Jacoba van den Berg	Sport and Libraries	083 456 7512	Apology		
6.	Albie Nieuwoudt	Finance	082 920 5222	Apology		
7.	Corné van der Merwe (Jay Cee)	Public Safety	082 800 8668	A San a		
8.	Jaco van der Merwe (JP)	Local Economic Development	083 494 1949	Apology		
9.	Francois Hattingh	Human Settlement and Land Development	081 494 0204 -	West !		
10.	Abraham Brits	Health and Social Development	079 650 1866	Ship.		
	Cllr. Lindy Maritz	Ward 14 Cllr.	066 248 4822	BOYIN.		



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE WARD 14 WARD COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 17:30 THE 03rd of SEPTEMBER 2024 AT FOCHVILLE CIVIC CENTRE.

AGENDA

- 1. Opening and Welcome
- 2. Opening Prayer
- 3. Signing of the Attendance Register
- 4. Application for Leave of Absence.
- 5. Adoption of the Agenda
- 6. Personalia
 - Birthdays for September Mr. Albie Nieuwoudt 01st of September
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- 7.1 Approval of the minutes 06th of August 2024
- 7.2 Matters Arising from previous minutes.
- 8. REPORT
- 8.1 SECRETARY
 - Reports handed in from the 06th of August 2024 on the 27th of August 2024.
 - Happy Birthday to all the ward members.
- 8.2 COMMUNICATION FOR THE CHAIRPERSON
 - Morocco Urgent cllr. meeting.

8.3 CDW

9. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

PORTFOLIO REPORTS

- 9.1 Human Settlement and Land Development
- 9.2 Water, Sanitation, Electricity, GAS and PMU
- 9.3 Roads, Storm water and Public Works
- 9.4 Public Safety
- 9.5 Local Economic Development
- 9.6 Integrated Environmental Management
- 9.7 Finance
- 9.8 Health and Social Development
- 9.9 Corporate Support Services
- 9.10 SRACH & LIS
- 10. Closure





Type of Meeting: Ordinary Meeting – $\underline{03^{rd}}$ of September 2024 for the month of October 2024

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- 1. OPENING AND WELCOME:
 - 1.1 WARD COUNCILOR: Chairperson: Cllr. Lindy Maritz
- 2. OPENING PRAYER BY: Ms. Nadine Bouwer
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Municipal Accounts

Cllr. Lindy Marits sent an e-mail to the MM regarding all the municipal accounts and the MM reply with an e-mail (see attached e-mail)

9. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

PORTFOLIO REPORTS

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Report from Mr. Francois Hattingh read report attached....

A list of newly build and old houses, attached to this report. Twenty-four (24) houses are on the list. The "vlei house" is getting water and electricity for free how is this possible. No feedback form Merafong.

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9.2 WATER, SANITION, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND PMU

Report by Ms. Engela van der Merwe please read report...

Trip to Morocco-13-person delegation of the municipality to go to Morocco to explore a partnership. Community in Ward 14 is worried what the cost of such trip will be. Poppelier/Peperkorrel boxes tamper with.

Water supply was interrupted for maintenance. Ward 14 2 days with out water.

Resolved

- This report was noted.
- Cllr. Lindy followed up this matter.
- The portfolio reports need to be read.
- Merafong needs to give attention to this report.
- Still no feedback from Merafong.
- Water leaks has been reported, and still waiting for Merafong.
- Cllr. Lindy needs to ask counsel help with water save plan.

9.3 ROADS, STORM WATER AND PUBLIC WORKS

Report form Mr. Simon Matlala please see report attached....

Bad potholes @ Peperkorrel, Ouhout, Olienhout, Froneman, Sycamor, Kareeboom, Hawthorn, Lelielaan, Dalia, Aster and Keurboom. Please attend to this streets in Ward 14 Fochville. Stormwater drains need to be cleaned ASAP.

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- Cllr. Lindy to follow up this matter.
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- Ward 14 will have a community event on this matter as soon as a date is set by committee members.
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- Cllr. Lindy needs to follow up the stormwater drain problem before the raining season starts.
- Cllr. Lindy sent a WhatsApp to Manager Moyo regarding the Stormwater drains; he sent a message back to the cllr. with "Noted" (see attached)

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Report by Mr. JC van der Merwe please read the detailed report attached.....

Electrical fault at Annemoon/Stinkhout. Several places' fires was set alight
all over Merafong. Opening from the swimming pool in ward 14 can't be
confirmed

Resolved:

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- Still no attention given to these matters from Merafong.

9.5 LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Report by Mr JP van der Merwe....report attached
Hennie's Restaurant opening is postponed due to liquor license. Local
businesses are struggling,

Communication channels in Merafong not working. Ward 14 struggling with basic services. By compiling and analysing 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 development LED projects or any growth in the foreseeable future.

Resolved

- Reports needs to be read and taken notes of.
- Merafong need to take note of the matter, please advise and give new date for IDP meeting.
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9.6 INTERGRATED ENVIROMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Report by Ms. Heidi Hattingh Please read the report....

Report still the same. Please can Merafong cut the sidewalk trees in Ward 14. Dustbin diggers still a problem. Still waiting for Merafong for some feedback. Stand opposite Keurboom 42 Fochville still not cleaned after the fine that Was handed to them by Mr.Christiaan.

- Resolved:
- That Cllr Lindy follows up this matter with the Speaker and relevant Portfolio MMC.
- A clean-up campaign in ward 14 needs to be launch.
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- Mr. Chritstiaan did give the people a fine. Still waiting for owner to clean up the private stand.
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9.7 FINANCE

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That cognizance be taken of the July 2024 credit control report and the concern that credit control is not done in all areas and wards of the municipality. That cognizance be taken that no credit control is implemented in the worse paying areas of Merafong City which is a clear indication of the selective implementation of council policies. That cognizance be taken of the 21459 non purchasing pre-paid electricity meters and the concern that there is no plan of action to address this serious problem. That cognizance be taken of the sub-standard report from management to the section 80 committee and that official be capacitated for the position and responsibilities assigned to them. That the summary of the financial position of Council in accordance with the section 71 report of July 2024 be noted with concern. That is be noted that despite monthly reports from the ward committee submitted through the office of the Speaker, no feedback or response has ever been received. That behaviour makes a mockery of the war committee system. That the ward committee be provided with credit control plan and dates when the program of correction of bridged meters will commence in Ward 14, to enable the ward committee to effectively communicate with the residents, in support of the program. That the challenges with the billing system and implementation of the financial system be noted with concern and that the necessary corrective measures be implemented, with clear timelines. That written feedback Be obtained from the ward councillor.

Resolved

- That this matter needs to be attended to.
- Cllr. Lindy sent an e-mail sending the Finance report by e-mail to
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9.8 HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Report by Mr. Abraham Brits...

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SUBMISSIONS:

SUBMMITTED BY:

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Date: 03rd of September 2024

RECEIVED BY:

Lindy Maritz

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SIGNATURE OF WARD COUNCILLOR:

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