

Portfolio Reports

MONTHLY REPORT

PORTFOLIO: Human settlement and Land Development

MONTH: December 2024

MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PORTFOLIO: Francois Hattingh

A new development bord has been placed on the side of Losberg avenue regarding 13 new unites that Remax want to build. How will this new development influence ward 14 regarding the water and electricity. Have the building plans been approved?

On the open field (R500/Ebbehout road Fochville) Mr Spies wants to open an Engineering place, a border fence has been erected, also this fence has been planted on the N12 Garage ground that is not correct.

How will this engineering site get their electricity, water ect. What will happen to Ebbehout road with all the traffic/trucks that are using the road? Did Merafong issue any approved building plans?

On the corner of Bloekom and Tambotie streets in Fochville, a Mr. Paulos Chitje cell nr: 082 505 9519 has started to build. Did Merafong issue any approved building plans?

It seems everyone is just building without the proper paperwork ect.! Merafong we need answers regarding al this new building in Ward 14.

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, Fochville
- * Cansa building, Pepperkorrel, Fochville

Signature:



Date:

03rd of December 2024

NEW DEVELOPMENT 2025

13 MODERN TOWNHOUSES IN A SECURITY COMPLEX

2 AND 3 BEDROOM OPTIONS

FROM R900 000.00 TO R1.2 MILLION

Contact Our Agents :

Willie Roeland	082 552 6035
Riana Van der Westhuizen	083 302 9952
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WARD 14

REPORT 2024-12-02

PORTFOLIO: WATER AND ELECTRICITY

ELECTRICITY:

Eskom transformer trips with bad weather. 7 Nov. We appreciate Eskom's quick response to turn our power back on although Karee boom and Sycamore had a problem and was only fixed the next day.

9 Nov – 7 and 11 Sycamore electrical outage again

25 Nov power outage

Prepaid meters?

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.

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

To meet the needs of our residents we need to improve electricity supply. With all the new development the supply as it is now is not enough and will cause major problems in the future.

New development by Remax - Merafong to make sure there is enough water and electricity supply.

Water

Aging and damaged pipes should be replaced

Kiepersol water leak was fixed 30th November, electricity cable were affected but restored

water meters not working to be repaired.

Engela van der Merwe



Monthly Report for December 2024

Portfolio Roads, storm water and Public works.

Member SIMON MATLALA.

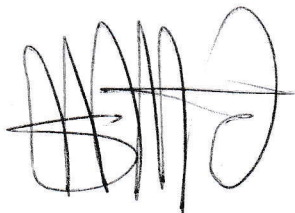
The purpose of this report is to make sure that the people get their services delivered to them by the municipality.

- 1.Olienhout street very bad needs attention.
- 2.Sycamor no 25,23,21,7 very bad needs attention.
- 3.Corner Oliehout avenue nr 77 big Potholes needs to be attended.
- 4.Ouhout street needs to be attended.
- 5.Lelielaan very bad needs attention.
- 6.Dalia street very bad needs attention.
- 7.Aster street very bad needs attention.
- 8.Keurboom 28 potholes very bad

Please we need assistance with these Potholes on our streets it's a serious problem and needs to be addressed.

Signature.

SIMON MATLALA.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SIMON MATLALA', written in a cursive style.

03-Dec-24

PORTFOLIO : PUBLIC SAFETY, WARD 14, FOCHVILLE.

MONTH : ~~NOV 24~~ December.

MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PORTFOLIO : JC VAN DER MERWE

1.) ELECTRICAL CABLE FAULTS / THEFT OUTAGES :

1 OUTAGES DUE TO " EKSOM " TRANSFORMERS TRIPPED AND " STORMS WE EXPERIENCED BY FALLING TREES / ELECTRICAL POLES AND TREE BRANCHES.

2.) BURGLARIES :

NONE REPORTED IN OUR AREA ON GROUPS.

3.) C.P.F.

CPF TOGETHER WITH PRIVATE SECURITY COMPANIES AND THE " BELREX CAMERA " SYSTEM HAS NUMEROUS SUCCESSES THE PAST MONTH.

4.) ACCIDENTS :

ONE VEHICLE BURNED OUT AFTER CAUGHT FIRE ON THE R500 BYPASS,

5.) MISSING PERSONS :

1 CASES CBEEN REPORTED.
PERSONS WERE FOUND UNHARMED.

6.) SPEED HUMBS :

MORE WERE PAINTED BY COMMUNITY GROUPS IN SEVERAL AREAS, AND ONGOING.

7.) POTHoles :

BIG REPORTED POTHoles WERE REPAIRED BY COUNCIL IN LESS THAJN 2 DAYS TIME.

8.) ADDITIONAL :

INITIATION SCHOOL BEHIND THE G.V.R. STADIUM CAUSE HAVOC.
BEEN REPORTED TO WARDS COUNCILAR, CPF, SAPS, PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT.
INVESTIGATION IN PROGRESS BY SPAS WHO HANDLE THE APPLICATIONS.



JC VD MERWE
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WARD 14 COMMITTEE REPORT: LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT


03 December 2024

omnis finis est a principio

veni, vidi, tristis sum

Status Quo is in the order of the day.

Yours truly,


Jaco van der Merwe
LED: Ward 14 portfolio

MONTHLY REPORT

PORTFOLIO: Intergraded Environmental Management

MONTH: December 2024

MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PORTFOLIO: Heidi Hattingh

Still waiting for feedback from Merafong

Rubbish dumped all over ward 14.

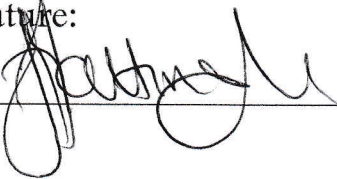
Dustbin diggers continue to contribute to existing problem.

Trees that need to be cut in Ward 14 Keurboom, corner of Ebbehout and Kiaat Stinkhout, Mimosa Road, Anemoon Ave. (see attached photos)

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

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

Signature:



Date:

03rd December 2024



Kiepersol Ward 14 Fochville





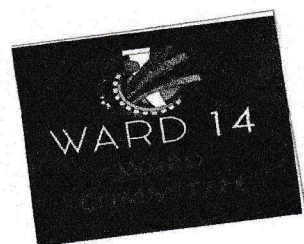
C/o of Kiaart 1 and Ebbehout Fochville

Ward 14





Tree hanging in the road. Ward 14 Fochville



MONTHLY REPORT – WARD 14

PORTFOLIO: Finance

MONTH: December 2024

MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PORTFOLIO: CWA NIEUWOUDT

Purpose

The purpose of the report is to submit the **Revenue Management Report for the quarter ending October 2024** to the ward committee for information. The report to the section 80 committee however indicates in the purpose, that the report is for Quarter 1, ending September 2024, which was already reported on in the previous month, **yet again a copy and paste error**. It is clear from the content that the report is at 31 October 2024.

Background

In terms of the provisions of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act (Act 32 of 2000) as stipulated under, it lays the groundwork for credit control and debt collection policies. It emphasizes the importance of municipalities collecting all revenue owed to them.

The MFMA, further in of Section 62(f)(iii), mandates that municipalities must establish and enforce a credit control and debt collection through a council approved Policy. The Accounting Officer must submit financial reports to council on a monthly basis. The report informs council on the steps taken to collect revenue due to council in accordance with the Credit Control and Debt Collection policy.

Discussion

Attached is a copy of the SECTION 80 Revenue Management report ending 30 October 2024.

Billing and Collection

According to the section 80 report, the collection rate for October 2024 was **62.23%** which differs from the section 71 report for the same period, reporting a figure of **60%**. In the September report the collection rate for September was reported as **42%**, whilst the current report now reports a figure of 51.37%.

The difference in reported figures is a serious concern and raise concerns about the integrity of the report. This should be clarified by the ward councilor.

Table A3 of the report details the collection rate per areas of Merafong and the trend of single digit collection rates in some township areas continues,

despite the so-called “rand for a rand” or Nngwe ka Nngwe incentive scheme initiated and proudly displayed on council website by the Executive Mayor.

It is noted that some areas reflect a considerable increase in collection rates, such as Kokosi with a reported figure of 81%. This figure needs to be verified seeing that the non-purchase electricity meters in the area is still 6196, second highest in Merafong. Detail should be provided on what constitutes the drastic increase in collection rate.

Table A3 of this report reflects a collection rate of 46%, which differs from the section 71 figure of 60%. The discrepancy in data is a serious concern.

Pay points

The cash collection at pay points has increased in the current financial year, which is a positive. It is noted that the Khutsong and Greenspark pay points are still closed due to the outstanding installation of a fire door.

The report does not indicate what the status of billing queries are and whether the reported billing figures are correct.

The challenges with the billing system were acknowledged in the previous report but no cause or any corrective measures and time frames are mentioned, indicating that the section has no clear plan of action to instruct the service provider (CCG) to rectify such. It seems that management is relying on the service provider to identify and correct challenges with the system, which was supposed to have the necessary functionalities in the first place.

There can be no reliance on the billing figures quoted in the report if this matter is not resolved. Incorrect billing and monthly accounts are still continuing despite promises by the municipal manager that a detailed audit will be undertaken and the discrepancies will be corrected. It is now almost 12 months later and still the incorrect billing and accounts continue.

Credit Control and Debt Management

It is indicated that 21 314 prepaid meters out of a total population of 31560 pre-paid meters (68%) were non purchasing meters in the last 90 days. These meters are suspected to have been tampered and a report of such meters has been provided to the electrical department for further investigation.

This matter is well known for years and over years it has been reported to the electricity department, with no response. The number is increasing monthly and despite the situation, no action is taken by the administration or

council to ensure that the relevant departments are capacitated, has a budget to replace faulty meters and offenders of the By-laws are charged in accordance with the applicable legislation, this despite the establishment of a dedicated By-law enforcement section managed by a dedicated manager.

The detail of the non- purchasing meters per area, are indicated in table A5.

It is noted that a collaborative effort between the Municipality's electrical department and Sibanye mine's operations team yielded some positive results with a decline of 154 in our non-purchasing meters from the previous month. A total of 44 meter were found to have been tampered and issued with a tampering fine of R11 128.55 each. 19 out of the 44 paid the fine issued and have since been reconnected, this is a step in the right direction and if the same momentum is carried across all non-purchasing meters it should lead to a much-improved revenue collection.

This effort is applauded but should be rolled out to all areas, not only the low hanging fruits from mining houses. Charity begins at home and therefore much more focus is required in our own township areas of which Khutsong South tops the table with 7982 and Kokosi with 6196 non-purchase meters respectively.

Disconnection Handover Analysis

According to the report, a total of 2 648 notices were issued for the month of October 2024 with a total value of R227,09 million of arrears this was made up of notices for the purpose of hand over for debt collectors and for disconnection. A total of 290 final disconnection notices with a total value of R69,4 million were issued and executed recovering a total of R22,3 million recovered from the process.

Credit control is supposed to be implemented in accordance with Council policy in **ALL** areas of Merafong and it is not understood how council can allow the discriminatory implementation of a council policy. The responsible department must be held accountable for the defiance of council policy. No actions were taken in Greenspark, Khutsong South, Khutsong and Kokosi.

This is totally unacceptable and in contradiction with council policy as well as the Financial Recovery Plan which clearly states that credit control must be undertaken in all areas of Merafong. The councillors are clearly not fulfilling their oversight role.

Debtor Age analysis

The Municipality's debtor's book at the end of October 2024 was a total of R6 200 billion and is presented in table A8 per area and table A9 per customers group or Category, of the report.

The situation is deteriorating on a monthly basis without any indication on strategies to address the situation. The Financial Recovery Plan unfortunately is not yielding results and is internally focussed rather than focussed on financial recovery.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That cognizance be taken of the October 2024 Revenue Management Report and the concern that credit control is not done in all areas and wards of the municipality.
2. That cognizance be taken that the reported billing figures cannot be regarded as correct since the ongoing billing challenges and incorrect accounts received by consumers.
3. That cognizance be taken of the poor collection figures and 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.
4. That cognizance be taken of the 21314 non- purchasing pre-paid electricity meters and the concern that there is no plan of action to address this serious problem and no steps are taken to hold those responsible accountable.
5. That a collaborative effort between the Municipality's electrical department and Sibanye mine's operations team that yielded some positive results with a decline of 154 in our non-purchasing meters, be noted with gratitude.

SIGNATURE: *Original Signed*

CWA NIEUWOUDT

DATE: 02 December 2024

PAYMENT INCENTIVE SCHEME PROGRESS REPORT- OCTOBER 2024.

Purpose

The purpose of this report to provide a status update of the Nngwe Ka Nngwe payment incentive scheme as at the end of October 2024 in accordance with the attached section 80 report.

Background

According to the report, Ncube Inc was appointed in December 2023 to assist the Municipality in the implementation of the payment incentive scheme for MCLM. The payment incentive scheme has been carried out across various wards and communicated on multiple communication platforms. To date 279 applications have been received and 80 have been processed and effected onto the financial system with an amount of R1 788 791.14 being written off against the 80 debtors accounts.

Discussion

The table in the report details the amount R1 788 971.14, written off. The report indicates that only 80 of the 279 (28%) applications have been verified since the scheme commenced a year ago. No indication is given on the reasons for the slow progress. The report also only focusses on the amounts written off. There is no indication of the amounts collected from the listed debtors and the detail of arrangements accepted by council.

The report is also silent on the collection fees paid to the contractor and the actual benefit to council.

The report lacks management information to assess the success of the project.

Recommendation

- 1. That the content of the report be noted.**
- 2. That it be noted that the report lacks critical information to assess the success of the project**
- 3. That future reports be submitted with all information pertaining to the amounts collected, terms of arrangements and the cost of the exercise.**

SIGNATURE: *Original Signed*

CWA NIEUWOUDT

DATE: 02 December 2024

ITEM: REQUEST FOR THE SECTION 80 COMMITTEE TO TAKE COGNISANCE OF THE PAYMENT INCENTIVE SCHEME PROGRESS UPDATE.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this item to provide a status update of the Nngwe Ka Nngwe payment incentive scheme at the end of October 2024.

BACKGROUND

Ncube Inc was appointed in December 2023 to assist the Municipality in the implementation of the payment incentive scheme for MCLM. The payment incentive scheme has been carried out across various wards and communicated on multiple communication platforms. To date we have received 279 applications and 80 have been processed and effected onto the financial system with an amount of R1 788 791.14 being written off against the 80 debtors accounts.

Applications are being finalised after the necessary due diligence has been undertaken.

The list below is the debt write off of individuals who have met the payment incentive scheme criterion for write off as at 31 October 2024.

Account	Name	Date	Debit	Credit	Audit Number
00000000025301	STEYN J M J	2024/07/31	0.00	14 382.85	12115.0008
00000000082420	MOREKI M A & K H	2024/07/31	0.00	465.00	12115.0006
00000000103655	PAULEY F A J M	2024/07/31	0.00	500.00	12115.0005
00000000281986	PELLEGATA PHILLIPE	2024/07/31	0.00	5 922.33	12115.0004
00000000321251	ZEOLITE BELEGGINGS	2024/07/31	0.00	110 619.04	12115.0003
00000000321340	VATSAAL CC	2024/07/31	0.00	3 180.12	12115.0002
00000000321357	PELLEGATTA G	2024/07/31	0.00	22 253.49	12115.0001
020095302000015	HAZRAT INVESTMENTS	2024/07/31	0.00	17 332.65	12115.0007
00000000404557	LEBETHE K,M	2024/08/07	0.00	24 112.79	13700.0028
00000000472959	MOAGAESI IP & MODISANE PM	2024/08/07	0.00	87 603.42	13700.0001
00000000744539	PELLEGATTA G	2024/08/07	0.00	33 553.64	13700.0027
00000001002025	MORETI JUNIOR NOKUTHULA	2024/08/07	0.00	13 179.54	13700.0025
00000001018593	SIBIYA GOODNESS,HLALELENI	2024/08/07	0.00	23 578.51	13700.0003
00000002052991	ROZANI SIBUSISO	2024/08/07	0.00	8 098.19	13700.0021

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01002530000001	MAINE CATHERINE,MEDI	2024/08/07	0.00	2 500.00	13700.0023
010084700000009	JOUBERT M,N	2024/08/07	0.00	2 362.02	13700.0004
010087800000005	MAHNE SUSANNA,ELIZABETH	2024/08/07	0.00	28 174.96	13700.0022
0102592000000023	MOOROSI JOHN,L,&,DUMILE,S	2024/08/07	0.00	521.04	13700.0021
0200048000000019	W X PROP INV PTY LTD	2024/08/07	0.00	6 757.19	13700.0002
0200652000000049	FAIMA PROPERTIES (PTY) LTD	2024/08/07	0.00	3 300.82	13700.0020
020066301001026	IQBAL JAVED	2024/08/07	0.00	8 300.00	13700.0005
020104412000018	TURNSTONE DRILLING	2024/08/07	0.00	167 787.70	13700.0018
020104476000005	MABILETSA SOLACE	2024/08/07	0.00	8 476.20	13700.0019
0201431000000059	ZULU SIFISO,ZECARLOS,FERREIRA	2024/08/07	0.00	9 570.89	13700.0017
0201491000000008	MORETI ORATENG,CONCILLIA	2024/08/07	0.00	1 816.57	13700.0016
0201503000000094	MORETI ORATENG,CONCILLIA	2024/08/07	0.00	13 831.06	13700.0006
0402899000000009	MLANDU DUDUZILE MINAH	2024/08/07	0.00	11 923.50	13700.0015
0403114000000024	MATIWANE ANDRIES,JABULANE,&,KEAMOGETSWE,E	2024/08/07	0.00	4 641.64	13700.0014
0600179000000005	WESI MALEITLHO,PAULINAH	2024/08/07	0.00	3 816.82	13700.0013
0600179000000005	WESI MALEITLHO,PAULINAH	2024/08/07	0.00	3 816.82	13700.0026
0800491000000053	PIVOTAL AMALGAMATED GROUP	2024/08/07	0.00	8 101.96	13700.0012
0800506000000007	MOROKA M,C,&,M,A	2024/08/07	0.00	138 403.32	13700.0029
0902669040000004	BUTHELEZI BONGANI,SIZWE	2024/08/07	0.00	3 574.55	13700.0011
12009360000000039	EVER FRESH INV 500 PTY LTD	2024/08/07	0.00	839.28	13700.0010
493950011000039	ZAZA TRUST	2024/08/07	0.00	78 209.92	13700.0009
5005590000000004	JONKER CHRISTIAAN IZAK	2024/08/07	0.00	11 652.01	13700.0008
5014249000000009	GRUNDLING MARIA MAGDALENA	2024/08/07	0.00	25 304.46	13700.0007
000000000006203	VAN QUICKELBERGE H C	2024/09/26	0.00	20 405.70	21204.0023
000000000087393	POTGIETER CHRISTOFFEL,JOHANNES,&,ANNA,MAGRIETH A	2024/09/26	0.00	10 531.69	21204.0031
000000000295227	DE WET A L & L	2024/09/26	0.00	2 750.10	21204.0020
000000002026647	HEERDEN MARTINUS STEPHANUS VAN; HEERDEN JANA HESTER	2024/09/26	0.00	7 715.39	21204.0018
000000002034051	FOCHVILLE FISH,&,CHIPS	2024/09/26	0.00	5 404.30	21204.0014
00000000209962	CHAKA CHARLES,TLADI	2024/09/26	0.00	14 323.11	21204.001

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000000002112285	MTHEMBU GADIFELE, ROSY	2024/09/26	0.00	28 514.77	21204.0017
010010600000024	PHECHUDI MOGATUSI, JEREMIAH	2024/09/26	0.00	70 304.20	21204.0008
010052300000019	MANKI NOMUSA, PRECIOUS	2024/09/26	0.00	1 683.16	21204.0021
010087100000047	ZIDE NOLUTHANDO	2024/09/26	0.00	52 343.81	21204.0007
010127702000007	AFRICAN SKY PROPERTIES	2024/09/26	0.00	148 108.89	21204.0002
010259700000028	OOSTHUIZEN PIETER, NICOLAAS	2024/09/26	0.00	5 728.74	21204.0029
010292200000055	WIESE ANDRIES, TOBIAS	2024/09/26	0.00	64.97	21204.0016
010361400000078	VENTER E, F	2024/09/26	0.00	18 172.47	21204.0032
010526800000033	RAMATSHOELE MG & MT	2024/09/26	0.00	10 278.56	21204.0012
020063100000039	NTSILO ELIZABETH, SELINAH, & SELLO, ANDRIES	2024/09/26	0.00	2 614.18	21204.0015
020081802000019	ALBASINI NATASJA, COETZEE	2024/09/26	0.00	11 510.48	21204.0030
020097803000008	ERASMUS RIAAN	2024/09/26	0.00	239.44	21204.0009
020104421000006	NKOSI MACK, & PULENG, JUNIOR	2024/09/26	0.00	4 464.85	21204.0028
020153000000008	MONONELE PASEKA, SHADRACK, & N, P	2024/09/26	0.00	5 751.88	21204.0006
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1100063000000081	MAHNE SUSANNA, ELIZABETH	2024/09/26	0.00	16 867.90	21204.0027
120013100000006	GIACOMAZZO SAMANTHA	2024/09/26	0.00	2 251.09	21204.0024
500510032000007	GAEBLER GUNTER, OSWALD	2024/09/26	0.00	671.94	21204.0005
501030176000003	MAHNE REINHARDT, GERHARDUS	2024/09/26	0.00	3 627.47	21204.0025
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020104476000005	MABILETSA SOLACE	2024/10/08	0.00	5 122.83	22708.0001
010058600000043	KHOABANE SEGOMOTSO, ZYPHONIA	2024/10/18	0.00	4 798.49	25222.0002

01034670000003 8	MATHONSI WILFRED,MSAWENKOSI	2024/10/1 8	0.00	44 223.62	25222.000 1
08001410000001 2	ERASMUS RENTIA,ROCHELLE	2024/10/1 8	0.00	5 114.87	25222.000 3
08009140000000 9	MAHNE REINHARDT,GERHARDUS	2024/10/1 8	0.00	42 603.01	25222.000 4
01011510000002 4	KOTE THABISO,CLAUDE,MOKHELO	2024/10/2 2	0.00	10 149.77	25851.000 2
01053580000003 2	NGOBENI NASON,MUZOBOYA,&,ELIAS,CHRISTOPHER	2024/10/2 2	0.00	94 866.94	25851.000 3
08002280000000 8	CHRIST EMBASSY AKA BELIEVERS LOVEWORLD	2024/10/2 2	0.00	15 882.84	25851.000 1
00000000008472 3	MARE ALLETTA,JACOBA	2024/10/2 3	0.00	7 286.66	25996.000 1
00000000209151 8	MOREBUDI STEPHEN	2024/10/2 3	0.00	19 218.32	25996.000 2
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RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Section 80 Committee take cognisance of the item and its contents.
2. That the item be served at the Mayoral committee for council to take cognisance of the amount written of to date on the payment incentive scheme.
3. Annexure A is attached that provides a listing of accounts and amounts written off to date.

MONTHLY REPORT – WARD 14

PORTFOLIO: Finance

MONTH: December 2024

MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PORTFOLIO: CWA NIEUWOUDT

Purpose

The purpose of the report is to submit a broad overview of the October 2024 Section 71 of the MFMA report on the implementation of the Budget and the financial situation of the municipality.

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.

Discussion

The MFMA stipulates as follows regarding reporting monthly on a budget performance:

71. (1) 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 Provincial treasury a statement in the

prescribed format on the state of the municipality's budget reflecting the following particulars for that

month and for the financial year up to the end of that month:

- (a) actual revenue, per revenue source;
- (b) actual borrowings;
- (c) actual expenditure, per vote;
- (d) actual capital expenditure, per vote;
- (e) the amount of any allocations received;
- (f) actual expenditure on those allocations, excluding expenditure on— (i) its share of the local government equitable share; and (ii) allocations exempted by the annual Division of Revenue Act from compliance with this paragraph; and

(g) when necessary, an explanation of—

(i) any material variances from the municipality's projected revenue by source, and from the

municipality's expenditure projections per vote;

(ii) any material variances from the service delivery and budget implementation plan; and

(iii) any remedial or corrective steps taken or to be taken to ensure that projected revenue and

expenditure remain within the municipality's approved budget.

The section 71 report is **attached** for members assessment and inputs to be provided by the ward councilor.

Summary

The following table is an extract from the report.

Operating Revenue by Source

Description	Adjusted Budget Amount	Oct Actual	YTD Revenue	%YTD Revenue
Total Operating Revenue	R 2 639 887 870.74	136 367 260	675 105 727	20.19%

The pro-rata % YTD is 20.19% and should have been 33% % therefore the Revenue reported is below the budget estimate for the period.

4.2 Operating Expenditure by Type

Operating Expenditure	Original Budget Amount	Oct Actual	YTD Expenditure	%YTD Expenditure
Total Operating Expenditure	R 2 598 892 120.00	174 843 278	698 229 785	25.04%

The pro-rata % YDT 1 is 25%, therefore the expenditure reported is below the pro rata budget estimate for the period, although it is exceeding the revenue for the period.

It is noted that the errors noted in the July report has been corrected, which is commendable.

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4.3 SALARIES

Description	Original Budget	October Actual	YTD Expenditure	%YTD Expenditure
Employee Related Cost	539 315 739	34 697 950	154 778 861	16.85%
TOTAL	539 315 739	34 697 950	154 778 861	16.85%

The salaries are still within the budget amounts.

STAFF OVERTIME Summary: Overtime Trading Services

Month	Projected	Oct Actual	Percentage
Oct 2024	R2 211 250.25	R1 887 627.37	████████
Total	R2 211 250.25	R1 887 627.37	104.72

The figures in the report are incorrect for the month of October. According to the report over-spending on overtime occurred for the month, but the figures reflect underspending. It appears that a copy and paste error was once again made. In the next paragraph of the report, spending is correctly reported at 85% of the budgeted figure.

The YTD figure however reflects that the pro-rata expenditure is still in line with the budget. The approved budget for the year is R 26 535 003 and the current YTD expenditure is R 8 105 917.23 against the budgeted pro rata figure of R 8 845 001.

This is an improvement on the first month report.

Table C4 Monthly Budget Statement - Financial Performance (revenue and expenditure) - M04 October

According to the financial performance report, the total Revenue budget is R 2 639 888 with a YTD Budget of R900 820. The YTD pro-rata figure should however be R 879 962.66. It is not clear why the amounts differ. The YTD actual is reported at R 675 106 which is a -25.06% variance. This is a clear indication that council is still not in a position to collect the budgeted revenue and that the revenue budget is over stated and not realistic.

The total expenditure budget is R2 598 895, with an YTD actual of R 698 230 against a budgeted figure of R 597 679 which reflects a pro rate over -expenditure of 16.82%.

According to the report, **Contracted services and Inventory consumed** are the main areas of over- expenditure. This is a serious concern and can point to irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure. Council should analyse these figures in detail.

The pro-rata over-spending on the Capital expenditure is alarmingly high and reflects a variance of 2510%. There is no detail explanation of this figure, which seems to be incorrect.

DEBTORS COLLECTION

Consumer debtors have increased due to continued non -payment culture. In July a figure of **R5 807 288.00** was reported. This amount has increased to **R5 960 001 000** in just 3 months.

The above figure remains a serious concern seeing that the municipality has appointed service providers to assist in this regard. It is clear that the culture of non-payment continues unabated in Merafong and that service providers and the municipality fail to execute their mandate. The performance of service providers must be assessed by council and non-performance should be addressed. It is clear that the so-called incentive scheme to write off debt on a Rand for a Rand basis has dismally failed.

The payment figure is reported as 60 % for the month, against a budgeted figure of 60%, which is doubtful seeing that the billing challenges still remains and it is not possible to determine the actual payment figure if the billing system is compromised. The average figure for the YTD period is reported as 46,8%, which is still far below the budgeted figure.

The challenge of selective credit control and the failure to address the bridged pre-paid electricity meters and theft, as well has the abnormally high water losses, where billing of R 45,831,359 is reported and R 11 912 961, was collected for the month of October, is the main reason for the poor collection rates. There is no political will to address this major problem. This matter will be discussed in more detail under the separate **credit control report**.

CREDITORS AGE ANALYSIS

According to the report, Merafong Creditors as of 31October 2024 amounted to **R2 172 682**

Creditors not paid within 30 days as at 31 July 2024:

Number	SUPPLIER NAME	DESCRIPTION/ NATURE OF SERVICE	TOTAL
1	ESKOM	ELECTRICITY BULK PURCHASES	R 1 076 737 750.24
2	RAND WATER	WATER BULK PURCHASES	R1 156 848 320.00

		TOTAL	R 2 233 586 070.24
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This report is not a true reflection of the creditors situation as it reflects two amounts. It seems that the amounts owed on the Bulk services totalling R2 233 586 070.24 must be added to the other reported amount of R2 172 682, totalling a enormous amount of R 2 235 758 752.24. The status of other creditors (service providers) is not reported in the report.

It is clear that the interventions indicated in the report in accordance with the Financial Recovery Plan have limited success, if any.

AUDIT FINDINGS

The report indicates that, *'The Municipality received a Disclaimer audit opinion from Auditor General during the 2023/2024 financial year. An audit action plan is currently being addressed by all departments and also external third parties assisting the municipality'*

This section 71 report is for the month of July 2024. How can it be reported that there was an audit opinion for the period ending 30 June 2024? At 31 July 2024, the date of this report, the Annual Financial Statements have not even been finalised yet.

The correctness of the report and lack of attention to detail, as previously reported, remains a concern and compromises the credibility of the report.

Audit findings

The report states that the municipality received a **Disclaimer audit opinion** from Auditor General during the **2023/2024 financial year**. It further states that Fruitless and wasteful expenditure and Irregular expenditure was reported for the month of October 2024. It is not clear how one part of the report refers to the audit opinion of 2023/2024 and the rest to the current financial year, October 2024, the 2024/2025 financial year, which has not been audited yet and only ends on 30 June 2025.

It is assumed that the report refers to the 2023/24 financial year. There is no indication whether this expenditure was condoned by council and whether MPACT has investigated the matter and reported their findings to council. As this is public funds, these findings should be reported to council and the public, through council reports. It is understood that some of this expenditure is unavoidable, such as interest paid on creditors, but others should be investigated and the culprits be held accountable if no justification can be provided.

Fruitless and wasteful expenditure

It is reported that **Fruitless and wasteful** expenditure of R15 441 801.04 were incurred for the month of October. The **Irregular expenditure** incurred during the month of October 2024 amounts to R1 963 286.38.

The report also has two paragraphs to indicate fruitless and wasteful expenditure for the month of the report, but appears to be blank.

Distribution Losses.

The report does not provide a breakdown on distribution losses as was reported in July 2024. It is not indicated why this critical financial information was left out of the report.

It is clear from this report that the municipality is dysfunctional and that the interventions in terms of the Financial Recovery Plan has yielded limited or no success.

Recommendations

1. That the summary of the financial position of Council in accordance with the section 71 report of October 2024 be noted with concern.
2. That it 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. This behavior makes a mockery of the ward committee system.
3. That the ward committee be provided with the 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.
4. 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 time lines.
5. That written feedback be obtained from the ward councilor.

SIGNATURE: *Original Signed*

CWA NIEUWOUDT

DATE:02/12/2024

Report: Health and Social Development Report – 3 December 2024

The impact of the closure of the Fochville Social Services on Fochville Residents

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Introduction

The imminent closure of the Fochville Social Services Office marks a significant shift in the provision of social care and support in our community. This development will undoubtedly impact vulnerable residents, increase the workload for the Provincial Social Office, and result in longer processing times for essential social services. It is crucial to address these concerns proactively and provide guidance to residents on accessing services moving forward.

Impact of the Closure

1. Increased Workload at Provincial Social Office

- The closure means that all cases previously handled in Fochville, including child protection, elderly care, social grants, and counselling, will now be redirected to the Provincial Social Office.
- This redistribution of responsibilities will likely lead to a backlog of cases, resulting in delays for families in need of urgent intervention.

2. Challenges for Residents

- **Accessibility:** Residents will need to travel to the Provincial Social Office, which may be located far from Fochville, posing challenges for those without reliable transport. (If cases can not be handled in Fochville)
- **Delays in Assistance:** The additional burden on the Provincial Social Office may extend waiting periods for services such as grant applications, foster care placements, and substance abuse interventions.

3. Community Disruption

Vulnerable populations—children, elderly residents, and victims of abuse—may face heightened risks due to the lack of immediate local support. The emotional and financial strain on families could escalate if issues are not resolved swiftly.

Guidance for Residents

1. Where to Access Services

- **Provincial Social Office:** Residents must now approach the Provincial Social Office for all social services. The contact details and address should be prominently shared. (85 Losberg Street Fochville Telephone 018 771 6215)
- **SASSA Offices:** For social grant-related issues, residents can approach the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) offices in the region.

2. Steps to Take Before Visiting

- Call ahead to confirm the required documents and arrange an appointment where possible.

Recommendations for Churches, NGOs, and Community Groups

1. Partner with Provincial Social Services

Churches and local organizations can liaise with the Provincial Social Office to create support hubs in Fochville. These hubs could serve as collection points for documents, offer counselling services, or provide interim assistance to residents.

2. Develop Volunteer Programs

- Organize community volunteers to assist with transport, document preparation, and referrals for residents needing help navigating the new system.

3. Raise Awareness

Churches, businesses, and NGOs should educate the community about the closure and alternative service points through announcements, flyers, and social media campaigns.

Conclusion

While the closure of the Fochville Social Services Office poses challenges, the community can adapt by seeking support from the Provincial Social Office and collaborating with local organizations. It is vital that we collectively work to mitigate the impact on vulnerable groups and ensure that residents continue to access the care and assistance they need.

Monthly Report – December 2024

Portfolio – Corporate Services

Member – Nadine Bouwer

- Health & Safety still a concern
- Rand Water – No further feedback was received re the possible further water restrictions as a result of the account in arrears(Ongoing issues water on/off)
- 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 – some are receiving correct accounts, some are not, getting the errors adjusted accordingly is very difficult for residents and time consuming
- Library – No feedback re maintenance/upgrades/books

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Jacoba van den Berg

3 December 2024

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 stadium has an issue with water, they did ask the municipality to fix the problem. Leah reported back on the 26th of September that they are waiting for the 25mm hdpe pipe to be connected from the 75mm pipe exposed to the squash club with a meter. Has not been fixed yet. Looking at putting a JoJo tank up in the mean time.

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be a stylized name, possibly "J. Smith" or similar, written in a cursive style.