

# Portfolio Reports

## MONTHLY REPORT

PORTFOLIO: Human settlement and Land Development

MONTH: January 2025

MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PORTFOLIO: Francois Hattingh

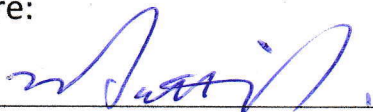
Biggest eye sore in Ward 14 Olienhout Street home – still no change – Lower level occupied with electricity and water. These services can only be connected by Merafong. Is this allowed?

2 Stinkhout street Fochville – Home still not completed. Still people making fires at night on the floor.

10 Olienhhout Fochville – Free electricity and free water? Why should these people get away with this and when will action be taken?

Follow up on half build houses and alterations to be done – List 2024.

Signature:



Date:

14<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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WARD 14

REPORT 2025/01/14

PORTFOLIO: WATER AND ELECTRICITY

ELECTRICITY:

11 Dec Power outages in Merafong. Eskom problem. Eskom could not provide affirmation when the power will be restored. Damages caused by the weather

12 Dec outages in the following street

Olienhout

Kiepersol

Sycamore

Kareeboom

Wattle

Reason: cable fault – feeder fault from the sub station

13 Dec Power still off in certain areas. 2<sup>nd</sup> cable fault. Electricians working hard to fix the problem. Power fixed 21h40.

17 Dec Electrical outage whole of Merafong – Eskom problem – a zinc fell on top of their transmission line.

27 Dec power outage – Protea lane – earth fault

It affected parts of Jacaranda Stinkhout and Anemoon streets. Power was restored the same day.

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WATER

14 DEC Rand water did maintenance. Big areas without water. Including Merafong. Water was off for 3 days. The community of Fochville stood together. Every one with boreholes tried to help the residents with water supplies.

WATER LEAKS IN KIEPERSOL AND MALVA STREET – REPORTED BY COUNSELLER LINDY

There is water constantly coming from the swimming pool area running into a storm water drain.

Engela van der Merwe

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**Monthly Report for 14 January 2025****Portfolio Roads, storm water and Public works.****Member SIMON MATLALA.**

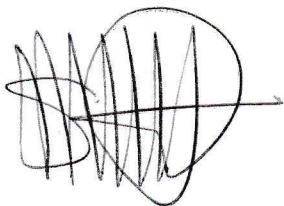
The purpose of this report is to make sure that the people get their services delivered to them by the municipality.

1. Olienhout street very bad needs attention.
2. Sycamor no 25,23,21,7 very bad needs attention.
3. Corner Olienhout 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. Kewboom 28 Fochville potholes (big)

Please we need assistance with these Potholes on our street is a serious problem that needs to be addressed.

Signature.

SIMON MATLALA.

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WC 2025

14-Jan-25

**PORTFOLIO :** PUBLIC SAFETY, WARD 14, FOCHVILLE.

**MONTH :** Jan-25

**MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PORTFOLIO :** JC VAN DER MERWE

**1.) ELECTRICAL CABLE FAULTS / THEFT OUTAGES :**

OUTAGES DUE TO STORMS, " EKSOM " SUBSTATIONS TRIPPED AND SEVERAL CABLE FAULTS THAT CAUSES OUTAGES. SOME REGIONS WITHOUT ELECTRICITY FOR DAYS.

**2.) BURGLARIES :**

3 REPORTED IN OUR AREA ON GROUPS, NO INFO FROM SAPS COULD BE OBTAINED.

**3.) C.P.F.**

CPF TOGETHER WITH PRIVATE SECURITY COMPANIES AND THE " BELREX CAMERA " SYSTEM HAS NUMEROUS SUCCESSES THE PAST MONTH. LAST ONE AT N12/R500 WAS INSTALLED.

**4.) ACCIDENTS :**

SEVERAL ON THE N12 AND ON THE ROAD PASSED KOKOSI, SEVERAL LIFE LOSSES.

**5.) MISSING PERSONS :**

0 CASES BEEN REPORTED.

**6.) SPEED HUMBS :**

FOLLOW UP WAS MADE ON THE APPROVED HUMBS TO BE INSTALLED, AWAITING FEEDBACK.

**7.) POTHOLES :**

COUNCIL WILL START AS SOON AS RAIN GIVE CHANCE.

GREENSPARK / KOKOSI AND STATION ROADS BEEN REPORTED WITH REF NR. TO PROVINCE.

**8.) ADDITIONAL :**

NO FEEDBACK FROM THE LAST REPORT.

**9.) SPEED CAMERA :**

SPEED CAMERA ON CNR. OF 2ND STREET WAS VANDELIZED AND REMOVED.

**10.) CHRISTMAS DRIVE :**

SECURITY COMPANIES, TOGETHER WITH CPF, AFRIFORUM AND EMS. SERVES PARTICIPATE.

**11.) ANTI FIRE WORKS CAMPANE :**

WAS LAUNCHED AND VERY PROUD ON FOCHVILLE WHO REALLY OBAI BY THE REQUEST AGAINST OTHER AREAS AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

**12.) RANDWATER MAINTANANCE :**

VERY GREATFULL FOR COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND HELP IN THE DAYS WITH OUT WATER.



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## WARD 14 COMMITTEE REPORT: LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

14 JANUARY 2025

The December holiday season brought most companies and Merafong to a standstill.

The status quo is in the order of the day and nothing worthwhile to report on.

1. Hennie's Restaurant seems to be doing well.
2. Local Businesses are still struggling.
3. New premises is being constructed Keurboom In under a cloud of controversy.
4. Communication channels to Merafong is still not working properly. During the December 2024 holidays new water crisis and electrical challenges arise with Merafong customer support responding extremely slowly, reference numbers was not supplied.
  - Feedback from the Municipal Manager is either non existent or after the fact.
  - Emails goes unanswered
  - Request for information is ignored.
  - PAIA request is ignored
  - Meeting request is ignored.
  - Cabedocs became available but huge billing inaccuracies resulting in power cuts incorrectly and very arrogant attitudes from Merafong in resolving this. On more than one occasion Merafong come short with business customers where Merafong have incorrect information, the sheriff being summonsed to seize property just to find out Merafong have incorrect information to the tune of millions. Accounts was again late on the system in for January 2025 with huge inaccuracies again.
5. Ward 14 is struggling with basic service that place an extreme limit on LED development. Big issues are water and electricity. Albeit electricity is better due to warmer weather. Water became a nightmare with Merafong and Randwater blatantly spread lies about the true nature of the problem and residents are being misused to as 3<sup>rd</sup> parties to resolve Randwater and Merafong issues.

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.

There is no business trust, no credibility in Merafong and its Council and the whole economic environment is detrimental for any economic growth. Any attempt to contact council, the MM is fruitless endeavors.

Yours truly,



Jaco van der Merwe  
LED: Ward 14 portfolio

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# MONTHLY REPORT

PORTFOLIO: Intergraded Environmental Management

MONTH: January 2025

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, Stinkhout, Mimosa Road, Anemoon Ave. Trees hanging in the streets is a safety issue.

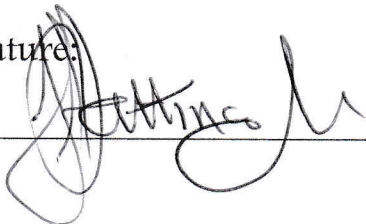
After all the rain the open Merafong fields needs to be cut, also the sidewalks and weed growing in the street needs to be remove.

NSI Trash collection is done in Ward 14 on Fridays, every weekend the truck return to Kiaat nr 11 to collect this house rubbish. Who is paying for this collection of rubbish? Who is paying for overtime? Who has approved this?

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:

14<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**MONTHLY REPORT – WARD 14****PORTFOLIO: Finance****MONTH: January 2025****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 72 report is only due for submission to council by 25 January.

**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** of the MFMA, the Mid-year Budget and Performance assessment report must be tabled by the accounting officer by 25 January of each year to recommend whether an adjustment budget is required.

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

**Discussion**

The Mid- term budget and performance report must be submitted to council by 25 January and therefore there is no January report to be submitted at the time of the ward meeting.

**Recommendations**

1. That it be noted that the Mid-term budget and performance assessment report must be submitted to council by 25 January 2025 to make recommendations to council on whether an Adjustment budget is required.

**SIGNATURE: *Original Signed*****CWA NIEUWOUDT****DATE: 14/01/2025**



**Health and Social Development Report****Date:** 14 January 2025**Compiled by:** Abraham Brits**A Call to Action: Addressing Health and Social Challenges in Merafong Municipality**

The Merafong Municipality faces a series of entrenched challenges that are severely impacting the quality of life for its residents. These issues are not new, yet their persistence has reached critical levels, demanding urgent and effective intervention.

**1. Lawlessness and Ineffectual Enforcement**

The lack of visible law enforcement has contributed significantly to a climate of disorder. While the deployment of Crime Prevention Wardens (CPWs), colloquially known as 'AmaPanyaza,' was intended to bolster safety, their presence has had little tangible impact. Observations of CPWs idling in groups, engaging in casual activities such as eating ice cream or window shopping, are disheartening. Their stated responsibilities—foot patrols, stop-and-search operations, and infrastructure protection—appear largely unfulfilled.

Traffic officers, once integral to maintaining order at intersections, are conspicuously absent. The resulting chaos at key junctions exemplifies the broader erosion of effective municipal oversight.

**2. Neglected Public Spaces**

Our parks and public spaces, which should serve as hubs for community engagement and recreation, have been left to deteriorate. Overgrown vegetation and neglected maintenance have transformed these areas into hazards rather than assets. Similarly, vacant plots, now riddled with weeds and debris, reflect a concerning lack of management and oversight.

**3. Deteriorating Infrastructure**

Recent rains have exacerbated the already critical state of our roads. Potholes proliferate, creating dangerous conditions for motorists and further degrading infrastructure. Repairs, when undertaken, are either inadequate or delayed, leaving residents with few assurances of improvement.

**4. Inequitable Waste Management**

The inconsistency of waste collection services has become a significant concern. Allegations of preferential treatment, including reports of rubbish collection trucks operating on Sundays for select individuals, undermine public trust and exacerbate feelings of neglect among the broader community.

**5. Municipal Billing and Communication Failures**

Late and inaccurate municipal accounts have become commonplace, causing undue stress for residents striving to meet their obligations. Additionally, the transition to prepaid service providers has been poorly communicated, leaving many unprepared and unsupported during the process.

**6. Unregulated Construction Standards**

The lack of enforcement regarding building regulations in certain areas is an

alarming trend. This oversight not only jeopardizes community safety but also threatens the property values of longstanding homeowners, eroding the financial stability of many families.

**Conclusion and Recommendations**

The cumulative effect of these issues is the steady decline of a community once defined by its vitality and resilience. The residents of Merafong do not demand miracles but rather the essentials of good governance: fairness, transparency, and basic service delivery.

We urge municipal authorities and other stakeholders to act decisively. Prioritizing visible and effective law enforcement, ensuring equitable service provision, addressing infrastructure deficiencies, and improving communication channels are critical first steps toward restoring public confidence and enhancing the overall well-being of the community.

## Monthly Report – 14 January 2025

### Portfolio – Corporate Services

#### Member – Nadine Boucher

- 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
- We are also requesting a list of all the positions filled in the last 12 months please (If this was done according to the organogram, if it was approved accordingly in line with financial recovery plan)





WC 1075

Jacoba van den Berg

14 January 2025

### **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 26<sup>th</sup> 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)

The sports clubs did ask for help with weed that is growing all over the paving at the stadium, Mike Msukwini only stated noted on the message.

### **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.

In December from the 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> of December Fochville had no water due to Rand Water fixing some pipes. The library had to close due to no water.