

Portfolio Reports

MONTHLY REPORT

PORTFOLIO: Human settlement and Land Development

MONTH: February 2025

MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PORTFOLIO: Francois Hattingh

As discussed in previous meeting on 14th of January 2025 – Cllr. Lindy Maritz and I visited Mr. Thebile Segwapa the Building inspector at Merafong. I handed him a list of unfinished houses and renovations to houses in Ward 14. Thebile undertake to follow up and investigate. Also, assuring me I can contact him once a month and he will give me feedback. I also asked him he should check on 110 Olienhout Fochville where residents are not paying for water and Electricity. Also, Olienhout Fochville next to Civic Centre where people occupied and unfinished home and water and electricity are connected.

Signature:



Date:

04th of February 2025

WARD 14

REPORT 2025/02/04

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

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

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.

1 January there was a problem with the new Equalizer Pay – Electricity could not be purchased. The problem was sorted the following day

6 January – electrical outage in Kiepersol street

8 January – power outage – 1st 38 substation was off.

9 January – the fault was found. Electrical team waited for approval from their department to proceed with repairs

No material was available in Merafong for the repair. Repairs was done later the same day

16 January – power outage- cable fault from the main substation to Protea str. Effected area was from Protea str to kiepersol str including Peperkorrel and Popelierstreet

17 January The request for repairs needed to be handed in to the CFO whereby the expenditure needs to be approved and a contractor then appointed. Repairs were done the same day.

WATER

Aging and damaged pipes should be replaced

Smaller water leaks not fixed yet

Measures should be implemented to reduce water waste

3 January the SAVF retirement village reported that there was no water REF IMKYSON225

Lindy reported water leaks in Kiepersol and Malva street. In Kiepersol a part had to be manufactured to fix the leak. Unfortunately the new part cracked

Residents complained that their accounts are not correct.

Engela van der Mewe



Monthly Report for February 2025**Portfolio- Road, 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.I would like to thank the municipality for attending to some of our potholes which were very bad in Olienhout.

2.Also thank you for tending to the corner of Peperkorrel and Olienhout the very bad pothole has been filled. We still have some challenges of the following streets that need to be attended to please:

A. Keurboom no 30 and corner Denneweg street and Keurboom.

B. Olienhout no 110 or 71. Very bad potholes need to be fixed.

C. Waterberry street no 12,8,and 20 very bad potholes needs attention.

D .Kareeboom street no 22 very bad potholes needs to be fixed.

E. Keurboom and Bloekom on the corner there's bad potholes needs to be attended to.

F. Lelielaan very very bad potholes on the corner need urgent attention the whole street has potholes.

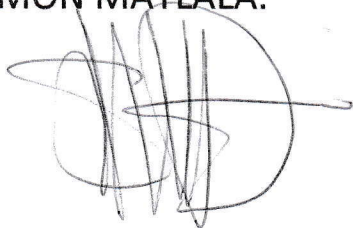
G. Sycamor street no 25,23,21,7 very bad potholes needs to be fixed

H. Aster street very bad potholes need to be fixed.

Please we need assistance with these potholes on our street it's a serious problem that needs to be addressed.

Signature.

SIMON MATLALA.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SIMON MATLALA', written over a circular stamp or seal.

04-Feb-25

WNC 2025

PORTFOLIO : PUBLIC SAFETY, WARD 14, FOCHVILLE.
MONTH : Feb-25
MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PORTFOLIO : JC VAN DER MERWE

1.) ELECTRICAL CABLE FAULTS / THEFT OUTAGES :

DU PREEZE STREET " CABLE FAULT" ON THE 17 TH OF JANUARY 2025.
ESCOM REINSTATE " LOADSHEDDING " ON THE 31 ST OF JANUARY 2025.
PATROLLERS OF ALL COMPANIES / IDENTITIES PARTICIPATED TO DID EXTRA PATROLS.

2.) BURGLARIES :

NONE 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 AGAIN NUMEROUS SUCCESSES THE PAST MONTH.

4.) ACCIDENTS :

SEVERAL ON THE N12 AND ON THE ROAD PASSED KOKOSI, NO LIFE LOSSES.

5.) MISSING PERSONS :

0 CASES CBEEN REPORTED.

6.) SPEED HUMBS :

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

7.) POTHLES :

COUNCIL WILL START AS SOON AS RAIN GIVE CHANCE.
GREENSPARK / KOKOSI AND STATION ROADS THAT WAS REPORTED TO PROVINCE, BEEN FILLED.

8.) ADDITIONAL :

NO FEEDBACK FROM THE LAST REPORT.

9.) SPEED CAMERA :

SPEED CAMERA ON CNR. OF 2ND STREET IS IN PLACE AGAIN.

10.) NEW P[UBLIC SAFETY VEHICLES / TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT.

WE " URGE COUNCIL " TO BRING IN 2 X VEHICLES TO PATROL THE STREETS OF FOCHVILLE EVERY DAY.

AT RHIS STAGE " NO STOP SIGNS " EXIST IN FOCHVILLE, AS 99 % OF THE PEOPLE DON'T STOP.

11.) TAXI / AVANZAS :

THE FIGHT IS STILL GOING ON, EVEN AFTER ALL DEPARTMENTS (SAPS / PUBLIC SAFETY) BEEN INFORMED, BUT COULD NOT SORT OUT THE PROBLEMS.



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WARD 14 COMMITTEE REPORT: LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

04 FEBRUARY 2025

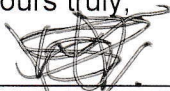
The status quo is in the order of the day and nothing worthwhile to report on.

1. Local Businesses are still struggling.
2. 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 in correct information, the sheriff being summonsed to seize property just to find out Merafong have in correct information to the tune of millions. Accounts was again late on the system in for January 2025 with huge inaccuracies again.
3. 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.

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: February 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. On 23rd January 2025 one dustbin digger was stabbed with a screwdriver infront of 23 Jacaranda Fochville.

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 removed.

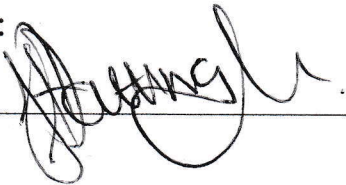
NSI Trash collection is done in Ward 14 on Fridays, every weekend the truck return to Kiaat nr 11 to collect this house rubbish. Who is paying for this collection of rubbish? Who is paying for overtime? Who has approved this?

Once again, the rubbish truck collected from Kiaat 11 Fochville twice in a weekend. Please see attached foto's with registration number: KYX184NW

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:

04th of February 2025

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MONTHLY REPORT – WARD 14**PORTFOLIO: Finance****MONTH: February 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 that was due for submission to council by 25 January 2025, has not been received or made public on the Merafong website.

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 have been submitted to council by 25 January 2025 but no report has been received from the councilor or has been made public on the municipal website as required by law and therefore there is no report to be submitted.

The importance of the report is that the mid-term review informs the need for an adjustment budget. Several factors had an impact on the budget as at mid-year.

The municipality indicated that strict credit control will be exercised and a pre-paid electricity meter correction drive would have been undertaken together with the electricity meter TID process.

The collection rate on consumer accounts is another factor that would have had an impact on the budget performance.

The impact of the billing crisis on the revenue for the first 6 months of the financial year would also have had an impact on the financial performance.

Another major factor is the impact on the resolution that a portion of the "Equitable Share Grant" would have been attached in lieu of the arrears Rand Water account. The impact of this would necessitate an adjustment budget. The loss of income will negatively impact on the operational budget and service delivery.

The revenue and expenditure trend as at mid-year. Progress on grant funded projects and whether any grants have been forfeited due to poor performance.

It is of utmost importance that the public be informed on the outcome of the budget review process and the impact on the Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan and that wards be consulted on the reprioritization of the budget.

Recommendations

1. That it be noted that the Mid-term budget and performance assessment report had to be submitted to council by 25 January 2025 to make recommendations to council on whether an Adjustment budget is required.
2. That it be noted that no report has been received or has been made public on the Municipal website as required by law.
3. That it be noted that the public and ward committees must be consulted during the reprioritisation of the budget, should an adjustment budget be required.
4. That the ward councillor gives feedback on this matter.

SIGNATURE: *Original Signed*

CWA NIEUWOUDT

DATE:03/02/2025

Health and Social Development Report: Ward 14

Date: 4 February 2025

Compiled by: Abraham Brits

1. Introduction Health and social issues are crucial aspects of community well-being in Ward 14. Access to healthcare, environmental conditions, employment opportunities, and social cohesion play a significant role in the quality of life for residents. Addressing these factors effectively ensures a healthier and more connected community.

2. Health Overview

- **Access to Healthcare Services:** Ward 14 has access to clinics and hospitals, but there are ongoing concerns regarding the availability and response time of ambulance services.
- **Environmental Factors:** Pollution and illegal dumping remain significant challenges. Notable dumping sites include Protea Avenue and Olienhout Street, leading to potential health risks such as rat infestations. Additionally, an empty house at the corner of Stinkhout and Keurboom Streets, as well as Keurboom 13, has become a dumping site, further increasing health hazards.

3. Social Overview

- **Employment:** The local economy benefits from various job opportunities, particularly from small businesses. While raids on spaza shops in the downtown area do not directly affect Ward 14, they impact job availability for residents. The extension of permit application deadlines has been a positive development in maintaining employment.
- **Crime and Safety:** Community security is an ongoing concern. However, the well-organised community security WhatsApp group and neighbourhood watch initiatives have contributed significantly to improving safety.
- **Social Cohesion:** Cultural activities and community events have fostered strong diversity and integration, making Ward 14 a model for social unity within the municipality.

4. Community Strengths and Challenges

- **Strengths:** The active community security initiatives have been effective in crime prevention and fostering a sense of safety among residents.
- **Challenges:** One of the pressing issues is the cleaning and maintenance of empty plots, which frequently become illegal dumping sites. The lack of proper waste management on these plots poses both environmental and health risks.

5. Recommendations and Solutions

- **Short-Term Initiatives:** Engage contract-based workers to clean up empty plots regularly to prevent further illegal dumping.
- **Long-Term Solutions:** Collaborate with NGOs, local businesses, and government departments to create sustainable waste management strategies.

- **Education and Awareness:** Launch community awareness campaigns to educate residents about proper waste disposal and the importance of maintaining a clean and healthy environment.

6. Conclusion This report highlights the key health and social challenges and strengths within Ward 14. While certain initiatives, such as community security and social cohesion, are working well, environmental concerns and healthcare access need urgent attention. Community involvement remains essential in driving sustainable change and ensuring a healthier, safer living environment for all residents.

Monthly Report – February 2025

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 – Up and running however the accounts are still not correct, residents struggling to get Merafong to assist in correcting incorrect amounts ie over charging on water etc
- 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 the organogram , if it was approved accordingly in line with financial recovery plan)
- Swimming Pool – Needs resources & staff need appropriate training

- Library – Needs resources
- Electricity – Very concerned, winter approaching Du Preez line is going to be a problem
- Is there any feedback re mobile Home Affairs, there was a visit at Kokosi, however people waited from 7 till 4 then told to go home as they are not paid overtime, not everyone could wait in the hall, so they had to brave the heat, we need to try and get a few more visits and more spread across Fochville so all wards can be assisted, is this possible?
- Fifth Street – Residents concerned re children crossing there as cars do not stop

SLM

Jacoba van den Berg

4 February 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 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)

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.

- On the 22nd of January there was a report again of a major water leak at the sport stadium. Ref number is 0Z5J31XN25. Still not fixed.
- There is also a issue of a trench that needs to be dug at the squash club for the water issue that still has not been done. The material costs is R700 and the squash club even stated that they will pay it to be done. This has been going on for 3 months now.
- On 29 January they reported ladies bathroom has been vandalized.
- On Saturday 1 February, they started to steal some cables at the stadium.

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 13th to 16th of December Fochville had no water due to Rand Water fixing some pipes. The library had to close due to no water.

