

Portfolio Reports

MONTHLY REPORT

PORTFOLIO: Human settlement and Land Development

MONTH: March 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 March 2025

WC 2029

WARD 14

WC 1073

REPORT 2025/03/04

PORTFOLIO: WATER AND ELECTRICITY

ELECTRICITY:

Stage six load shedding came with a bang – power outages after load shedding. Eskom tripped transformer one. Transformer 2 was still working. They trip the transformer remotely but cannot switch it on remotely. The breaker was only reset after 8 am but the system was overloading and tripped again.

We were asked to reduce the load in our homes to prevent Eskom from switching us off.

Eskom can switch the power off remotely but cannot switch it on remotely. They have to physically come out and put the power back on. Eskom could not be reached through the night which meant we were off the whole night. *Due to old transformer*

Power outages on the 27th. There were reports of Merafong cutting off electricity supply in Ward 14. Some residents were not even in arrears. With a system that is not functioning properly and no credit control Merafong cannot cut electricity without proper notice.

Power outages were reported on the 3de of March.

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 highjack's

WATER

1. WATER LEAK BETWEEN 44 AND 46 KIEPERSOL REPORTED ON SATURDAY 8 February ref: 87GK0561025
Contacted Leah on 13th. Sent her a video and the ref nr. Leak was fixed
 2. WATER LEAK ON THE CORNER OF KIEPERSOL AND ANNEMOON. REPORTED SATURDAY 8 FEBRUARY NO REF. It seems like the corner of address is a problem, jet the leak it absolute on the corner
 3. WATERLEAK WATTLE 11/ REPORTED 12 FEBRUARY NO REF GIVEN. REPORTED AGAIN ON 25 FEBR. STILL NO REF WAS GIVEN. I GOT A MESSAGE THAT THEY WILL REPORT IT THE FOLLOWING DAY. Today 4th MARCH THE LEAK IS STILL NOT FIXED.
 4. ANNEMOON 37 WATER LEAK SUNDAY 16TH FEBRUARY REF J5FXCT3E25 FIXED THE SAME DAY
 5. DURING THE MONTH THEIR WAS REPROTS OF LOW WATER PRESSUE
Aging and damaged pipes should be replaced
Smaller water leaks not fixed yet
Measures should be implemented to reduce water waste
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WC 1073

Monthly Report for March

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.Thanks the municipality for attending to some of our potholes which were very bad - RE Olienhout.

2.Also in the corner of Pepperkorrel and Olienhout the bad potholes have been filled. We still have some challenges in the following streets.

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

C. Olienhout no 110 or 71 very bad potholes need to be fixed.

D. Waterberry street no 12 ,8,and 20 very bad potholes need to be fixed.

E. Kareeboom and Bloekom on the corner there's bad potholes need to be fixed.

E. Lelielaan very very bad potholes need urgent attention very bad potholes street full of potholes.

F. Sycamore street no 25,23,21,7 very bad potholes need to be fixed.

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

H. Jacaranda street no 11,23,31 very bad potholes need to be fixed.

I. Jacaranda and Anemoon street on the corner very bad potholes need to be fixed.

J. Disalaan street no 31 very bad potholes need to be fixed.

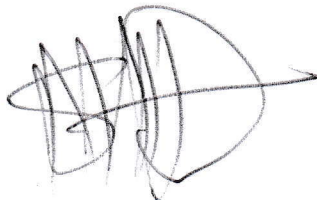
K. Anemoon street no 26 very bad potholes need to be fixed.

L. Ouhout street no 4 very very bad potholes need to be fixed please .

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

Signature.

SIMON MATLALA.



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<u>et Name & Number</u>	<u>Report Date</u>	<u>Ref Nr</u>
Rooibos Avenue 3	12-Feb	Cc6/12/02/2025/09
Ouhout Sreet 4&5	12-Feb	Cc6/12/02/2025/11
Waterberry 8,10,6,4	12-Feb	Cc6/12/02/2025/10
Ebenhout	12-Feb	Cc6/12/02/2025/13
Sycamore	12-Feb	RZGH5KX825
Keurboom 28,30	13-Feb	2LKYZOGW825
Olienhout 77	13-Feb	L07MGLMT25
Corner Anemoon & Stinkhout	14-Feb	Cc6/14/02/2025/11
Aster Street	17-Feb	7BC0DVHU25
Dahlia Street	17-Feb	Cc6/18/02/2025/01

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PORTFOLIO : PUBLIC SAFETY, WARD 14, FOCHVILLE.

MONTH : Mar-25

MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PORTFOLIO :

JC VAN DER MERWE

WC 2025

1.) ELECTRICAL CABLE FAULTS / THEFT OUTAGES :

ESCOM REINSTATE " LOADSHEDDING " STAGE 6.

PATROLLERS OF ALL COMPANIES / IDENTITIES PARTICIPATED TO DO EXTRA PATROLS.

2.) BURGLARIES :

NONE REPORTED IN OUR AREA ON GROUPS, NO INFO FROM SAPS COULD BE OBTAINED.

3.) C.P.F.

ADDITIONAL " BELREX CAMERA " HAS BEEN INSTALLED AT " MOMENTOS " ENTRANCE.

AGAIN NUMEROUS SUCCESSES THE PAST MONTH.

4.) ACCIDENTS :

SEVERAL ON THE N12, ESPECIALLY ACROSS " THE HANDELS HUIS ". LIFE LOSSES. I FEEL INVESTIGATIONS TO BE HELD TO SEE WHY ONLY ON 3 PLACES BETWEEN WESTERN AREA AND POTCH WHERE 90 % OF ALL ACCIDENTS OCCUR THE PAST 30 YEARS.

5.) MISSING PERSONS :

0 CASES BEEN REPORTED.

6.) SPEED HUMBS :

FEEDBACK OR REPORTS. BELIEVE IT WILL NOT HAPPEN AS THERE IS NO FUNDING LIKE THE REST.

7.) POTHOLES :

NO " MATERIAL / TAR " LEFT. NO INDICATION ON WHEN / IF THERE WILL BE AVAILABLE AGAIN TO CONTINUE CLOSING POT HOLES.

8.) ADDITIONAL :

NO FEEDBACK FROM THE LAST REPORT.

9.) SPEED CAMERA :

FIXED SPEED CAMERA MOVED TO LOSBERG AVE ACROSS " HENNIES " PUB AND GRILL.

10.) NEW PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLES / TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT.

PUBLIC SAFETY / TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT VERY ACTIVE IN FOCHVILLE, AND HELPFUL AT ACCIDENTS.

THEY EVEN ISSUE S.A.P.S. VEHICLES FINES THAT BLOCKED ROAD AT COURT AND STOPPING AT " DISABLED PARKINGS "

11.) TAXI / AVANZAS :

THE FIGHT IS STILL GOING ON, NO INTERVENTION OF (SAPS / PUBLIC SAFETY) TO STOP THEM.



JC VD MERWE

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WARD 14 COMMITTEE REPORT: LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

04 MARCH 2025

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

1. Local Businesses are still struggling.
2. 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

WC 2027

MONTHLY REPORT

PORTFOLIO: Intergraded Environmental Management

MONTH: March 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 Friday collection day another dustbin was stole.

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.

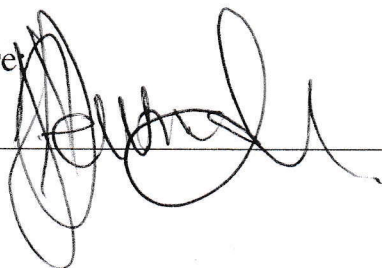
NSI Trash collection is done in Ward 14 on Fridays, every weekend the truck return to Kiaat nr 11 to collect this house rubbish. Who is paying for this collection of rubbish? Who is paying for overtime? Who has approved this?

Once again, the rubbish truck collected from Kiaat 11 Fochville twice in a weekend. Registration number: KYX184NW This matter was reported by Cllr. Lindy Maritz but no feedback.

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 March 2025

WC 2006

MONTHLY REPORT – WARD 14

WC 1074

PORTFOLIO: Finance

MONTH: March 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. Subsequently the Section 71 reports were also due but no reports have been published on the municipal website or received from councilors.

The following report as submitted in the February 2025 ward meeting is still relevant. It is a serious concern that no reports or feedback is been given on the financial situation of council and the budget and budget review process.

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*

WC 1074

CWA NIEUWOUDT

DATE: 03/03/2025

Health and Safety Report

Date: 3 March 2025

Prepared by: Abraham Brits

Introduction

This month I do not only wish to highlight problems in my Ward only, but I also want us to look at our whole community and the huge problem that we as a collective are staring in the face.

This report highlights pressing health and social issues currently affecting the Merafong City Council area. These concerns mirror national trends but have specific local implications that require urgent attention from municipal authorities, healthcare providers, and community organizations.

Health Issues

1. HIV/AIDS Treatment Disruptions

The recent suspension of international funding for HIV/AIDS programmes has had a severe impact on treatment accessibility. Clinics in Merafong, particularly in Carletonville and Khutsong, face potential medicine shortages and staffing reductions. This disruption could result in increased HIV transmission rates and reduced adherence to antiretroviral therapy (ART), exacerbating the crisis.

2. Impact of Sugary Drinks on Public Health

The high consumption of sugary beverages, particularly in lower-income areas, contributes to rising cases of diabetes and heart disease. Public health clinics in Fochville, Carletonville, and Blybank are already overwhelmed, and increased cases of chronic illnesses place further strain on limited medical resources. There is a need for educational campaigns, school nutrition policies, and taxation measures to discourage excessive sugar consumption.

3. Heroin and Nyaope Addiction Crisis

Substance abuse, particularly heroin and nyaope, is an escalating problem in Merafong, with hotspots in Khutsong, Blybank, and Carletonville. Addiction fuels crime, unemployment, and social instability. Despite efforts from local rehabilitation centres, there is a shortage of effective harm reduction programmes, including methadone therapy and employment reintegration initiatives.

Social Issues

1. Xenophobia and Immigration Challenges

The presence of undocumented foreign nationals, many involved in informal trade or illegal mining (Zama Zamas), has led to heightened tensions between local residents and immigrant groups. This has resulted in violent confrontations, economic disputes, and concerns over crime. A balanced approach is required to address the grievances of local communities while ensuring the fair treatment of all residents.

2. Economic Inequality and Service Delivery Failures

High unemployment rates, poor service delivery, and financial mismanagement by the municipality continue to fuel public dissatisfaction. Informal settlements like Kokosi and Wedela suffer from irregular water supply, power outages, and deteriorating infrastructure. Protests and civic unrest are expected to increase if these concerns are not addressed with tangible improvements.

3. Environmental Pollution vs. Economic Stability

Mining operations in Carletonville and surrounding areas contribute to severe environmental degradation, leading to air and water pollution, ground instability, and sinkholes. While mining remains a key economic driver, stronger regulatory oversight is required to balance economic benefits with public health and environmental sustainability.

Recommendations

1. **Healthcare Investment** – Ensure continued access to HIV treatment, expand diabetes screening programmes, and support addiction recovery initiatives.
2. **Community Engagement** – Launch awareness campaigns on nutrition, drug abuse prevention, and conflict resolution.
3. **Service Delivery Improvements** – Address municipal mismanagement, improve infrastructure maintenance, and restore public confidence.
4. **Environmental Regulations** – Strengthen policies to mitigate pollution while promoting alternative economic opportunities beyond mining.

Conclusion

Merafong City Council faces critical challenges that require proactive intervention. A collaborative effort between government authorities, civil society organizations, and the business sector is essential to ensure a healthier, safer, and more equitable future for all residents.

WC 829

Monthly Report – March 2025

Portfolio – Corporate Services

WC 1078

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, some residents are being switched off due to these incorrect errors
- 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
- It has also been noted that the telephones at Merafong offices are not working just rings

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Jacoba van den Berg

4 March 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 10th of February there was a suggestion made that each sport code that is active at the stadium donate R1000 per month to clean the toilets and cut the ~~garage~~ ^{grass}. The sports codes does not have that kind of money to do this.

On the 14th of February the rugby lights where fixed and they are all working. But the squash club's water is still not fixed.

On the 25th of February the water issue was fixed at the squash courts.

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.

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