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WARD COMMITTEE REPORTING FORMAT 2022-2026

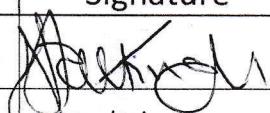
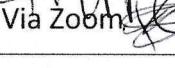
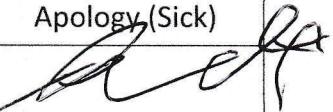
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WARD 14

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DATE: 04<sup>th</sup> of November 2025 Venue: Fochville Civic Centre

TIME: 17:30- 18:50

NO:	Name & Surname	Portfolio	Contacts	Signature
1.	Heidi Hattingh WC2006	Integrated Environmental Management	084 628 9398	
2.	Engela van der Merwe WC1073	Water, Sanitation, Electricity, gas and PMC	082 438 7397	
3.	Simon Matlala WC339	Road, Storm water and public works	064 945 6858	
4.	Nadine Bouwer WC1078	Corporate /Support Service	076 339 8213	 Via Zoom
5.	Christelle de Beer WC	Sport and Libraries	082 715 0050	Apology (Sick)
6.	Albie Nieuwoudt WC1074	Finance	082 920 5222	
7.	Corné van der Merwe (Jay Cee) WC2025	Public Safety	082 800 8668	Via Zoom
8.	Jaco van der Merwe (JP) WC2027	Local Economic Development	083 494 1949	
9.	Francois Hattingh WC2029	Human Settlement and Land Development	081 494 0204	
10.	Abraham Brits WC829	Health and Social Development	079 650 1866	
	Cllr. Lindy Maritz	Ward 14 Cllr.	066 248 4822	Apology (Sick)



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE WARD 14 WARD COMMITTEE  
MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THE 04<sup>th</sup> OF NOVEMBER 2025 AT  
FOCHVILLE CIVIC CENTRE.

## AGENDA

1. Opening and Welcome
2. Opening Prayer
3. Signing of the Attendance Register
4. Application for Leave of Absence.
5. Adoption of the Agenda
6. Personalia

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- 7.1 Approval of the minutes – 07<sup>th</sup> OF October 2025

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- R500 Streetlights Provincial Road.
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#### 7.2.2 2027 New date meetings

## 8. REPORT

### 8.1 SECRETARY

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- No Birthdays

### 8.2 COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

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- 9.1 Human Settlement and Land Development
- 9.2 Water, Sanitation, Electricity, GAS and PMU
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- 9.4 Public Safety
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- 9.6 Integrated Environmental Management
- 9.7 Finance
- 9.8 Health and Social Development
- 9.9 Corporate Support Services
- 9.10 SRACH & LIS

## 10. Closure

# **Memorandum**

To:	Mr. Jaco van der Merwe – Ward 14 Committee member
From:	Councillor L Maritz – Ward 14
Topic: Delegation to chair ward committee meeting of 04 <sup>th</sup> of November '25	
Date:	04 <sup>th</sup> of November 2025

You are hereby delegated in terms of the provisions of Section 6 of the Guidelines for the Establishment and Operation of Municipal Ward Committees, as published under GN 965 in GG 27699 dated 24 June to chair the scheduled ward committee meeting on 04<sup>th</sup> of November 2025, due to the unavailability of the undersigned.

The undersigned will provide the applicable documents for the meeting to yourself.

# Dr. D.F. van Tonder

MB ChB (Pret)

PR: 1519476 - MP 0394238

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## Mediese Sertifikaat ~ Medical Certificate

Ondergetekende sertifiseer dat /  
Undersigned hereby certifies that

L. Maritz

deur my ondersoek was op /  
was examined by me on

4/11/20 25

Volgens my kennis is die pasient onbekwaam vir werk vanaf/  
According to my knowledge the patient is unfit for work from:

4/11/20 25

tot en met / up to including

4/11/20 25

Datum gesik vir werk / Date suited to commence work:

5/11/20 25

Aard van siekte / operasie / besering.  
Nature of illness / disorder / injury:

Procedure

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Dr. Daniel van Tonder  
MBChB (Pret)

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Datum/Date

Tyd/Time: 10:00

Cllr. Lindy Maritz

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To whom it might concern

I Cornelia de Beer will not be able to attend the ward 14 meeting for 04 November 2025 due to pneumonia

Trust and hope that the board will accept my excuse for not attending the meeting as per mentioned date

Kind regards

Cornelia de Beer





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### 8.3 CDW

## 9. PORTFOLIO REPORTS

Mr. Albie Nieuwoudt has emailed the MM regarding the portfolio report for Ward 14.

### Conclusion

Although the ward committee is operating effectively and the councillor has made efforts to support the council, there has been no notable feedback or support received. This lack of engagement is a significant factor contributing to the challenges faced by local government, where legislative processes are at times reduced to mere formalities.

It is recommended that the functioning of ward committees be prioritised to enhance service delivery and ensure consistent communication with communities, particularly in areas where the council encounters serious challenges.

## 9.1 HUMAN SETTLEMENT AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

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

An email was sent to the MM concerning all unfinished and partially

Constructed houses. A response was received but did not show accurate

Information, other properties were added to the list as well.

### Not Resolved

- A list of all the houses was made and sent to Merafong in 2024.
- Merafong needs to investigate this (the building plans ect.)
- The list was emailed to the MM (15<sup>th</sup> September 2025)

## 9.2 WATER, SANITION, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND PMU

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

Merafong Municipality owes millions. Merafong Municipality is facing a

Severe financial crisis. Power outage on numerous days. The situation with

Rand water is dire, with Merafong owing a staggering amount. Rand water

Has been forced to reduce the water supply by 20% due to non payment.

This debt has been accumulating over time. Ward 14 still don't have water.

### Resolved

- Cllr. Lindy followed up this matter.
- The portfolio reports need to be read.
- This matter needs to be attended to urgently!
- **WARD 14 NEEDS WATER!!**

## 9.3 ROADS, STORM WATER AND PUBLIC WORKS

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

- Thanks for attending to some of the potholes.
- Still a lot of potholes that needs to be attended to in Ward 14.
- All the potholes have been reported.

### Resolved

- Cllr. Lindy to follow up on this matter.
- The portfolio reports need to be read.
- Merafong needs to give attention to this report.
- Potholes have been reported to the Call centre still

#### 9.4 PUBLIC SAFETY

Report by Mr. JC van der Merwe ...

- Electrical cable fault/theft outages
- Burglaries reported in ward 14
- Several accidents on N12 and R500
- Camera system is still a big success
- Speed humbs – no feedback
- Potholes reported
- 15 year old girl went missing, was found
- Several fields set on fire R500
- Water crises – Rand water restrict Merafong lead to a quiet peaceful march to Carletonville from Kokosi

**Resolved:**

- **Cllr. Lindy to follow up on all these matters.**
- **Merafong needs to give attention to this report.**

#### 9.5 LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Report by Mr JP van der Merwe....

October 2025 underscored that the service delivery crisis in Ward 14 has crossed into a state of civic instability. The imposition of water scheduling unresolved R1.4 billion debt and lack of progress on municipal turn around strategies have created a volatile environment. Unless decisive intervention is taken, Fochville, Kokosi, Greenspark and Khotsoville will continue to experience economic decline and humanitarian distress.

**Resolved**

- **No feedback from Merafong.**
- **This portfolio needs to be read and needs to be attended to urgently!**
- **Cllr. Lindy needs to follow up on this.**

## 9.6 INTERGRATED ENVIROMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Report by Ms. Heidi Hattingh....

Still waiting for feedback from Merafong.

Rubbish dumped all over ward 14

Still no trees on the sidewalks have been cut in Ward 14

Potholes that were reported still not been filled.

Thank you for whomever clean Kiepersol fields. Fare on R500.

- **Resolved:**
- **That Cllr Lindy follow up this matter with the Speaker and relevant Portfolio MMC.**
- **A clean-up campaign in ward 14 needs to be launch.**
- **Still nothing been done from Merafong side.**

## 9.7 Finance

### Report by Mr. Albie Nieuwoudt..

- That the Revenue Management Report be noted with concern.
- That the ward councillor verifies and obtain feedback on the reported 28% collection rate of ward 14, 2% on farms and 3% in industrial properties.
- That the report on the Rates dispute with the mining houses be noted as a per attached annexure.
- That the poor performance of meter readings be noted and that an action plan be approved by council to address the matter which is mostly infrastructure related.
- That the poor performance on the implementation of the Electricity TID process and the 23241 non-purchasing electricity meters be noted with concern.
- That feedback be obtained on the implementation of the smart metering project and the correction of bridged meters.
- That it be noted that still no credit control is conducted in Township areas and no feedback on the reasons therefore have been given. This is a clear violation of council's own policies without any oversight, accountability or consequence management.
- That the dismal financial position of council and the effect on basic service delivery and the provision of water be noted.
- That a clear plan of action be developed and adopted by council to mandate any negotiations with Rand Water and other spheres of government and that it be communicated to the community.

### Resolved

- This matter needs to be attended to.

## 9.8 HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

### Report by Mr. Abraham Brits...

It is clear that Merafong Municipality's management lacks the ability to plan Manage, or deliver basic services effectively. The administration appears disconnected from the needs of the community and motivated by self-interest rather than public services. If it were not for the initiative of residents local businesses, and non-profit organisations who have taken it upon themselves to repair roads, clean up refuse, and maintain public spaces Ward 14, along with the rest of Merafong, would have fallen into complete decay. This report serves as an urgent call for the Municipality to acknowledge its failures, take responsibility and implement corrective action before further harm is done to the wellbeing and dignity of our residents.

### Resolved.

- Merafong needs to give feedback to ward 14.
- This report needs to be read.



## 9.9 CORPORATE SUPPORT SERVICES

### Report by Ms Nadine Bouwer please read attached report...

Health and Safety still a concern. Residents very anxious re: Financial/billing system. Rand water – no feedback was received.

Library, no feedback re maintenance/upgrade/books.

We are also requesting a list of all positions filled in the last 12 months please

Swimming pool needs resources & staff need appropriate training

### Resolved:

- That the report be noted.
- Cllr. Lindy needs to follow up on the account matters.
- We need feedback from Merafong regarding this portfolio.

## 9.10 SPORTS AND LIBRARY

Report by Ms. Christelle de Beer

Some areas have electricity. Bathrooms are still a huge concern. Still waiting for water problem to be fixed. Security is an issue. Illegal dumping. Lights Burning. No new books. Bathrooms not working.  
The caretaker of the swimming pool is filling the swimming pool with hose pipe while Ward 14 don't have water. The grass at the swimming pool needs to be cut.

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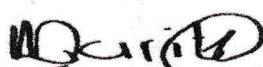
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**SUBMISSIONS:**

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Councillor Lindy Maritz has sent the letter to "Our Town"

Equitable shares – Dept. Minister of Finance (December 2026) to Rand Water

- The minister of Finance will make sure that the money will be paid to Rand Water and not Merafong. Mr. Nieuwoudt said that this is 100% correct but what about the payback agreement between Municipality, Rand water Gauteng and Nasional Treasury. Cllr. Lindy, please follow up on this matter.

Councillor Lindy Maritz has been requested to investigate the funds retained by the Mine from Merafong, as well as to gather information regarding the ongoing court case.

Mr. Nieuwoudt did give us feedback regarding this matter.

Mr. Nieuwoudt requested that Councillor Lindy review the payment figures

for Ward 14, noting that they were very low last month and remain at 34% this month. Councillor Lindy is advised to obtain a report to verify the accuracy of these figures.

Cllr. Lindy must write a letter to the Speakers Offices regarding the Stipends of 05<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

## PORFOLIO REPORTS

Mr. Albie Nieuwoudt has emailed the MM regarding the portfolio report for Ward 14.

### **Conclusion**

Although the ward committee is operating effectively and the councillor has made efforts to support the council, there has been no notable feedback or support received. This lack of engagement is a significant factor contributing to the challenges faced by local government, where legislative processes are at times reduced to mere formalities.

It is recommended that the functioning of ward committees be prioritised to enhance service delivery and ensure consistent communication with communities, particularly in areas where the council encounters serious challenges.

## HUMAN SETTLEMENT AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

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

An email was sent to the MM concerning all unfinished and partially Constructed houses. A response was received but did not show accurate Information, other properties were added to the list as well.

### Not Resolved

- A list of all the houses was made and sent to Merafong in 2024.
- Merafong needs to investigate this (the building plans ect.)
- The list was emailed to the MM (15<sup>th</sup> September 2025)

## WATER, SANITION, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND PMU

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

Merafong Municipality owes millions. Merafong Municipality is facing a severe financial crisis. Power outage on numerous days. The situation with Rand water is dire, with Merafong owing a staggering amount. Rand water has been forced to reduce the water supply by 20% due to non payment. This debt has been accumulating over time. Ward 14 still don't have water.

Resolved

- Cllr. Lindy followed up this matter.
- The portfolio reports need to be read.
- This matter needs to be attended to urgently!
- WARD 14 NEEDS WATER!!

## ROADS, STORM WATER AND PUBLIC WORKS

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

- Thanks for attending to some of the potholes.
- Still a lot of potholes that needs to be attended to in Ward 14.
- All the potholes have been reported.

Resolved

- Cllr. Lindy to follow up on this matter.
- The portfolio reports need to be read.
- Merafong needs to give attention to this report.
- Potholes have been reported to the Call centre still

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Report by Mr. JC van der Merwe ...

- Electrical cable fault/theft outages
- Burglaries reported in ward 14
- Several accidents on N12 and R500
- Camera system is still a big success
- Speed humbs – no feedback
- Potholes reported
- 15 year old girl went missing, was found
- Several fields set on fire R500
- Water crises – Rand water restrict Merafong lead to a quiet peaceful march to Carletonville from Kokosi

Resolved:

- Cllr. Lindy to follow up on all these matters.
- Merafong needs to give attention to this report.

## LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Report by Mr JP van der Merwe....

October 2025 underscored that the service delivery crisis in Ward 14 has crossed into a state of civic instability. The imposition of water scheduling unresolved R1.4 billion debt and lack of progress on municipal turn a round strategies have created a volatile environment. Unless decisive intervention is taken, Fochville, Kokosi, Greenspark and Khotsoville will continue to experience economic decline and humanitarian distress.

Resolved

- No feedback from Merafong.
- This portfolio needs to be read and needs to be attended to urgently!
- Cllr. Lindy needs to follow up on this.

## INTERGRATED ENVIROMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Report by Ms. Heidi Hattingh....

Still waiting for feedback from Merafong.

Rubbish dumped all over ward 14

Still no trees on the sidewalks have been cut in Ward 14

Potholes that were reported still not been filled.

Thank you for whomever clean Kiepersol fields. Fine on R500.

- Resolved:
- That Cllr Lindy follow up this matter with the Speaker and relevant Portfolio MMC.
- A clean-up campaign in ward 14 needs to be launch.
- Still nothing been done from Merafong side.

## Finance

Report by Mr. Albie Nieuwoudt..

- That the Revenue Management Report be noted with concern.
- That the ward councillor verifies and obtain feedback on the reported 28% collection rate of ward 14, 2% on farms and 3% in industrial properties.
- That the report on the Rates dispute with the mining houses be noted as a per attached annexure.
- That the poor performance of meter readings be noted and that an action plan be approved by council to address the matter which is mostly infrastructure related.
- That the poor performance on the implementation of the Electricity TID process and the 23241 non-purchasing electricity meters be noted with concern.
- That feedback be obtained on the implementation of the smart metering project and the correction of bridged meters.
- That it be noted that still no credit control is conducted in Township areas and no feedback on the reasons therefore have been given. This is a clear violation of council's own policies without any oversight, accountability or consequence management.
- That the dismal financial position of council and the effect on basic service delivery and the provision of water be noted.
- That a clear plan of action be developed and adopted by council to mandate any negotiations with Rand Water and other spheres of government and that it be communicated to the community.

## Resolved

- This matter needs to be attended to.

## HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Report by Mr. Abraham Brits...

It is clear that Merafong Municipality's management lacks the ability to plan, Manage, or deliver basic services effectively. The administration appears disconnected from the needs of the community and motivated by self-interest rather than public services. If it were not for the initiative of residents local businesses, and non-profit organisations who have taken it upon themselves to repair roads, clean up refuse, and maintain public spaces Ward 14, along with the rest of Merafong, would have fallen into complete decay. This report serves as an urgent call for the Municipality to acknowledge its failures, take responsibility and implement corrective action before further harm is done to the wellbeing and dignity of our residents.

Resolved.

- Merafong needs to give feedback to ward 14.
- This report needs to be read.



## CORPORATE SUPPORT SERVICES

Report by Ms Nadine Bouwer please read attached report...

Health and Safety still a concern. Residents very anxious re: Financial/billing system. Rand water – no feedback was received.

Library, no feedback re maintenance/upgrade/books.

We are also requesting a list of all positions filled in the last 12 months please  
Swimming pool needs resources & staff need appropriate training

Resolved:

- That the report be noted.
- Cllr. Lindy needs to follow up on the account matters.
- We need feedback from Merafong regarding this portfolio.

## SPORTS AND LIBRARY

Report by Ms. Christelle de Beer

Some areas have electricity. Bathrooms are still a huge concern. Still waiting for water problem to be fixed. Security is an issue. Illegal dumping. Lights burning. No new books. Bathrooms not working.

The caretaker of the swimming pool is filling the swimming pool with hose pipe while Ward 14 don't have water. The grass at the swimming pool needs to be cut.

Resolved:

- Cllr. Lindy needs to follow.
- Report needs attention and needs to be read.

## CLOSURE

Chairperson closes the meeting at 18:50





Heidi hattingh <fahhattingh@gmail.com>

## LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO OUR TOWN FOCHVILLE

1 message

**Lindy Maritz** <lmaritz355@gmail.com>  
To: janf.schoonraad@gmail.com  
Cc: Heidi hattingh <fahhattingh@gmail.com>

Good day Jan.

Ward 14's Ward committee would like to extend our sincere regards and appreciation for the bore hole project that was done at the SAVF Retirement Village. We are extremely greatful for everyone that was involved in this amazing endeavour that assisted so many retired residents.

Kind regards  
WARD 14 WARD COMMITTEE

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

The Ward 14 Ward Committee extends its sincere appreciation to Our Town Fochville and stakeholders for their invaluable contributions of time, expertise, labour, and financial resources to the successful drilling of two boreholes at the SAVF retirement village in Fochville.

This achievement was made possible through your collaborative efforts and resource sharing, directly benefiting the residents and enhancing future water security at the retirement village.

We also acknowledge AfriForum for donating tar and other essential materials to Our Town Fochville, facilitating much-needed pothole repairs throughout the town. AfriForum has systematically marked all reported potholes by residents, many of which have already been addressed by Our Town Fochville.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to community improvement. Your dedication serves as an example and encourages further participation in addressing local needs.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to all residents and supporters who have contributed in any capacity. Your efforts, whether individually acknowledged or not, are genuinely valued.

With appreciation,

Ward 14 Ward Committee

Merafong

**Thank you to the following people:**

Mr. Danie Pretorius

Ms. Christelle de Beer

Mr. Jan Schoonraad

Ms. Lindy Maritz

Mr. Phil Stols

Mr. Maritz Jacobsz

Mr. Evert Louw

Mr. Ruan Hubner

Mr. Oskar Shultz

Mr. Juan du Toit

Mr. Martin



### Ward 14 Committee meeting dates and times for 2026: Fochville Civic Centre

Dates	Time	Type of meeting	Venue
13 January 2026	17:20 for 17:30	Ward 14 committee meeting	Council Chambers
03 February 2026	17:20 for 17:30	Ward 14 committee meeting	Council Chambers
03 March 2026	17:20 for 17:30	Ward 14 committee meeting	Council Chambers
14 April 2026	17:20 for 17:30	Ward 14 committee meeting	Council Chambers
05 May 2026	17:20 for 17:30	Ward 14 committee meeting	Council Chambers
02 June 2026	17:20 for 17:30	Ward 14 committee meeting	Council Chambers
07 July 2026	17:20 for 17:30	Ward 14 committee meeting	Council Chambers
04 August 2026	17:20 for 17:30	Ward 14 committee meeting	Council Chambers
01 September 2026	17:20 for 17:30	Ward 14 committee meeting	Council Chambers
06 October 2026	17:20 for 17:30	Ward 14 committee meeting	Council Chambers
03 November 2026	17:20 for 17:30	Ward 14 committee meeting	Council Chambers
01 December 2026	17:20 for 17:30	Ward 14 committee meeting	Council Chambers

4-11-2025

Worsteller: Abraham Boths  
Adjunct: Francois Hartung

**To:** The Speaker

Merafong City Local Municipality

**Attention:** Office of the Speaker / Director: Public Participation

**Email:** [Insert if known]

**Date:** [Insert date]

**Subject:** *Objection to Deduction of Stipend – Ward Representative Training on 5 November 2025*

Dear Speaker,

I refer to the communication received from the Municipality on Monday, 3 November 2025, inviting Ward Representatives to attend a training session. Upon receipt of the notice, several responded that the notice period was too short for them to make the necessary arrangements, and that they therefore would not be able to attend. They were subsequently informed that a day's portion of their stipend would be deducted as a result of their non-attendance.

I respectfully wish to raise my objection to this deduction for the following reasons:

**1. Nature of Appointment**

As a Ward Representative, they are not in the employ of the Municipality. The relationship between Ward Representatives and the Municipality is not one of employer and employee, but rather of community participation as envisaged in Chapter 4 of the *Municipal Systems Act, 32 of 2000*. The monthly amount they receive is a **stipend**, intended only as an allowance to assist with expenses incurred while performing community duties, and not a salary subject to employment deductions.

**2. Lack of Legal or Policy Basis for Deductions**

Any deduction or withholding of a stipend must be supported by an **approved Council policy**. Unless the Municipality can refer me to a specific provision in the *Merafong Ward Committee Policy* or any other formally adopted resolution that authorises deductions for non-attendance of short-notice training sessions, such a deduction would have **no legal foundation** and would be **procedurally invalid**.

**3. Unreasonable Notice and Administrative Fairness**

The invitation to attend the training was issued on short notice. This provided insufficient and unreasonable notice for attendance, particularly for representatives who have pre-existing work, family, or community commitments. Penalising non-attendance under these circumstances constitutes **unfair administrative action**, contrary to the *Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, 3 of 2000 (PAJA)*, which requires that all administrative decisions be lawful, reasonable, and procedurally fair.

**4. Absence of Opportunity to Make Representations**

No prior opportunity was given for them to explain their unavailability or to provide reasons before the decision to deduct was communicated. Even in cases where disciplinary or corrective measures are considered, basic principles of **natural justice** and the right to be heard should apply.

**5. Request for Written Justification**

I hereby request a written explanation indicating:

- The Council policy or resolution authorising deductions from Ward Representatives' stipends; and

- The grounds upon which this deduction was applied in this specific case.

Until such policy reference is provided, I kindly request that their stipend not be reduced or withheld.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours faithfully,