

MONTHLY REPORT PORTFOLIO: Human settlement and Land Development

MONTH: May 2026

MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PORTFOLIO: Francois Hattingh

Re: Unfinished houses and illegal structures in ward 14.

According to building inspector notices were issued. Who is following up on this?

I went to look at the following house and found the following:

Froneman opposite nr 8C Fochville – Roof was put up wall was built (September 2025 - our question “New house building plans”)

Olienhout 64 Fochville – house's roof has been put up, no other progress is still inhabited (September 2025 - our question “Incomplete Occupied house, building extensions building plans, service connection”)

Pepperkorn Fochville there is a new house being built no sign on it, foundation has been pored, bricks, delivered. – New building not on the list

Wattel 25 (27) Fochville Nothing new happened house still stands half built. (September 2025 - “New house building plans”)

Kareeboom Fochville 17 - Bricks Foundation grass grown in fondation

1 Saycamore Fochville – nothing new happend, finished building (September 2025 – Guest house, building plans)

110 Olienhout Fochville Vlei House – Nothing Happened Yet (September 2025 - Service connection occupation certificate)

93 Olienhout Fochvllle people lives in the house finished built but not yet painted. (September 2025 – “building extension building plans”)

These are just a few of the homes on our list.

Francois Hattingh

WARD 14 REPORT

PORTFOLIO: WATE AND ELECTRICITY

MONTH OF MAY 2026

ELECTRICITY

Background This letter serves as a formal escalation following previous reports submitted regarding non-functional streetlights in ward l4

Despite multiple reports over several years, no corrective action has been taken, and no meaningful feedback has been provided Continued Service Delivery Failure

The ongoing failure to repair streetlights constitutes a breakdown in basic municipal service delivery, placing residents at continuous risk

This matter can no longer be regarded as a routine maintenance issue, but rather as prolonged neglect. Municipalities are mandated to ensure the provision of services to communities in a sustainable manner and promote a safe and healthy environment.

We request the following inspection of all reported faulty streetlights in ward 14 A clear implementation plan with deadlines for repairs

WATER

Water losses due to non-maintenance represent both an environmental and financial crisis for the municipality. Addressing these losses will not only protect a vital resource but also improve the municipality's financial stability and service delivery to residents.

Engela van der Merw

Wyk 14: Monthly Report:

Portfolio: Road, Storm water and public works.

Member Mr Simon Matlala

Month of: May 2026

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

I would like to thank the municipality for filling the potholes to some of our street been reported I will appreciate if they can help me with also the following street which are in bad condition:

- Aster street whole street very bad potholes need attention.
- Disalaan and Anemoon right in the corner very bad potholes need attention.
- Anemoon and Stinkhout street right in the corner very bad potholes need attention.
- Anemoon and Jacaranda and the whole street of Jacaranda need attention.
- Ebbehout laan very bad potholes need attention. Thank you for attending to this but out of the 4 potholes only 3 were done what about the last one?
- Olienhout street no 104 ,57,96 and 49 very bad potholes need urgent attention please 🙏
- Olienhout and Froneman street on the corner need attention very bad potholes.
- Thank you for filling the potholes at the beginning of Keurboom Fochville but in front of 36 Keurboom Fochville there is still a big pothole that needs to be fixed.

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

Thank you

Mr Simon MATLALA

5-May-26

PORTFOLIO : PUBLIC SAFETY, WARD 14, FOCHVILLE.

MONTH : May-26

MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PORTFOLIO : JC VAN DER MERWE

1.) ELECTRICAL CABLE FAULTS / THEFT OUTAGES :

NOTHING TO REPORT

2.) BURGLARIES / STOLEN ITEMS :

A QUITE MONTH TILL THE 30TH WHEN THE LONG WEEKEND STARTED.

SEVERAL HOUSE BREAKINGS IN AND ON ON OUEKSKIRTS STREETS.

MALE PERSON KNOWN TO SAPS AND CPF, OLD CRIMINAL, INVESTIGATION ONGOING.

3.) C.P.F.

SEVERAL OPERATIONS TOGETHER WITH SAPS CONDUCTED IN AND OUT OF WARD.

4.) ACCIDENTS :

SEVERAL ON THE N12 AND R500.

5.) CAMERA SYSTEMS :

STILL SAME AS PREVIOUS REPORT.

6.) SPEED HUMBS :

STILL SAME AS PREVIOUS REPORT.

7.) POTHOLES :

STILL SAME AS PREVIOUS REPORT, ACCEPT FOR A FEW THAT WAS FIXED BY THE STREET

" WE RUN " WERE THE ROUTE WAS FOR RUNNERS.

8.) PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT :

STILL SAME AS PREVIOUS REPORT.

9.) MISSING PERSONS REPORT :

NO REPORTS FOR TE MONTH

10.) INCOMPLETED HOUSES :

THE ONE IN KEURBOOM NEXT TO HENNIES, ACROSS DENNE WAY, SITUATION WORSTEN.

MORE RUBBLE ON PAVEMENT, AND CONTINUES FIRES EVERY DAY.,

BEEN REPTED NUMEROUS TIMES.

11.) FIELD FIRES :

NONE RECEIVED

12.) WATER CRISIS :

PUBLIC NOTICES INDICATED SOME RESERVOIRS IS ON 0 %, BUT NO REPORTS BEEN

RECEIVED OF LOW WATER PRESSURE OR EMPTY TAPS.

12.) ADDITION :

a.) CHATBOT FOR THE MUNICIPALITY ACCOUNTS BEEN IMPLICATED AND ON MY SIDE
ITS WORKUNG 100 % AND HAPPY WITH THE SYSTEM.

b.) MAPHATLA VILLAGE AND PAULA PARK : ITS PART OF WARD 14.

AS THERE IS SERIOUS CRIMES IN THE AREA, AS THE FARM ATTACK WERE ONE OF THE
FARMERS DIED LAST WEEK.

SUGGESTION : TO GET ONE OR 2 MEMBERS FROM THE AREA, ONE FROM FARM COM-
MUNITY AND ONE OF THE SQUATERS LEADERS ON BORD OF THE FORUM, AS THOSE
PEOPLE SUFFERRING ON BOTH ENDS DUE TO SEVERAL CHALLENGES.

c.) DEPARTMENTS THAT WE STRUGGLE TO GET TO WORK TOGETHER AND ASSIST WHEN THE
COMMUNITY NEEDED THEM :

1.) **TRAFFIC** : AFTER HOURS, AS THERE IS ONLY PEOPLE ON STAND BY FOR HELP AT MVA'S
NO RESPOSONCE WHEN THERE IS A NEED A/H OR WEEKENDS.

2.) **HEALTH AND SAFETY** : NO RESPONSE LIKE THE TODAY WHERE PEOPLE SELLING MEAT OUT
OF VEHICLES IN TOWN, AND NO RESPONSE FROM THEM, BY GROUP CHATS, PERSONAL CALLS, OR
MESSAGING.

JC VD MERWE

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LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (LED) REPORT

Ward 14 – Merafong City Local Municipality

Meeting Date: 5 May 2026

Reporting Period: April 2026

Submitted by: Jaco van der Merwe

1. Executive Summary

April 2026 reflects continued economic stagnation in Ward 14 driven by persistent service delivery failures. Water instability and electricity infrastructure issues continue to suppress economic activity, limit business operations, and deter investment.

2. Water Services Impact

Water supply remains inconsistent across Fochville, Kokosi, Greenspark and Khotsong. Recurring outages, low pressure, and unreliable restoration timelines continue to affect both households and businesses.

- - Increased reliance on private water systems.
- - Operational disruptions for businesses.
- - Public health risks during outages.

3. Electricity and Infrastructure

Electricity supply remains unstable due to aging infrastructure, maintenance backlogs, and capacity constraints.

- - Reduced trading hours.
- - Increased security costs.
- - Continued service complaints.

4. Business Climate Assessment

The business environment remains negative with no significant new investment recorded. Businesses are operating cautiously.

5. Regional Economic Driver – Mining Sector

The Mponeng Gold Mine near Carletonville may provide long-term economic stability if investment plans proceed. Benefits to Ward 14 depend on service delivery stability and local procurement inclusion.

6. Key Risks to LED

- Water instability
- Governance challenges

- Electricity failures
- Declining investor confidence
- Service delivery complaints

7. Outlook

Economic recovery depends on restoring reliable services and improving governance.

8. Conclusion

Ward 14 remains under economic pressure due to service delivery failures.



Jaco van der Merwe
Ward 14

MONTHLY REPORT PORTFOLIO: Intergraded Environmental Management

MONTH: May 2026

MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PORTFOLIO: Heidi Hattingh

We are still awaiting feedback from Merafong.

There is ongoing rubbish accumulation throughout Ward 14.

Sidewalk trees in Ward 14 have yet to be trimmed.

Thank you for the cutting of some open fields that was reported, really appreciated.

Still many open fields (grass) that need to be cut.

There is a stump growing on the road at 30 Kiepersol, Fochville, which requires removal. Kindly address this issue at your earliest convenience.

Opposite number 10-12 Hawthorn Fochville the field should be cut

Opposite 104 Olienhout Fochville field to be mowed

Next to swimming academy in Pepperkorrel Fochville field needs to be cut.

Grass has been cut next to Losberg ave Fochville thank you for that.

Opposite 14-16 Kareeboom Fochville field needs to be cut

Ouhout Fochville field should be mowed.

Signature: Date: 05 May 2026

ITEM: IRREGULAR EXPENDITURE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2025/2026 3rd
QUARTER

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of the item is to inform Section 80 on Irregular Expenditure for the financial year 2025/2026 3rd quarter, which may constitute Irregular Expenditure and to take appropriate steps to address this.

2. STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

The strategic objective of this matter is under-sound financial management and viability.

3. RISK IMPLICATIONS

Non-compliance to Section 32 of the Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (MFMA)

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Ensure compliance in terms of section 32 of the MFMA

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Ensure compliance in terms of section 32 of the MFMA

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial implication is stated as further detailed below.

DISCUSSION:

Section 32 of the MFMA determines the following:

- 1) Without limiting the liability in terms of the common law or other legislation-***

Irregular Expenditure

- a) Any political office-bearer or official of a municipality who deliberately or negligently committed, made or authorized a fruitless and wasteful expenditure, is liable for that expenditure.***
- 2) A municipality must recover unauthorized, irregular and fruitless and wasteful expenditure from the person liable for that expenditure unless the expenditure***
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- a) In the case of unauthorized expenditure, is-***
- i. Authorized in an adjustments budget; or***
- ii. Certified by the Municipal Council, after investigation that by a council committee, as irrecoverable and written off by the council; and***
- b) In the case of irregular or fruitless and wasteful expenditure, is after investigation by a council committee, certified as irrecoverable and written off by Council.***

Irregular Expenditure

Irregular Expenditure means.

- ***Expenditure not in accordance with the requirements of the MFMA, MSA, the Public Office Bearers Act, the Supply Chain Management policy of the municipality or any By-Law giving effect to such policy***
- ***Council take note that there was Irregular expenditure discovered for the 3rd quarter 2025/2026.***
- ***Irregular Expenditure for the 3rd quarter of 2025/2026 amounts to R9 848 009.69 which is caused by tenders identified as Irregular Expenditure in the 2023/2024 Financial Year.***

Section 32 of the MFMA provides that the accounting officer of the Municipality must inform the Mayor, the MEC and the Auditor General in writing of any irregular and Fruitless and Wasteful expenditure incurred by the municipality. The accounting officer must also inform them if any person is responsible or under investigation for such expenditure and the steps that have been taken to rectify such expenditure.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a) That Section 80 note of identified Irregular Expenditure incurred in the 3rd quarter of 2025/2026 financial period.
- b) That Section 80 take note of Irregular Expenditure reported on the 3rd quarter of 2025/2026 financial period amounting R9 848 009.69 submitted.
- c) That Section 80 refers to the identified Irregular Expenditure for the Financial Year 2025/2026 for the 3rd quarter amounting R9 848 009.69 to Council and MPAC for consideration and analysis in terms of Section 32 of the MFMA. **See attached table below - Annexure "A"**

ANNEXURE A

Register of Irregular Expenditure for 3rd Quarter 2025/2026 Financial Year

Name of Municipality: Merafong City Local Municipality

No			Vendor name	Transaction details		Description of Incident	Person Liable (Official or Political Office Bearer)	Type of Prohibited Expenditure	Status						General comments	
					Total				UI	D	CC	T	P	O		W
1	Date of discovery	04/02/2026	LPS Consulting	30/01/2026	R201 249.50	Non-compliance with SCM Regulations as, per Auditor General findings in November 2023/2024	PMU Section	Irregular		None	None	None	None	None	None	Matter to be Referred to Council and MPAC for analysis
2	Date Reported to Accounting Officer	04/02/2026	Pro-plan Consulting	30/01/2026	R392 281.75	Non-compliance with SCM Regulations as, per Auditor General findings in November 2023/2024	PMU Section	Irregular		None	None	None	None	None	None	Matter to be Referred to Council and MPAC for analysis
3		04/02/2026	SRSQS Consulting	29/01/2026	R1 858 462.07	Non-compliance with SCM Regulations as, per Auditor General findings in November 2023/2024	PMU Section	Irregular		None	None	None	None	None	None	Matter to be Referred to Council and MPAC for analysis

4			Kutlo Consulting		R251 333.18	Non-compliance with SCM Regulations as, per Auditor General findings in November 2023/2024	PMU Section	Irregular							Matter to be Referred to Council and MPAC for analysis
5	02/03/2026	02/03/2026	Kutlo Consulting		R217 096.52	Non-compliance with SCM Regulations as, per Auditor General findings in November 2023/2024	PMU Section	Irregular	None	None	None	None	None	None	Matter to be Referred to Council and MPAC for analysis
6	02/03/2026	02/03/2026	LPS Consulting		R201 487.01	Non-compliance with SCM Regulations as, per Auditor General findings in November 2023/2024	PMU Section	Irregular	None	None	None	None	None	None	Matter to be Referred to Council and MPAC for analysis
7	02/03/2026	02/03/2026	LPS Consulting		R417 941.31	Non-compliance with SCM Regulations as, per Auditor General findings in November 2023/2024	PMU Section	Irregular	None	None	None	None	None	None	Matter to be Referred to Council and MPAC for analysis
8	02/03/2026	02/03/2026	LPS Consulting		R1 200 600.00	Non-compliance with SCM Regulations as, per Auditor General findings in November 2023/2024	PMU Section	Irregular	None	None	None	None	None	None	Matter to be Referred to Council and MPAC for analysis
9	02/03/2026	02/03/2026	LPS Consulting		R315 090.81	Non-compliance with SCM Regulations as, per Auditor General findings in November 2023/2024	PMU Section	Irregular	None	None	None	None	None	None	Matter to be Referred to Council and MPAC for analysis
10	02/03/2026	02/03/2026	LPS Consulting		R245 905.59	Non-compliance with SCM Regulations as, per Auditor General findings in November 2023/2024	PMU Section	Irregular	None	None	None	None	None	None	Matter to be Referred to Council and MPAC for analysis
11	02/03/2026	02/03/2026	Pro-plan Consulting None	02/02/2026	R54 099.47 None	Non-compliance with SCM Regulations as, per Auditor General findings in November 2023/2024	PMU Section	Irregular	None	None	None	None	None	None	Matter to be Referred to Council and MPAC for analysis

12			Pro-plan Consulting			R26 549.82	Non-compliance with SCM Regulations as, per Auditor General findings in November 2023/2024	PMU Section	Irregular							Matter to be Referred to Council and MPAC for analysis
13	02/03/2026	02/03/2026	Pro-plan Consulting			R74 689.39	Non-compliance with SCM Regulations as, per Auditor General findings in November 2023/2024	PMU Section	Irregular	None	None	None	None	None	None	Matter to be Referred to Council and MPAC for analysis
14	02/03/2026	02/03/2026	SRSQS Quantity Surveyors			R1 790 188.50	Non-compliance with SCM Regulations as, per Auditor General findings in November 2023/2024	PMU Section	Irregular	None	None	None	None	None	None	Matter to be Referred to Council and MPAC for analysis
15	02/03/2026	02/03/2026	SRSQS Quantity Surveyors			R115 000.00	Non-compliance with SCM Regulations as, per Auditor General findings in November 2023/2024	PMU Section	Irregular	None	None	None	None	None	None	Matter to be Referred to Council and MPAC for analysis
16	02/03/2026	02/03/2026	SRSQS Quantity Surveyors			R276 000.00	Non-compliance with SCM Regulations as, per Auditor General findings in November 2023/2024	PMU Section	Irregular	None	None	None	None	None	None	Matter to be Referred to Council and MPAC for analysis
17	02/03/2026	02/03/2026	SRSQS Quantity Surveyors			R313 087.50	Non-compliance with SCM Regulations as, per Auditor General findings in November 2023/2024	PMU Section	Irregular	None	None	None	None	None	None	Matter to be Referred to Council and MPAC for analysis
18	07/04/2026	07/04/2026	TKQ Consulting			R792 774.35	Non-compliance with SCM Regulations as, per Auditor General findings in November 2023/2024	PMU Section	Irregular	None	None	None	None	None	None	Matter to be Referred to Council and MPAC for analysis

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19			TKQ Consulting		R207 225.65	Non-compliance with SCM Regulations as, per Auditor General findings in November 2023/2024	PMU Section	Irregular							Matter to be Referred to Council and MPAC for analysis
20	07/04/2026	07/04/2026	CCG Systems		R126 230.67	Non-compliance with SCM Regulations as, per Auditor General findings in November 2023/2024	Finance Section	Irregular	None	None	None	None	None	None	Matter to be Referred to Council and MPAC for analysis
21	07/04/2026	07/04/2026	CCG Systems		R13 534.00	Non-compliance with SCM Regulations as, per Auditor General findings in November 2023/2024	Finance Section	Irregular	None	None	None	None	None	None	Matter to be Referred to Council and MPAC for analysis
22	07/04/2026	07/04/2026	CCG Systems		R200 463.23	Non-compliance with SCM Regulations as, per Auditor General findings in November 2023/2024	Finance Section	Irregular	None	None	None	None	None	None	Matter to be Referred to Council and MPAC for analysis
23	07/04/2026	07/04/2026	CCG Systems		R126 230.67	Non-compliance with SCM Regulations as, per Auditor General findings in November 2023/2024	Finance Section	Irregular	None	None	None	None	None	None	Matter to be Referred to Council and MPAC for analysis
24	07/04/2026	07/04/2026	CCG Systems		R126 230.67	Non-compliance with SCM Regulations as, per Auditor General findings in November 2023/2024	Finance Section	Irregular	None	None	None	None	None	None	Matter to be Referred to Council and MPAC for analysis
25	07/04/2026	07/04/2026	CCG Systems	24/03/2026	R87 219.99	Non-compliance with SCM Regulations as, per Auditor General findings in November 2023/2024	Finance Section	Irregular	None	None	None	None	None	None	Matter to be Referred to Council and MPAC for analysis

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26			Pro-Plan Consulting			R217 038.04	Non-compliance with SCM Regulations as, per Auditor General findings in November 2023/2024	PMU Section	Irregular								Matter to be Referred to Council and MPAC for analysis
TOTAL						R 23 R9 848 009.69											

None

None

None

None

None

None

ITEM: FRUITLESS AND WASTEFUL EXPENDITURE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR
2025/2026 THIRD QUARTER

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of the item is to inform Section 80 Committee on Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure incurred during the third quarter of the -2025/2026 financial year. This item is prepared in terms of Section 32 of the Municipal Finance Management Act and requires Section 80 Committee to take appropriate steps to address.

2. STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

The strategic objective of this matter is under-sound financial management and viability.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Non-compliance to Section 32 of the Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (MFMA)

3. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Ensure compliance in terms of section 32 of the MFMA

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Non-compliance with section 32 of the MFMA

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial implication is stated as further detailed below.

6. DISCUSSION:

6.1 Section 32 of the MFMA determines the following:

i. Without limiting the liability in terms of the common law or other legislation-

Fruitless Expenditure

a) Any political office-bearer or official of a municipality who deliberately or negligently made or authorized irregular expenditure is liable for that expenditure.

ii. A municipality must recover unauthorized, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure from the person liable for that expenditure unless the expenditure –

a) In the case of irregular or fruitless and wasteful expenditure, it is after investigation by a council committee, certified as irrecoverable and written off by council.

6.2 Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure:

- i. Means expenditure that was made in vain and would have been avoided had reasonable care been exercised.
- ii. Fruitless Expenditure for the third quarter of 2025/2026 financial year amounts to R 76 891 173.39 **(January 2026 – R24 724 004.49/ February 2026 – R25 044 205.00 / March 2026 – R27 122 963.90)** which is caused by the interest charged on outstanding balance on Eskom and Rand Water Accounts.
- iii. Section 32 of the MFMA provides that the accounting officer of the Municipality must inform the Mayor, the MEC and the Auditor General in writing of any irregular and Fruitless and Wasteful expenditure incurred by the municipality. The accounting officer must also inform them if any person is responsible or under investigation for such expenditure and the steps that have been taken to rectify such expenditure.

iii. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a) That Section 80 Committee take note of identified Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure incurred in the third quarter of 2025/2026 financial period.
- b) That Section 80 Committee refers the identified Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure for the third of 2025/2026 Financial Year to Council and MPAC. The total fruitless and wasteful expenditure for the second quarter amounts to **R76 891 173.39. See attached table below - Annexure "A"**

Name of Municipality: Merafong City Local Municipality																
No	Date of discovery	Date Reported to Accounting Officer	Vendor name	Transaction details				Person Liable (Official or Political Office Bearer)	Type of Prohibited Expenditure	Status						
				Date of Invoice/s	Payment Number	Total Amount 31 January 2026	Description of Incident			UI	DP	CC	TR	P	W O	General comments
1	20260203	20260203	Rand water	20260201	Interest not paid	1 622 082.79	Interest on account-514 Carletonville	HOD Infrastructure and HOD Finance	Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	In Progress	N/A	Matter to be referred to Council and MPAC for consideration
2	20260203	20260203	Rand water	20260201	Interest not paid	1 548 254.11	Interest on account-521 Fochville	HOD Infrastructure and HOD Finance	Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	In Progress	N/A	Matter to be referred to Council and MPAC for consideration
3	20260203	20260203	Rand water	20260201	Interest not paid	2 097 656.66	Interest on account-538 Khutsong	HOD Infrastructure and HOD Finance	Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	In Progress	N/A	Matter to be referred to Council and MPAC for consideration
4	20260203	20260203	Rand water	20260201	Interest not paid	1 185 799.28	Interest on account-566 Wedela	HOD Infrastructure and HOD Finance	Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	In Progress	N/A	Matter to be referred to Council and MPAC for consideration
5	20260203	20260203	Rand water	20260201	Interest not paid	367 070.55	Interest on account-326 GFI Mining SA	HOD Infrastructure and HOD Finance	Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	In Progress	N/A	Matter to be referred to Council and MPAC for consideration
6	20260203	20260203	Rand water	20260201	Interest not paid	949 987.24	Interest on account-328 Blyvooruitzicht	HOD Infrastructure and HOD Finance	Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	In Progress	N/A	Matter to be referred to Council and MPAC for consideration
7	20260203	20260203	Rand water	20260201	Interest not paid	3 070 758.31	Interest on account-362 Golden core	HOD Infrastructure and HOD Finance	Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	In Progress	N/A	Matter to be referred to Council and MPAC for consideration
8	20260203	20260203	Rand water	20260201	Interest not paid	3 033 826.32	Interest on account-372 Elandsrand Gold mine	HOD Infrastructure and HOD Finance	Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	In Progress	N/A	Matter to be referred to Council and MPAC for consideration
9	20260203	20260203	Rand water	20260201	Interest not paid	127 601.71	Interest on account-374 Deelkraal mine	HOD Infrastructure and HOD Finance	Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	In Progress	N/A	Matter to be referred to Council and MPAC for consideration
10	20260203	20260203	Eskom Holdings	20260201	Interest not paid	7 222 763.44	Interest on account-8739682797 Carletonville	HOD Energy and HOD Finance	Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	In Progress	N/A	Matter to be referred to Council and MPAC for consideration

Name of Municipality: Merafong City Local Municipality

No	Date of discovery	Date Reported to Accounting Officer	Vend or name	Transaction details				Person Liable (Official or Political Office Bearer)	Type of Prohibited Expenditure	Status						General comments
				Date of Invoice/Statement	Payment Number	Total Amount 28 February 2026	Description of Incident			UI	DP	CC	TR	P	W	
1	20260303	202603	Rand water	20260201	Interest not paid	1 487 209.35	Interest account-514 Carletonville	HOD Infrastructure and HOD Finance	Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	In Progress	N/A	Matter to be referred to Council and MPAC for consideration
2	20260303	20260303	Rand water	20260201	Interest not paid	1 411 034.64	Interest account-521 Fochville	HOD Infrastructure and HOD Finance	Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	In Progress	N/A	Matter to be referred to Council and MPAC for consideration
3	20260303	20260303	Rand water	20260201	Interest not paid	1 914 540.73	Interest account-538 Khutsong	HOD Infrastructure and HOD Finance	Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	In Progress	N/A	Matter to be referred to Council and MPAC for consideration
4	20260303	20260303	Rand water	20260201	Interest not paid	1 080 871.99	Interest account-566 Wedela	HOD Infrastructure and HOD Finance	Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	In Progress	N/A	Matter to be referred to Council and MPAC for consideration
5	20260303	20260303	Rand water	20260201	Interest not paid	334 888.08	Interest account-326 GFI Mining SA	HOD Infrastructure and HOD Finance	Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	In Progress	N/A	Matter to be referred to Council and MPAC for consideration
6	20260303	20260303	Rand water	20260201	Interest not paid	871 244.45	Interest account-328 Blyvooruitzicht	HOD Infrastructure and HOD Finance	Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	In Progress	N/A	Matter to be referred to Council and MPAC for consideration
7	20260303	20260303	Rand water	20260201	Interest not paid	2 810 680.95	Interest account-362 Golden core	HOD Infrastructure and HOD Finance	Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	In Progress	N/A	Matter to be referred to Council and MPAC for consideration
8	20260303	20260303	Rand water	20260201	Interest not paid	2 795 805.77	Interest account-372 Elandsrand	HOD Infrastructure and HOD Finance	Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	In Progress	N/A	Matter to be referred to Council and MPAC for consideration
9	20260303	20260303	Rand water	20260201	Interest not paid	117 898.52	Interest account-374 Deekraal mine	HOD Infrastructure and HOD Finance	Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	In Progress	N/A	Matter to be referred to Council and MPAC for consideration
10	20260303	20260303	Eskom Holdings	20260201	Interest not paid	8 133 820.36	Interest account-8739682797 Carletonville	HOD Energy and HOD Finance	Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	In Progress	N/A	Matter to be referred to Council and MPAC for consideration
11	20260303	20260303	Eskom	20260201	Interest	3 890 436.29	Interest on	HOD Energy	Fruitless	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	In	N/A	Matter to be referred to

		Holdings		not paid		account- 6230165898 Fochville	and HOD Finance	and Wasteful Expenditure	A	A	A	A	Progress	A	Council and MPAC for consideration
12	20260303	Eskom Holdings	20260201	Interest not paid	135 952.38	Interest account- 6386171987 Wedela	HOD Energy and HOD Finance	Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure	N/ A	N/ A	N/ A	N/ A	In Progress	N/ A	Matter to be referred to Council and MPAC for consideration
13	20260303	Eskom Holdings	20260201	Interest not paid	59 821.49	Interest account- 9901680957 Blybank	HOD Energy and HOD Finance	Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure	N/ A	N/ A	N/ A	N/ A	In Progress	N/ A	Matter to be referred to Council and MPAC for consideration

Total

R25 044 205.00

Name of Municipality: Merafong City Local Municipality

No	Date of discovery	Date Reported to Accounting Officer	Vend or name	Transaction details			Person Liable (Official or Political Office Bearer)	Type of Prohibited Expenditure	Status						General comments
				Date of Invoice/S statement	Payment Number	Total Amount 31 March 2026	Description of Incident		UI	DP	CC	TR	P	W	
1	20260402	20260403	Rand water	20260201	Interest not paid	1 592 266.57	Interest account-514 Carletonville	Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	In Progress	N/A	Matter to be referred to Council and MPAC for consideration
2	20260402	20260403	Rand water	20260201	Interest not paid	1 529 197.8	Interest account-521 Fochville	Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	In Progress	N/A	Matter to be referred to Council and MPAC for consideration
3	20260402	20260403	Rand water	20260201	Interest not paid	2 135 605.59	Interest account-538 Knutsong	Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	In Progress	N/A	Matter to be referred to Council and MPAC for consideration
4	20260402	20260403	Rand water	20260201	Interest not paid	1 205 216.93	Interest account-566 Wedela	Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	In Progress	N/A	Matter to be referred to Council and MPAC for consideration
5	20260402	20260403	Rand water	20260201	Interest not paid	372 667.81	Interest account-326 GFI Mining SA	Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	In Progress	N/A	Matter to be referred to Council and MPAC for consideration
6	20260402	20260403	Rand water	20260201	Interest not paid	974 963.69	Interest account-328 Blyvooruitzicht	Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	In Progress	N/A	Matter to be referred to Council and MPAC for consideration
7	20260402	20260403	Rand water	20260201	Interest not paid	3 138 502.00	Interest account-362 Golden core	Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	In Progress	N/A	Matter to be referred to Council and MPAC for consideration
8	20260402	20260403	Rand water	20260201	Interest not paid	3125 219.75	Interest account-372 Elandsrand	Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	In Progress	N/A	Matter to be referred to Council and MPAC for consideration
9	20260402	20260403	Rand water	20260201	Interest not paid	130 713.57	Interest account-374 Deelkraal Gold mine	Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	In Progress	N/A	Matter to be referred to Council and MPAC for consideration
10	20260402	20260403	Eskom Holdings	20260201	Interest not paid	8 704 639.37	Interest account-8739682797 Carletonville	Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	In Progress	N/A	Matter to be referred to Council and MPAC for consideration
11	20260402	20260403	Eskom	20260201	Interest	4 166 507.11	Interest on	Fruitless	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	In	N/A	Matter to be referred to

		Holdings		not paid		account- 6230165898 Fochville	and Finance	HOD	and Wasteful Expenditure	A	A	A	A	Progres s	A	Council and MPAC for consideration
12	20260402	20260403	Eskom Holdings	20260201	Interest not paid	224 18,34	Interest account- 6386171987 Wedela	HOD Energy and HOD Finance	Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure	N/ A	N/ A	N/ A	N/ A	In Progres s	N/ A	Matter to be referred to Council and MPAC for consideration
13	20260402	20260403	Eskom Holdings	20260201	Interest not paid	24 966.04	Interest account- 9901680957 By/bank	HOD Energy and HOD Finance	Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure	N/ A	N/ A	N/ A	N/ A	In Progres s	N/ A	Matter to be referred to Council and MPAC for consideration
14	20260402	20260403	Eskom Holdings	20260201	Interest not paid	79.33	Interest on 7554244094, STAND 001843,KHUMA	HOD Energy and HOD Finance	Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure	N/ A	N/ A	N/ A	N/ A	In Progres s	N/ A	Matter to be referred to Council and MPAC for consideration
Total		R27 122 963.90														

Abbreviations:

UI: Irregular expenditure Under Investigation
 DP: Disciplinary process initiated against responsible person
 CC: Criminal charges laid with SAPS
 TR: Transferred to receivables for recovery
 P: Paid or in process of paying in instalments
 WO: Written off by council as irrecoverable

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REQUEST FOR DEBT WRITE OFF ON INACTIVE MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTS

1. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this item is to seek Council approval to write off debt on customer inactive accounts.

2. BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

The Municipality's debtors' books as at the end of March 2026 currently sits at a total of R7.5 billion that is owed to the municipality. Due to poor implementation of the Municipality's Credit Control and Debt Collection Policy the debtors' book has spiralled out of control.

The Municipality's Debt Write off policy defines any debt that has had no activity for 24 consecutive months as bad debt. A total of 6 165 accounts has been identified and analysed as having had no activity for the past 24 months and more and are inactive with no services connected or being billed for services. The 6 165 inactive represent a total amount of R433,809,558.94 owed to the Municipality which cannot be recovered through credit control action as there is no services linked to these accounts.

Annexure-A is attached that provides a breakdown of the debt to be written off.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

A reduction of the Municipality's debtor's book by an amount of R433,809,558.94 as calculated on the attached schedule that accompanies this submission.

RECOMMENDED:

- i) That the finance section 80 committee takes cognizance of the total debt owed by the 6 165 inactive debtors accounts that currently owe the Municipality.
- ii) That the finance section 80 committee takes cognizance of the debt write off item to be submitted to council for approval to write off R433,809,558.94 worth of debt and any amount other amounts that have accumulated on the date of write-off on all inactive accounts older than 24 months.

MONTHLY REPORT – WARD 14

PORTFOLIO: Finance

MONTH: May 2026

MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PORTFOLIO: CWA NIEUWOUDT

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to inform the ward committee of financial reports submitted to the section 80 committee since the previous ward meeting. Due to the number of reports and volumes of information, the reports will be attached but not discussed in detail. Any questions and clarities can be addressed during the meeting.

Background

The following reports have been received for the reporting period.

1. OPCA Report – March 2026
2. Revenue Management Report – March 2026
3. Debt Write- off report – March 2026
4. Section 71 & 52 reports – March 2026
5. Fruitless and Wasteful expenditure March 2026
6. Irregular Expenditure March 2026

Discussion

1. OPCA Plan 2024/25

Attached as Annexure 1 is the 2024/2025 OPCA plan, indicating a total of **87 Audit findings** and the progress to date. As previously reported, the state of governance and oversight in the municipality is shocking. It is imperative that Council ensure that these plans be implemented and that monthly reports on the progress on corrections of the findings be reported to the section 80 committee and Council to ensure oversight and consequence management. The current report indicates that 35 findings have been fully addressed to date. It should be kept in mind that there are only 2 months left in the current financial year to address all findings, which seems unlikely.

2. Revenue Management Reports for March and Q3 2026 Annexure 2 is the mentioned report.

The average collection rate for March was 59 % and average for Q 3, 58%. The challenge however remains the accuracy of the data seeing that the

billing figures cannot be correct due to the numerous billing challenges experienced by the community as confirmed by the AG report.

According to the report, the collection rate for Fochville was 77 % for March 2026. The collection rate for ward 14 is **reported as 23%**.

It is still shocking that the township areas are all paying below 10% despite the claimed credit control policy and service providers appointed to address the situation.

The challenge with meter readings and non-purchasing prepaid electricity meters remains a major challenge which is not addressed. This is the single biggest negative impact on the municipal finances, yet no implementation plan of action. Provision was made in the budget for the roll out of SMART meters. Despite the budget allocation, no progress is reported.

Credit control is still not done in the worse paying areas in Merafong which is a clear indication of the lack of political will to address the situation and the lack of oversight and accountability.

3. Debt Write-off report

Attached as Annexure 3 is the Debt Write-off report the finance department seeks to be written off.

According to the report, the Municipality's debtors' books as at the end of March 2026 sits at a total of **R7.5 billion** that is owed to the municipality. Due to poor implementation of the Municipality's Credit Control and Debt Collection Policy the debtors' book has spiralled out of control. The Municipality's Debt Write off policy defines any debt that has had no activity for 24 consecutive months as bad debt.

A total of 6 165 accounts has been identified and analysed as having had no activity for the past 24 months and more and are inactive with no services connected or being billed for services. This is exactly the same as reported for February. The 6 165 inactive represent a total amount of **R433,809,558.94 compared to R453,971,050.89** reported in February, owed to the Municipality which cannot be recovered through credit control action as there are no services linked to these accounts. The total for the 2 months is therefore **12 123** debtors at a value of **R 887 780 609.83**

The report however does not provide any detail on what credit control and debt collection actions have been taken on the respective accounts to recover the debt. Surely in some instances a legal process could have been followed to recover the debt. It is highly questionable how council can even consider the writing off of almost **R 887 780 609** without a detailed report clearly indicating the steps taken to date and the reasons for not being able to recover the debt. This report should be referred back to provide the relevant detail. Hiding behind the council policy is clearly an easy way out. This is a

clear indication of lack of oversight. Did the Internal Audit section verified these amounts and all steps taken to collect the debt?

4. Section 71 & 52 report – March 2026

The attached **annexure 4** report contains both the information for the Monthly section 71, which must be sent to the executive Mayor within 10 working days and the Quarterly Section 52(d) report within 30 days of each quarter.

According to the report, the operating revenue was 61.53% for the reporting period YTD. This amount differs from the Revenue report which is a clear indication that the reported figures cannot be regarded as correct. The variances in revenue are detailed in the report. The negative variance in electricity revenue of -R242 969 000 is key to the under collection.

The report is quiet on the agreement reportedly reached with Eskom to take over the billing and collection of electricity. Despite requests for detail of the agreement, no feedback has been received.

It is also reported that staff overtime is overspend at 107%. The other expenditure seems to be under control.

It should be noted that Debt impairment has been budgeted at R391 584 000, and it is reported that that the YTD figure is 0%, despite two previous items writing off debt. This is another example of unreliable reporting.

The YTD Budget for Contracted Services is **R256 715 000** and YTD expenditure is **R309 546 000 an overspending of R52 831 000**. The report states that:

*"This provision is in respect of the usage of external contractors. **The actual exceeds the planned amounts.** There must be an effort to executes functions internally to avoid the usage of contractors to save resources for the municipality. These resources can be utilized for services delivery and to service long outstanding obligations."*

The question is what council is doing about this? Does this form part of the reported Irregular Expenditure and what accountability and consequence management are implemented?

5. Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure - Q3

Attached as Annexure 5 is the report on Fruitless and Wasteful expenditure amounting to **R R 76 891 173.39** for March Quarter 2026.

The following is the monthly breakdown for the third quarter of 2025/2026:
January 2026 – R24 724 004.49
February 2026 – R25 044 205.00
March 2026 – R27 122 963.90

The amounts relate to interest payable on Rand Water and Eskom arrears. The terms of the payment arrangements reported by council in December 2025 are still not known but normally interest will be parked if payments are done in accordance with a payment agreement. As indicated in a previous report, a detailed report in this regard should be submitted to council. No feedback has however been received since the request.

6. Irregular Expenditure Q3

Attached as Annexure 6 is the report on Irregular Expenditure for Q3 March 2026.

An amount of **R 9 848 009.69 Irregular Expenditure** has been reported and relate to amounts spent on Irregular appointment of consultants. The report indicates that the matter needs to be referred to council and MPAC and refers to irregular appointments on tenders identified by the Auditor General in previous financial years.

It is totally unacceptable that the MPAC investigations have still not been completed and reported to Council, after years.

It is indicated in the FRP that MPAC has been trained to investigate such matters but no outcome has ever been reported. Council must ensure proper oversight and consequence management which is not being done, as pointed out by the AG.

It is clear that there is no political will to ensure good oversight, governance and accountability, key responsibilities of councillors and the council as a whole.

Recommendations

1. That the following reports be noted:

1. OPCA Report – March 2026
2. Revenue Management Report – March 2026
3. Debt Write- off report – March 2026

4. Section 71 & 52 reports – March 2026
5. Fruitless and Wasteful expenditure March 2026
6. Irregular Expenditure March 2026

2. That the concerns on the respective reports be noted and that the matters be followed up by the ward councilor for feedback to the ward committee where applicable.

SIGNATURE: *Original Signed*

CWA NIEUWOUDT

DATE:04/05/2026

Date: 5 May 2026

Subject: Monthly Social Health and Safety Report – Ward 14

Executive Summary

This report highlights critical environmental and safety concerns within Ward 14. Immediate intervention is required to address illegal dumping and overgrown vegetation in specific residential zones to ensure the safety and well-being of our community.

Illegal Dumping Crisis

There has been a significant increase in the illegal disposal of household refuse and garden waste. This trend has reached critical levels in the following areas:

- **Protea Avenue**
- **Bloekom Street**
- **Olienhout Street**
- **Dahlia Street**

Impact: These sites have become breeding grounds for pests, create foul odours, and negatively affect the dignity and property values of the neighbourhood.

Overgrown Vegetation & Safety Hazards

Recent heavy rainfall has led to rapid, uncontrolled growth of grass, shrubs, and trees across the ward. This has created two primary risks:

1. Pedestrian Access

Sidewalks and walkways are currently impassable. Residents, including the elderly and children, are forced to walk in the roadway, significantly increasing the risk of traffic accidents.

2. Public Security

The dense, overgrown foliage provides ideal hiding spots for "scaly characters" and opportunistic criminals. Residents report feeling unsafe while commuting to work or school due to the lack of visibility and the presence of individuals lurking in the bushes.

Requested Actions

We urge the Merafong Council to prioritise the following:

- **Refuse Removal:** Immediate clearing of illegal dump sites in the mentioned streets.
- **Maintenance:** Deploying parks and gardens teams for urgent grass cutting and tree pruning.
- **Enforcement:** Increased monitoring to deter further illegal dumping activities.

Conclusion

The current state of these streets poses a direct threat to public health and personal safety. We look forward to a prompt response and a timeline for the commencement of these essential services.

Sports ground and Library

Stella de Beer

Sport:

- Some areas have electricity
- Bathrooms are still a huge concern and not user friendly
- Still waiting for the water problem to be fixed
- Security is a big issue as the fence is still down at the back and anyone can gain access into the area to vandalise it
- Kids are driving around with motorcycles recklessly in the vicinity of the sports grounds and security is allowing it
- Illegal dumping around the sports grounds is taking place because of members are coming from Kokosi and dump what ever they want to there and that is an easy way for illegal activities to take place in and around the area and it is opposite SAVF, and this is also an easy access to the SAVF
- The security at the gate if they are there is, giving access to anyone without completing a formal register to keep record on who is entering and exiting the area
- Lights are burning too long at the rugby fields, and this must be tested for summertime that the timer can go off earlier in the evenings

Library:

- There are two permanent workers in the library
- There are no new books that can be used
- Bathrooms are still a huge issue ass they do not look good, and this is not giving a good impression, and it is leaking and water going down the passages
- The building is an issue it's leaking when it rains and books can get rotten because of water damage
- The inside does not look good because of water damage and needs to be repainted
- A bigger space is needed as it is too small for books, shelves, students and readers
- No stationary for underprivileged kids that needs it when they come to the library
- Telephones in place
- Staff must undergo training if there is a fire in the library to make sure they use the right fire equipment

- Computers are outdated and the monitors are still the small monitors
- There are not any traces of an archive for old books, I would suggest that some of the offices not in use can be used for this purpose
- The library needs a revamp and new technology to assist learners in our town to make a difference in their daily lives and to make their work easier
- Staff must also undergo training for in a case of ambushing what to do and who to phone especially if there are learners in the library and how to protect them
- Security measures must be put in place for the staff and learners as safety comes first

Concerns:

- The civic centre must be painted outside and inside
- The security at the sports grounds is allowing a lot of people entering and does not care about that. Buildings get vandalised and the security does not report anything, copper pipes etc been stolen.
- People using the civic centre and they do not clean the areas clean up measurements must be implemented when people make use of the civic centre.
- Community is complaining that the library is offline and cannot take books out
- It is unfair that the community must pay for entering the stadium as the guard sometimes let members just go through and some must pay?