



**WARD 2 COMMITTEE
CITY OF UMHLATHUZE
RICHARDS BAY**



MINUTES

7th Committee Meeting : Ward 2

Date : 25 May 2017

Time:17H15

Venue: uMhlathuze Municipality Exco Room

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| 1 | <u>OPENING PRAYER</u> | |
| | Opening Prayer done by Nominated Chairman | Rynie Kearns |
| 2 | <u>WELCOME</u> | |
| | | Rynie Kearns |
| 3 | <u>ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES</u> | |
| | <p>PRESENT Rob Sedice – Finances / Business Liz Wood – Community Services Rynie Kerns – Sports Clubs (Nominated Chairman for this meeting) John Ferreira – Meerensee (Left of Anglers Rod) Henning de Wet – Beaches Donald Pittendrigh – Technical Service Angela Benjamin - Wildenweide Beena Simadhri – Corporate Services</p> <p>APOLOGIES Cllr Christo Botha – Chairman WARD 2 Committee Vanessa le Roux – City Development and Tourism</p> <p>NOT PRESENT Charles Mohlala – Meerensee (Right of Anglers Rod)</p> | |
| 4 | <u>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</u> | |
| | NONE | |
| 4.1. | <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</u> | |
| | Approved by John Seconded by Donald | John Ferreira Donald Pittendrigh |

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| 5 | <u>FEEDBACK</u> | |
| 5.2 | <p>-No Traffic Police visible around the schools – law not being enforced</p> <p>-Liz mentioned that nothing has been done and commented that an official made the comment that the Taxi Drivers are also trying to make a living</p> <p>-Rob commented on the article in the ZO that made mention of the new Law on transporting Children coming into effect and that it would take time to enforce</p> <p>-John mentioned that Durban is enforcing a total ban on children transport</p> | <p>Liz Wood</p> <p>Rob Sedice</p> <p>John Ferreira</p> |
| 6. | <u>MONTHLY REPORTS</u> | |
| 6.1. | <u>Beaches</u> <p>-Commented on the congestion of traffic in Meerensee at Robots. Referred to the previous councillor Frik Bosman that was busy with the Municipality to widen the roads. Henning has emails and will forward same.</p> <p>-Many mud slides and damage after the rain – Commend the municipal workers for cleaning up</p> <p>-Roads in WARD 2 are falling apart especially in the CBD</p> <p>-Motorists are speeding on the roads – maybe a good idea to recommend speed humps in crucial areas</p> <p>-Steel bridge road falling apart again (will send email so that Chairman – Cllr Botha can address this with Portnet as the Waterfront is their responsibility)</p> <p>-Illegal advertising is up all over town again. Signs were get removed, but new advertisements for shows and festivals etc and small businesses have been put up again. Why are they still on the poles?</p> <p>-Liz commented on the white road markings that have been repainted in Meerensee, all except the yellow lines in the on the 90 degree bend on Anglers Rod leaving Meerensee onto the John Ross Highway. Vehicles are stopping illegally on the faded yellow lines. Motorists are speeding around this corner to town. Illegal stopping poses a major risk to all. Yellow lines need to be repainted.</p> | <p>Henning de Wet</p> <p>Liz Wood</p> |
| 6.2 | <u>Wildenweide</u> <p>-Nothing to report</p> | <p>Angela Benjamin</p> |

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| 6.3 | <p><u>Finances</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rob will send email with his report and details | Rob Sedice |
| 6.4 | <p><u>Sports Clubs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Event was hosted at the Sports Fields again. Facility was left in damaged and in a state. Who is paying for this? -Liz asked if the Chairman Cllr Botha approached the Finance Department to enquire if people are paying for the venue. -Rynie reported that there is NO further progress on the moving of the private gate for the Rugby Club that was halted by the Municipality after it was approved. -Commented made about the tender that was awarded to upgrade lighting for the sports fields – work almost complete -Thanda Royal is at Premier League -Liz commented about the R 2.5mil sponsorship that Thanda Royal received from the Municipality -Reported that the Hockey Club is experiencing problems to get permission to use the Hockey facility in the Sports Complex. They used the website (www.umhlatuzeward2.org.za) and have achieved fantastic results. | <p>Rynie Kearns</p> <p>Liz Wood</p> <p>Rynie Kearns</p> <p>Liz Wood</p> |
| 6.5 | <p><u>Technical Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Goedertrouw dam at 38% (National Average at 58%) -Does the City still have level 4 water restrictions) If so, for how long (considers that Lake mzingazi is full and Desalination plant has been connected to the water supply) -Still waiting for meeting at the Dept of Water -Donald commented on the rise in crime figures. Very bad -Rob commented that there is a rise in card swopping in town – have pics of the white Hyundai vehicle believed to be involved -2 kids went missing after schools – false alarm as it was parents getting divorced where one picked up the lids without the other one knowing -Drug dealer in Honeysuckle in Gold Tazz – Rob commented that he has seen the car – request to send the number plate of the car -Arrogant drug dealer is operating between Mzingazi Drug factories – very aggressive -CRG are not doing their job. They did patrols and raids in greenbelts and cleaned out. How long is their contract still for and why are they not so visible anymore? Vagrants are moving in again -John and Donald both asked what is going on and if CRG | <p>Donald Pittendrigh</p> <p>Rob Sedice</p> <p>Donald Pittendrigh</p> <p>Donald Pittendrigh</p> <p>Donald Pittendrigh</p> <p>Donald Pittendrigh</p> <p>John & Donald</p> |

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| | <p>contract is still in place and for how long?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -John suggested Fred Cook be contacted -Donald mention that the Chairman, Cllr Botha, needs to communicate with the officials and provide feedback -Cattle still in streets; many behind honeysuckle and the VeldenVlei Engen garage. These cattle carry ticks that can spread severe disease -Donald reported that they returned home after two days away, to find both dogs covered in ticks -Beena reported that crime is taking place in Wildenweide in the mornings. On 17 May a domestic worker was held up at 9am and the house ran sacked. While CRG came to help, all the washing was stolen off the wash line at a house 2 doors down -Beena commented that the Municipality needs to be approached about Buffalo Bend – Mondri Forrests are being used as getaway for thieves. Has been a ongoing problem from the time that Beena was on council -Donald reported that knives etc was found in Arum Lilly/Blue Bell -Beena reported a vacant house at 16 Buffalo Bend to CRG whom found the house vandalised -Compliment given to CPF doing a good job, however they are re-active. -Suggestion made for a new initiative to raise awareness amoungst residents in the same street. Keep an eye and be aware of whats going on around the neighbourhood. This could become a excellent public safety initiative that will be preventative -Beena requested Cllr Botha to take this issue of the vacant land between Wildenwide and Brackenham cordoned off. - Beena commented that she feels that complaints are not being heard and not getting anywhere -Taxi City and Cetral CBD area has terrible potholes. -Suggestion made that Cllr Botha arranges a meeting with the Municipal Manager so that all the issues are addressed and resolved -Cllr Botha requested to jump on this and get to the end of the problem | <p>John Ferreira Donald Pittendrigh Donald Pittendrigh Beena Simadhri Beena Simadhri Donald Pittendrigh Beena Simadhri Donald Pittendrigh Beena Simadhri Beena Simadhri Donald Pittendrigh Cllr Botha</p> |
| 6.6 | <p><u>Meerensee (Left side of Anglers Rod)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Noticable decrease in cows/cattle in and around Meerensee -John asked the Herder why do they bring the cows to graze in the suburbs? Herder replied that the iNduna told them they can graze anywhere | <p>John Ferreira</p> |

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| | <p>-Liz commented that many had been grazing behind her house</p> <p>-Littering on John Ross is very bad. Comment made that the taxi owners/drivers don't allow littering in the taxi's</p> <p>-Mandeni is very clean. Many signs have been put up "DON'T LITTER!". Suggestion made that the municipality put more signs up. John will log onto fault log</p> <p>-Many Lantana plants down Anglers Rod. Municipal workers have been spraying. This is not good enough as berries are extremely poisonous. Kids could eat these berries. The plant needs to be removed</p> <p>-Visited the Public Library. The public toilets have been demolished and rubble just left. The yard looks terrible. Library sign was taken down and never replaced. Building and area in a bad state. This is the first stop for many visitors to get a map to the city etc.</p> <p>-Asked that Cllr Botha go and visit the Library and report the issue to the relevant parties. Public are urinating next to the building. Needs to be addressed urgently</p> | <p>Liz Wood</p> <p>John Ferreira</p> <p>John Ferreira</p> <p>John Ferreira</p> <p>Cllr Botha</p> |
| <p>6.7</p> | <p><u>Community Services</u></p> <p>-Requested copies of the By-Laws</p> <p>-Batteling to get answer from Municipal Officials regarding the Lease at the Scouts Premises on the Waterfront. Requested Cllr Botha to investigate the matter</p> <p>-Commented that the sink hole on the John Ross Highway near the Wood Chipping Plant is a serious problem and pose danger to motorists. Understand that the road has been constructed by the Provincial Roads Dept, but the municipality needs to put signs up and more barriers</p> <p>-Beena commented that the Municipality needs the urgency of the road collapse to the Provincial Department. This causes a huge risk to the residents of the City using this road daily</p> <p>-Donald commented that this is a huge problem</p> | <p>Liz Wood</p> <p>Beena Simadhri</p> <p>Donald Pittendrich</p> |
| <p>8.</p> | <p><u>CLOSURE</u></p> | |
| | <p>-Request for Public Meeting Date</p> <p>- Cllr Botha needs to provide feedback regarding all the outstanding issues raised</p> | <p>Rynie Kearns</p> |