

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY OPEN MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF DIHLABENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY HELD IN THE MARTIE LOTZ HALL, CLARENS ON THURSDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 2013 AT 10:13

PRESENT:

Councillors	P D Lengoabala	-	Speaker
	M J Tshabalala	-	Acting Executive Mayor
	(Mrs) L U Makhalema	-	Council Whip
	T J Tseki	-	Chairperson: MPAC
	C C Harrington	-	Member of the Mayoral Committee
	L J Lemako	-	Member of the Mayoral Committee
	(Ms) M A Noosi	-	Member of the Mayoral Committee
	(Mrs) A L Rakhothule- Mkhwanazi	-	Member of the Mayoral Committee (from 10:24)
	J F Bonthuys		
	P A Maasdorp		
	(Mrs) N E Mabizela		
	L A Mhlambi		
	(Ms) M K Mofokeng		
	M St. V Mofokeng		
	(Mrs) T M Mofokeng		
	T V Mofokeng		
	(Mrs) H E Mokoena		
	(Mrs) M A Mokoena		
	M J Mokoena	(10:16 – 12:35)	
	(Ms) M R Mokoena		
	L J Mosikili		
	P H J Olivier		
	(Mrs) M Prior		
	J M Radebe		
	P T Ramaele		
	(Ms) M E Sempe	(from 11:05)	
	M D Shabalala		
	D Stevens		
	B D L Venter		

IN ATTENDANCE:

Messrs	T E Tsoeali	-	Municipal Manager
	R Provis	-	Chief Financial Officer
	A B Masuku	-	Director: Public Works
Mmes	M Mazibuko	-	Acting Director: Community Services
	T G Hadebe	-	Director: LED
Mmes	T Maake	-	PA of the Municipal Manager
	J Etzebeth	-	Acting Manager: Secretariat
Messrs	P Tlhabanelo	-	Manager: Supply Chain
	S Morare	-	Manager: Internal Audit
	T E Maitse	-	MPAC Co-ordinator

SECRETARIAT:

Mmes J Erasmus
S Rautenbach
N Zim

RECORDING OFFICER:

Mrs S Rautenbach

ALSO PRESENT:

± 30 Members of the public

MONTHLY MEETING OF THE MAYORAL COMMITTEE HELD ON 23 JANUARY 2013

SECTION I

(FOR CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL)

ITEM: 1/2013

(DEPARTMENT: FINANCE)

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL REPORT (F5/1/1)(F5/19/4)

RESOLVED:

1. that Council takes note of the report for the period ending 30 December 2012 in accordance with the MFMA, Section 52(d), 71 and 72.
2. that the 2012/13 Adjustments Budget be tabled by the Executive Mayor within two weeks time.

ITEM: 2/2013

(DEPARTMENT: FINANCE)

DEBTORS AND INDIGENTS PER WARD (F5/13/1)

RESOLVED:

1. that Council takes note of the report on the debtors per ward.
2. that Council takes note of the indigents per ward.
3. that the writing off of the indigent debt of R23 319 279,66, be approved.

ITEM: 3/2013

(DEPARTMENT: FINANCE)

PAYMENT RATE PER WARD (F5/13/1)

RESOLVED:

1. that Council takes note of the report regarding the payment rate per ward.
2. that the MMC for Finance holds monthly meetings with all Ward Councillors regarding the payment rate per ward.

ITEM: 4/2013

(DEPARTMENT: COMMUNITY SERVICES)

DIHLABENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY CLEANING CAMPAIGN PROGRAMME (CS16/5/3)

RESOLVED:

1. that Council takes note of the report on Dihlabeng Local Municipality's Cleaning Campaign.
2. that Councillors be requested to support and take ownership of environmental awareness campaigns in their respective wards.

ITEM: 5/2013

(DEPARTMENT: COMMUNITY SERVICES)

MUNICIPAL TRAINING, WASTE, ENVIRONMENT AND AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT HELD ON 13-14 NOVEMBER 2012 IN BLOEMFONTEIN (CS12/2/4)

RESOLVED:

1. that notice be taken of the report on Municipal Training: Waste, Environment and Air Quality Management held in Bloemfontein on 13-14 November 2012.
2. that the approval of the organizational structure be expedited to comply with legislation with regard to Air Quality Management matters.

ITEM: 6/2013

(DEPARTMENT: COMMUNITY SERVICES)

DIHLABENG GOSPEL FESTIVAL 2012 (CS11/2/5)

RESOLVED:

1. that the report on the Dihlabeng Gospel Festival which took place on 23 December 2012, be noted.
2. that a Music Festival Policy be tabled to the Policy Committee prior to the decision to hold an annual Dihlabeng Music Festival.

ITEM: 7/2013

(DEPARTMENT: LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

HIGH COURT: CLARENS RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP: DIHLABENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY: ERVEN 724 AND 726: CLARENS (LED7/2/3/1/3)(LED13/1)

ITEM WITHDRAWN on account thereof that additional information be submitted.

ITEM: 8/2013

(DEPARTMENT: LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

BETHLEHEM AIR SHOW (LED2/4/2)(LED11/2/1)

REFERRED BACK

ITEM: 9/2013

(DEPARTMENT: LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

NORTH WEST PROVINCE AND BRICS (BRAZIL, RUSSIA, INDIA, CHINA AND SOUTH AFRICA) TRADE, TOURISM AND INVESTMENT EXPO – 22-24 FEBRUARY 2013 (LED10/1/4)

RESOLVED:

1. that Council will take part in the North West Province and BRICS Trade, Tourism and Investment Expo taking place from 22-24 February 2013.
2. that Council takes note that the Expo shall benefit the local economy especially in terms of the Groenvoerlande Industrial area being showcased, sold and marketed to potential investors by the Council delegation which will be constituted by the Executive Mayor and the Speaker.

ITEM: 10/2013

(DEPARTMENT: LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

BETHLEHEM: LEASE OF ERVEN 166 AND 1/166: CORNER OF ROUX AND VAN DER MERWE STREET (LED7/2/3/1/1)

RESOLVED:

1. that tenders be called for the lease of Erven 166 and 1/166, corner of Roux and Van der Merwe Street for the purpose of operating a parking lot.
2. that the lease in 1 above be for a period of 3 years with an annual escalation of 10%.
3. that legal steps be taken against the lessee to recover the arrear amount of ± R328 386,90.

ITEM: 11/2013

(DEPARTMENT: LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

SPONSORSHIP REQUEST: VOORTREKKER HIGH SCHOOL @LANTIC SEVENS TOURNAMENT (LED5/16/1/1)

RESOLVED:

1. that Council approves sponsoring Voortrekker High School @lantic Sevens Tournament with an amount of R100 000 in the LED 2012/13 Revised Budget as well as drawing up a Memorandum of Understanding between the school and Dihlabeng Local Municipality.
2. that Council takes note of the potential that the tournament in 1 above could bring for Bethlehem, in terms of sport tourism, increasing the attractiveness of Dihlabeng Municipality and the spin offs for accommodation facilities, restaurants and petrol stations in the region.
3. that Council takes note of the positive marketing and communication coverage the tournament will bring as the tournament will have two days media coverage and all branding around the field as well as on the score posts will be that of the sponsor.
4. that it be approved that a Council delegation that will be led by the Executive Mayor, Councillor T M H Mofokeng; the Speaker, Councillor P D Lengoabala; the Council Whip, Councillor (Mrs) L U Makhalema; MMC for LED, Councillor Clem Harrington; all LED Section 80 Committee members and the Director LED, Thandi Hadebe attend the Dubai Sevens Tournament in Dubai and that the expenditure be funded by obtaining sponsorships.

Councillor P H J Olivier requested that his objection be recorded.

ITEM: 12/2013

(DEPARTMENT: WOMEN, GENDER, DISABILITY AND VULNERABLE GROUPS)

DEVELOPMENT OF A SHORT TERM “SAFE HOUSE” PROGRAMME FOR ABUSED CHILDREN (CS4/12/R)

RESOLVED:

1. that Council takes note of the contents of the report regarding the development of a “Safe House” programme aimed at addressing the problem of children abuse in partnership with the SAPS; Department of Social Welfare; Department of Education; the Department of Health; the community of Dihlabeng and other stakeholders.
2. that the MMC for Women, Gender, Disability and Vulnerable Groups be requested to conduct an in-depth study on the proposed “Safe House” programme in collaboration with all relevant stakeholders and report to Council.

ITEM: 13/2013

(DEPARTMENT: WOMEN, GENDER, DISABILITY AND VULNERABLE GROUPS)

DIHLABENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY LOCAL YOUTH CENTRE REPORT (CS17/17/5)

RESOLVED:

1. that it be noted that the Youth Centre in Bohlokong is in operation.
2. that the expenditure regarding the acquisition of computers and books for the Youth Centre be referred to the 2013/14 Budget and IDP.
3. that Ward Councillors be requested to encourage the youth in their wards to visit the Youth Centre.

OPEN MEETING
SECTION II
(FOR NOTIFICATION)

ITEM B1/2013

(DEPARTMENT: COMMUNITY SERVICES)

INSTITUTE OF TRAFFIC AND MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA (ITMPO) CONFERENCE 2012 (CS17/3/R)(CS12/2/1/7)

RESOLVED:

that the report on the Conference of the Institute of Traffic and Municipal Police Officers of Southern Africa which was held in Cape Town on 7-9 November 2012, be noted.

ITEM B2/2013

(DEPARTMENT: LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

REPORT ON THE CLARENS CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS HELD FROM 19-21 OCTOBER 2012 AND THE PROPOSAL BY MALUTI FET COLLEGE, TO OPEN CLARENS TOURISM TRAINING CENTRE (LED10/1/3/5)

RESOLVED:

1. that Council takes note of the Clarens Centenary Celebrations that took place from 19-21 October 2012.
2. that Council takes note of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Executive Mayor of Dihlabeng, Councillor T M H Mofokeng and the Mayor of Montreux in Switzerland Mr Laurent Wehrli with the aim of sharing best practice between the two regions.
3. that Council takes note and supports the proposed establishment of a satellite Tourism Training Centre in Clarens by the Maluti FET College and that it be noted that it shall offer the community the opportunity to access accredited training opportunities.

ITEM B3/2013

(DEPARTMENT: LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT TOURISM CONFERENCE 2013 (LED12/2/4)

RESOLVED:

that it be noted that the Local Government Tourism Conference will be held at the Sandton Convention Centre on 26-27 February 2013 and that a Council delegation designated by the Executive Mayor and Speaker will attend the conference.

ITEM B4/2013

(WOMEN, GENDER, DISABILITY AND VULNERABLE GROUPS)

DIHLABENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY BASIC SMALL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT TRAINING (CS4/4/2)

RESOLVED:

that the report on the Small Business Management Training for the youth hosted by NYDA and A1 Chemicals, be noted.

The meeting terminated at 12:55.

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SPEAKER