**MINUTES OF THE MEETING WITH OVERHILLS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE HELD ON 12 OCTOBER 2017 AT 11:30 IN THE KLEINMOND LIBRARY BOARD ROOM**

**Present:**

± 8 Members from Overhills Committee (See attendance register)

± 10 Members of the community (Delegates from churches, the business community and other organizations)

Minister of Finance (Western Cape): Dr Ivan Meyer

South African Human Rights Commissioner:

Mr Chris Nissan (Last part of meeting)

**Councillors:**

Deputy Meyer: Councillor Dudley Coetzee

Councillor for Ward 10: Councillor Stephanus Krige

Councillor for Ward 9: Councillor Grant Cohen

**Municipal Officials:**

The Municipal Manager:Mr Coenie Groenewald

Director Community Services: Mr Roderick Williams

Director Protection Services: Mr Neville Michaels

Senior Manager: Kleinmond: Mr Desmond Lakey

Housing Administrator: Mr Joseph Smith

Committee Official: Ms Susanna Antonie

Local Economic Development: Mr Lukhona NGuxe

Law Enforcement Officer Ms Nicolette Kepka

**Also Present:**

Overstrand Herald: Mr G Grobler

Centre for Public Witness: Dr Braam Hanekom

**Welcome:**

The meeting was facilitated by Dr Braam Hanekom from the Centre for Public Witness. Dr Hanekom asked Mr Willie August to open the meeting with a prayer.

Dr Hanekom welcomed all present and informed that Overhills Committee requested that the Minister of Finance, Mr Ivan Meyer, be invited to inform them regarding the outcome of the assessment of the procurement process with the awarding of the cleaning services tender.

The meeting was interpreted in Xhosa by Ms Nicolette Kepka, Law Enforcement Officer.

1. **TENDER GIVEN TO HERMANUS PEOPLE BY THE MUNICIPALITY (COMPLAINT ABOUT)**

Mr Tyulu mentioned that they received the response from the Minister regarding the assessment of the tender and the Overhills Committee has decided that they want to engage with the Minister, as they want proper answers in this regard and the way forward. He said that they really appreciate what the Minister and the churches are doing to assist them.

The Minister mentioned that he has made three commitments during the previous meeting with the Overhills Community. Mr Meyer said that he was not prepared that the community or the municipality spend unnecessary money to go to High Court to cancel the tender and therefore he offered that his department investigate the tender procurement procedure that has been followed with the awarding of the tender. He received the documentation from the Municipality and the letter from the Overhills Committee regarding the said tender.

The Minister stated that the assessment of the tender procurement procedure has been investigated by the Head of Treasury in the Provincial Department, and that no irregularities could be found. The results on the assessment of the procurement process have been provided to the Municipality within 15 days as promised. The report includes the legal technical issues.

The meeting was informed that it was a condition in the tender specification that all staff employed (including supervisors) must reside in the designated area. The successful tenderer must provide a list of names with ID numbers and proof of address of the prospective employees. The Municipality will ensure that the contractor comply with the condition.

In response on the question if the contactor may proceed with the project, the Overhills Committee indicated that they need to go in caucus before any decisions be taken by them.

After caucusing the Overhills Committee stated that they have decided that the lady from Hermanus, who was the successful tenderer, may proceed with the cleaning project, but it depends on what the community will decide at the feedback meeting this afternoon. The Municipality will be informed regarding the decision that has been taken by the community the next day.

The Minister proposed that a date be determined by the Municipality for officials of his department to assist people with the registration on the Central Supplier Database and “E” Tender Portal database. This will enable people to tender all over the country. Only residents of Kleinmond area will be assisting with the registration process during this session. The date will be advertised in the local media and the community will also be notified. The Municipal Manager said that officials from the local LED Department will attend the session, to enable them to assist people with the registration process afterwards.

Mr Meyer stated that the Municipality had made a commitment that they will amend the Supply Chain Management Policy in order to enable local residents to tender for certain categories of contracts. He would like the Municipality to give feedback in this regard, as this is not an easy task.

The Municipal Manager explained that this is a very difficult matter to deal with as there are legal requirements. At the beginning, way back, the Municipality decided to appoint contractors for cleaning services through a tender process. Provision has then been made that only people of a designated area could submit tenders. The Municipality’s Legal Department advised that in terms of the Constitution, it is illegal to reserve tenders for designated areas. This is the reason why the current tender could not be reserved for a specific area. The policy will be revised and an advocate who specialized in Supply Chain Management Policies has been appointed for that purpose. The municipality will try to amend the preferential point system by giving local bidders more points as to bidders from outside the town. Unfortunately the policy will not be finalized in this year, as there are processes to be followed, including a public participation process. The amended policy must be approved by Council and the last meeting of Council is in November 2017 before the recess. Consequently the policy can only be finalized in February 2018.

Mr Tyulu ask the Minister assist with the amendment of the Constitution of South Africa concerning to Supply Chain Management, so that provision can be made that such small tenders only be allocated to local residents.

1. **THERE MUST BE NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

The Minister referred to the suggestion at the previous meeting that the Municipality engage with the Western Cape Minister of Human Settlement, Ms Madikizele, to address the housing need, and asked which progress has been made.

The matter relating to the unsafe housing units in Proteadorp has also been raised by Mr August. According to Mr August is the engineer’s report that has been obtained incomplete. He requested the Minister to support them in this regard and to appoint an engineer from Provincial Government to investigate this matter.

Proposal made by Minister Meyer:

That the Municipality engage with the Minister of Human Settlement, Ms Madekizele in order to address the housing need in Kleinmond.

1. **ECONOMIC GROWTH & UNEMPLOYMENT**

Mr August mentioned that unemployment is a big problem in Kleinmond, because there are not much job opportunities. He referred to previous developments at Arabella and the Kleinmond Harbour development which the local residents did not benefit from, as people from outside the town have been used. He asked the Minister to support them with economic development and job creation in Kleinmond, as there is not much job opportunities and this create crime.

***Dr Hanekom thanked Minister Meyer for his presence, whereafter the Minister left the meeting.***

***Mr Chris Nissen joints the meeting at this stage.***

1. **GRAVEYARD (Land)**

The meeting was informed that the matter relating to the provision of land for a graveyard closer to Kleinmond is a standing item on the Ward Committee agenda. Serious attention is given to this matter and three options have been made by the Ward Committee for the possible establishment of a graveyard, which will be investigated.

The Municipal Manager explained that there is no suitable land in Kleinmond for a graveyard, because of the high water levels in this area. The Municipality need to appoint a consultant to investigate the matter, but there are currently no funds available. The amendment budget will be finalized in February next year and possibly funds will become available for that purpose.

The community of Kleinmond currently make use of the graveyards in Hawston and Hermanus for the interim.. The Municipality is busy with the development of a regional graveyard in Karwyderskraal.

Suggestion:

Mr Nissen suggested that the Municipality engage with the community through the Ward Committee channels on a regular basis in this regard. The policy for a regional graveyard at Karwyderskraal for Overstrand should be changed in order to accommodate the community of Kleinmond with a short and long term solution for the establishment of a graveyard closer to Kleinmond.

1. **ACCESS TO THE HARBOUR:**

Director Williams informed that the boom will not be replaced at the entrance of the Kleinmond Slipway and that no entrance fees will be charged. Only launching fees will be collected.

1. **INSTALL A FLOODLAMP NEXT TO HOUSES AROUND BUSHES**

The meeting was informed that funds have been made available by the municipality for the installation of flood lights at the footpath near the mountain side in Extension 6 for the safety of pedestrians at night. A site visit will be carried out next week with the adjacent property owners, as they have raised their concerns regarding the location of the lights which might cause disturbances.

1. **INSTALLATION OF LIGHTS AT FAIRY GLEN**

The matter relating to the installation of lights at Fairy Glen and the location thereof has been discussed at the Ward Committee meeting. The Municipality is in the process to install the lights.

1. **NEED FOR HIGH SCHOOL**

Dr Hanekom suggested that he and the Area Manager write a personal request to the Provincial Minister’s office regarding the need for a high school in Kleinmond

1. **ESTABLISHMENT OF SOCIAL COMPACT**

Mr Nissen proposed that the Municipality, all the stake holders and the community establish a social compact to address issues that needs attention. Dr Hanekom mentioned that they are already working on the establishment of such a forum.

1. **SOCIAL COHESION**

The matter relating to social cohesion has been discussed and Mr Nissen referred to the previous meeting where mention has been made of racism remarks black people. He suggested that a diversity workshop in social cohesion be held in order to bring communities together.

Dr Hanekom informed that the churches are working very hard in bringing people together by eating together and planning dinners for the future.

Mr Tyulu stated that he will be very grateful if such cohesion could be established so that people can understand the cultures of the different communities.

1. **CLOSURE**

Dr Hanekom thanked all for their presence and mentioned that they will keep in contact with one another. He said that the Overhills Committee has their full support and that they can call them when they need assistance.

The meeting was informed of the advertisement in last week’s Overstrand Herald, inviting business people to the meeting for the establishment of a unified business chamber. The next meeting will be held on the 23rd of October 2017.

The meeting concluded at 13:47.