



**STATEMENT BY HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR,  
CLLR TREVINO FORBES,**

**AT THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING,**

**09 NOVEMBER 2021, 18:00**

**KUISEMOND COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**WALVIS BAY**

Honorable Regional Councilors

Fellow Honorable Councillors

Mr. Muronga Haingura, Chief Executive Officer of the

Municipality of Walvis Bay

Members of Management and staff of the Municipality

of Walvis Bay

Members of the Media

Ladies and Gentlemen

This evening I would like to applaud the project team from Council that was involved in the exercise of relocating the residents of Otweya into their new homes. Although this was a project funded by central government through the Prime Minister's office and facilitated by the Governor of Erongo Region, officials of the Municipality also played an integral part in executing the project and my gratitude goes out to them. We however need to keep in mind that, although this battle has been won, the war is far from over.

While on this topic, I would like to caution the new homeowners of Otweya, that the current activities (building of illegal structures and brewing of tombo) on their newly acquired erven is rather disappointing and totally unacceptable and will not be tolerated by Council. These activities not only devalue the houses in the surrounding areas but also promote criminal activities as already experienced in the past week.

I would encourage you all to live in harmony with each other and uphold the value of your newly acquired homes with utmost pride.

Ladies and gentlemen

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those individuals as well as businesses that came out in support of the Mayoral relief fund. Whether your contribution was through buying tickets, sponsorship, making pledges or buying auction items, your support is appreciated. The fund made a profit and these profits will be geared towards numerous charitable causes in our community. Thank you for your efforts in helping to improve the lives of fellow residents.

We are once again at that time of the year when most schools are starting with their final examination. I would like to applaud the teachers, parents, and students alike for prioritizing education during difficult times. It has indeed been a difficult year, a year of

uncertainty and loss and you carried on amidst all the challenges. Thank you to the teachers for your unwavering commitment to continue teaching in these difficult times. I would like to encourage the students to put in their all in these final exams and make themselves as well as their teachers and parents proud. Best of luck to you all.

I thank you