

## **MINUTES**

### **OF THE PUBLIC MEETING HELD AT GREEN VALLEY (FARM 37), WALVIS BAY ON TUESDAY 01 JULY 2025 AT 13:00**

#### **Present: Councilors**

Cllr Trevino Forbes (Mayor)  
Cllr Richard Hoaeb (Chairperson to MC)  
Cllr Saara Mutondoka (Deputy Mayor)  
Cllr Buddy Bramwell  
Cllr Ryan Gordon  
Cllr Efraim Shoji

#### **Officials**

Mrs. Victoria N Kapena  
Mr. Frans !Gonteb  
Mr. Theo Potgieter  
Mr. Jack Manale  
Ms. Anita Kahiva  
Ms Krischka Stoffels  
Mr Johannes Iita  
Ms. Shirley Tjaveondja  
Members from the Fire Brigade  
Members from the Police Force

#### **Others**

Members of the Public: 92

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#### **1. OPENING**

The Mayor welcomed everyone and asked a member of the public to open the event with a prayer. He also indicated that he will be doing the welcome and Cllr Hoaeb will lead the program as he will be leaving soon for another engagement in a while

#### **2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Cllr Olivia Andrew  
Cllr Leroy Victor  
Cllr Paulus Kauhondamwa  
Cllr Albertina Nkoshi

#### **3. SUMMARY FROM LAST MEETING**

All residential accounts have been cleared, and all residents are starting from zero balance outstanding or owed.

#### **4. FEEDBACK / NEW DEVELOPMENTS**

##### **4.1 Land development projects**

The administration holds weekly meetings on Tuesday to discuss the development of Farm 37, and on Fridays, they conduct site visits. Different contractors (33) have been appointed, and it is expected that they will employ people from those who are residents of Farm 37. The community is asked to submit their CVs by next week on 9 July 2025, and give them to Emma, who is one of the community leaders of Farm 37. Only residents of Farm 37 will receive priority.

Central government's contribution towards the infrastructural development of Farm 37 will go a long way.

**4.2 Distribution of refuse bins**

Residents who did not receive refuse bins must please contact the office and make arrangements

**4.3 Billing and prepaid water tokens**

**4.4 Solar Street Lights**

Bid went out, and the closing date is in two weeks.

**5. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

- Tracey – speaking on behalf of others. What will happen to those who had received plots but are currently not staying at Farm 37? Will they now come back when houses are being constructed? Some were not allocated any plots but have been at Farm 37, what will happen to these people?
- What must happen to those who have plots, want to come to farm 37 but are unable to buy construction materials?
- Three families have been allocated on one plot. When will this matter be resolved?

Response from Cllr Richard

The purpose of these plots was to assist people who had no other place to stay at. A person who has not moved to Farm 37 and has other people living on their plots clearly is not in need. It will be unfair to now have other people come back once comfort has arrived. It is requested that the contact details and names with plot numbers be provided to the CEO's office. Further investigation will be done on this aspect.

For those who are not staying on their plots but their plots are empty, they can approach the council for assistance in seeking sponsorships.

Regarding the three families allocated on one plot, CED can look at allocating them each their own plot.

- One resident said she came but due to strong east winds her effort in building a home alone was not sufficient and she thus went back to Walvis Bay with her kids.
- Backyard tenant – how can they benefit from these benefits? They would also like to have the Councilors and the CEO visit their place.  
They have paid their 2.5million but every month when they get their water bill, it always reflects like there is still an amount owed.

- What will happen to those who were in the clubhouse and allocated on one plot because he was with his mom and siblings. But he is grown and willing to pay for any plot provided.
- When will the construction of the houses begin? They would like to know how much the houses will cost etc. Can arrangements be made for the N\$4000.00 for the prepaid meter and when must they start making payments toward it? What is happening with the illegal land sales?

#### Response

Build together scheme – bulk services need to be sorted out first before one is able to determine the cost and logistics thereafter. But once this is done, the Council will come back to the residents and discuss and explain in detail the way forward.

Illegal land sale is a sensitive issue, but it needs to be spoken about. It is a chargeable offence.

Accounts are open, so prepayments can be done towards the installation of the prepaid meters and keep the receipts. Once the prepaid meter is installed, you will have proof that you have already paid off your meter or paid a certain amount off. The N\$4,000.00 is pre-payable with the council's approval.

## 6. **WAY FORWARD**

The CEO thanked the community for their turnout and for receiving the feedback. She asked that those who get the opportunity to get a job, through the agreements put in place, please work hard and show up for their job, as this is to their benefit. The aim is to have a town where everyone has basic services.

Cllr Bramwell did the closing remarks. He was pleasantly surprised to find people happy. He advised that people must take note of how the wind blows when building a house. He thanked the CEO for what she is doing and informed the residents that in case anyone has any questions or concerns, these can be sent through, and it can be discussed at the weekly meetings, of which the CEO is the chairperson.

He also brought up the issue of a lack of transport and said that there is a committee that is looking into that, but also stated that there is nothing stopping the community itself from coming up with possible solutions.

## 7. **CLOSING**

Cllr Hoaeb closed the meeting at 15:00.