

MINUTES

OF THE PUBLIC MEETING HELD AT NARRAVILLE COMMUNITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY 02 JULY 2025 AT 18:00

Present: Councillors

Cllr Trevino Forbes (Mayor)
Cllr Saara Mutondoka (Deputy Mayor)
Cllr Buddy Bramwell
Cllr Ryan Gordon
Cllr Olivia Andrews

Officials

Mr. Frans !Gonteb
Mr. Theo Potgieter
Mr. Erikson Mwanyekange
Mr. Henok Shikongo
Ms Krischka Stoffels
Mr Johannes Iita
Mrs Lelanie Coetzee
Ms. Shirley Tjaveondja

Others

Members of the Public:

1. OPENING

The Mayor welcomed everyone and asked a member of the public to open the event with a prayer. He indicated that he will be leading the program with the assistance of the GM's who are present. Cllr Gordon did the opening of the meeting by thanking those who showed up and says it is an indication that they have the community at heart. He, however, indicated that the turnout is not as much as he expected.

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cllr Richard Hoaeb
Cllr Ephraim Shozi
Cllr Leroy Victor
Cllr Albertina Nkoshi
Cllr Paulus Kauhondamwa

3. SUMMARY FROM LAST MEETING

4. FEEDBACK / NEW DEVELOPMENTS

4.1 Road matters

Four contractors have been awarded for the emergency repair of potholes. One for town, one for Narraville, LS, and Dolphin beach, and two in Kuisebmond. These contractors have commenced the pothole repairs. The contractors awarded the work for Narraville is Gava

4.2 Compactor Trucks

Mayor Forbes indicated that he was aware that there was a delay in refuse removal in Narraville a few days ago, but the situation has been remedied, and they will soon be back on track. The 5 new compactor trucks will be delivered at the end of this month.

4.3 Sewage System Improvement

Problems with sewer repairs are not only an administrative delay, but also the fact that some contractors abandoned projects and then the process has to start from the beginning.

4.4 Traffic Management – Heavy vehicles

4.5 National Housing Project – Farm 37 Proper

Sports field

Kudus has been awarded the Narraville sports field to manage, and the Council is looking at extending it for another 5 years.

5. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- Groen bar – That area is getting dangerous: what is the Council doing about it? That road needs to be tarred.

Response (Theo) – that's one of the road that was added on the budget to be tarred

- Neptune street – The manholes are like 10mm high in the street. Its very dangerous. There is also a sinkhole down the same road filled with water and no real danger signs put around it. Kids are playing in that particular sinkhole. He also wanted to know where the market will it be constructed, which erf was allocated for it.
- Renate Straus – she feels its not appropriate to put up the market where the current allocation is envisioned. It's a safety issue and its not aesthetically pleasing to put it there as it is the entrance of Narraville.
- Mrs Lovenia Plato – Suggestion to rather do a paving system instead of tarring. How is the vetting done for the contractors who are appointed to do work for the Municipality? Should there not be a plan for when one contractor is not performing? The sewer problem in Narraville is at an all-time high, and a solution needs to be found. She asked the Council to please do something about it, as it is a health risk.

Response (Mayor) – The current sewage system is 80% over-capacitated, and council has to do drastic changes. In terms of the roads council is also looking at the paving system, especially at the bridge by Narraville.

- Must people join the shack dwellers just to wait for 20 years to get a house? Is there nothing that the Council can do to provide low-cost houses for the residents of Narraville? Housing system by the Council for the people.
- Why is it that once you have reported an issue that they wait until after 5 for work to be done, and why must people be begged to do their work? Why does the municipality take so long to fix the area where they worked? Pelican Street needs to be fixed. What will happen if property tax and money are put in a trust, and the community works through a lawyer? Roads, how long does it take to award the road contractors, and how long did the Red Force tender take? Regarding Red Force, there was an acting CEO, and he was

replaced by a junior, and Red Force went silent. why? Regarding the sabotage, are there no regulations and policies to take to task the people accountable? Who does supervisory duties when work has to be done? If Maintenance had been done properly, it would have prevented a lot of problems that the town is facing.

Response (Theo) – The four contractors that were appointed were appointed on an emergency basis after the rain. There is an ONB that is out for the bigger work. Supervision is done by the Council, and sometimes the Council appoints consultants, but we do make mistakes, and it is not easy managing incompetent contractors.

- Kurki – Administration is incompetent. Why is it that when you are given over to Red force and u make arrangements but yet when you buy water, the municipality still takes half of the money u use as payment towards your account?
- Who will pay for the damage caused due to sewer water? Why not put Red Force in the municipality and let the people who were supposed to do that job go home? (Raja Street, no 6, house with a Swapo flag).
- The biggest problem is the trucks on the main road in Narraville. As per Kosmos Radio, approximately 1000 trucks will be coming in and out of Walvis Bay daily. Nothing is being done to them. Is there no way to find an alternative route for the trucks?
- Does Red Force have the right to come to your house and shut off your water?
- The problem in Neptune Street is that building regulations are not being adhered to. Why is there no solution? Her neighbor built his entertainment area over a sewer line.

Response (Frans) – Explained the whole Red Force situation

- Informal stalls (next to Erongo RED) are not good for the community, and the police are not doing anything. Cape flats should also be looked into, and a solution should be determined. The owner of the building is a lawyer living in Windhoek. The flats are a drug hub.
- He stays next to the Cape Flats. He had a discussion with the CEO and wrote a letter to her, but he still has no feedback. He would like feedback on it. Kids are buying drugs from the Cape Flat and then proceed to smoke in front of the school. The owner of the building (Mr Bradley) says he did not put the people in there. He did not open the water. The municipality should answer. At the previous meeting, it was discussed that the refuse would be removed, yet nothing has been done. Pelican Street, the sewer repair caused serious damage to his house, so where must he go to get answers?
- Render never paid water for a year. The bill was 59k. How does the Municipality allow that the account accumulate to such an amount without consequence?

Response (Erikson) – He takes note of the safety issues with the Cape Flats and the markets, as well as the trucks, and soon the community will see change.

- People are sleeping in the graveyard. Who allowed them, and where did they come from? Do senior citizens get discount on prepaid water.
- The fence around the hall should be removed.
- No awareness campaign from the Council.

Response (Henok) – The issue of Rudie's house has come up at a few meetings since the project started. He asks that Rudi come to the office so that the matter can be resolved as previously requested.

- Is the park in Extension 7 still going to be constructed?

Response (Erikson) – Park will be done by December. They had to wait for the new financial year to kick off before they could start with the new projects on the budget.

- There are too many dogs in the streets. Why is the Animal Controller not doing their job?
- The sewer in Sardyn Street is pushing up in people's houses. What is being done about this problem?
- Sharon – She listed the following items that were discussed in the last meeting were not in the minutes: Stray dogs, Wheelie Bins to be distributed in the different suburbs to be different colors, Performance Management System, Private developers, and Fresh water in the graveyards.
- She wanted to know why it is that we don't use the prisoners to clean the streets.
- Burning of tyres. What is the way forward? There is a petition circulating for people to take the law into their own hands.
- How much money was made in March of 2023 from debt collection? Because there was no reporting back, and in September 2023 Red Force was appointed.
- Errors were found on the Emergency Numbers listed.

Response (Henok) -Stray dogs have become a problem in all suburbs. The council is working with SPCA but even they are unable to take in more dogs as the kennels are full.

- One resident urged that the garden and building rubble be removed by homeowners so as to assist the Council in reducing the waste in the streets
- What happened to the trucks that used to pick up sand?

6. Closing

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 21:09.