

MINUTES

OF THE PUBLIC MEETING HELD AT DOLPHIN PARK, WALVIS BAY ON THURSDAY 03 JULY 2025 AT 18:00

Present: Councillor

Cllr Saara Mutondoka (Deputy Mayor)
Cllr Leroy Victor
Cllr Olivia Andrews

Officials

Mrs Victoria Kapenda
Mr. Frans !Gonteb
Mr. Erikson Mwa
Mr. Henok Shikongo
Ms. Anita Kahiva
Ms Krischka Stoffels
Mr Johannes litha
Mr Clifton Jacobs
Mr Asser Tjikuniva
Mrs Lelanie Coetzee
Ms. Shirley Tjaveondja
Members from the Fire brigade

Others

Members of the Public: 7

1. OPENING

The Deputy Mayor welcomed everyone

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cllr Trevino Forbes
Cllr Richard Hoaeb
Cllr Buddy Bramwell
Cllr Ephraim Shozi
Cllr Albertina Nkoshi
Cllr Paulus Kauhondamwa

3. SUMMARY FROM LAST MEETING

4. FEEDBACK / NEW DEVELOPMENTS

5. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- They find that feedback from the Council is non-existent. They have sent in a request and are following up on the drain issues with no timely feedback. They feel that the Council needs to do better.
- Still no feedback on the heavy vehicles that are rusting.
- Who owns the wall and who is responsible for the parts that have collapsed
- Who is responsible for the sand removal

- The water pressure issue is still ongoing on the high-laying areas of Afrodite.
 - Completion Certificates – Currently, there is another building that is standing half-built for the past 6 weeks.
 - LPG will be setting up between Afrodite and Walvis Bay. Is there any feedback as to what will be happening with that development? Just an update from the Council to the residents.
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- Minutes from public meetings need to be out within seven days.
 - Is Walvis Bay in a Financial crisis? If not, why are we going backwards
 - Why is the budget so vague and hard to understand?
 - If the budget is legit, where has all the money gone that has been budgeted in previous years?
 - Why does the current condition of our town not reflect what the books say?
 - Rezoning of LS. People are not aware of this, and this brings other problems (provision of services etc)
 - B&Bs are a problem (people working at the council use their work email on the NTB website for B&B)
 - What is being done about the illegal burning of tyres?
 - Dustbin theft (it should be the council's responsibility to report the loss of dustbins)
 - Rates and taxes for a B&B should be higher than for normal residents.
 - Should the government not get involved with the situation at the landfill site?

Responses (Cllr Leroy) - Water pressure – if one of the three shareholders is not operating seamlessly, then there will be a problem (Namwater, Nampower & Municipality).

The municipality is not in a financial crisis. No functioning PMU when the current council came in. (Cllr explained the procurement process). He mentioned that when the back road was being constructed, people said they were crazy, but if that road was not there, the roads in town would have been worse.

He also highlighted that although the Council pays the salaries of the Traffic Officers but all the fines go to the government. Rezoning of erven and density – there is an urban planning board that overrides any objection from the Council.

To rezone takes between 6-12 months.

Illegal tyre burning – The Council tried engaging the governor when the CEO came in to try and find a solution. Right now, there are too many people living at the landfill site. In the budget, there is money for a boundary wall because it will be easier to control.

Response (Henok) - In terms of the reservoir capacity, there is no problem; the problem is with the wastewater capacity. Lang strand reservoir has two suppliers (meaning one backup). Over the past 6 months, there has been a problem with the bulk water supply. Demand is 1400 per day, and the reservoir has a capacity of 1800.

Response (Saara) - Special council meeting was to find a delegation to go see the ministry (MURD and Environment) to get the land, and then be in a position to evict the people residing there and take ownership of the landfill site. She also mentioned the processes that is clear since the new procurement manager.

Feedback (Frans) – Budget; Operation budget/Capital budget (Operational budget should be able to finance itself). The reason why the budget is not spent. The reason is that there was no decision-making power.

The financial position of the Municipality is fair. Comments on the AG. He looks at how

Feedback (Erikson) – In 2022 council approved the application for a company that wanted to put up a plant. All approvals were obtained, and the launch was done in October.

- Ziggy – If the plant is to the benefit of the town, then they are satisfied

Comments from the CEO - She registered her disappointment with the turnout. If the turnout is the same again in October, the meeting will be cancelled as it's not fair to talk to $\frac{3}{4}$ people and the council has to pay for tents, etc.

She admitted that there has been problems and the Council will do better. She is aware of the execution of below 10% of the budget, and she promises that this year they will execute 50% of the budget.

6. Closing

Meeting adjourned at 20:00.