



MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Held at Green Valley (Farm 37), Walvis Bay

Date: Tuesday, 11 March 2025 | Time 13:00

PRESENT

Councillors:

- Cllr Richard Hoaeb (Chairperson of the Management Committee)
- Cllr Ryan Gordon
- Cllr Olivia Andrews
- Cllr Ephraim Shozi (Arrived late and left before the meeting ended)
- Cllr Albertina Nkoshi
- Cllr Paulus Kauhondamwa (Left before the meeting commenced)

Officials:

- Mrs Victoria N. Kapena
- Mr Theo Potgieter
- Mr Erikson Mwanyekange
- Mr Frans !Gonteb
- Mr Jack Manale
- Mr Henok Shikongo
- Ms Anita Kahiva
- Ms Krischka Stoffels
- Ms Shirley Tjaveondja
- 3 x Members of the Fire Brigade

Others:

- Media Representatives: 2
- Members of the Public: 91

1. OPENING

The Chairperson, Cllr Richard Hoaeb, welcomed all attendees and requested a pastor present to open the meeting with a prayer.

He then handed over to Mrs Victoria Kapena, CEO of the Municipality, to proceed with the meeting in line with the agenda.

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Cllr Trevino Forbes
- Cllr Saara Mutondoka
- Cllr Ronald Bramwell
- Cllr Leroy Victor

3. TARIFFS FOR PAYMENT

Question: Can the N\$4,000.00 fee for prepaid water meter installation be paid in advance?

Answer: Yes, the amount can be prepaid.

4. LEASING AND PURCHASE OPTIONS

Question: What are the current repayment terms for plots at Farm 37?

Answer: The available options are 5, 10, or 15 years.

Question: RedForce is contacting residents over unpaid accounts, but the Mayor indicated the accounts were frozen. What is the status?

Answer (Finance Department):

The accounts are currently on hold and are expected to be reactivated around May 2025.

5. ABLUTION FACILITIES

Issue Raised: There is a shortage of toilets due to population growth in the area. A case of hepatitis was reported in December 2024 due to poor sanitary conditions.

Response: Council provides cleaning materials through committee members. While it is not feasible to provide each household with a toilet at present, the Council will consider budgeting for one or two additional units.

6. STREET LIGHTS

Update: A solar-powered lighting system is planned and has been included in the budget. Installation is anticipated by August 2025.

7. PREPAID WATER METRES

Update: Each household will be issued with a prepaid token. Water purchases using the tokens will commence from **1 April 2025**.

8. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Budget Allocation

Question: What happened to the N\$21 million allocated to Farm 37?

Answer: The budget is allocated for various development activities across Farm 37.

Safety and Infrastructure

Question: Due to the lack of street lighting, crime has increased. Is the Council waiting for a fatal incident to act?

Answer: As mentioned earlier, a solar streetlight system is being planned, with installation expected by August 2025.

Question: Can the Municipality assist with organising transport? Residents are willing to pay (N\$300 for children and N\$400 for adults per month).

Answer: The community committee was advised to handle the logistics and present a proposal to Council by the end of the month.

Commercial Standpipes and Water Access

Update: Three commercial standpipes have been installed. However, residents are currently using water from the toilets. Prepaid water tokens will be distributed from 1 April 2025.

Land Sales and Community Policing

Update from Mr Jack Manale: Council is aware that some residents are attempting to sell their plots, which is illegal. Offenders will be held accountable.

Neighbourhood Watch: Community members volunteered to join efforts to combat crime, particularly relating to alcohol and drug abuse.

9. CLOSING

The floor was opened by Cllr Hoaeb for further public comments and suggestions.

The CEO, Mrs Kapena, expressed gratitude for the participation and acknowledged the need for administrative improvements. She invited a pastor to close the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting was officially closed at **16:00** by Cllr Hoaeb.