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Western Cape Provincial Parliament
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ENERGY CRISIS

Friday, 3 November 2023 (10h00), Virtual: Microsoft Teams

ATTENDANCE

Members:

Democratic Alliance

Fry, C (Chairperson)
Bartman, D
Maseko, M
Murray, C
Pretorius, G
Sileku, I
Van der Westhuizen, A

African National Congress

Dugmore, C
Nkondlo, N

African Christian Democratic Party

Christians, F

Al Jama-ah

Brinkhuis, K

Economic Freedom Fighters

Cassiem, A

Freedom Front Plus

Marais, P

The following person was in attendance:

Mr Grant McDonald, Acting Director: Infrastructure Services, Knysna Municipality

Apologies:

Mr Ombali Sebola, Municipal Manager: Knysna Municipality

Mr Tholi Biyela, Manager: Electrical Services

Western Cape Provincial Parliament:

Ms L Cloete, Senior Procedural Officer

Ms M Mrubata, Committee Assistant

1. Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed the Members of the Committee and officials and explained the rules of engagement to Members and officials in respect of virtual meetings and then proceeded with the meeting agenda.

The Chairperson informed the Committee that the Committee had to meet with the Minister of Electricity, as originally scheduled, but the Minister submitted his apology since he's been requested to attend the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) Forum on very short notice. The Committee will therefore engage only with the Knysna Municipality on its projected plans for the 2023/24 Energy Infrastructure allocations, including the Emergency funding allocated to assist municipalities.

The Chairperson further informed the Committee that the Mayor of Knysna and the Municipal Manager of Knysna were invited as well, but the Chairperson did not receive an apology even though both offices received numerous communication from the Committee to confirm their attendance. The Chairperson was however informed that the Mayor had to be in attendance at a meeting in Swellendam.

The Chairperson rendered the apologies received from the Municipal Manager of Knysna, Ms Mbali Sebola and the Manager of Electrical Services, Mr Toli Biyela. During the introductions in the meeting the Senior Procedural Officer rendered the apology for the Executive Mayor who informed the Committee then formally via its Personal Assistant that the Council had to attend an urgent meeting in Swellendam and therefore the Mayor will not be able to attend the meeting.

The Committee deliberated on the non-attendance of the political and administrative leadership of Knysna municipality for the 2nd briefing request and agreed to reconvene on another date to be briefed by the political and administrative leadership of Knysna municipality.

The Chairperson agreed to draft urgent correspondence to the Mayor and Municipal Manager of Knysna municipality to brief the Committee on Friday 17 November 2023.

2. Resolutions/Actions

The Committee RESOLVED the following to:

- 2.1 Invite Knysna Municipality to brief the Committee on the projected plans for the 2023/24 Energy Infrastructure allocations including the Emergency funding allocated to assist Knysna municipality on Friday 17 November 2023.
- 2.2 Invite Professor Janet Cherry from the Nelson Mandela Bay University to brief the Committee on the pilot project in working with energy cooperatives in Gqeberha.

3. Committee Matters

The Committee deliberated on the way forward for the activities of the Committee considering the limited time available for meetings of the Ad-hoc Committee. The Chairperson indicated that he would request a briefing with the Chamber of Commerce and that they in addition provide a list of Small Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) that can be approached to brief the Committee on the effect of loadshedding on their businesses and the mitigating factors. Wesgro will be invited as well to brief the Committee on its interventions to assist businesses affected by loadshedding.

The meeting adjourned at 10:47.



MR C FRY, MPP
CHAIRPERSON: AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ENERGY CRISIS
DATE: 17 APRIL 2024