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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

Friday, 08 June 2018 (at 09h00 – 10h00), Langeberg Municipality, 52 Church Street,
Robertson
(at 10:30 – 11:00), Riemvasmaak Informal Settlement, Cogmanskloof, Ashton
and
(at 11:00 to 12:00), Barnard Hall, 8 Uitspan Street, Ashton

PRESENT

Members:

Democratic Alliance

Hinana, NE Max, LH (Chairperson)

Apologies

Gillion, MN Kivedo, BD

(See attached list of Langeberg Municipality officials and members of the public who were in attendance.)

1. Welcome and attendance

The Chairperson opened the meeting and allowed for brief introductions. He provided context for the meetings as well as the format of proceedings.

2. Discussion session with the Langeberg Municipality's Mayor HM Jansen and the Municipality Manager, Mr SA Mokweni with to the Riemvasmaak Petition.

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed Langeberg Municipality's Mayor HM Jansen and the Municipal Manager, Mr SA Mokweni.

The Municipal Manager Mokweni provided a brief overview of the response which the Committee received prior to this meeting on the Riemvasmaak Squatter Camp petition ref: 5/15/1/1 - 08 May 2018.

Key points from the discussion

Mr Mokweni presented on the response sent to the Committee on 08 May 2018. He further outlined the plan the Langeberg Municipality envisioned for the growing informal settlement in the area. As for Riemvasmaak Informal Settlement Council had adopted the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee that resolved to take pro-active steps iro providing basic services to the community of Riemvasmaak Informal Settlement. The short term solution for the community of Riemvasmaak Informal Settlement are to provide basic services such as; (i) prepaid water stand pipes in accordance with the minimum standards as prescribe in the national norms and standings; (ii) refuse removal; and (iii) sanitation through chemical sanitation toilets. Further to that there would be a cost of R335 per month per household for this basic services. Also to note that electricity is a costly investment and is not available at this stage. Mr Mokweni added that this short terms basic services will be part of the new budget which will be available from 01 July 2018.

The long terms solution for the informal settlement communities would be to look at the two farms in Ashton and Robertson which the Municipality plans to purchase in order to provide permanent housing.

3. Inspection of Riemvasmaak Informal Settlement in Ashton

The Committee proceeded to a walk about of Riemvasmaak Informal Settlement in Ashton

4. Discussion session with the petitioners of Riemvasmaak Informal Settlement in Ashton

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Mr S Papa, resident of Riemvasmaak Informal Settlement briefed the Committee on their petition.

The Committee deliberated on the inputs received including the inspection of the informal settlement.

5. Recommendation

The Committee RECOMMENDED that:

5.1. Langeberg Municipality provides clarity as per the letter dated 08 May 2018 ref: 5/15/1/1 wherein the Ad-Hoc Committee resolved to take pro-active steps iro providing basic services to the community of Riemvasmaak Squatter Camp. The Municipality indicated, that the budget will be available from 01 July 2018 and that implementation of the short term basic services will commence. Further to this, provide the Committee with the timeframes of implementation of the short term services respectively. This information should be forwarded by 19 June 2018.

The Committee successfully concluded its meetings and took cognisance of the situation in Riemvasmaak Informal Settlement in Ashton.

The meeting adjourned at 12h00.

ADV LH MAX, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: PETITIONS COMMITTEE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT

DATE: 20 JULY 2018