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PETITIONS COMMITTEE

Draft Petitions Education Workshop

Draft report of the Petitions Committee on the Petitions Education Workshop held on, 22 August 2015 in Saint Helena Bay Hotel, Saint Helena Bay.

Delegation

Kivedo, B (DA) (Chairperson and leader of the delegation)
MacKenzie, R (DA)
Hinana, N (DA)
Magaxa, K (ANC)

Apologies

Gillion, M (ANC)
Davids, S (ANC)

WCPP Officials in attendance

Ms W Hassen-Moosa: Committee Coordinator
Mr C Ferndale, Manager: Public Education and Outreach.

1. Background

Saint Helena Bay is a settlement in West Coast District Municipality. The town is located on the shore of the bay, from which it derives its name and is approximately 150 km north of Cape Town. It surrounds the towns of Vredenburg and Paternoster, and is located across the bay from Laaiplek. The region of Saint Helena Bay is sub-divided into various suburbs, namely: Laingville, West Point, Steenberg's Cove, Hannasbaai, Britanica Heights, Harbour Lights, Sandy Point, Blueberry Hill, Columbine, Mid-West and it incorporates the neighboring towns of Stompneusbaai and Britannia Bay. It includes a total of eighteen smaller bays

On 31 July 2015, the Petitions Committee resolved to host and participate in a Petitions Education Workshop with the communities of Saint Helena Bay, Laingville and Stompneusbaai towns. This decision was based on the provision in the *Regulations of the Western Cape Petitions Act, 2006*, in Schedule 3 Sub section (a) to (c) which states that the "Committee must take reasonable steps to inform the citizens of the Province of their rights in terms of the ACT".

2. Overview

The Petitions committee facilitated a public education workshop in collaboration with the Western Cape Provincial Parliament's Public Education Unit in Saint Helena Bay Hotel at Saint Helena Bay on 22 August 2015. The workshop started at 11h00. It was attended by community members of Saint Helena Bay, Laingville and Stompneusbaai towns. The Chairperson, Mr Kivedo gave a brief context and the reasons for the Committee to conduct the public education workshop. He informed the community that the workshop

provided an opportunity for the Members of the Committee and the community of St Helena Bay and surrounding towns to interact on various issues affecting the communities. He also informed the members of the public about the role of the Petitions Committee and the responsibility that Members of the public have to inform the Provincial Parliament about the challenges the community encounter with regards to the government services in the area.

The workshop also provided the WCPP Public Education and Outreach (PEO) Unit's with an opportunity to conduct public education processes on the legislative processes, the Bill of Rights, referencing the constitution in order to formulate submissions and petitions. The PEO Unit also briefed the workshop on the roles of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament and the Petitions Committee. The discussions further focused on drafting and submitting petitions to the Provincial Parliament as per the *Western Cape Petitions Act*, (Act 3 of 2006).

3. Conclusion

The Petitions Education Workshop proved beneficial as not only did the Committee provide valuable input, it was also informed of the possible challenges of the communities and the processes to be followed when submitting a Petition to the Provincial Parliament. The interaction during the workshop thus proved mutually beneficial.

The workshop programme concluded at 15:00.

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MR B KIVEDO, MM (MPP)

CHAIRPERSON: PETITIONS COMMITTEE

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