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**ENERGY PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE**

**04 SEPTEMBER 2024**

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**ITEM NUMBER: EN 04/09/24**

**SUBJECT / ISIHLOKO / ONDERWERP**

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: 7 AUGUST 2024**

*UKUQINISEKISWA KWEMIZUZU: 7 EYETHUPHA 2024*

**BEKRAGTIGING VAN NOTULE: 7 AUGUSTUS 2024**

The minutes are submitted for confirmation.

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**ANNEXURE: MINUTES OF THE ENERGY PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON 7 AUGUST 2024**

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**MINUTES**

**OF THE MEETING OF THE ENERGY PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE HELD VIA THE CITY'S DIGITAL PLATFORM (SKYPE) AND ON-SITE IN COMMITTEE ROOM D 5TH FLOOR PODIUM ON WEDNESDAY, 7 AUGUST 2024 AT 11:00.**

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**PRESENT: COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE (DA)**

Cllr Z Sulelo (Chairperson)  
Cllr G C Peck  
Cllr P Maxiti  
Cllr U Lasiti  
Cllr M Kleinschmidt  
Ald S Rossouw  
Ald M Kempthorne  
Cllr T Jackson  
Cllr M Temlett  
Cllr C Siebritz

**AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC)**

Cllr D G Cottee  
Cllr S Duka (*arrived at 11:23*)  
Cllr L Simangweni (*arrived at 11:23*)

**ECONOMIC FREEDOM FIGHTERS (EFF)**

Cllr B Mei

**AFRICA RESTORATION ALLIANCE (ARA)**

Cllr G Classen

**CAPE INDEPENDENCE PARTY (CAPEXIT)**

**VISITING COUNCILLORS:**

Cllr P Heynes  
Cllr A Lightburn

**COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH APOLOGY:**

Ald C Brynard

**COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITHOUT APOLOGY:**

**MAYORAL COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Ald X Limberg

**OFFICIALS:**

K Nassiep	Executive Director: Energy (attended partially)
L Mahomed Weideman	Director: Sustainable Energy Markets
L Rencontre	Director: Electricity Generation and Distribution
N Mkwane	ESO
H Essop	Manager: Electricity Retail Management
B Paliso	Electricity Generation and Distribution
D Leeuwendaal	Manager: Finance and Commercial
M De Swardt	Electricity Generation and Distribution
S Mosdell	Sustainable Energy Markets
M Brookes	Operational Coordination
J Louis	Operational Coordination
R Petersen	Law Enforcement
C Heynes	Electricity Generation and Distribution
S Gqwede	Electricity Generation and Distribution
M Abass	Organisational Performance Management
R Naidoo	Sustainable Energy Markets
I Kruger	Electricity Generation and Distribution

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SERVICES:**

N Damon  
L McGregor

**LEGAL SERVICES:**

T Gwadiso

**INTERPRETER:**

None

**PRESS:**

None

**PUBLIC:**

**EN 01/08/24                    OPENING**

The Chairperson, Cllr Z Sulelo, welcomed everybody present at the meeting, whereupon a moment of silence was observed.

**EN 02/08/24                    APOLOGIES / APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Apologies received for the following councillors and officials:

- Cllr C Brynard
- E Capes

**NOTED****EN 03/08/24                    CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

*Good morning councillors and to the officials joining us via skype and to those that are joining us in person and welcome to our portfolio committee members after being away for almost three months. On our agenda we have quarterly reports for a reason because a lot can change in three months and for this portfolio there has been some changes. With that said I would like to welcome Alderman: Xanthea Limberg as our new Mayoral Committee Member and I would like to thank Cllr Beverly Van Reenen for her leadership in her absence. A lot was achieved and I believe we will continue to do more under the new leadership.*

*Last year we were able to launch our energy strategy that looked at short term goals to be achieved by 2026, Medium goals by 2031 and long term goals by 2050. By 2026 the city plans to be able to mitigate up to four stages of load shedding and to achieve this all our procurement efforts have to align. It is then encouraging to see that the Atlantis project is on track and that construction will start this month. But as you would have noticed the need in Atlantis for power is already there, based on the motion received to this portfolio. This means that the city will need lot of power generation facilities across the city in order to meet the demand and to mitigate load shedding. Steenbras Hydro Pumped Station refurbishment is underway and over the next three years and beyond will be able to protect more residents from load shedding. The power heroes' programme was launched and wheeling projects launched all in the efforts of adding more to the grid. It is good to note on the MPP report that there are two more customers in the pipeline who will be joining the trial.*

*As tabled on the budget, The City of Cape Town will further invest heavily to reduce service delivery load-shedding, with a budget of*

*R680m over three years. Over three years, the City estimates it will spend an estimated R722m on independent power purchases.*

*The City has further reduced Eskom's 12, 72% electricity increase to municipalities to 11, 78% for City customers in 24/25 but Electricity in South Africa is still unaffordable for many.*

*Cape Town's proposed 24/25 Budget includes a R4, 8bn social package made up of R2, 2bn in rates rebates and R2, 6bn in indigent relief but even the director general has warned that this is not sustainable. Besides taking care of the indigent the same budget also needs to fund the projects that I have mentioned earlier while theft and vandalism continues to be a huge problem not only here in Cape Town but is South Africa. This winter due to strong winds and floods the City of Cape Town was put under a lot of pressure with over 19 000 primarily storm-related faults resulting in damages in excess of R16, 6 million to date on power infrastructure alone.*

*Even before the storms, residents including councilors has always said that streetlights are a huge concern in their communities and many people then get robbed in the dark. While the work that the department does with the resources available is commendable if the residents remain in the dark all the other projects will not be able to get the support it needs.*

*Yes, no other city has reduced the price of electricity for indigent households over the last two years but we need to work even harder to ensure that service requests are attended quicker which is why I am looking forward to the report of service requests later. If we need to get better at communication then let's do that but we need to work with councillors to make sure that service delivery takes place across the city.*

*I thank you.*

### **RESOLVED**

*That the Chairperson's report be noted.*

### **ACTION: FOR INFORMATION**

**EN 04/04/23**

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: 3 APRIL 2024**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Energy Portfolio Committee held on 3 April 2024, be confirmed.

*[Proposed by Ald M Kempthorne and seconded by Cllr P Maxiti]*

**ACTION: L MCGREGOR**

**EN 05/04/23**

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: 19 APRIL 2024**

*RESOLVED* that the minutes of the meeting of the Energy Portfolio Committee held on 19 April 2024, be confirmed.

*[Proposed by Cllr T Jackson and seconded by Cllr U Lasiti]*

**ACTION: L MCGREGOR**

**EN 06/04/23**

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: 8 MAY 2024**

*RESOLVED* that the minutes of the meeting of the Energy Portfolio Committee held on 8 May 2024, be confirmed.

*[Proposed by Cllr M Kleinschmidt and seconded by Cllr G Peck]*

**ACTION: L MCGREGOR**

**EN 07/04/2**

**PROGRESS REPORT: MATTERS RECEIVING ATTENTION**

**1. METALS THEFT UNIT PRESENTATION TO THE ENERGY PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE MEETING**

The presentation was done under item **EN 23/08/24**.

**RESOLVED** that Safety and Security officials provide updates to the Energy Portfolio Committee on a quarterly basis. The next presentation is due in November 2024.

**ACTION: M BROOKS , R PETERSEN**

**2. UPDATE ON THE ATHLONE POWER STATION**

Regular updates will be provided on the Athlone Power Station Redevelopment. Waiting on the completion of the heritage challenge.

**RESOLVED** that regular updates be provided to the committee.

**ACTION: L MCGRGEOR**

### **3. INNOVATION FRIDAY THEFT AND VANDALISM PRESENTATION**

Theft and Vandalism presentation: Item closed.

The Innovation Friday presentation was done under item **EN 08/08/24**.

**ACTION: L MAHOMED WEIDEMAN**

### **4. 2022 SOLAR DETECTION AI GIS SURVEY**

To provide regular updates to the committee.

**ACTION: M HAW**

### **5. A DETAILED REPORT ON C3 NOTIFICATIONS**

The presentation was done under item **EN 25/08/24**.

### **6. A REPORT ON HIGH MAST LIGHTS IN ALL AREAS AND THE FUNCTIONING THEREOF**

The presentation was done under item **EN 24/08/24**.

**RESOLVED** that the presentation on Innovation Friday feedback 23/24, be noted.

**PRESENTER : L MAHOMED WEIDEMAN**

**EN 09/08/24**

**MOTION RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR P C HEYNES**

Cllr P Heynes introduced the motion to the Energy Portfolio Committee.

Cllr P Heynes stated that the area called Witsand near Atlantis is in existence for over 16 years. Houses were built as far back as 2008 without proper street lights. In 2018 Residents from both formal and informal houses request street lights and high mask lights by handing over a memorandum to the Subcouncil and are yet to receive a response from the Line Department, making them feel as if they don't belong in the COCT and not worth living in a safe area.

Cllr A Lightburn responded that Subcouncil 1 are currently dealing with this matter and provided an update on interventions done by Subcouncil . Cllr A Lightburn stated that Cllr P C Heynes and Cllr B Majingo will be kept informed on the progress wrt street lighting in the Witsand area.

**RESOLVED**

- a) That the Energy Portfolio Committee referred the motion back to Subcouncil 1 for further attention.
- b) That Subcouncil 1 keep Cllr P C Heynes and Cllr B Majingo up to date on progress wrt street lighting in the Witsand area.

**ACTION: CLLR A LIGHTBURN , CLLR M RAISE, W VAN DER WESTHUIZEN , K SNIPPERS**

**EN 10/08/24**

**MAYORAL PRIORITY PROGRAMME - APRIL 204**

**RESOLVED** that the Mayoral Priority Programme - April 204, be noted.

**ACTION: K NASSIEP**

**EN 11/08/24**

**MAYORAL PRIORITY PROGRAMME - MAY 204**



**RESOLVED** that the Mayoral Priority Programme - May 2024, be noted.

**ACTION K NASSIEP**

**EN 12/08/24 MAYORAL PRIORITY PROGRAMME - JUNE 2024**

**RESOLVED** that the Mayoral Priority Programme - June 2024, be noted.

**ACTION: K NASSIEP**

**EN 13/08/24 MAYORAL PRIORITY PROGRAMME - JULY 2024**

Cllr T Jackson referred to page 108, progress on load shedding mitigation.

L Rencontre presented the report and answered questions raised by Councillors. L Rencontre further explained the status of Independent Power Producers.

**RESOLVED** that the Mayoral Priority Programme - July 2024, be noted.

**ACTION: K NASSIEP**

**EN 14/08/24 ENERGY PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE 2024/25 ANNUAL OVERSIGHT WORK PLAN**

**RESOLVED** that the Energy Portfolio Committee 2024/2025 Annual Oversight Work Plan was adopted.

**ACTION: CLLR Z SULELO**

**EN 15/08/24 ENERGY PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD JULY 2023 TO JUNE 2024**

The Energy Portfolio Committee Annual Report was supported subject to the correction on the attendance of Cllr C Siebritz and Cllr M Temlett under Section 7 (number of meetings attended by each member) of Annexure A to the report.

It is **RECOMMENDED** that the Energy Portfolio Committee Annual Report for the period July 2023 to June 2024, as set out in Annexure A, be approved by Council.

**ACTION: CLLR Z SULELO**

**EN 16/08/24 PUBLIC LIGHTING DEVELOPMENT QUARTERLY PROJECT  
PROGRESS REPORT QUARTER 4 OF 2023/2024**

**RESOLVED** that the public lighting development quarterly project progress report quarter 4 of 2023/2024, be noted.

**ACTION: B PALISO**

**EN 17/08/24 ENERGY DIRECTORATE'S MONTHLY FINANCIAL  
PROGRESS REPORT (JUNE 2024)**

An updated report will serve before the committee at the September 2024 Energy Portfolio Committee meeting.

**RESOLVED** that the Energy Directorate's Monthly Financial Progress Report (June 2024), be noted.

**ACTION: D LEEUWENDAAL**

**EN 18/08/24 ELECTRICITY GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION:  
PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT: JUNE 2024**

**RESOLVED** that the Electricity Generation and Distribution: Performance Monitoring Report: June 2024, Be Noted.

**ACTION: D LEEUWENDAAL**

**EN 19/08/24 ENERGY: 2023/24 THIRD QUARTER'S PROGRESS REPORT  
ON THE DIRECTORATE AND DEPARTMENTS'  
PERFORMANCE**

**RECOMMENDED** that the impact and performance of the 2023/24 third quarter's progress report in relation to its functional area, be noted.

**ACTION: D LEEUWENDAAL**

**EN 20/08/24 FEEDBACK ON THE INTERNATIONAL/OUTSIDE THE  
BORDERS OF THE RSA TRIP UNDERTAKEN FROM 19 MAY  
2024 TO 25 MAY 2024 TO ATTEND THE XCELERATE 2024  
ENERGY MODELLING AND SIMULATION SUMMIT IN GREECE**

**RESOLVED** that the feedback on the international/outside the borders of the RSA trip undertaken from 19 May 2024 to 25 May 2024 to attend the Xcelerate 2024 energy modelling and simulation summit in Greece, be noted.

**ACTION: R NAIDOO**

EN 21/08/24

**FEEDBACK ON THE INTERNATIONAL/OUTSIDE THE BORDERS OF THE RSA TRIP UNDERTAKEN FROM CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA TO BARCELONA, SPAIN FROM 25 - 28 JUNE 2024 TO ATTEND THE AFRICA ENERGY FORUM (AEF) IN BARCELONA, SPAIN**

**RESOLVED** that the feedback on the international/outside the borders of the RSA trip undertaken to Barcelona, Spain from 25 - 28 June 2024 to attend the Africa Energy Forum (AEF) in Barcelona, Spain, be noted.

**ACTION: K NASSIEP**

EN 22/08/24

**2023/2024 QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT ON CORPORATE PERFORMANCE.**

**RECOMMENDED** that the impact and performance of the 2023/2024 quarterly progress report on Corporate Performance in relation to the Energy Directorate's functional area, be noted.

**ACTION: M ABASS; M FILLIES; G MORGAN; G JOSEPHS; L MCGREGOR**

EN 23/08/24

**PRESENTATION: METALS THEFT UNIT PRESENTATION TO THE ENERGY PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE MEETING - QUARTER 1 & 2- JANUARY TO JUNE 2024**

R Petersen and J Louis gave an updated presentation to the committee on the cases pertaining to vandalism and theft at court.

Cllr T Jackson raised concern with the 23 cases at court and the number of vandalism taking place each day.

The committee requested an update on the training to be done by Law Enforcement and SAPS. A suggestion was made to have a dedicated person at each directorate to deal with statement taking.

**RESOLVED** that the metals theft unit presentation to the energy portfolio committee meeting - quarter 1 & 2- January to June 2024, be noted.

**PRESENTER: R PETERSEN / M HOLDING**

EN 24/08/24

**PRESENTATION : HIGH MAST LIGHTING OUTSTANDING**

B Paliso gave a presentation on high mast lighting.

**RESOLVED** that the presentation on high mast lighting outstanding, be noted.

**PRESENTER: B PALISO**

**EN 25/08/24 PRESENTATION: C3 FEEDBACK**

H Essop gave a detailed presentation on C3's to the committee.

H Essop stated that the Corporate Call Centre engage with customers on progress of a complaint. Cllr Z Sulelo stated that she would liaise with the Corporate PC Chairperson.

**RESOLVED** that the presentation on C3 feedback , be noted.

**PRESENTER: H ESSOP**

<b>SIGNATURE: CLLR Z SULELO CHAIRPERSON</b>	
<b>DATE</b>	

**MEETING ENDED: 14:01**