

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, 4 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 11:00.

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 (SKYPE)

AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC)

Cllr D G Cottee
Cllr S Duka
Cllr L Simangweni

ECONOMIC FREEDOM FIGHTERS (EFF)

Cllr B Mei

AFRICA RESTORATION ALLIANCE (ARA)

Cllr G Classen

CAPE COLOURED CONGRESS (NCC)

Cllr G Malgas

PATRIOTIC ALIANCE (PA)

Cllr P Hendricks

GOOD

Cllr S van Nelson

VISITING COUNCILLORS:

None

COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITH APOLOGY:

None

COUNCILLORS ABSENT WITHOUT APOLOGY:

None

MAYORAL COMMITTEE MEMBER

Ald X Limberg

OFFICIALS:

K Nassiep	Executive Director: Energy
L Mahomed Weideman	Director: Sustainable Energy Markets
A Joseph	Office of the Executive Director
N Mkwane	Executive Support Officer
E Capes	Director: Electricity Generation and Distribution
J van der Merwe	Electricity Generation and Distribution
D Leeuwendaal	Manager: Finance and Commercial
S Mosdell	Sustainable Energy Markets
S Gqwede	Electricity Generation and Distribution
M Abass	Organisational Performance Management
M Hammer	Electricity Generation and Distribution
I Jefferies	Electricity Generation and Distribution

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SERVICES:

N Damon
L McGregor

LEGAL SERVICES:

P Qalazive

INTERPRETER:

None

PRESS:

None

PUBLIC:

A Seconds

EN 01/09/24**OPENING**

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

EN 02/09/24**APOLOGIES / APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

No apologies were received from councillors and officials.

NOTED**EN 03/09/24****CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Good morning councillors and to the officials joining us online. Last month, I welcomed our new Mayoral Committee Member for Energy and this month we have three new councillors joining the portfolio and that is Councillor P Hendriks, Councillor G Malgas and Councillor S Nelson. Welcome to the Energy Portfolio Committee meeting, here our focus is service delivery and we leave politics at the door. I look forward to your contribution in this portfolio and all I ask is that we use this platform to make sure that residents get the service that they deserve.

Today I want to start by congratulating the department on a job well done when it comes to our budget spent in the last financial year. Rolling out projects in our communities is not always easy and the department faces many challenges with safety and community unrest and sometimes lives are lost while delivering on projects. Well done on pushing through with all the challenges you are facing. On that note I want to say a special thank you to Dr Leslie John Rencontre for all the work you have done to ensure that this directorate doesn't lag behind. While retirement is officially in a years' time I want to acknowledge your work now and wish Edgar Capes all the best as the Acting Director. Often the City is criticised for not planning ahead and transferring valuable skills and this time the department got it right. Later on, the Executive Director might also have a few words.

Looking at the agenda today, it is a reflection of the work that is being done, starting with the electrification dashboard that will have a presentation on later today and also two key policies that will guide us as we adapt to new ways of generating and distributing energy. We all know that as more people find alternative sources of energy our revenue will be greatly affected and finding new ways to generate income as the City to stay ahead is crucial. I look forward to your

contribution as we look at the Shared Network Charges policy later on the agenda.

As a municipality, the City of Cape Town is pushing the boundaries in the energy space and aims to be a leader in renewable energy space, which is why it was not surprising that the first Solar and Storage Live conference was held here in Cape Town last month.

With the City as a key partner industry leaders came together to share their expertise on key topics on the technology and innovation shaping the future of the industry and discuss challenges and opportunities South Africa faces. The City has already taken full advantage of opportunities that exists within the solar markets with the development of two City-owned ground-mounted solar PV plants in the Atlantis and Paardevlei areas.

The City has installed solar PV at municipal facilities in Goodwood Transport Management Centre, Gugulethu Electricity Depot and Kraaifontein Wastewater Treatment Plant which we visited last month. I do believe that come next year the City will have even a better story to tell at the Solar and Storage Live conference.

While the future looks bright for the sustainable energy markets the department still faces a lot of challenges when it comes to C3 notification backlog especially the streetlights. At the last meeting, we discussed the challenges at length and there was a proposal to get Corporate Services to come and account to this portfolio. I made the commitment to reach out to the chairperson and while I strongly believe in working with other departments, I prefer to always find solutions that affect the department within the department. That makes our job as a portfolio to play an oversight role much easier. I have had engagements with the Executive Director and he advised me that the department has been quietly working on something that seeks to address the endless issues with C3s and street lighting. I will allow the Executive Director to expand on this later with the commitment to bring the presentation back to this portfolio. That would mean that there is no reason to speak to Corporate Services, as I believe this department knows best the challenges we are facing and best placed to come up with solutions. We will hear more from the Executive Director on this topic later.

I thank you.

RESOLVED

That the Chairperson's report be noted.

ACTION: FOR INFORMATION

EN 04/04/23**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: 7 AUGUST 2024**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Energy Portfolio Committee held on 7 August 2024, be confirmed, subject to the following amendments :

- **Page 9** - Cllr D Cottee requested that the visiting Councillors and Councillors who attended online be recorded under the attendance of the minutes.
- **Cllr P Maxiti** stated that the committee agreed that no further attention to be provided by Subcouncil 1 under item **EN 09/08/24**.
- **EN 25/08/24** – Cllr T Jackson highlighted that discussions held by the portfolio committee should be recorded in the minutes. The information to be added would be forwarded to the Chairperson for review and inclusion in the minutes.

[Proposed by Cllr M Kleinschmidt and seconded by Cllr D G Cottee]

ACTION: L MCGREGOR

EN 05/04/23**PROGRESS REPORT: MATTERS RECEIVING ATTENTION****1. METALS THEFT UNIT PRESENTATION TO THE ENERGY PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

That the official provide regular updates on the Athlone Power Station Redevelopment upon request by the portfolio committee.

RESOLVED that regular updates on the Athlone Power Station be provided to the committee.

ACTION: K NASSIEP**3. INNOVATION FRIDAY PRESENTATION**

The next presentation on Innovation Friday is due in November 2024.

ACTION: L MAHOMED WEIDEMAN**4. 2022 SOLAR DETECTION AI GIS SURVEY**

The committee will request an update on the 2022 solar detection AI GIS survey from the official when required.

ACTION: M HAW**5. A DETAILED REPORT ON C3 NOTIFICATIONS**

A presentation on C3 Notifications was done at the Energy Portfolio Committee meeting held on 07 August 2024.

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

A presentation on high mast lights was done at the Energy Portfolio Committee meeting held on 07 August 2024.

7. C3 FEEDBACK / STREET LIGHTING

Cllr M Kleinschmidt referred to the permanent repairs of streetlights. E Capes responded that the contractors are required to submit a certificate after the repair has been completed before payment is made. Any defects after the repairs must be done under the warranty. He will report back on a more detailed quality assurance process for contractors.

The Chairperson, Cllr Z Sulelo informed the councillors to follow up with the Subcouncil Chairpersons and Subcouncil Managers regarding outstanding C3 Notifications. She further stated that WhatsApp groups are effective on Subcouncil level and that depot managers are included on these groups. Depot managers account to the relevant Subcouncil.

Ald X Limberg stated that Eskom will be included on the Subcouncil WhatsApp groups.

Cllr Z Sulelo requested that the item remain on the Matters Receiving Attention schedule.

RESOLVED that:

- a) E Capes report back on the quality assurance process for contractors repairing streetlights.
- b) the item remain on the Matters Receiving Attention schedule.

ACTION: E CAPES**EN 06/09/24****ELECTRIFICATION GIS DASHBOARD**

M Hammer gave a live demonstration to Councillors on the Electrification GIS Dashboard. The link shows information on Subcouncils, wards, areas legally electrified and current projects. The link to the GIS dashboard was emailed to Councillors.

RESOLVED that the live demonstration on the Electrification GIS Dashboard, be noted.

PRESENTER : M HAMMER

EN 07/09/24**ENERGY: 2023/24 FOURTH QUARTER'S PROGRESS REPORT ON THE DIRECTORATE AND DEPARTMENTS' PERFORMANCE**

Cllr G Peck referred to page 33 of the agenda and informed the committee that there were no requests for Audits as per the report.

Cllr D Cottee referred to page 29 of the agenda where the department is unable to install additional high mast lights in certain areas. E Capes responded that monthly meetings are held with Eskom. E Capes further stated that it is a matter of collaboration, mitigation and challenges.

The Mayoral Committee Member: Energy, Ms. X Limberg gave feedback on a meeting held with the Executive Mayor, Executive Director and Eskom. It was agreed at this meeting that WhatsApp groups would be created with the relevant Subcouncils to share important information.

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

ACTION: D LEEUWENDAAL

EN 08/09/24**ENERGY DIRECTORATE'S MONTHLY FINANCIAL PROGRESS REPORT (JULY 2024)**

RESOLVED that the Energy Directorate's Monthly Financial Progress report (July 2024), be noted.

ACTION: D LEEUWENDAAL

EN 09/09/24**ELECTRICITY GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION: PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT: JULY 2024**

RESOLVED that the Electricity Generation and Distribution: Performance Monitoring report: July 2024, be noted.

ACTION: D LEEUWENDAAL

EN 10/09/24**ANNUAL REVIEW OF ORGANISATIONAL PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

RESOLVED that the process for the review of the Organisational Performance Management System be noted and that, if necessary, committee members provide input into the Organisational Performance Management System by 30 September 2024.

It is **FURTHER RECOMMENDED** that the reviewed Organisational Performance Management System be submitted to Council as part of the IDP annual review process.

ACTION: M COTO, M FILLIES, L MCGREGOR

EN 11/09/24**THE CITY OF CAPE TOWN DRAFT RESIDENTIAL ELECTRICITY RETICULATION POLICY FOR APPROVAL BY COUNCIL**

I Jefferies gave a presentation to the committee on the Draft Residential Electricity Reticulation Policy. I Jefferies provided clarity on questions raised. The Chairperson, Cllr Z Sulelo informed portfolio committee members to email their questions and would be directed to the relevant official for answers.

It is **RECOMMENDED** that:

Energy Portfolio Committee (PC):

1. The Energy Portfolio Committee note the post-public participation report on the Residential Electricity Reticulation Policy as contained in Annexure B.

2. The Energy Portfolio Committee recommends the Residential Electricity Reticulation Policy as contained in Annexure A to the Executive Mayor together with the members of the Mayoral Committee for onward submission to Council for approval.

Executive Mayor together with the Members of the Mayoral Committee:

3. The Executive Mayor together with the Mayoral Committee support and recommend the Residential Electricity Reticulation Policy as contained in Annexure A to Council for approval.

Council:

4. Council approve the adoption of the Residential Electricity Reticulation Policy, as included in Annexure A.

ACTION: I JEFFERIES

EN 12/09/24

APPROVAL OF THE SHARED-NETWORK CHARGES POLICY

I Jefferies gave a presentation to the committee on the Shared-Network Charges Policy. I Jefferies further answered questions in detail raised by Councillors on the policy.

It is **RECOMMENDED** that:

Energy Portfolio Committee (PC):

The Shared-Network Charges policy as contained in Annexure A be recommended for onward submission to the Executive Mayor together with the Members of the Mayoral Committee for onward submission to Council for approval.

The inputs received during the Public Participation responses thereto on the Shared- Network Charges policy as contained in Annexure B be noted.

Executive Mayor together with the Members of the Mayoral Committee:

The Shared-Network Charges policy as contained in Annexure A be recommended to Council for approval.

The inputs received during the Public Participation responses thereto on the Shared- Network Charges policy as contained

in Annexure B be noted and support the City’s response thereto.

Council:

- 1) The inputs received during the Public Participation responses thereto on the Shared-Network Charges policy as contained in Annexure B be considered and support the City’s response thereto.
- 2) The Shared-Network Charges policy, as included in Annexure A, be approved.

ACTION: I JEFFERIES

SIGNATURE: CLLR Z SULELO CHAIRPERSON	
DATE	

MEETING ENDED: 12:44