

**MINUTE OF WARD COMMITTEE MEETING OF WARD 43 OF THE CITY OF CAPE TOWN
HELD AT SUBCOUNCIL 23 CONFERENCE ROOM, 2020-12-02 AT 10:00**

PRESENT:

Mr I Carstens	Sports
Mr N Sabodien	Business
Mrs G Lambrechts	Education
Mr N Jantjes	Civic Based Organisation

OFFICIALS:

Cllr E Jansen	Ward Councilor
Cllr E Theron	PR Cllr Ward 43
Oneziwe Kolanisi	Secretariat

STANDARD BUSINESS

43WC1/12/2020

OPENING & PRAYER

Cllr Jansen welcomed all and opened the meeting by observing a moment of silence

43WC2/12/2020

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Noted that the following apologies:

- a) Cllr B Clarke
- b) Mr N Savel

43WC3/12/2020

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

RESOLVED

- a) That the minute of the Ward 43 Committee meeting of 9 September 2020, **BE CONFIRMED**

Mover	:	Mr I Carstens
Seconder	:	Mr N Jantjes

43WC4/12/2020

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Cllr Jansen addressed the meeting and gave the following feedback:

PHA

Cllr referred to the MURP Agricultural programme in the PHA. He advised the meeting that the funds for the project is not from ward allocations. An amount of R1 Million was made available for the Agri Training programme, which was decided to the Informal Settlements in the PHA. Only resident who shows interest in the project are being sourced and trained from various Informal Settlements.

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Electrification projects

There are 2 electrification projects happening in the PHA, which is for Smallville Informal Settlement and Jabula Informal Settlement.

Smallville Informal Settlement

The project however had challenges with regards to the wayleaves. This was however resolved, but not in time to allow the project to commence before the festive season. It would also not have been wise to start the project in December as all construction companies closed for holidays. The project will therefore commence mid-January 2021.

Jabula Informal Settlement

The project is in design stage. The owner has given permission and documents need to be signed by the lawyers.

Knole Park Informal Settlement

This is a work in progress and is a challenging project as there are 2 owners, of which only one gave permission for the City of Cape Town to provide basic services. Consent is however needed from both owners to commence.

Egoli Informal Settlement

The owner of the settlement does not want to give permission for basic services.

Jim se Bos Informal Settlement

Since the electrification at this informal settlement, a reduction in reconnections is more evident. There is a challenge however with vandalism and cable theft in PHA.

Oasis Farm

This farm is owned by the Western Cape department of Human Settlement and Cllr advised that he is busy with negotiations with the owners in order to obtain permission for services.

Informal Settlement Leadership

The leaders of the informal Settlements have grouped themselves. In a meeting with Cllr Jansen, it was agreed that they would engage with Cllr on a biweekly basis. This however pose a challenge according to Cllr's schedule. Cllr will write to the chairperson to revisit and discuss the biweekly meetings.

PHA Forum

This forum is also facing challenges. Cllr advised that he will request a meeting with the forum to offer assistance on how get them up and running, aligned with their constitution.

Indigo report.

The Western Cape Government and City of Cape Town adopted the Indigo Report which refers to the preservation of the PHA for agriculture. The report is currently in review to put mechanisms in place to enforce the adoption of the report. It will then go out for public participation. Cllr advised that he also needs guidance in terms

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of how to look at Highlands Estate, which is zoned agricultural but used residentially. He will suggest looking at the lack of bulk infrastructure while busy with review.

Erf 1212

Cllr referred to the copies of the ownership of erf 1212 distributed to all, which provides clarity on the ownership as requested in a previous meeting. In a previous engagement, Mr Bernardus Wentzel agreed to have continuous engagements around the Strandfontein housing project. The official also confirmed that the current sand mining application will not be supported for that area. A steering committee will be established in January 2021 which will give the community an opportunity to provide input into the project. Cllr Jansen advised that he has engaged with the project manager in terms of including an economic component into the project.

Falsebay College

Cllr awaits an update from the Falsebay College officials. He will provide feedback once received.

Strandfontein Sport Field

A report was tabled as part of the agenda which reflects the timelines for the project. Mr Wentzel will however present the presentation at the February meeting of the Strandfontein FMC.

Covid 19

Cllr noted the rapid spike in Covid 19 infections, and urged all Ward committee members to continue to promote the wearing of a mask, and avoiding large gatherings in their sectors and community.

Strandfontein Ward office

The Strandfontein hall reopened on 1 November 2020. Cllr Jansen advised that he is off the view that the reopening of all halls will be reconsidered due to the spike in infections. He also advised that he will only be utilising the ward office on Thursdays and Fridays and gradually engage with resident again.

Ward allocations

Cllr informed the meeting that funds were reallocated in the January 2021 adjustment budget, which will be allocated to deal with traffic calming measures in the PHA as well as in Strandfontein.

PHA Law Enforcement Rural Unit

Cllr informed the meeting that the Rural unit is active in the PHA. They consist of 14 members. The unit is not just for the farmers, but also for the residential component of the PHA. Cllr met with Mr Peters who heads up the unit. He advised that they are utilising 2 containers as a satellite office on one of the farms in the PHA. Safety and Security senior officials are busy relooking the operation side of the unit. They are currently only operating during office hours, but there is a need for them to operate at night as well. The incorporation of drones will also need to be considered.

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Electricity outages

There is a huge challenge in the PHA in terms of electricity disconnections. Cllr Jansen advised that he is engaging with the Head of Electricity, as well as the Mayco member for Energy on how to address the matter.

COMMENTS FROM CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Cllr's feedback elicited the following comments:

Mr Jantjes requested that all halls should be made available for community based organisations as they do not have many options in terms of meeting locations. He also suggested that the City of Cape Town do more in terms of educating the community especially during the second wave of Covid 19. He suggested replacing graffiti on walls in the area with positive messages.

Cllr Theron referred to Cllr's statement in which he mentioned a PHA Forum constitution. He corrected Cllr and advised that the forum's constitution has not yet been adopted. An interim committee was established during the lockdown as the entire forum was unable to meet due to lockdown regulations. A pre AGM (Annual General Meeting) was then held with the interim executive. The interim committee will then lead the forum to an AGM where the constitution need to be adopted. He also suggested that Cllr Jansen obtain the minutes of the pre AGM from Mr Jan Visagie who was the secretariat for that meeting.

Cllr Jansen note the comments and will address the matter of the PHA Forum at their next engagement.

Ms Van Willingh enquired about the timeline for the Jabula Electrification project. She also referred to the incident at Oasis Farm and expressed her dismay in the manner in which Law Enforcement officials treat the residents the Informal Settlements, as she is of the view that they are not being treated with dignity and respect.

Cllr Jansen advised that there is no timeline for the Jabula project yet. This can only be put in place once all documentation is signed by the owner. He also referred to the Oasis Farm unrest and advised that the matter was escalated and that he is awaiting a report from Safety and Security Directorate. He also stated that he requested the head of Informal Settlements to also engage with the Safety and Security Directorate about the matter.

Ms Lambrechts expressed her concern in terms of the open day held by the Strandfontein Clinic, which attracted residents to attend, putting people at risk; yet many ECD's were closed as they could not comply with the health and safety regulations.

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Cllr Jansen note the comment and will address the matter with Mayco member for Community Service and Health, Cllr Badroodien and the Head of Health, Mrs Soraya Elloker.

Cllr also informed the meeting of the capacity building workshop for ECD's which was postponed to 2021. His office will liaise with Ms Lambrechts once a date is confirmed.

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MATTERS RECEIVING ATTENTION

Cllr Jansen addressed the following:

1. STRANDFONTEIN RESOURCE CENTRE

All procurement document has been signed. Procurement underway.

2. AGRICULTURAL PROJECT IN PARK

Several organisations requested agricultural programs in parks. Cllr engaged with the Head of parks to look at the rezoning of land.

RESOLVED that

- a) Head of Parks be invited to the next meeting to give feedback.

ACTION: SECRETARIAT

3. PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE STRANDFONTEIN PAVILLION

Cllr Jansen gave a brief background regarding the project. The presentation consists of the pros and cons of the proposed development. All relevant departments to give their input, however the community and organisations will also have an opportunity to comment.

RESOLVED that

- a) A copy of the presentation sent by Kier Hennessy as well as a copy of the SDF be emailed to all members for information.

ACTION: SECRETARIAT

MONTHLY/QUARTERLY REPORTS EXCLUDING FINANCIAL REPORTS
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43WC6/12/2020

JOBSEEKER STATISTICS: OCTOBER 2020

Cllr Jansen explained the content of the report. Ms Van Willingh

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requested clarity on the difference between CDW and EPWP projects.

RESOLVED that

- a) Admin to provide feedback at the next meeting.

ACTION: SECRETARIAT

43WC7/12/2020

C3 NOTIFICATIONS REPORT: OCTOBER 2020

Cllr Jansen explained the content of the report.

Ms Lambrechts raised a concern where residents experience high water accounts due to estimated readings. She requested clarity on how this is being addressed.

Cllr Theron also mentioned incidences where the meter was running, but no water came from the meter and the residents were held responsible for the account.

RESOLVED that

- a) Admin to write to the department of Water and Revenue to deal with residents because the meter was not read, not have high water bills. Without asking for deposits. If leakages, resident should not be accountable.

ACTION: SECRETARIAT

FINANCIAL REPORTS

43WC8/12/2020

PROGRESSIVE CAPITAL EXPENDITURE REPORT: OCTOBER 2020

Cllr Jansen explained the content of the report.

The meeting resolved that the report be **NOTED**

HEARINGS / PRESENTATIONS

43WC9/12/2020

ROAD MARKING MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME

Cllr Jansen explained the content of the report.

Cllr Theron and Mr Jantjes requested that the repainting of speedbumps need to be addressed, as it becomes a safety hazard when speedbumps are not painted.

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RESOLVED that

- a) Line markings, especially the painting of speedbumps in Dennegeur avenue in Strandfontein be reported to the line department for their attention.

ACTION: SECRETARIAT

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STRANDFONTEIN SPORTS COMPLEX PROJECT

Cllr Jansen explained the content of the report.

The meeting resolved that the report be **NOTED**

43WC11/12/2020

STRANDFONTEIN INTEGRATED HOUSING PROJECT – ERF 1212

Cllr Jansen explained the content of the report.

The meeting resolved that the report be **NOTED**

43WC12/12/2020

FESTIVE SEASON PREPAREDNESS PLAN: 2020/21

Cllr Jansen explained the content of the report.

The meeting resolved that the report be **NOTED**

MONTHLY FEEDBACK REPORTS

43WC13/12/2020

REPORT BACK WARD COMMITTEES

The following reports were submitted:

- Mr I Carstens - Sports Sector

GENERAL

43WC14/12/2020

RESIGNATION OF PASTOR SHADRACK KOHLISO – FAITH BASED SECTOR

Cllr Jansen informed all members of the resignation received from Pastor Kohliso, representative of the Faith Based Sector, as well as the resignation of Mr Mario Oostendurp, representative of the Civic Based Sector. The latter one received prior to the meeting.

Ms Van Willingh enquired clarity when members resign. She is of

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the opinion that the member should resign to their executive who then withdraw them from the ward committee, and not the member resigning themselves. Cllr Jansen noted the comment and advised that he will request clarity from the administration

Cllr Theron suggested the following:

- That the basis of resignation be addressed and corrected as it is an unfair reflection of how the ward committee operates. He is of the opinion that the member has only been on the committee for 2 months, and is therefore not completely aware of the operational processes of the committee.
- He also advised that he will never attend a meeting where no minutes or agenda was distributed.
- The sectoral functions of the ward committee is also managed by administrative process, and not by the ward committee members.
- He also stated that the generalization in the letter should be rebutted as it is unacceptable.

Mr Jantjes mentioned that Mr Oostendurp never attended meetings

Cllr Jansen advised that he will respond to Mr Oostendurp and copy all ward committee members in the correspondence.

Cllr Jansen shared a voicenote with the house from the Chairperson of the FMC requesting that Mr Carstens be withdrawn from the ward committee as Sports representative. **Cllr Jansen** however responded and advised the Chairperson of the FMC to table the request to the administration in writing.

RESOLVED that:

- a) Cllr Jansen to write to Mr Oostendurp

ACTION: SECRETARIAT / CLLR JANSEN

Cllr Jansen's Business plan

Cllr referred to Mr Jantjes' request for a business plan. He advised that he does not want the plan to become public, as he does not want the public to view it as "promises". He will however share it with the Ward Committee at the next meeting.

RESOLVED that:

- b) Cllr Jansen do a presentation of Business plan for 2016 – 2021

ACTION: SECRETARIAT / CLLR JANSEN

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CLOSING ITEMS

MEETING CLOSING

The meeting adjourned at 13h00

NEXT MEETING DATE

To be confirmed 2021

CHAIRPERSON:.....

DATE: 25 January 2021.....