

Portfolio Reports

MONTHLY REPORT

PORTFOLIO: Human settlement and Land Development

MONTH: April 2025

MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PORTFOLIO: Francois Hattingh

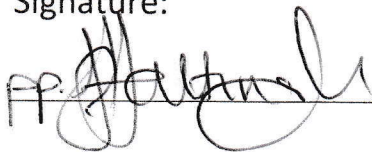
As discussed in previous meeting on 14th of January 2025 – Cllr. Lindy Maritz and I visited Mr. Thebile Segwapa the Building inspector at Merafong. I handed him a list of unfinished houses and renovations to houses in Ward 14. Thebile undertake to follow up and investigate. Also, assuring me I can contact him once a month and he will give me feedback. I also asked him he should check on 110 Olienhout Fochville where residents are not paying for water and Electricity. Also, Olienhout Fochville next to Civic Centre where people occupied and unfinished home and water and electricity are connected.

Corner of Protea and Kraalkop the people is adding a new room to the house. Has this building plans been approved?

Mr. Thebile Segwapa cell number not answering.

Mr. Thebile Segwapa office number not answering.

Signature:



Date:

10 April 2025

WARD 14

REPORT 2025/04/04

PORTFOLIO: WATER AND ELECTRICITY

ELECTRICITY:

1. A Newly appointed provider is busy replacing pre-paid metres that are faulty and broken. We urge all residents to report their meters.
2. On 10 March there was a power outage. Seems like both Eskom transformers were off. It tripped again after switching on. The Eskom 132kV line had a fault. They sectionalized and split the line between other lines.
3. Loadshedding on 19 March

Merafong to regularly inspect and maintain existing infrastructure to prevent faults and reduce power outages.

Merafong to invest in modernizing and expanding the electrical grid to meet growing demand. Like the Protea lines that needs to be replaced

Street lights burning in Losberg Ave during the day

Street light on the C/O N12 and R500 is not fixed yet. After months of reporting. It is a great concern as it is a high risk area for highjacks

WATER

WATER LEAK ON THE CORNER OF KIEPERSOL AND ANNEMOON. REPORTED SATURDAY 8 FEBRUARY NO REF. It seems like the corner of address is a problem, jet the leak it absolute on the corner

WATER KIEPERSOL 30 AND 34 REF BIKUXUXQW025 - Fixed

Denneweg 13 reported a broken water meter

Aging and damaged pipes should be replaced

Smaller water leaks not fixed yet

Measures should be implemented to reduce water waste

Rand water / Payment problem.

EdMeyer

Monthly Report for April.
Portfolio _Road, Storm water and Public Works.
Member _SIMON MATLALA.

The purpose of this report is to make sure that the people get their services delivered to them by the municipality.

1.I could like to thank the municipality for attending to some of our potholes which were very bad Olienhout corner and Hawthorne. The other streets that were attended to are Peperkorrel, Froneman and corner of Ouhout street.

2.We still have some challenges of the following streets.

A.Keurboom 30 and corner of Denneweg Street

B.Olienhout no 110 or 71 very bad potholes need to be fixed.

C.Waterbury street no 12,8 and 20 very bad potholes need to be fixed.

D.Kareeboom and Bloekom on the corner there's a bad potholes need to be fixed.

E.Lelielaan very very bad potholes need to be fixed.

F. Sycamor street no 25,23,21,and no 7 very bad potholes need to be fixed

G.Aster street very bad potholes need to be fixed.

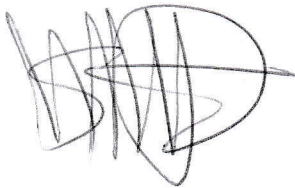
H.Disalaan street no very bad potholes need to be fixed.

I.Anamoon street no 26 very bad potholes need to be fixed.

Please we need assistance with these potholes on our street it's a very serious problem that needs to be addressed.

Signature.

SIMON MATLALA.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SIMON MATLALA', written in a stylized, cursive script.

08-Apr-25

PORTFOLIO : PUBLIC SAFETY, WARD 14, FOCHVILLE.

MONTH : Apr-25

MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PORTFOLIO : JC VAN DER MERWE

1.) ELECTRICAL CABLE FAULTS / THEFT OUTAGES :

ESCOM REINSTATE " LOADSHEDDING " STAGE 2 7th & 19th MARCH 2025.
ESCOM PROBLEMS AT 132 KV SUPPLY LINE 10 MARCH, REROUTE LINES TO POWER ON.
PATROLLERS OF ALL COMPANIES / IDENTITIES PARTICIPATED TO DID EXTRA PATROLS.

2.) BURGLARIES :

NONE REPORTED IN OUR AREA ON GROUPS, NO INFO FROM SAPS COULD BE OBTAINED.
VEHICLE BEEN STOLEN IN THE EAST SECTOR.

3.) C.P.F.

SEVERAL OPERATIONS TOGETHER WITH SAPS CONDUCTED AND MANY ARREST MADE.

4.) ACCIDENTS :

SEVERAL ON THE N12, R 500 AND GREENSPARK ROAD.
POTHoles 90 % OF CAUSE ON R 500 AND GREENSPARK ROAD.
KOKOSI ROAD NOT 100 % BUT 1000 % BETTER THAN BEFORE.

5.) BELREX :

HUGE SUCCESSES, FROM HI JACKERS, MURDERERS AND RAPIST WERE ARRESTED BY SAPS,
CPF AND PRIVATE SECURITY COMPANIES.

6.) SPEED HUMBS : NO FEEDBACK.

7.) POTHoles :

NONE IN OUR AREAWAS DONE ON THE REPORTED PLACES WITH REF. NR, EVEN
WITH DONATIONS TO BE AT HAND, AS IT WILL BE A ISSUE TO RECEIVE ANYTHING
FROM PUBLIC.
OUTSTANDING WORK WILL BE DONE BY COMMUNITY SELF WITH DONATED MATERIAL
AS SOON AS THE RAIN STOP AND WETTEN OF.

8.) ADDITIONAL :

WASTE REMOVAL WAS INTERRUPTED BY A STRIKE / MUNICIPALITY PAYMENT ISSUES.

9.) NEW PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLES / TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT.

PUBLIC SAFETY/TRAFFIC DEP. VERY ACTIVE IN FOCHVILLE,AND HELPFUL AT ACCIDENTS.

11.) TAXI / AVANZAS :

TAXI PATROLS STILL PATROLLING AND IN CHARGE WITH NO REPORTED INCIDENTS.

12.) FOOD PARCELS : HELPED TO GET BENEFICIARIES TO FILL THE NEED.


JC VD MERWE
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WARD 14 COMMITTEE REPORT: LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

08 APRIL 2025

The status quo is in the order of the day and nothing worthwhile to report on.

1. Local Businesses are still struggling. No support or relief from Merafong City.
2. Ward 14 is struggling with basic service that place an extreme limit on LED development. Big issues are water and electricity. Albeit electricity is better due to warmer weather we are extremely concerned about the impact in the coming winter time.

By compiling and analyzing these various sources of data and information, it is my humble opinion that Fochville economics is in a downward spiral with no prospects for any sustainable new developments, LED project or any growth in the foreseeable future.

There is no business trust, no credibility in Merafong and its Council and the whole economic environment is detrimental for any economic growth. Any attempt to contact council, the MM is fruitless endeavors.

Yours truly,



Jaco van der Merwe
LED: Ward 14 portfolio

MONTHLY REPORT

PORTFOLIO: Intergraded Environmental Management

MONTH: April 2025

MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PORTFOLIO: Heidi Hattingh

Still waiting for feedback from Merafong

Rubbish dumped all over ward 14.

Trees that need to be cut in Ward 14 Keurboom, Stinkhout, Mimosa Road, Anemoon Ave. Trees hanging in the streets is a safety issue.

After all the rain the open Merafong fields needs to be cut, also the sidewalks and weed growing in the street needs to be removed.

NSI Trash collection is done in Ward 14 on Fridays, every weekend the truck return to Kiaat nr 11 to collect this house rubbish. Who is paying for this collection of rubbish? Who is paying for overtime? Who has approved this? Still waiting for answer about this matter.

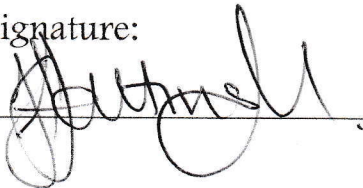
Once again, the rubbish truck collected from Kiaat 11 Fochville twice in a weekend, as well in Keurboom 42 Fochville Registration number: KYX184NW This matter was reported by Cllr. Lindy Maritz but no feedback.

Keurboom 42 Fochville is pouring petrol in the open fields and set the field on fire.

Recommendation – Olienhout vlei area needs a TLB to clear road and sidewalks.

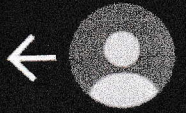
A lot of complaints was received about areas not been maintained.

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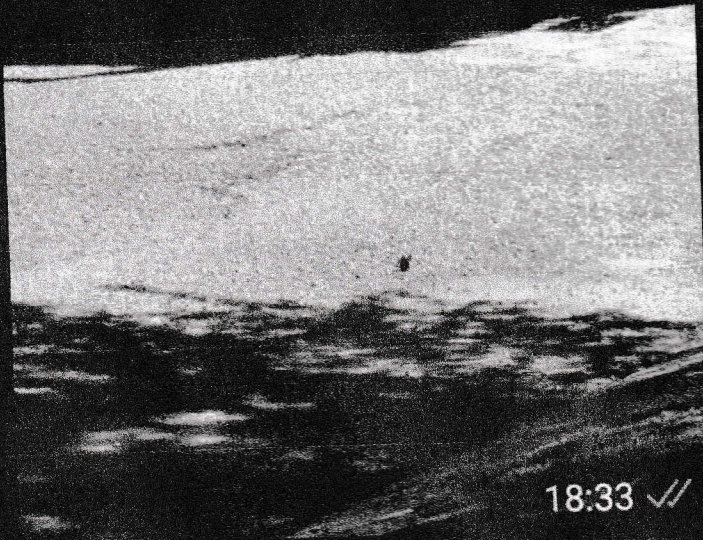
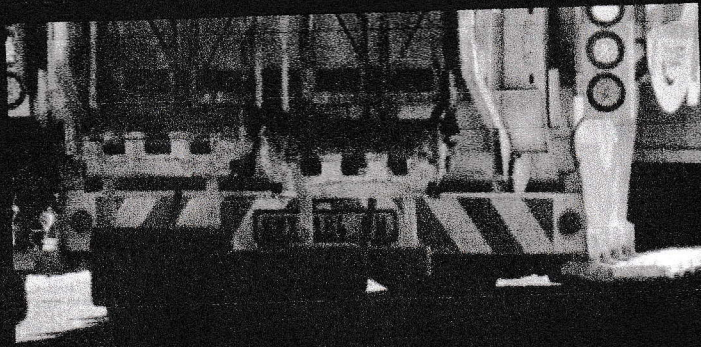


Date:

10th April 2025



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1	Maurice Wolder North	https://map	Between Losberg & Dahlia North of Maurice Wolder Park	
2	Stand		Bloekom	1653
3	Stand		Bloekom	1654
4	Stand		Bloekom	1655
5	Stand		Bloekom	1656
6	Stand		Bloekom	1674
7	Stand		Bloekom	1675
8	Stand	https://map	Cnr Jakaranda & Olienhout	1856
9	Open space / Stand	https://map	Cnr Losberg & 1st str	
10	Open space / Stand	https://map	Cnr Malva / Protea	1395
11	Jan Etsebeth Park	https://map	Cnr Protea / Disa	RE/2799
12	Park	https://map	Cnr Wattle & Jakaranda	
13	Stand		Dahlia	1643
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15	Stand		Disa	1662
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17	Stand		Ebbenhout	1490
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33	Stand		Ebbenhout	3/1331
34	Stand		Elm	1355
35	Stand		Elm	1356
36	Stand		Elm	1402
37	Stand		Froneman str	2638
38	Stand		Froneman str	2641
39	Stand		Froneman str	2643
40	Stand		Froneman str	2658

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125	Stand		Olienhout	2022
126	Stand		Olienhout	3955
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127	HighSkool	https://map	Protea	1202
128	Park	https://map	Suikerbos	

MONTHLY REPORT – WARD 14

PORTFOLIO: Finance

MONTH: April 2025

MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PORTFOLIO: CWA NIEUWOUDT

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to inform the ward committee that no financial report can be submitted for the month, seeing that the section 71 report has not been received or made public on the Municipal website.

The following report as submitted in the February 2025 ward meeting is still relevant. It is a serious concern that no reports or feedback is been given on the financial situation of council.

Background

As previously reported to the ward committee, municipal financial reports are required in accordance with the applicable legislation.

In terms of **Section 71(d)** of the MFMA, the accounting officer of a municipality must by no later than 10 working days after the end of each month submit to the mayor of the municipality and the relevant National and Provincial Treasury, a statement in the prescribed format on the state of the municipality's budget reflecting certain particulars for that month for the financial year up to the end of that month.

In terms of **Section 72** of the MFMA, the Mid-year Budget and Performance assessment report must be tabled by the accounting officer by 25 January of each year to recommend whether an adjustment budget is required.

The above compliance report must be made public in terms of **section 21A** of the Municipal Systems Act.

Discussion

The Mid- term budget and performance report must have been submitted to council by 25 January 2025 and the subsequent section 71 report by 14 March respectively, but no reports have been received from the councilor or has been made public on the municipal website as required by law.

The ward councilor did however circulate the agenda of the Special Council meeting of 26 February on WhatsApp, after the March meeting, when the Adjustment Budget was already approved by council. Although there are serious concerns over the adjustment budget and the adjusted SDBIP, it would serve no purpose to analyze and report on the documents already approved by council.

The ward committee, and as such the community, was therefore deprived from making any inputs or seeking clarities on the report.

The importance of the report is that the mid-term review informs the need for an adjustment budget. Several factors had an impact on the budget as at mid-year.

The municipality indicated that strict credit control will be exercised and a pre-paid electricity meter correction drive would have been undertaken together with the electricity meter TID process.

The collection rate was budgeted at 65%, despite inputs from the ward committee that it is unrealistic without a clear plan of action to deal with the non- payment of services and bridged electricity meters. The payment figure reported at mid-year was only 54% and therefore the revenue budget had to be adjusted downwards.

The impact of the billing crisis on the revenue for the first 6 months of the financial year would also have had an impact on the financial performance.

Another major factor is the impact on the resolution that a portion of the "Equitable Share Grant" would have been attached in lieu of the arrears Rand Water account. The impact of this would necessitate an adjustment budget. The loss of income will negatively impact on the operational budget and service delivery.

Council forfeited **R76 973 392 been forfeited** of grants for capital projects due to poor performance. The most serious impact is the loss of **R34 594 392** in respect of the WSIG grant, which cannot be afforded by the municipality.

Despite the reduction in revenue, council has approved additional expenditure to be funded from own revenue, such as R2 m for furniture and printers and R10 m for smart meters and has increased some maintenance targets in the adjusted SDBIP. The SDBIP however does not indicate any budget amounts allocated to the increased targets which makes no sense.

There are several issues where clarities had to be provided and the revised Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan be consulted with the wards on the reprioritization of the budget and service delivery targets, as dictated by law.

Needless to say, this did not happen which is a clear indication that the community is taken for granted and is expected to fund the irregularities and wastage of the municipality.

Recommendations

1. That it be noted that the Mid-term budget and performance assessment report had to be submitted to council by 25 January 2025 to make recommendations to council on whether an Adjustment budget is required.

2. That it be noted that no financial reports have been received or made public on the Municipal website as required by law prior to the revised budget been approved by council.
3. That it be noted that the March section 71 report has also not been made available.
4. That it be noted that the public and ward committees were not consulted during the adjustment of the budget and revised Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan, neither on the new 2025/26 MTREF Budget.
5. That the ward councillor gives feedback on this matter.

SIGNATURE: *Original Signed*

CWA NIEUWOUDT

DATE:08/04/2025

Monthly Health and Safety Report

Ward 14 – Fochville

Date: 10 April 2025

Prepared by: Abraham Brits

Position: Health and Social Representative – Ward 14

1. Illegal Dumping Alongside Protea / Olienhout Streets

It has been observed that the illegal and ongoing dumping of domestic and general waste along Protea Street continues to escalate. This practice has raised significant environmental and public health concerns:

- The accumulation of refuse has attracted rats, other pests, and wildlife such as meerkats, which may carry diseases, including rabies.
- The risk to children and pets in nearby residential areas is considerable.
- The lack of regular municipal cleaning and visible enforcement has contributed to the spread of dumping activities further along the route.

Recommendations:

- Immediate clean-up initiatives led by Merafong City Local Municipality in conjunction with community volunteers.
- Erection of signage warning against illegal dumping, with stated fines for non-compliance.
- Regular pest control interventions in high-risk areas.
- Community awareness campaigns on the dangers of illegal dumping.

2. Communication Breakdowns Regarding Water Supply

Several recent instances of unexpected water disruptions have caused confusion and frustration among Ward 14 residents. The lack of clear, centralised communication from the Merafong Municipality has amplified concerns.

- Residents often rely on informal messages or hearsay regarding outages and repairs.
- The absence of timeous updates affects households, businesses, schools, and healthcare facilities.

Proposal:

- Establishment of an official Merafong Municipal WhatsApp Broadcast Group to disseminate accurate and timely information.
- Alternatively, designating community liaison officers in each ward to relay verified updates.
- Ensuring that any planned outages are communicated at least 24 hours in advance through all available platforms: social media, radio, municipal noticeboards, and WhatsApp.

3. Unregulated Building Activity

Numerous sites across Ward 14 are currently under development by non-registered contractors. These developments often start without proper approval and then remain incomplete and abandoned for extended periods.

- Many of these sites pose structural risks to the public.
- Health and safety measures such as fencing, warning signage, and worker protective gear are often non-existent.
- The derelict sites contribute to urban decay and can become hotspots for crime or vagrancy.

Recommendations:

- Municipal inspections should be intensified to identify and halt unapproved construction work.
- Contractors should be required to submit proof of registration with the National Home Builders Registration Council (NHBRC) before work commences.
- All incomplete or abandoned sites must be reviewed and either secured or demolished where necessary.

4. Delayed Distribution of Proposed Relief Parcels

It has come to our attention that the relief parcels proposed by Council for community members in financial distress have not yet been distributed.

- There is widespread uncertainty among residents regarding the status of this support programme.
- The lack of communication surrounding the process, eligibility, and expected timelines is causing frustration and distrust.

Request:

- The Municipality is urgently requested to issue an official statement or circular providing clarity on the relief parcels' availability, criteria, and distribution timeline.
- Community representatives should be informed so they can assist in spreading the correct information to those in need.

Conclusion

The current health and safety concerns in Ward 14 demand urgent attention and a coordinated approach from both the Municipality and the local community. The involvement of all stakeholders is essential to uphold the standard of living, safeguard public health, and foster a safer, cleaner environment.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this report and advise on the progress or interventions planned by the Municipality.

Monthly Report – April 2025

Portfolio – Corporate Services

Member – Nadine Bouwer

- Health & Safety still a concern
- Rand Water – No further feedback was received re the possible further water restrictions as a result of the account in arrears(Ongoing issues water on/off)
- Residents very anxious re financial/billing system that is still not operational – Reports that it would have/should have been up and running at the end of March 2024 – No other feedback re this – some are receiving correct accounts, some are not, getting the errors adjusted accordingly is very difficult for residents and time consuming – Up and running however the accounts are still not correct, residents struggling to get Merafong to assist in correcting incorrect amounts ie over charging on water etc, some residents are being switched off due to these incorrect errors
- Library – No feedback re maintenance/upgrades/books
- We are also requesting a list of all the positions filled in the last 12 months please (If this was done according the organogram , if it was approved accordingly in line with financial recovery plan)

- Swimming Pool – Needs resources & staff need appropriate training
- Library – Needs resources
- Electricity – Very concerned, winter approaching Du Preez line is going to be a problem
- Is there any feedback re mobile Home Affairs, there was a visit at Kokosi, however people waited from 7 till 4 then told to go home as they are not paid overtime, not everyone could wait in the hall, so they had to brave the heat, we need to try and get a few more visits and more spread across Fochville so all wards can be assisted, is this possible?
- Fifth Street – Residents concerned re children crossing there as cars do not stop
- It has also been noted that the telephones at Merafong offices are not working just rings

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