



WARD COMMITTEE: WARD 1 WYKSKOMITEE: WYK 1

Minutes of an Ordinary Ward Committee meeting held on Thursday, 19 February 2026, at the Council Chambers, Municipal Offices, Stanford at 16:00.

Notule van 'n Gewone Wykskomitee vergadering wat gehou is op Donderdag, 19 February 2026, in die Raadsaal, Munisipale Kantore, Stanford om 16:00.

PRESENT

Committee members:

Councillor Andrew Komani (Chairperson): MMC for Municipal Public Safety

Mr D Hagen	:	Stanford Conservation Association
Ms Kathryn S Marshall	:	Klein River Lagoon Owners & Farm Watch
Mr Wilson Damon	:	Volvertroue Diens Sentrum
Mr Elias Cornelius	:	Mosselbaai (Nuwe Behuisingsontwikkeling)
Mr Brett Sander	:	Food for Thought ECD

Officials:

S de Villiers : Chief Clerk: Public Liaison

Other:

1.	WELCOME
	Cllr Komai welcomed those present and conveyed apologies for the absence of Ald D Coetzee. He also apologized for the late arrival. Meeting started at 16h30.
	NOTED
2.	APOLOGIES
	An application for leave of absence was received from Mr Richard King (Stanford Ratepayers' Association) and Mr Kevin Husk (Stanford CPF). No apology was received from Mr Garth Abrahams (Universals Rugby Club) and Ms Carike May (Mission Day Ministry (Youth))
	RESOLVED:
	That leave of absence be granted to from Mr Richard King (Stanford Ratepayers' Association) and Mr Kevin Husk (Stanford CPF).
	That the absence of Mr Garth Abrahams (Universals Rugby Club) and Mrs Carike May (Mission Day Ministry (Youth)) be regarded as absent without leave.
	NOTED

3.	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES 13 NOVEMBER 2025
	<p>RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2025 be confirmed.</p> <p>Proposed: Mr Dave Hagen Seconded: Mrs Kathryn Marshall</p> <p>NOTED</p>
4.	ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
	<p>The ordinary ward committee meeting originally scheduled for 12 February 2026 has been postponed to 19 February 2026.</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>NOTED</p>
5.	MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: WARD COMMITTEE: 13 NOVEMBER 2025
	<p>Mrs. Kathryn Marshall followed up regarding the Christmas lights and spoke to Nicolene about their request. However, Nicolene confirmed that she does not require any storage facilities or assistance from the municipality at this time.</p> <p>NOTED</p>
6.	NEW MATTERS
6.1	ADJUSTMENT BUDGET
	<p>Cllr Komani reported on the formal Ward Committee Specific Funding allocated to Ward 1 as part of the Adjustment Budget. An overview of the approved allocations was presented, outlining the projects identified for implementation within the ward.</p> <p>Cllr Komani emphasized the urgency of addressing all operational requirements to ensure that the approved ward-specific funding is spend before end of June 2026.</p> <p>Stanford – Entrance Walls Raising the Stanford entrance walls at Queen Victoria Street to 1.5m, in accordance with the specifications provided by the Stanford Conservation Trust. The Ward Committee members advised that the Stanford entrance has already been completed. They therefore recommend that the allocated funds be redirected to the entrance at Die Kop instead.</p> <p>Sprinkler System Installation of a sprinkler system in the public open space for the watering of trees and grass at the new rest area in Stanford. The Ward Committee members approved this project.</p> <p>Closure – Middleton Street Permanent closure of Middleton Street using concrete bollards. The Ward Committee members approved this project.</p>

	<p>Gate – Cemetery Replacement of the stolen gate at the cemetery entrance. A gate has since been donated. The Ward Committee members recommend that the allocated funds instead be used for the installation of a jungle gym at the park in the New Rest area.</p> <p>Long Market Street – Parking Formalisation of parking along Long Market Street. The Ward Committee members advised that, as there are no current plans to erect a wall in Long Market Street, the second phase of the project should not proceed. They recommend that the allocated amount be divided as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R40,000.00 towards the jungle gym project; and • R118,571.00 towards renovations at the Community Hall. <p>Fencing – Community Hall Installation of clear-view fencing above the boundary wall behind the Community Hall. The Ward Committee members support the allocation of additional funding towards renovations at the Community Hall as noted above.</p> <p>The recommendations were noted and referred to the Ward Councillor, Ald. Coetzee, for a final decision.</p> <p>NOTED</p>	
6.2	WILDFIRES	
	<p>Cllr Komani requested that Fire Chief Lester Smith attend the meeting to provide feedback to the Ward Committee members regarding the recent fires. Unfortunately, he was unable to attend.</p> <p>An investigation has been conducted, and the report will be presented at the next Council meeting.</p> <p>It was resolved that this item be deferred to the next Ward Committee meeting.</p>	
6.3	EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN FOR STANFORD	
	<p>Mr Richard King was unable to attend the meeting to discuss the matter. He will address the Ward Committee at the next meeting regarding the emergency evacuation plan for Stanford.</p>	
6.4	TRAFFIC CALMING AND SPEED BUMPS: NEW HOUSING AREA STANFORD	
	<p>Mrs Kathryn Marshall requested confirmation on whether there is a comprehensive development plan for the New Rest area in Stanford, including a traffic calming plan.</p> <p>She further requested comments from the Traffic, Town Planning, and Infrastructure Departments in this regard.</p>	

	<p>Referring to Item 16 on the IDP, which relates to traffic calming, she enquired whether Tito Kamieni Street and Achmat Abrahams Street could be included, as the area is in urgent need of speed humps.</p> <p>NOTED</p>	
6.5	DIE KOP – REFUSE REMOVAL	
	<p>Mrs Kathryn Marshall provided feedback regarding challenges at Die Kop. She reported that most of the refuse bins have been stolen, and request for new refuse bins to be installed as soon as possible. The option of installing concrete bins was also suggested.</p> <p>She further raised concerns about open plots where residents have been relocated to new houses, noting that these sites have not been cleaned and that leftover building material still needs to be removed.</p> <p>Cllr Komani committed to raising the matter with Mr Aron Gcotyelwa. A request was also submitted to the Municipality to conduct a comprehensive clean-up campaign in Die Kop.</p> <p>.NOTED</p>	
6.6	TARING OF JJ SWART -, CHURCH STREET (IDP)	
	<p>Mr Dave Hagen reported back following their meeting and enquired about the progress of the tarring tender. Cllr Komani undertook to follow up on the matter.</p> <p>Mr Hagen was also informed that the gravel road at the bottom of Queen Victoria Street, leading towards JJ Swart Street, is situated within the heritage area of Stanford. Should the Municipality wish to tar this section of road, an application would first need to be submitted to the Heritage Committee for approval.</p> <p>NOTED</p>	
7.	MATTERS FOR INFORMATION	
7.1	PANDORA EVENT	
	<p>Ward Committee members noted that the Pandora Event has already taken place. They requested feedback in the form of a report from the sound engineer confirming whether the noise levels complied with the prescribed conditions.</p> <p>They also requested confirmation that Mr Chester Arendse conducted an inspection during the event.</p> <p>NOTED</p>	
7.2	BUILDING PLANS - STANFORD	
	<p>The Ward Committee members formally requested that all building plans for Stanford be circulated to them prior to the cut-off date for submissions.</p> <p>NOTED</p>	
8.	MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND REPORT BACK TO WARD COMMITTEE	
	<p><i>All items for the Council and Portfolio Committee meetings are available at the public libraries and on the municipal website.</i></p> <p>NOTED</p>	

9.	NOTICES	
	NONE	
	NOTED	
10.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
	The time and date and venue of the next meeting will be distributed	
	NOTED	
11.	CLOSING	
	The meeting closed at 18h00	