

WARD COMMITTEE: WARD 11 & 14
WYKSKOMITEE: WYK 11 & 14

Minutes of the 2026/27 Draft IDP Review and proposed amendment and Draft Budget meeting held on Thursday, 16 APRIL 2026, at 18:00 in the Tourism Hall, Main Road, Gansbaai.

Notule van die 2026/27 GOP hersienings en voorgestelde wysiging en konsep begroting gehou op Donderdag, 16 APRIL 2026, om 18:00 in die Toerisme Saal, Hoofweg, Gansbaai.

PRESENT

Councillors: 6

Municipal officials: 8

Members of the Ward Committees and public: as per the attendance register attached. 69

1.	OPENING AND WELCOME –												
	<p>Executive Mayor Cllr Archie Klaas welcomed all attendees and opened the meeting with a prayer. He then introduced the council members in attendance.</p> <p>The Executive Mayor informed those present that the draft budget and Integrated Development Plan (IDP) for 2026/2027 would be presented by the Divisional Manager: Financial Accounting, Mr King. He further explained that members of the public would be given an opportunity to ask questions following the presentation.</p> <p>Alderman Coetzee will facilitate the questions-and-answers session.</p> <p>Director Arrison introduced the officials present and conveyed an apology on behalf of the Municipal Manager, Dr O’Neill, for his absence.</p> <p>NOTED</p>												
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	<p>Municipal Officials:</p> <p>Dir. Steven Muller: Director Infrastructure & Planning Dir. Desiree Arrison: Director Corporate Services Mr Aron Gcotyelwa: Acting Director Community Services Mr. B King: Divisional Manager: Financial Accounting Mr. R Kuchar: Divisional Manager: Planning & Development Mr. A Ford: Manager Community Liaison: Kleinmond Ms Marzaan Middleton: Manager Community Liaison: Gansbaai/Stanford Ms Seulene de Villiers: Chief Clerk: Public Liaison Gansbaai/Stanford</p> <p>Apologies:</p> <p>Dr. Dean O’Neill: Municipal Manager Ms. Rochelle Louw: Divisional Manager: Strategic Support Services</p> <p>NOTED</p>	
3	IDP REVIEW 2026/2027 – Mr B King	
	<p>Mr King, delivered a brief presentation on the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) for the 2026/2027 financial year, focusing on Wards 11 and 14 (see presentation attached as Annexure A).</p> <p>NOTED</p>	
4.	DRAFT BUDGET 2026/27 – MR B KING	
	<p>He discussed the draft budget of the Overstrand Municipality for the 2026/2027 financial year. The presentation will be distributed to ward committee members.</p> <p>NOTED</p>	
5.	QUESTIONS & ANSWERS	
	<p>Q: How can you justify the presentation if it is a final review?</p> <p>A: Ald Coetzee respond that although the draft budget and IDP are presented at a final review stage, they remain open to public participation. The process aims to ensure transparency and allows stakeholders and community members to raise concerns, provide input, and suggest adjustments before the documents are finalized and approved by Council.</p>	

	<p>Q: Did you do proper study on cost of supply?</p> <p>A: Director Muller informed the public that public participation was undertaken, including roadshows and public meetings. He further indicated that the relevant Cost of Supply study document is available and that a link can be provided upon request for those who wish to review and submit comments.</p>	
	<p>Q: What criteria are used to allocate the capital budget?</p> <p>A: Director Muller explained that all municipal services are guided by master plans with long-term horizons of 30, 20, and 10 years. Growth rates differ across services, as each has its own specific demands and priorities. Emphasis is placed on critical services such as water and electricity.</p> <p>He further highlighted the rising costs associated with service delivery, noting that water service costs have increased by approximately 10%, while the cost of chemicals has risen significantly by around 50%, in addition to increases in labour and vehicle expenses.</p>	
	<p>Q: Why is the Pearly Beach water upgrade on the IDP?</p> <p>A: Director Muller explained that the inclusion of the Pearly Beach water upgrade in the IDP was identified as a service delivery need and infrastructure planning requirement.</p> <p>He noted that the dam upgrade in Pearly Beach has been postponed for many years. The need for improved water infrastructure is real, and water consumption in the area continues to increase. The project is therefore included in the IDP based on technical assessments, long-term planning priorities, and growing demand for reliable water supply, rather than any individual residence or political consideration.</p>	
	<p>Q: What % of the operational budget is for maintenance?</p> <p>A: Director Muller responded that an amount of R352 million is allocated for maintenance, which represents 26.3% of the operational budget.</p>	
	<p>Q: Indigent grant does not make provision for the middle class.</p> <p>A: Cllr Klaas responded that indigent grants are provided to assist qualifying households and are funded through government support. The qualification criteria are benchmarked against property values and household income thresholds, in line with national policy guidelines.</p> <p>He explained that the system is designed to target the most vulnerable households and therefore does not extend to the middle-income group, as it is intended specifically for indigent support within the available funding framework.</p>	

	<p>Q: What is Council's plan with Buffeljagsbaai? The community feels that their needs are being ignored, including upgrades to community halls and the need for housing. The community has also requested the Mayor to visit Buffeljagsbaai and engage with residents.</p> <p>A: Cllr Fourie responded that Buffeljagsbaai already has access to the basic services required.</p> <p>Cllr Klaas added that housing is not a direct municipal function. He further explained that a draft motivation regarding housing needs has been submitted to the Provincial Government, and the municipality is currently awaiting a response.</p>	
	<p>Q: Why is there so much allocated for a traffic testing station? The community of Blompark could use that money for other priorities. Councillors should come and explain the IDP to the community in a more understandable way.</p> <p>A: The Mayor responded that members of the public still have until 30 April 2026 to submit their comments and inputs on the draft IDP and budget. He encouraged the community to make use of this opportunity to formally raise concerns and suggestions so that they can be considered before final approval of the documents.</p>	
	<p>Q: Is there going to be any further indigent development opposite the R43 that will have a direct influence on our budget? Erf 210 is now zoned for subsidised housing. We want more information.</p> <p>A: Mr Kuchar explained that this matter forms part of the Special Development Framework (SDF) process, which will be further developed next year. He noted that public input and comments will be allowed at multiple stages during this process, with at least four opportunities for public participation.</p> <p>He further explained that the SDF provides long-term projections and is based on planning updates, with the previous reviews conducted in 2006 and again in 2020. These projections take into account significant growth in all towns in the area, particularly since Covid-19.</p> <p>Mr Kuchar added that the municipality must be cautious when considering development changes, as the Gansbaai environment presents challenges for industrial and business development. The intention is for a phased, diversified development approach, anticipating increased demand in Gansbaai over the next 15 to 20 years.</p> <p>He also indicated that if further clarity is required, he and the consultants would be available to meet with the community to provide a more detailed explanation.</p>	
	<p>Q: Why are there fewer ward committee meetings?</p> <p>A: The Mayor responded that the Speaker is currently busy to review the ward committee system.</p>	

	CLOSING	
	<p>The Mayor informed the meeting that the draft IDP and budget documents are available for public review at local libraries, municipal offices or the internet. He reminded the public that comments and submissions must be made by 30 April 2026.</p> <p>Cllr Klaas closed the meeting with a prayer.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 20h05</p> <p>NOTED</p>	