

**WARD COMMITTEE: WARD 1 & 11 & 14**  
**WYKSKOMITEE: WYK 1 & 11 & 14**

**Minutes of the Joint Ward Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 28 August 2025, at 16:00 in the Tourism Hall, Gansbaai.**

***Notule van die Gesamentlike Wykskomitee Vergadering gehou op Donderdag, 28 Augustus 2025, om 16:00 in die Toerisme Saal, Gansbaai.***

**PRESENT**

Councillors: 4

Municipal officials: 8

Members of Wards 1, 11 & 14, Ward Committees: as per the attendance register attached.  
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<b>1.</b>	<b>OPENING AND WELCOME – Ald R de Coning</b>	
	Ald R de Coning was given the opportunity to welcome those present and Ms Shirley Coetzee opened the meeting with prayer.	
	<b>NOTED</b>	
	<b>APOLOGIES &amp; PRESENT</b>	
	Apologies were received from Ward 11 ward committee members: Mr Willem van der Merwe (Franskraal Buurtwag) and Ms S Venter (Wolvengat). Apologies were received from Ward 1 ward committee members: Mr. Richard King and Mr. Brett Sander. Apologies were received from Ward 14 ward committee members: Mr. Gustavis Sauls and Ms. Marianna Mostert.	
	<b>PRESENT:</b>	
	Cllr A Klaas	Executive Mayor
	<b>Ward Councillors</b>	
	Ald R de Coning	Councillor Ward 14
	Cllr S Fourie	Councillor Ward 11
	Ald D Coetzee	Councillor Ward 1
	<b>Municipal Officials:</b>	
	Dir. Steven Muller	Director Infrastructure & Planning
	Mr Aron Gcotyelwa	Acting Director Community Services
	Mr Johan du Toit	Chief: Law Enforcement
	Cllr A Africa	MMC Corporate Services
	Ms Rochelle Louw	Divisional Manager: Strategic Services
	Ms Marzaan Middleton	Acting Public Liaison: Gansbaai/Stanford
	Ms M Swart	Public Liaison Administrator Ward 11

	Ms Seulene de Villiers Public Liaison Chief Clerk Ward 14	
	<b>NOTED</b>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE &amp; OPERATIONAL CONCERNS IN WARD COMMITTEES: Ald Grant Cohen</b>	
	<p>Ald Grant Cohen gave an in-depth explanation on the following functions of ward committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Ward Committee Functionality Report</li> <li>•Ward Committee Feedback Meetings &amp; General Feedback from ward committee members</li> <li>•Ward Committee Operational Plans</li> </ul> <p>He further emphasized on the importance of each of the above-mentioned functions from which the information is compiled into a report for the Provincial Government.</p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>OVERSTRAND MUNICIPALITY BUDGET CYCLE &amp; VISION: Executive Mayor Cllr Archie Klaas</b>	
	<p>The Executive Mayor, Cllr Archie Klaas gave a thorough introduction on the vision of the Overstrand Municipality and the budget cycle. He encouraged those present and emphasized on economic growth especially through tourism and encouraged the ward committee members and officials to take ownership and strive to give the best service to the public. The Executive Mayor further expressed the importance on introducing the Collaborator Application to the members of the public. The Executive Mayor also encourages regular engagements with the communities and mentioned that it is time to re-align and develop a structure which is truly aligned.</p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>OVERSTRAND MUNICIPALITY ADMINISTRATION – BUDGET CYCLE &amp; VISION: Ms Rochelle Louw</b>	
	<p>Ms Rochelle Louw presented a PowerPoint Presentation on the annual IDP/Budget cycle and the timeframe:</p> <p><b>August:</b> END AUGUST Mayor tables IDP review/Budget time schedule in Council</p> <p><b>September – February:</b> Review IDP and Budget Policies Prepare budget</p> <p><b>March:</b> Mayor table draft IDP review and draft Budget in Council</p> <p><b>April:</b> Public Participation / Public Comment period</p>	

	<p><b>May:</b> Council considers and adopts the Final IDP review and Final Budget</p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>	
5.	<p><b>OVERVIEW OF THE MAYORAL COMMITTEE PORTFOLIOS &amp; OPEX/CAPEX BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR 2025/26 AS WELL AS THE 2026/27 PRIORITIES FOR DIFFERENT WARDS- Portfolios &amp; Directors</b></p>	
	<p>An introduction on the various portfolios was presented and Director Muller, Acting Director Aron Gcotyelwa and Chief Johan du Toit were given the opportunity to present the Budgets for 2025/26 for Wards 1, 11 and 14 of their individual Directorates.</p> <p><b>MAYORAL PORTFOLIO COMMITTEES:</b></p> <p><b>Planning and Development,</b> -Deputy Executive Mayor Ald Elnora Gillion</p> <p><b>Corporate Services</b> -Ald Arnie Africa</p> <p><b>Community Services</b> -Cllr Ronald Nutt</p> <p><b>Financial Services</b> -Cllr Stephen Williams</p> <p><b>Infrastructure Services</b> -Cllr Clinton Lerm</p> <p><b>Municipal Public Safety</b> -Cllr Andrew Komani</p> <p><b>Director Infrastructure &amp; Planning: Director S Muller</b> Gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the Budget priorities 2025/26 of the department Infrastructure &amp; Planning</p> <p><i>See Annexure "A" attached</i></p> <p><b>Acting Director Community Services: Mr Aron Gcotyelwa</b> Gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the Budget Priorities 2025/26 and planned maintenance of the various sports grounds and buildings within the department Community Services</p>	

	<p><i>See Annexure "A" attached</i></p> <p><b>Chief: Public Safety: Mr Johan du Toit</b></p> <p>Gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the Budget Priorities 2025/26 and planned maintenance and upgrading of various departments within the Directorate.</p> <p><i>See Annexure "A" attached</i></p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>	
<b>QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS</b>		
<b>Q</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Ald Cohen raised a question to Dir. S Muller asking which priorities he suggests one should start with. He also asked the Director to explain the difference between the CAPEX and OPEX projects in the Budget allocation.</b></li> </ul>	
<b>A</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Dir S Muller replied that there is always a need for water pipe replacements as well as electricity, stormwater and roads. Dir. S Muller explained by using examples of when a project will fall under the Operational Budget (OPEX) and when it will be categorized under the Capital Budget (CAPEX)</i></li> </ul>	
<b>Q</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Mr. Hagen asked Acting Dir. A Gcotyelwa if the presentation is the total budget for all 14 Wards</b></li> </ul>	
<b>A</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Yes</i></li> </ul>	
<b>Q</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Mr. Hagen raised the concern from the Stanford component that the membership profile is not in line with the strategy of the Municipality and asked the question of how it can be changed before the election.</b></li> </ul>	
<b>A</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Ald Cohen replied that the process was already done.</i></li> </ul>	
<b>Q</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Ms. Elma Rivera referred to the presentation by Deputy Dir. A Gcotyelwa and raised the question of when will the ablution facilities in De Kelders and Stanfordsbaai receive attention and be maintained. She further mentioned that she has been raising this question for quite some time already.</b></li> </ul>	
<b>A</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Dep. Dir. Gcotyelwa replied that he is not aware of this need, but is willing to investigate and schedule a site visit to resolve the matter</i></li> </ul>	
<b>Q</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Ms. Elma Rivera raised a question to Chief J du Toit referring to the drones he mentioned during the presentation, she reported that there seem to be many unauthorized people spotted on the dunes within the De Kelders area and asked how and where such matters can be reported</b></li> </ul>	
<b>A</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Chief du Toit replied that such issues can be reported on: Tel. 028 313 8996 and further mentioned that the dunes are part of the Cape Nature area and that it can be reported to Mr. Pierre de Villiers.</i></li> </ul>	
<b>Q</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Ms. R Mouton raised the question of when the maintenance of the Information Centre will be prioritized. She further enquired about the safety of people using the parks and enquired how regularly the parks are maintained.</b></li> </ul>	
<b>A</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Deputy Dir. Gcotyelwa replied that there are already different existing parks which are being maintained. He elaborated on the schedule for the cutting of grass and</i></li> </ul>	

	<i>mentioned that it will only commence again during October after the flowering season. He mentioned that the budget for the maintenance of buildings has already been allocated and that he noted the input on Information Centre and will see what he can do to try to combine this with the maintenance of the Buffeljagsbaai Community Hall, but to do so, he will have to schedule a site visit.</i>	
<b>Q</b>	<b>•Mr. Nkebe reported that there are many homes in Eluxolweni without electricity and water.</b>	
<b>A</b>	<i>•Dir. Muller replied that he is not sure about the electricity but offered that the housing department will come back to him.</i>	
<b>Q</b>	<b>•Mr. Henry Dyers enquired whether the Buffeljagsbaai housing project will form part of the Stanford housing project of 573 houses, and he further asked if a tender will be issued for security of the Gansbaai Sports grounds He also mentioned that when applying for a project no feedback in this regard is received.</b>	
<b>A</b>	<i>• Deputy Dir. Gcotyelwa replied that the houses of the Stanford housing project are only for Stanford and that there is a tender already allocated towards security. •The Executive Mayor offered to speak to Mr. H Dyers after the meeting</i>	
<b>Q</b>	<b>•Ms Catherine Marshall stated that the last cycle before the election is 16 months and requested that the ward committee members be part of the preparation of the budget expenditure specifically in their wards or that a breakdown be made available to the ward committee members.</b>	
<b>A</b>	<i>•Ms R Louw will give the requested breakdown.</i>	
<b>Q</b>	<b>•Mr. D Hagen raised great concern about the restructuring which eliminated the position namely: Area Manager. He requested that the re-appointment of Area Managers be considered.</b>	
<b>A</b>	<i>•Executive Mayor mentioned that the matter has been discussed in Council and that the outcome will be made available. He emphasized the importance of the matter and that a channel is needed especially to assist ward committee Councilors.'</i>	
<b>Q</b>	<b>•Mr. Garth Abrahams asked whether the housing project of Stanford is completed.</b>	
<b>A</b>	<i>• Deputy Dir. Gcotyelwa replied that 573 houses have been delivered and that there are 48 serviced sites currently available under the FLISP Project which is the next upcoming phase.</i>	
<b>6.</b>	<b>WAY FORWARD, CLOSURE &amp; VOTE OF THANKS</b>	
	<p>Ald Grant Cohen explained the broader view on the way forward.</p> <p>The Executive Mayor thanked every-one present and closed the meeting with a message of encouragement and prayer.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 17h40</p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>	