

WARD COMMITTEE: WARD 2 WYKSKOMITEE: WYK 2

Minutes of the 2026/27 Draft IDP Review and proposed amendment and Draft Budget meeting held on Monday, 20 APRIL 2026, at 18:00 in the Community Hall, Masakhane, Gansbaai.

Notule van die 2026/27 GOP hersienings en voorgestelde wysiging en konsep begroting gehou op Maandag, 20 APRIL 2026, om 18:00 in die Gemeenskapsaal, Masakhane, Gansbaai.

PRESENT

Councillors: 2

Municipal officials: 6

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

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1.	OPENING AND WELCOME –	
	<p>Executive Mayor Cllr Archie Klaas welcomed all attendees and Mr. Sompá opened the meeting with a prayer. Mr A Gcotyelwa then introduced the officials 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>Mayor Archie Klaas and Mr Aron Gcotyelwa facilitate the questions-and-answers session.</p> <p>NOTED</p>	
2.	APOLOGIES and PRESENT	
	<p>PRESENT:</p> <p>Councillors</p> <p>Cllr A Klaas: Executive Mayor Cllr A Komani: MMC for Municipal Public Safety</p> <p>Municipal Officials:</p> <p>Dir. Steven Muller: Director Infrastructure & Planning Mr Aron Gcotyelwa: Acting Director Community Services</p>	

	<p>Mr. B King: Divisional Manager: Financial Accounting Mr. S van der Merwe Principal Planner Ms Marzaan Middleton: Manager Community Liaison: Gansbaai/Stanford Ms Seulene de Villiers: Chief Clerk: Public Liaison Gansbaai/Stanford</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 Ward 2 (see presentation attached as Annexure A).</p> <p>NOTED</p>	
4.	DRAFT BUDGET 2026/27 – MR B KING	
	<p>Mr King 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: It appears that ward-specific funds are not being distributed equally. Why is this the case?</p> <p>A: Mr. King responded that ward allocations are influenced by the number of voters in each ward, as determined by the Municipal Demarcation Board. However, he emphasized that it would be fair for each ward to receive the same amount.</p>	
	<p>Q: Why has the budget expenditure increased?</p> <p>A: Mr. King explained the reasons for the increase and confirmed that total expenditure is slightly higher than the municipality's income. As a result, a 5% increase is required to cover the shortfall.</p>	
	<p>Q: Ward committee members requested quarterly feedback meetings on the progress of projects.</p> <p>A: Mr Gcotyelwa respond that he will attend to the requests and give feedback.</p>	

	<p>Q: Please provide more detail on the criteria for qualifying as indigent.</p> <p>A: Refer to “Annexure A” attached, which outlines how the indigent qualification criteria are applied.</p>	
	<p>Q: Why was the municipality able to provide water free of charge when Masakhane was still an informal settlement, but now residents on serviced plots are required to pay for services?</p> <p>A: The Mayor indicated that he is not in a position to provide detailed answers at this time. However, he confirmed that a number of toilet-related issues have been addressed during the current financial year.</p> <p>Q: Can the municipality separate the water and electricity bills so that residents can purchase electricity directly from Eskom?</p> <p>A: Director Muller responded that the country is divided into licensed supply areas, where either the municipality or Eskom is authorised to sell electricity. In the Overstrand area, the municipality holds a license to supply and sell electricity.</p>	
	<p>Q: We would like to know whether all requests submitted to the Ward Councillor regarding feedback on additional toilets, electricity in informal settlements, and land allocation for churches have been received and addressed.</p> <p>A: The Mayor indicated that he is not in a position to provide detailed answers at this time. However, he confirmed that a number of toilet-related issues have been addressed during the current financial year.</p>	
	<p>Q: When will electricity be installed throughout the informal settlement of Masakhane? It was also noted that toilet doors have been fitted onto old structures, which may be why many of the communal toilet doors are now broken.</p> <p>A: Mayor Klaas acknowledged the concerns and instructed Director Muller to proceed with the installation of electricity to all shacks that still require access in the new financial year.</p>	
	<p>Matter Raised: Following numerous complaints regarding municipal finance officials, Mr Gcotyelwa requested the Mayor’s consent to convene a meeting.</p> <p>Request: Mr Gcotyelwa asked that the Mayor arrange a meeting in the second week of May, inviting all relevant officials—particularly Mr Davy Louw—to engage</p>	

	with the community, address concerns, and listen to frustrations related to indigent support and municipal accounts.	
	<p>Newly appointed Community Liaison Manager: Gansbaai/Stanford</p> <p>The Mayor recommended that the community submit their complaints through the Community Liaison Manager. The Mayor's Office will then liaise with her to address the issues raised.</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 20h35</p> <p>NOTED</p>	