



PUBLIC WARD COMMITTEE MEETING

DRAFT BUDGET 2026/27 & DRAFT IDP REVIEW AND PROPOSED AMENDMENT 2026/27

**Minutes of a Public Ward Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 15 April 2026, at
18:00 at the Auditorium, Hermanus Municipal Offices**

(Wards 3,7,13)

PRESENT

Ald A Klaas	:	Executive Mayor
Ald E Gillion	:	Deputy Executive Mayor
Cllr H Lombaard	:	Ward 7 Councillor
Cllr K Brice	:	Ward 3 Councillor
Cllr C Resandt	:	Ward 13 Councillor
Cllr R Nutt	:	Mayco Member Community Services
Cllr S Williams	:	Mayco Member Financial Services
Cllr C Lerm	:	Mayco Member Infrastructure Services
Cllr A Komani	:	Mayco Member Safety and Security
Dr D O'Neill	:	Municipal Manager
Mr D Louw	:	Divisional Manager: Financial Services
Ms D Arrison	:	Director: Corporate Services
Ms N Mtholo	:	Manager: Community Liaison-Hermanus
Ms R Louw	:	Divisional Manager: Strategic Support Services
Mr R Kuchar	:	Divisional Manager: Town Planning
Mr A Gcotyelwa	:	Manager: Integrated Human Settlements & Development Acting Director Community Services
Ms B Plaatjies	:	Divisional Manager: Facilities and Buildings
Mr H Blignaut	:	Manager Civil Engineering

Ward 3,7&13 Members:

attendance registers available

Officials:

Mr C Solomons	:	Assisting with sound
Ms S Lukas	:	Chief Clerk

Public in attendance:46

attendance registers available

1.	OPENING AND WELCOME
	Executive Mayor, Ald A Klaas, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present. Noted
2.	PRESENTATION - DRAFT IDP REVIEW & DRAFT BUDGET 2026/2027
	The draft IDP Review and budget of the Overstrand Municipality for 2026/2027 were presented with the following slide topics: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IDP REVIEW STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD 3. 2026/2027 DRAFT BUDGET SUMMARY 4. 2026/2027 Draft Capital Budget (Amounts) 5. 2026/2027 Draft Capital Budget (Pie Chart Diagram) 6. 2026/2027 Draft Capital Budget (Ward Specific Projects Breakdown) 7. 2026/2027 Draft Operational Budget (Item share of total budget) 8. 2026/2027 Draft Operational Budget (Pie Chart Diagram of expenditure and Revenue) 9. Proposed Tariffs 2026/2027 10. Proposed Tarriff Basket of Water, Sewerage and Refuge for 2026/2027 11. Proposed basket of Electricity Tariff 2026/2027 12. Public comment submission deadline and methods <p>Refer to the PowerPoint presentation available.</p> <p>Noted</p>
3.	QUESTIONS & ANSWER SESSION – Mayor
	The Executive Mayor informed the meeting that time would be allowed for questions on the presented draft budget and IDP. He thanked the administration and council members present and further expressed gratitude towards ward committee members for their hard work and the compromises in accommodating the budget per ward. He briefed on the effect of the 9.01% electricity increase on Eskom users in ward 13 and the COS study being phased in to spread the increase of electricity of the 5-year period which was now at its end. The Executive Mayor urged homeowners to visit the Municipal Office to enquire about qualifying for indigent grants to lighten their financial burdens. Noted
3.1	Questions Raised by the Public:
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members of the community raised concern about measures put in place for baboon Management in Overstrand area. 2. Clarity was requested on the increase for conventional electricity as the projected slides only referred to prepaid electricity and the reason why conventional meters were locked and inaccessible to homeowners.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. The budget on sport and recreation was questioned, in particular the lack of upgrade of the Zwelihle sports grounds. 4. Proposal for a pickle board court were raised or an area to be designated for this type of sport and recreation. 5. Requests were made that the Onrus/Vermont water infrastructure be prioritised in ward 13. 6. Drenching of the wetlands was critical and was raised as concern. 7. A request was made to reinstate the 1st Thursday- meeting initiative. 8. Concerns were raised whether the current Public Roadshows were considered as the Public Participation platform for the draft budget and IDP. 9. Ward 7 community members raised concern that they lodged several complaints and various concerns about ward committee constitution issues via email and at ward committee meetings that were unaddressed. 10. Mention was made to the budgetary increase for municipal vehicles and concern was raised that the previous mayor did not make use of the appointed vehicle for an executive mayor. This projected as a wasteful expenditure. <p>Noted</p>
3.2	Response/Answers to Questions Raised:
	<p>The following responses were made with regard to the concerns and questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Currently the Municipality were working according to the baboon measure plans in place. This consisted of making use of municipal staff as there were no service provider appointed. Training for municipal staff was in progress. Funding for these training initiatives was included in the draft budget for baboon monitoring, inclusive for all wards. 2. Conventional meter information was not included on the slides because the information for both meter types was the same and prepaid was used as the example for the roadshow slide purpose. The conventional meters were locked and only accessed by the meter readers to protect the meters as they were the property of the municipality. 3. The meeting was informed that Zwelihle sportsground was on the MIG project list for funding and would be attended to. 4. The wetlands at Vermont and Onrus were an estuary and were managed by Cape Nature and Provincial Government. Permission would therefore be required for any changes or adaptation of the salt lakes. 5. Water infrastructure for the current financial year had Kleinmond prioritised with Onrus and Vermont aimed for in the following financial cycle. 6. The matter of pickle ball was well received and recommendation that it be placed on the IDP to be considered was raised. 7. The 1st Thursday request was informed to be put into consideration with further discussion on the matter to be possible. 8. The meeting was informed of the various platforms that were provided for Overstrand citizens to provide comments on the draft budget and IDP items. They were further informed that the participation period commenced in September of 2025.

	<p>9. Members of ward 7 who had particular concerns within their committee were requested to refer this for discussion on ward committee level as the purpose of the specific meeting of the evening was for draft budget and IDP discussions and input.</p> <p>Noted</p>
4.	CLOSURE
	<p>The Executive Mayor thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The meeting closed at 19h55.</p> <p>Noted</p>