



**ORDINARY WARD COMMITTEE MEETING  
OF WARD 8**

**GEWONE WYKSKOMITEE VERGADERING  
VAN WYK 8**

**MINUTES / NOTULE**

**DATE / DATUM: 11 FEBRUARY / FEBRUARIE 2026**  
**VENUE / PLEK: HAWSTON LIBRARY / BIBLIOTEEK**  
**TIME / TYD: 18:00**

**OVERSTRAND**  
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**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY WARD COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**OF WARD 8**  
**HELD AT HAWSTON LIBRARY, HAWSTON**  
**ON 11 FEBRUARY 2026, AT 18:00**

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**PRESENT**

**Ward Councillors:**

Ald Frederick Africa : Chairperson  
Ald E Gillion : Deputy Executive Mayor

**Committee members attended the meeting:**

Ms Loretta Veldsman : Pearly Shells  
Mr Thomas Swarts : Griqua National Conference  
Ms Roxanne Ambrose : Fisherhaven Neighbourhood Watch  
Mr Dinish Rajpaul : Fisherhaven Homeowner's Association  
Mr Marco Dunsdon : Overstrand APD  
Mr Raymond Haggard : Friends of Bot Estuary & Environs  
Ms Lavinia Gillion : Hawston Neighbourhood Watch  
Mr Isai Claasen : Hawston Rugby Football Club  
Mr Alfred Beukes : Hawston Health & Welfare

**Officials:**

Ms M Middleton : Administrator

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		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>OPENING AND WELCOME</b>	
	The chairperson welcomed those present and the meeting was opened with prayer by Mr Claasen.  <b>Noted</b>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>IS THE MEETING QUORATED?</b>	
	Nine (9) members are present at the meeting. The meeting is thus 90% attendance and quorate.  <b>Noted</b>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</b>	
<b>3.1</b>	<b>10 November 2025</b>	
	<b>That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2025 be confirmed.</b>  <b>Proposed:</b> Mr D Rajpaul <b>Seconded:</b> Ms R Ambrose	
	The meeting enquired about the progress of the relocation of the rubbish depot. The Chairperson informed the meeting that it will be part of the capex request and requested funds for the relocation of the depot.  The Chairperson informed the meeting that the meeting regarding the auction of land must still be organized, and members will be informed of the date, time and venue.  <b>Noted</b>	Ald Africa
<b>4.</b>	<b>STATEMENT BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR</b>	
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Disasters</b>	
	The storms over the past few days were the worst in 50 years, with a recorded rainfall of 137 mm, exceeding that of the 2023 floods. The impact was severe, with significant damage reported, including a burst water pipeline in the business park and flooding of residential properties. High water levels were noted in School Road, attributed to incomplete maintenance work. Mr Rajpaul was requested to forward all his notes regarding the issues to the Chairperson.  Mr R Ambrose informed the meeting that, during their safety meeting, it was proposed that funds be raised to purchase two 1,000 L pumps with a trailer. These pumps could be used for firefighting (to pump water out) and during floods (to operate in reverse for water removal).  <b>Noted</b>	Mr Rajpaul

<b>4.2</b>	<b>Stormwater Projects</b>	
	<p>The Chairperson informed the meeting that approximately R8 million has been allocated for stormwater projects across the entire Overstrand. Fisherhaven has received R2 million to continue the stormwater project in the outer years. The pipeline will be extended in China Marais up to Sharpie.</p> <p>In the new financial year, additional funding will be requested to continue the project, particularly for Hawston, to close the trench down to Paddavlei.</p> <p>The Chairperson advised that he will invite Mr Rajpaul and several other ward committee members to a report-back meeting to draft a proposal.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	Ald Africa
<b>4.3</b>	<b>Ward Specific Projects (WSP)</b>	
	<p>The Chairperson informed the meeting that the following projects were included in the WSP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• R60 000 – Cameras for security – The Chairperson informed the meeting that he is struggling with the MOU from the legal department and will ensure that it's finalized in this financial year. Mr Rajpaul informed the meeting that Jaco indicated that no additional equipment is required for the Ops Management as the equipment of the municipality will be sufficient and to record.</li> <li>• R62 571 – Speed Bumps – The Chairperson indicated that he requested if for speed bumps in Willsby and Hawston Heights. The final positions will be confirmed with traffic.</li> <li>• R40 000 – Refuse Bins</li> <li>• R216 000 – Cricket Nets, Hawston Sports Grounds</li> </ul> <p>The committee informed the meeting that these amounts are not the same as listed under 4.3 of the minutes of 10 November 2025. The Chairperson informed the meeting that these are the final amounts as indicated in the adjustment budget.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	
<b>4.4</b>	<b>Letter regarding Schools, Roads, etc.</b>	
	<p>The Chairperson informed the meeting that he received a letter regarding above-mentioned which are more politically driven by the Cape Independent Organization. The mayor will be dealing with the subject and will answer the letter.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	
<b>4.5</b>	<b>Complaint regarding Renting of Piece of Land</b>	
	<p>The Chairperson informed the meeting that a complaint had been received regarding the lease of a piece of land in Hawston to the Harriesbaai Co-op for a period of 12 months. The lease agreement is intended to allow the organization to establish the business efficiently and effectively, and to create employment opportunities within the community. It was noted that increased job creation could contribute to</p>	

	<p>a reduction in crime. If the lease is not awarded, the Co-op risks losing its permit.</p> <p>An item regarding the lease will be submitted to Council, and the correct procedures will be followed. It was confirmed that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) was not required. The Chairperson added that this is a positive initiative and encouraged other members with worthwhile initiatives to make an appointment with him.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	
<b>4.6</b>	<p><b>“Lang Erwe”</b></p> <p>The Chairperson informed the meeting that an email had been submitted to the Municipal Manager; however, a decision has not yet been tabled. Investigations are underway to determine the cost of installing a stormwater drainage system, with an estimated ±R50 million required to prepare and dry the area before any construction can take place. Council will consider alternatives and/or solutions for these erven.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	
<b>4.7</b>	<p><b>Fisherhaven Yacht Club</b></p> <p>The Chairperson informed the meeting that the matter is <b>sub judice</b>. An item will be submitted to Council in March; however, at this stage, the Chairperson is not aware of the content of the item. The current lessee is Point Caravan Park.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	
<b>4.8</b>	<p><b>Insurance Claims</b></p> <p>The Chairperson informed the meeting that the process to lodge an insurance claim against the municipality is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Firstly, submit a claim to your own insurance company.</li> <li>• Your insurance company will then submit a counterclaim to the municipality, and the two insurance companies will coordinate to resolve the claim.</li> <li>• If you do not have your own insurance, an affidavit must be submitted confirming this, after which the municipality will consider the claim.</li> </ul> <p>The Chairperson emphasized that this does not guarantee payment by the municipality. Claimants must provide evidence, justify the claim, and substantiate it with proof. All claims will be managed through the Asset Management Department (Mr C Oppelt) and not the Legal Department.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	
<b>4.9</b>	<p><b>Eskom Tariffs</b></p> <p>The Chairperson informed the meeting that he does not have control over electricity tariffs. NERSA determines the charges that Eskom may levy on its clients. The municipality currently charges less than the NERSA-approved tariff. In the previous financial year there was no increase on top of the Eskom tariff for Overstrand Municipality. Tariffs are part of the budget process, and members of the public may submit written appeals with supporting motivations to the municipality.</p>	

	<p>The Chairperson further advised that members of the public should review the municipality’s Credit Control Policy regarding accounts in arrears. Residents may propose or motivate changes to the policy, which are submitted to Treasury for consideration, and all comments are investigated.</p> <p>The Chairperson also noted that during the budget/IDP roadshows conducted by the mayor, the community should attend to express complaints and provide input. Should the committee wish to organise a special meeting regarding the budget, the Chairperson can facilitate this.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	
<b>5.</b>	<b>MINUTES RECEIVED - ORGANIZATIONS</b>	
	<p>The Chairperson informed all ward committee members to submit their feedback meeting minutes to him by not later than 16 February 2026.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	
<b>6.</b>	<b>STORMWATER DRAINS – MAINTENANCE - FISHERHAVEN</b>	
	<p>Mr Rajpaul informed the meeting that stormwater drains were tested during the recent storms, and major issues were identified. The Chairperson advised that the current urgent priority is to address the situation in School Road.</p> <p>Mr Claasen reported that Crest Road in Hawston also presents a significant problem, as “fatty debris” blocks the pipes, causing overflows and requiring sewer pumps to be called out approximately four times per month.</p> <p>Mr Beukes reported that, at Woodlands, although a catchpit has been installed, water continues to accumulate in the field and flows into residential properties.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	
<b>7.</b>	<b>ROADS MAINTENANCE PLAN – GRAVEL &amp; TARR - FISHERHAVEN</b>	
	<p>Mr Rajpaul informed the meeting that the project is expected to commence in January, beginning with dust control in School Road and pothole repairs in Dutchman Road. Repairs have been completed on China Marais, Keurboom, and Farm Road; however, the road markings have not yet been painted. The Chairperson advised that this information has been forwarded to Mr Steenberg.</p> <p>The Chairperson requested Ms Middleton to obtain the Sporadic Road Maintenance Plan from Mr Steenberg. He added that, if necessary, a special meeting can be arranged to explain the plans for Ward 8, including road maintenance, resealing, and dust control.</p> <p>The Chairperson further advised that any requests for road inspections should be submitted with specific road names.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	Ms Middleton

<b>8.</b>	<b>ABLUTION BLOCK – PUBLIC SLIPWAY &amp; BINS</b>	
	<p>Mr Rajpaul informed the meeting that the problems relate to the maintenance and cleaning of the facilities.</p> <p>The Chairperson advised that the teams responsible for these tasks are situated in different departments (parks, EPWP, etc.) and are currently short-staffed. He suggested that, at either the FRA level or through the HOA, someone could take responsibility for opening and closing the facilities. He also noted that the availability of vehicles to transport workers is currently a challenge.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	
<b>9.</b>	<b>ALIEN CLEARING - GENERAL</b>	
	<p>Mr Rajpaul informed the meeting that several plots had been reported, and some were cleared by their owners; however, municipal verges have not yet been cleared. The Chairperson requested Mr Rajpaul to send an email to Mr Simkelo and Mr L. Smith, with the Chairperson copied in.</p> <p>Mr Haggard enquired about the source of the approximately R6 million used during the recent fires, asking whether it came from contingency funds and why some of it could not be used to extend the EPWP programme to clear areas along the R43.</p> <p>The Chairperson clarified that the R43 is a provincial road, and therefore the reserves are the responsibility of the province. He requested that Mr Haggard draft a letter to the province regarding this matter, which he will sign.</p> <p>Alderman Gillion informed the meeting that the new CWP programme will commence shortly and can assist with alien vegetation clearing and addressing illegal dumping.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	<p>D Rajpaul</p> <p>Mr Haggard</p>
<b>10.</b>	<b>FISHERHAVEN YACHT CLUB - LEASE</b>	
	<p>See point 4.7.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	
<b>11.</b>	<b>HAWSTON RUGBY FIELD USAGE</b>	
	<p>Mr Claasen informed the meeting that multiple sports codes currently use the field, which creates conflicts when major rugby events coincide with soccer matches. He noted that the rugby club is presently solely responsible for expenses such as bills and chairs.</p> <p>The Chairperson requested that Mr Claasen organise a meeting with Mr Heathley. He advised that the field serves as a regional facility for the Overberg region and is also used by SAFA Overberg when hosting guest teams from Cape Town. The Chairperson suggested that a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) be drafted to manage bookings, parking, and the accommodation of different sports codes. He further noted that</p>	Mr Claasen

	<p>the ablution facilities are insufficient and recommended that mechanisms, such as a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the relevant sport's governing/management board, be put in place to manage the facility. Currently, there is no management structure to control issues such as vandalism, failure to clean the facility, and unlocked gates.</p> <p>Mr Claasen reported that one of the gates is broken and that vibracrete slabs at the front gate have been removed. The Chairperson requested that Mr Claasen report this to Mr Stali and Mr Gcotyelwa, with the Chairperson copied in.</p> <p>The Chairperson advised that he is addressing the issues regarding the scoreboard and signage, and determining who is responsible for their repair.</p> <p>Ms Gillion enquired whether there are any tables available for use, as most are broken. The Chairperson undertook to follow up on this matter with Ms Plaatjies.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	<p>Mr Claasen</p> <p>Ald Africa</p>
<b>12.</b>	<b>SOLID WASTE</b>	
	<p>Mr Beukes enquired why waste collection on Fridays often takes so long, sometimes not occurring until the afternoon, and highlighted that illegal dumping is a major concern.</p> <p>The Chairperson advised that the delays are apparently due to problems with the vehicles. He further informed the meeting that, from March 2026, a dedicated team will be appointed to focus on illegal dumping. He emphasized that communities also need to take responsibility and pride in their areas, as illegal dumping is largely a behavioural issue. Education programs should be implemented in schools, and fines (R3,500) may be issued to offenders, with enforcement aimed at setting an example.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	
<b>13.</b>	<b>AUCTION OF ERVEN</b>	
	<p>The Chairperson informed the meeting that a meeting with different stakeholders will be organized in Hawston, and ward committee members will be invited.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	
<b>14.</b>	<b>SUPPORT FOR HOUSEHOLDS AFFECTED BY FIRE</b>	
	<p>The Chairperson informed the meeting that, in accordance with municipal policy, when more than five households are affected, the municipality will provide assistance to families as far as possible and within the limits of the law.</p> <p>Alderman Gillion advised that donations, such as blankets and other essentials, can also be requested to support affected families.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	

<b>15.</b>	<b>HGF (Hawston Gemeenskaps Forum) REPRESENTATIVES</b>	
	<p>The Chairperson informed the meeting that there is a vacancy on the ward committee, and the next organization in line is Hawston Primary School. He is currently awaiting confirmation from Mr Pedro. Should Mr Pedro decline the position, the vacancy will be opened to all organizations to submit proposals.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	
<b>16.</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</b>	
	<p>Ward Committee members to submit items for the next agenda directly to the Ward Councillor or to Ms M Middleton in due time.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	
<b>17.</b>	<b>FISHERHAVEN – 70 YEAR ANNIVERSARY</b>	
	<p>The Chairperson informed the meeting that a special event (breakfast/lunch) will be organized for 70 people and the ward committee members.</p>	
<b>18.</b>	<b>GENERAL</b>	
	<p>The Chairperson informed the meeting that the wheelchair-friendly project has been designed by an engineer and will be implemented in-house, with approval expected before the end of June 2026.</p> <p>Mr Rajpaul reported that residents of Fisherhaven are very grateful to the Fire Department, which received a donation of R4,000 raised through fundraising projects led by White Rabbit. He also thanked the Chairperson and Deputy Mayor for providing food assistance during the recent storms.</p> <p>Mr Rajpaul requested whether residents could receive a concession for extra tanker services during the storms. The Chairperson advised that residents are entitled to one emergency service.</p> <p>Mr Rajpaul further noted that many collaboration requests are being marked as completed despite being incomplete. The Chairperson requested that the reference numbers for these cases be submitted to him for follow-up.</p> <p>The Chairperson requested that proposals or needs for ward-specific funding be submitted prior to the next ward committee meeting.</p> <p>Mr Dunsdon requested that a stormwater drain be installed in Derby Crescent, as several houses were flooded during the recent storms.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	

<b>19.</b>	<b>NOTICES</b>	
	NONE	
	<b>Noted</b>	
<b>20.</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>	
	The Chairperson informed everyone present that the next meeting will be a site visit in March 2026.	
	<b>Noted</b>	
<b>21.</b>	<b>CLOSURE</b>	
	Meeting closed at 19:55.	
	<b>Noted</b>	