



**PUBLIC WARD COMMITTEE MEETING
OF WARD 8**

**OPENBARE WYKSKOMITEE VERGADERING
VAN WYK 8**

MINUTES / NOTULE

DATE / DATUM: 10 NOVEMBER 2025
**VENUE / PLEK: FISHERHAVEN ACADEMY,
FISHERHAVEN**
TIME / TYD: 18:00

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MINUTES OF A PUBLIC WARD COMMITTEE MEETING
OF WARD 8
HELD AT FISHERHAVEN ACADEMY, FISHERHAVEN
ON 10 NOVEMBER 2025, AT 18:00

PRESENT

Ward Councillors:

Ald Frederick Africa	:	Chairperson
Ald E Gillion	:	Deputy Executive Mayor
Cllr RM Dees	:	Proportional Councillor
Ald A Klaas	:	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 Raymond Haggard	:	Friends of Bot Estuary & Environs
Mr Isai Claasen	:	Hawston Rugby Football Club

Officials:

Ms M Middleton	:	Administrator
Ms J van Asperen	:	Divisional Manager: Business Architecture & CRM
Ms D Pedro	:	System Analyst
Mr G Gillion	:	System Analyst: Support Services
Mr A Gahl	:	GIS Technician

		ACTION
1.	OPENING AND WELCOME	
	The chairperson welcomed those present and extended a special word of thanks to the officials from the Division Business Architecture for their presence. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr Swarts. Noted	
2.	IS THE MEETING QUORATED?	
	Six (6) members are present at the meeting. The meeting is thus 60% attendance and quorate. Noted	
3.	ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING	
3.1	15 September 2025	
	That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2025 be confirmed, with the following change: Pg 6, point 18, 1 st paragraph – change the word of the 1 st sentence to read as follows: “Mr Rajpaul informed the meeting painted by one of the estate agents.” Proposed: Mr D Rajpaul Seconded: Mr R Haggard	
3.2	03 November 2025	
	That the minutes of the meeting held on 03 November 2025 be confirmed. Proposed: Mr D Rajpaul Seconded: Mr R Haggard	
4.	STATEMENT BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR	
4.1	Service Delivery & Ward Reports	
	The Chairperson informed the meeting that the report (01/07/25 – 30/09/25) was circulated to everyone. From the 1616 job cards registered, 1578 were completed and 29 are still outstanding, which result in a 98% completion. Noted	
4.2	Bid Adjudication Committee	
	The Chairperson informed the meeting that the supply chain procedure relating to the adjudication of tenders had presented several challenges. The Council subsequently amended the policy to ensure that the correct number of members serve on the Bid Adjudication Committee (BAC).	

	<p>Due to this issue, one of the tenders that could not previously be evaluated or awarded was the Road Reseal Tender. Now that the BAC has the correct composition, the evaluation and awarding of tenders can proceed.</p> <p>Noted</p>	
4.3	Ward Specific Projects (WSP)	
	<p>The Chairperson informed the meeting that the following projects were included in the WSP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R60 000 – Cameras for Fisherhaven & Hawston – The Chairperson reported that a meeting was held with Mr. L. Smith and his team. They are currently awaiting the finalization of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Once finalized, License Plate Recognition (LPR) cameras will be installed at the entrance to Fisherhaven. • R20 000 – Refuse Bins • R230 000 – Cricket Nets, Hawston Sports Grounds <p>Noted</p>	
4.4	China Marais Street	
	<p>The Chairperson informed the meeting that there are significant concerns regarding the infrastructure in China Marais. Once the school project has been finalized, a redesign of the road will be required. This matter will be handled by Mr. Steenberg and Mr. Hendricks.</p> <p>Noted</p>	
4.5	Fisherhaven Stormwater	
	<p>The Chairperson informed the meeting that an amount of R1 million had been allocated to stormwater works in Fisherhaven. However, an additional budget of approximately R60 million will be required to continue with the project in full compliance with the Stormwater Masterplan.</p> <p>Noted</p>	
4.6	Dust Control	
	<p>The Chairperson informed the meeting that dust control activities are carried out according to a list provided by the Engineers, and no deviations from this plan are permitted. The next section scheduled for dust control is the School Road, from Keurboom to the Farm.</p> <p>Noted</p>	
4.7	Taxi Rank - Stalls	
	<p>The Chairperson informed the meeting that traders who are allocated stalls are required to trade on a daily basis, which is currently not being adhered to. He expressed the view that the management and maintenance of the stalls should be handed over to a Non-Governmental</p>	

	<p>Organization (NGO) to ensure proper oversight and consistent operations.</p> <p>Noted</p>	
4.8	<p>R500 000 - WSP</p> <p>The Chairperson informed the meeting that an amount of R500,000 will be allocated towards ward-specific projects. Ward Committee members are requested to submit a list of potential projects to the Ward Councillor before the commencement of the budget cycle. It was further noted that the R370,000 allocation was not specified per line item, but per ward, and can only be spent after the adjustment budget is approved in January 2026.</p> <p>Noted</p>	
5.	<p>SITE VISIT PRESENTATIONS</p> <p>The Chairperson discussed in detail the presentation of the ward site visit held on 3 November 2025 with the Ward Committee members and members of the public.</p> <p>Noted</p>	
6.	<p>REVIEW OF THE WARD IDP PRIORITIES FOR 2026/2027</p> <p>The Chairperson informed the meeting that everyone received the updated IDP priority list and requested comments from the meeting.</p> <p>The following was decided: No. 22 – Duplication – Omit from list Add new item – 30 – Formalizing of Eiland Camping Site</p> <p>Recommended That the IDP wishlist be amended and approved and that the amended list be sent to Ms R Louw.</p> <p>Proposed: Mr T Swarts Seconded: Ms Veldsman</p>	
7.	<p>RELOCATION – RUBBISH DEPOT TO CNR FARM & CHINA MARAIS</p> <p>The Chairperson informed the meeting that the waste depot at Catamaran will be relocated to the open space at the Cnr of Farm & China Marais.</p> <p>Noted</p>	
8.	<p>REHABILITATION – DAMAGED ROADS & STORMWATER DRAINS</p> <p>See points 4.4 to 4.6.</p> <p>Noted</p>	

9.	UPDATE – CCTV CAMERAS	
	See point 4.3.	
	Noted	
10.	WSP 2025/26 – FEEDBACK	
	See points 4.3 and 4.8.	
	Noted	
11.	FEEDBACK – VARIOUS PROJECTS – CAPITAL & OPERATIONAL	
	This item was discussed under item 4.	
	Noted	
12.	WSP 2026/27	
	The Chairperson informed the meeting that committee members, along with their constituencies, are required to send proposals to him for consideration.	
	Noted	
13.	ERF 407	
	The Chairperson informed the meeting that the clinic is scheduled to be expanded in 2027. A letter regarding the matter has been sent to the Provincial Minister and Dr. Fourie, the District Representative.	
	Noted	
14.	AUCTION LAND	
	The Chairperson informed the meeting that four pieces of land at the taxi rank in Hawston had been put up for auction. An item was submitted to Council; however, the bids received were below market value. It was noted that these plots are currently being used for illegal dumping and are in poor condition. The Chairperson requested input from the meeting on the way forward and expressed the opinion that the land should still be sold to interested parties, with the proceeds being used to purchase compactors and other equipment to enhance service delivery. The Ward Committee members and members of the public requested that a separate meeting be arranged to discuss this matter in greater detail.	
	Noted	

15.	AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING	
	Ward Committee members to submit items for the next agenda directly to the Ward Councillor or to Ms M Middleton in due time.	
	Noted	
16.	NOTICES	
	NONE	
	Noted	
17.	GENERAL	
	The Executive Mayor thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for actively participating in the discussions on various topics. He highlighted several key matters and expressed his concerns regarding cable theft, which continues to pose a significant problem in the area. He also briefly addressed issues related to Eskom and the ongoing power outages.	
	Noted	
18.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
	The Chairperson informed everyone present that the next meeting will most probably be in February 2026. The schedule will be forwarded to ward committee members as soon as it has been finalized.	
	Noted	
19.	CLOSURE	
	Meeting closed at 20:00.	
	Noted	