

Ward 9

Ward Committee Site Visit

12 March 2026

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 - 3.4. AREA BETWEEN THE GRAVEYARD AND KAWS
 - 3.5. KLEINMOND NATURE RESERVE
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1. WELCOME

- ❑ The Chairperson welcomed PR Councillors, Ward Committee members and officials and he introduced Anathi Makhendlana, a Law Enforcement Officer who would be the driver for the Ward 9 Site Visits

2. APOLOGIES

- ❑ Apologies: D Peddle
- ❑ Absent: M Barry, N Carelse

3.1. KLEINMOND LIBRARY LIFT

- ❑ Cllr Cohen pledged funding from Ward Specific Funds towards the installation of a lift at the Kleinmond Library



3.2. STORMWATER

STORMWATER CHANNEL MAIN ROAD

RECOMMENDATION:

- ❑ That the stormwater channel along Main Road in Kleinmond, including the associated nets, be cleared of litter and weeds



3.2. STORMWATER: MOUNTAIN VIEW

- ❑ The stormwater channel cannot handle excessive amounts of rainwater

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- ❑ That the newly appointed cleaning crew be tasked with clearing all debris and obstructions from the stormwater channel in Reservoir Road, Kleinmond
- ❑ That maintenance be done on the section of Reservoir Road in Kleinmond between the gate to the circle. Environmental Department to address



STORMWATER CHANNEL
RESERVOIR ROAD



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3.2. STORMWATER: MOUNTAIN VIEW

- ❑ This man-made footpath had caused surplus water to overflow into homes

RECOMMENDATION:

- ❑ That rocks, or a berm, or stairs be placed or built to stop water from the stormwater channel in Reservoir Road in Kleinmond from flooding homes in the vicinity

STORMWATER CHANNEL
6th STREET

3.2. STORMWATER



- ❑ The stormwater channel in 6th Street is similarly unable to handle significant volumes of water

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- ❑ Mr. van Rhodie indicated that the stormwater infrastructure in the areas of 6th Street, 4th Street, and Botrivier Road should be assessed to determine whether the existing system can adequately handle current water volumes, and to establish if any upgrades are required
- ❑ He noted the rehabilitation of sections of 6th Street will be addressed in the next financial year and the associated stormwater infrastructure of these sections will also be addressed



STORMWATER CHANNEL
6th STREET



Photo credit: Mrs.
Hannelize Upsher
23 February 2026

3.2. STORMWATER



STORMWATER CHANNEL
6th STREET

WATER

- ❑ Mr. Denovan van Rhodie explained this pressure reducing valve chamber fed the following zones:
 - ❑ Sea Avenues,
 - ❑ Lower Palmiet, and the
 - ❑ Harbour area
- ❑ The other PRV zone chamber located in Botrivier road feeds:
 - ❑ Heuningkloof
 - ❑ Klein Berlyn, between Geelhout to Main Road
- ❑ During the burst pipes experienced in December 2025 in the Sea Avenues PRV zone, the pressure went from 3 bar to 6,8 bar which led to pipe bursts
- ❑ PRV's (Pressure Reducing Valves) are used to control and reduce the pressure of water in a system to a safe and consistent level.

WATER (VARIOUS)

- 1. What testing of water after pipe breaks repairs was done?** No testing was done, only bleeding of the system to release air in the network was done
- 2. How many supply mains from reservoir to town?** One distributor serves the area east of 9th Street along 13th Avenue. A second distributor supplies the area west of 9th Street. The pipe network was configured to form ring feeds between the various zones to enhance system resilience, with the exception of the two PRV zones, which are isolated
- 3. How was water pressure managed in different areas of town?** The Sea Avenues, along with sections of Palmiet and the Harbour area, form one PRV zone, while Heuningkloof together with sections of Klein Berlyn constitute a second PRV zone. The remainder of the town was supplied via a gravity-fed system from the reservoir
- 4. Where are the PRV's?** Corner of 6th Street & Main Road and the other at the corner of Botriver Road & 13th Avenue

WATER (VARIOUS)

5. **What maintenance was done on the PRV's and at what frequency – e.g., strainer cleaning?** Strainers are cleaned once every 2 weeks. In season strainers are cleaned daily. PRV's are cleaned once a year
6. **How was PRV maintenance impacting further pipe bursts?** After the maintenance performed in December 2025, we did not experience any further burst in the Sea Avenues PRV zone
7. **How was the pressure reduced at night?** PRV was on auto adjustment setting, but the adjustment was also set to lower the pressure between 10pm & 5am
8. **How was residual sand/soil flushed from the pipework following a pipe repair?** The network was scoured or bled via scour valves or fire hydrants for a specified period to ensure that all entrapped air was fully released from the system

3.3. SEWER NETWORK BLOCKAGES

SEWER PUMPSTATION
MAIN ROAD



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- ❑ Mr. Denovan van Rhodie explained that the sewage pump station at the cemetery services the area west of Protea Avenue, including sections of Mountain View through to Overhills (Poppedorp). However, the Overhills informal settlement was excluded from this system and was instead served by a gravity-fed sewer line to the Palmiet sewer pump station
- ❑ The cemetery sewer pump station transferred sewage to the Palmiet pump station, from where it was pumped to the wastewater treatment plant
- ❑ In the event of spillages or blockages, the service charter stipulates a response time of 24 hours. However, plumbing teams endeavour to address such incidents as soon as resources become available
- ❑ The costs associated with cleaning blockages or spillages are derived from the man-hours required to unblock sewer networks, as well as the use of specialized equipment. Sewer tankers are unable to suck solid waste, whereas Juno super sucker tankers are capable of doing so; however, the cost of hiring Juno tankers was higher

3.3. SEWER NETWORK BLOCKAGES



- ❑ Sewer blockages chiefly consisted of unwanted material discarded in the network:

Garbage

Rocks

Soil



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The most efficient solution to mitigate sewer blockages was to block what was going into the line

- ❑ Future plans included converting sewer manholes into sand/dirt traps, which would help reduce sewer spillages. However, this would not eliminate the cost of hiring Juno super sucker tankers, which would still be required to service and clean the sand and debris collected in these traps
- ❑ Educating the public through for example the use of puppets to warn about the dangers when children play in sewerage water
- ❑ Locking sewer lids

RECOMMENDATION:

- ❑ That a survey be done to determine how many sewer lids there were in Kleinmond with a view to installing locks

MANHOLE: ENTRANCE TO THE RUGBY FIELD

- ❑ Mr. van Rhodie explained that this sewer line flows to Main Road, then to the tennis courts pump station, from where it was pumped to the Palmiet pump station and ultimately conveyed to the wastewater treatment plant
- ❑ He informed that blockages primarily occur as a result of the disposal of rags and other refuse into manholes
- ❑ There are plans to add 2 new sand traps on this particular sewer line in the next financial year



SEWER NETWORK: KLEINMOND



3.4. AREA BETWEEN THE GRAVEYARD AND KAWS

- ❑ The area was severely overrun by accumulated refuse, discarded abalone shells, and hazardous glass shards
- ❑ Cleaning and street sweeping staff had been appointed and would begin working on Monday 16 March 2026
- ❑ Expansion of the area was discussed; solutions put forth included:
 - ❑ Creating a dog park,
 - ❑ Fencing the area, and
 - ❑ Building a designated footpath

3.4. AREA BETWEEN THE GRAVEYARD AND KAWS

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- ❑ That the newly appointed cleaning staff began their contract by cleaning the area between the graveyard and KAWS in Kleinmond first
- ❑ That there was a need to educate officials from Parks, Recreation, Cemeteries & Refuse Removal to avoid clearing an area in a manner that destroyed native plants such as fynbos and proteas







3.4. AREA BETWEEN THE GRAVEYARD AND KAWS

RECOMMENDATION:

- ❑ That Law Enforcement conducts regular, high-visibility patrols day and night within the corridor between the graveyard and KAWS in Kleinmond, acting as a proactive measure to discourage criminal activity such as :
 - 1) members of the public who dump waste in this veld,
 - 2) poachers who discard abalone shells in the drains,
 - 3) homeless people who build shelters to sleep in, and
 - 4) members of the public who drink in public and discard glass bottles in the veld

PS. The Speaker had offered to accompany members

13th AVENUE & 4th STREET

- ❑ Mr. van Rhodie informed that specific projects had been completed
- ❑ Boekenhout Street had been repaired, whereafter work would commence on 1st Avenue
- ❑ Pipes will then be bought
- ❑ Mr. van Rhodie noted pipelines from 4th Street onwards required maintenance
- ❑ 11th Avenue as well as 9th Avenue had to be rehabilitated due to the abundance of groundwater
- ❑ Similarly, the sinkhole in 4th Street was a result of the groundwater
- ❑ He informed that a considerable sum of money had been spent on repairs

SINKHOLE IN 4th STREET



RECOMMENDATION:

- That officials from Streets & Stormwater repair the sinkhole in 4th Street, Kleinmond

KLEINMOND RUGBY FIELD

Field for warm-up purposes



KLEINMOND RUGBY FIELD

- ❑ Work done at the rugby field totalled in excess of R12m
- ❑ Newly installed floodlights had LED globes which used less electricity
- ❑ The field had been compacted and irrigation was being installed
- ❑ The irrigation system would be timer-operated
- ❑ Once the grass was planted, the field would not be used for 3 months during which time the contractor would oversee the field and train Municipal role-players including Mr. Dudley du Bruin in maintenance and upkeep

3.5. KLEINMOND NATURE RESERVE

- ❑ Mr. Botha Maree highlighted the importance of a Management Plan for Kleinmond Nature Reserve

RECOMMENDATION:

- ❑ That an external agency be used to draw up a Management Plan for Kleinmond Nature Reserve, and be paid with Ward Specific Funds



5. CLOSURE

- The Chairperson thanked the driver, officials, Ward Committee Councillors, and Ward Committee Members and the site visits closed at 12:45

