

**MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF KOUGA MUNICIPALITY
HELD ON THURSDAY, 30 JANUARY 2024 AT 10:00AM**

PRESENT: Councillors

Ald B Williams	(Speaker)
H Bornman	(Executive Mayor)
Ald D Benson	
B Dhludhlu	
T Jantjes	
W Gertenbach	
H Murray	
R Foley	
F Heystek	
S Ruth	
C August	
M Nicholls	
M van Niekerk	
J Alexander	
L Maree	
G Stuurman	
P Oliphant	
M Yali	
W van der Linde	
K Ndzalani	
N Ntshota	
B Human	
V Gunuza	
V Zana	
E Mbuqu	
M Mbandana	
N Ntengwane	
W Petersen	

**Officials &
Municipal Manager**

C du Plessis	(Municipal Manager)
D de Jager	(Deputy Municipal Manager)
R Lorgat	(CFO)
C Venter	(Acting Director: Community Services)
L Opperman	(Manager: Legal Services)
T Madatt	(Acting Director: Electro-Mechanical Services)
L Ramakuwela	(Acting Director: Planning & Development)
C de Kock	(Director: Civil & Water Services)
E Goliath	(Manager: Public Participation)
C Prinsloo	(Legal Officer: Office of the Speaker)
K Minnaar	(Chief of Staff)
A Koegelenberg	(Manager: PMS)
M Basson	(Manager: Media & Communication)
M Rossouw	(Manager: Administration & Auxiliary Services)
M Julius	(Senior Admin Officer: Committees)
S Sidjiyo	(Committee Officer)

N Mazibuko (Committee Clerk/Scribe)

Stakeholders

G Billson (Chairperson: Kouga Audit Committee)
B Vanda (EC CoGTA)
R Purushotaman (AGSA)

1. **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The Speaker read the notice convening the meeting in terms of Section 19 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act No.32 of 2000) that an Ordinary Council Meeting will be held virtually on 30 January 2024 at 10:00 AM.

2. **OPENING AND WELCOME**

The Speaker welcomed everyone present to the meeting and requested Cllr Dhludhlu to open the meeting in prayer.

3. **ABSENT WITH LEAVE**

Cllr L Nkilishane
N Machelesi (Director: Community Services)

4. **ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE**

Cllr M Valgee

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

None.

6. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, CONDOLENCES & CONGRATULATIONS**

Cllr van Niekerk extended birthday wishes to Cllr Heystek.

Cllr Zana applauded the South African government for its Genocide case against Israel in the International Court of Justice (ICJ) as well as the measures that will be implemented against Israel.

He further congratulated the matric class of 2023, especially in the Eastern Cape and Kouga region given the challenges faced, in achieving a pass mark above 80%. He then wished Bafana Bafana all the best ahead of their match at the AFCON tournament.

Cllr Gunuza wished the Sarah Baartman District Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr Deon De Vos, a happy birthday and congratulated the matric class of 2023.

Cllr Alexander congratulated Mr Selvyn Davids, who hails from Jeffreys Bay, for being Captain of the South African Sevens Rugby team.

Cllr Petersen congratulated Kruisfontein United on holding a successful Annual General Meeting (AGM) where the new leadership of the rugby club was re-elected. He further condemned the actions of Israel on the people of Gaza and emphasised on the importance of standing in solidarity with the people of Palestine.

7. **STATEMENTS OR COMMUNICATIONS BY THE SPEAKER**

Good morning Honourable Mayor, Councillors, Municipal Manager and all officials.

Welcome to the first Council meeting of 2024.

It is pleasing to note that our Finance Directorate has once again tabled the Adjustment Budget earlier than required by legislation which will again afford the institution the opportunity to spend more time on the draft budget for the 2024/25 financial year.

We also have the Draft Annual Report tabled before Council today and as it is a draft, I urge all Cllrs to engage with the Annual Report and to submit all proposed amendments to my office as soon as possible.

I also thank the Mayor and the Administration for being proactive and recommending that the Annual Report be workshopped with all Cllrs by mid February 2024.

Council can feel proud that Kouga hosted Compact Citizen based Monitoring training last week which was attended by representatives of the European Union as well as other partners such as Integrity Action, Pari – the Public Affairs Research Institute as well as Salga.

It was clear from the engagements that Kouga is regarded as one of the top two Municipalities in South Africa when it comes to public participation and that we have a vibrant and innovative Public Participation Unit within the Municipality.

The training session included our ward assistants as well as other community stakeholders and we want to move to the next level where communities are equipped and empowered to play a monitoring role and become a partner in local government with us.

Two projects have been identified in this regard and they are the upgrades to the Paradise Beach Water Tower as well as the Kwanomzamo Waste Water Treatment Works. Kouga has received recognition for our Ward Committee Action Sheets which are live documents and while we haven't reached perfection yet, we are making progress and are empowering the Ward Councillors to be able to provide feedback to their ward committees and to ensure we are bringing government to the people.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Manager of the Public Participation Unit, Mr Eugene Goliath for his hard work and commitment in taking Kouga to the level where overseas organizations recognise us as being a leader in fulfilling our legislative mandate to ensure public participation is receiving the attention it requires.

We will be convening the next ward Councillor forum on 21 February when we will be discussing in more detail the implementation of citizen monitoring tools.

There is a long agenda that we have to engage with today with lots of legislative requirements that have to be complied with and I look forward to meaningful debate.

Thank you.

8. **STATEMENTS OR COMMUNICATIONS BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR**

I hereby firstly wish to welcome back council and officials from what was, for some, a well deserved break. I am immensely proud of our municipality for ensuring yet another safe and successful festive season.

This initial January Council meeting marks the commencement of the review the financial results of the first six months of the financial year, but also where we receive the audited annual financial statements for the year ending 30 June 2023 which is incorporated in the draft annual report for the year which is tabled today.

This also marks the commencement of the Adjustment Budget to be completed today and the Draft Budget process for the year commencing on 1 July 2024 that will be informed by the review of the Integrated Development Plan in the coming months.

We undertake this review in the context of the economic circumstances influencing Kouga Municipality.

In a study entitled **Growth through Inclusion** undertaken for National Treasury by Harvard University's reputed Growth Lab they highlighted our country's weakening in economic prospects from 47th position to 70th, declining drastically in the past 20 years.

South Africa's income per capita has been falling for over a decade with unemployment at over 33%, the world's highest. They attribute the causes to the collapse of state capacity across several government functions that are essential for a functioning economy, and to spatial exclusion.

The collapse of state capacity is seen in electricity loadshedding, collapse of transport infrastructure, water and sanitation, security, as some examples, exacerbated by the consequences of corruption and preferential procurement policies.

Kouga Municipality remains resilient, having been said to be one of only four functioning Local Municipalities in the Province at a recent MM forum.

In Kouga Municipality, managing of the population growth rate of 3.22% (the highest local municipality in the EC and the 14th highest in the country) that we are experiencing adds to the complexities that our Administration and Council faces in ensuring we uphold a delicate balance in dealing with a range of challenges, whilst prioritizing 4 key objectives.

1. Rehabilitating our road infrastructure
2. Continue taking strides toward reducing reliance on Eskom
3. Streamline customer service and
4. Improve our green drop compliance by upgrading our waste-water treatment works

Whilst this growth does create new challenges, it remains one of our greatest opportunities which must be nurtured. People from across the country continue finding a home in Kouga, with close to 800 **new** building applications approved in just the past 6 months. As a caring municipality, we must continue cutting costs for residents where we can as the cost of living in South Africa continues to spiral out of control.

I urge the Council to reflect on these national, provincial and local complexities as we become even more agile in 2024 to adapt to the challenges as we continue building Kouga Municipality as a **blueprint of what a flourishing South Africa can look like**.

Lastly, I want to extend my sincere appreciation to our departments, particularly Civil and Water, Electro and Mechanical and Community Services for their efforts during the festive season. Your service to our residents and visitors was of the highest standard. I also wish to thank all of our staff who work throughout the year, in all weather conditions to keep Kouga clean, safe and serviced.

Let us recommit ourselves to demonstrating our caring and compassionate spirit for each other during these difficult economic times.

Let us recommit ourselves toward our key objectives as council in this new year.

Let us recommit ourselves to ensuring service excellence through good governance.

Thank you

9. **DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

None.

10. **STATUTORY MATTERS**

11. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MAYORAL COMMITTEE MEETING FOR INFORMATION**

Resolved (30 January 2024)

1. That the Minutes of the Mayoral Committee Meeting held on 15 August 2023 be noted.

12. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING**

12.1 **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14 DECEMBER 2023**

Resolved (30 January 2024)

1. That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 14 December 2023 be approved.

Proposed: W Gertenbach

Seconded: C August

13. **MATTERS DEALT WITH IN TERMS OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR**

14. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL**

14.1 **REPORT BACK: SARAH BAARTMAN DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY REPRESENTATIVE**

None.

14.2 **KOUGA AUDIT COMMITTEE**

None.

14.3 **MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE**

Item Withdrawn

15. **REPORT BACK: MUNIMEC**

None.

REPORTS BY THE OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER

24/01/MM2 COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS AS AT 14 DECEMBER 2023

Cllr Zana referred to page 64 and enquired on the status of the establishment of the Kouga SMME Forum as it will play a critical role in addressing issues faced by SMMEs.

On page 65, he requested a status update on the implementation of the Water Amnesty and questioned whether there were active applicants or any beneficiaries.

On page 74, he enquired about the current status of the Umzamowethu Sanitation System as well as the progress of the fencing tender for the Weston Waste Water Treatment Works.

Cllr van der Linde referred to page 72 and enquired on the reasons for no action taken to date on the clearing of servitudes throughout Kouga and requested an update on the matter.

The Speaker raised the following matters:

- On page 64, he requested an update on the sewerage report which was supposed to be tabled at the next Finance Portfolio Committee meeting.
- On page 65, he requested an update on the process of incurring the long-term debt with DBSA.
- On page 65, he enquired about the progress of the sponsorship agreement between the Municipality and the Challenge Family Multi-festival for Kouga.
- On page 69, he questioned when the Monitoring and Evaluation Committee will sit to table the Mid-Year Institutional Performance Report 2022/23.
- On page 72, he requested a status update on the installation and repair of streetlights by Eskom, and whether action has been taken on the clearing of servitudes through the appointment of more workers to assist.
- On page 73, he enquired about the progress of the reporting on the training requirements by the relevant department.

In response, the CFO highlighted that there are applicants for the Water Amnesty with close to 300 resolved incidents and 300 applications that are in progress. He urged that Ward Councillors assist in encouraging residents to apply for the Water Amnesty.

On the DBSA matter, he indicated that engagements have been held with DBSA where institutional, financial and technical information was requested. However, the technical information has not been provided as the relevant department had to engage with the Consultant to determine the current status and useful life of the roads.

On the sponsorship agreement, he stated that the event organiser has moved the event to November 2024 which has shifted the event to the new budget cycle. The initial approved sponsorship amount will be included in the draft budget and presented to the Council in March 2024 for final approval in May 2024. Upon approval, the SLA will be signed immediately thereafter.

On the establishment of the SMME Forum, he highlighted that the strategy is currently being developed and that SMME and Entrepreneurship Development are a critical part of the strategy. SMMEs are being engaged in capital projects and their respective requirements.

The Director: Civil & Water Services added that the technical information required by DBSA includes several aspects which are currently being identified such as the assessment of priority roads in order to determine the exact amount that is required from DBSA.

On the Umzamowethu Sanitation System, he mentioned that huge support is being provided by the Windfarm Trust and the upgrading of housing structures in Umzamowethu has commenced where a long-term solution is being initiated, and the upgrading will also include the sewerage system which has been ailing.

On the fencing tender for the Weston Waste Water Treatment Works, he highlighted that the tender is in the process of being evaluated.

He further stated that the sewerage report should have been concluded and submitted, however, since the release of the green drop report which reflects data captured in the review cycle July 2020 – June 2021, a full audit is being conducted by the team and will be submitted to the Civil & Water Portfolio Committee between March and April.

On the progress of the transfer of funds to repair the Hankey Waste Water Treatment Works and the Kwanomzamo pump station, he indicated that a single tender document was compiled for both sites and was advertised in September 2023 and is expected to conclude by the end of January 2024.

On the tabling of the Mid-Year Institutional Performance Report, the Municipal Manager responded that the Monitoring and Evaluation Committee will sit on the 5th of March 2024.

On the installation of the streetlights by Eskom, the Acting Director: Electro-Mechanical Services stated that Eskom had committed to appoint a contractor to commence with repairs. However, the contractor was still awaiting materials to be delivered as a result no repairs have been done, and regular follow-ups will be made on the matter and feedback will be provided to the relevant Ward Councillors.

On the clearing of the servitudes, he mentioned that the process is more complex than initially anticipated as it involves the appointment of additional staff from the Human Settlements section as well as identifying a new settlement for the residents to be relocated.

On the training requirements, he highlighted that quotations have been received for the training requirements and that free training has been offered by the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality (NMBM) for the High Voltage regulations.

Resolved (30 January 2024)

1. That the updated Action Sheets reflecting resolutions of previous Council meetings, be noted.
2. That the action sheet be tabled at Top Management for discussion and actioning.

24/01/MM3 KOUGA MUNICIPALITY: DRAFT: 2022/23 ANNUAL REPORT

Cllr Maree proposed an additional recommendation to read that all additions and corrections be emailed to the Office of the Speaker before the Councillors workshop in mid-February 2024.

Cllr Zana proposed the recommendations as amended.

Cllr Oliphant seconded.

Resolved (30 January 2024)

1. That in terms of the provisions of Section 127 (2) of the Local Government Municipal Finance Management Act, 56 of 2003, the submission of the Draft 2022/23 Annual Report be noted.
2. That in terms of the provisions of Section 127 (5)(a) of the Local Government Municipal Finance Management Act, 56 of 2003, the Draft 2022/23 Annual Report be made public, and the local community be invited to make presentations in connection with the Draft 2022/23 Annual Report.
3. That in terms of the provisions of Section 127 (5)(b) of the Local Government Municipal Finance Management Act, 56 of 2003, the Draft 2022/23 Annual Report be submitted to the Auditor General, Provincial Treasury and the Provincial Department of Cooperative Government and Traditional Affairs.
4. That in terms of the provisions of Section 129 of the Local Government Municipal Finance Management Act, 56 of 2003, the Draft 2022/23 Annual Report be submitted to the Municipal Public Accounts Committee for purposes of preparing an Oversight Report on the Draft 2022/23 Annual Report for submission to Council by 27 March 2024.
5. That the Draft 2022/23 Annual Report be workshopped with all Councillors by mid-February 2024.
6. That all additions and corrections be emailed to the Office of the Speaker prior to the workshop as referred to above.

Proposed: V Zana

Seconded: P Oliphant

24/01/MM4 MID-YEAR INSTITUTIONAL PERFORMANCE REPORT: 2023/24 FINANCIAL YEAR: PERIOD 1 JULY 2023 TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

Resolved (30 January 2024)

1. That the 2023/24 Mid-Year Performance Report be noted.
2. That all areas of underperformance be discussed at Portfolio Committee level to determine and agree on corrective actions to be implemented to ensure targets are achieved by year-end.

24/01/MM5 DISCIPLINARY ENQUIRY HELD BY RULES AND ETHICS COMMITTEE – COUNCILLOR VUYOKAZI GUNUZA

Cllr Gunuza was recused from the meeting at 11:16

At 11:20 Cllr Zana requested a five-minute caucus for the ANC.

Upon return at 11:25, the ANC expressed that it was not in support of the item.

The Speaker called for a vote on the acceptance of the recommendations as is.

In Favour: 17

Not in Favour: 9

Resolved (30 January 2024)

1. That the recommendation made by the Rules and Ethics Committee herein be upheld.
2. That the following sanction be implemented against Councillor Gunuza in respect of the charge laid against her and for which charge the Councillor pleaded guilty.
 - 2.1 That in respect of Charge 1 – the sanction is a fine equivalent to 50% of Councillor Gunuza's monthly salary, but suspended for the balance of her term in office, subject to her not being found guilty for the same offence.

Cllr Gunuza was admitted back into the meeting.

24/01/MM6 DISCIPLINARY ENQUIRY HELD BY RULES AND ETHICS COMMITTEE – COUNCILLOR WAYNE PETERSEN

At 11:39 Cllr Petersen was recused from the virtual meeting.

Cllr Human expressed that he is not in support of the recommendations as outlined and proposed an amendment to point 10.2.1 to read that Councillor Petersen be fined with half a month's salary payable over 4 months.

Cllr Zana seconded the amendment.

The Speaker noted the proposed amendment and requested a vote on the approval of the recommendations as amended.

In Favour: 5

Not in Favour: 18

The Speaker called for a vote on the approval of the recommendations as originally outlined in the agenda.

In Favour: 17

Not in Favour: 7

Resolved (30 January 2024)

1. That the recommendation made by the Rules and Ethics Committee herein be upheld.
2. That the following sanction be implemented against Councillor Petersen in respect of the charge laid against him and for which charge the Councillor was found guilty by the Committee.

2.1 That in respect of Charge 2 – Councillor Petersen is fined with one month's salary, payable over two months.

Cllr Petersen was admitted back into the meeting.

24/01/MM7 REPORT ON EXERCISE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

Cllr Oliphant conveyed the ANC's non-support of the item due to the nature of the existing transport industry in the Kouga region.

The Executive Mayor requested a five-minute DA caucus at 12:17 ahead of the voting.

Upon return at 12:22, the Speaker called for a vote on the acceptance of the recommendations as is.

In Favour: 17
Not in Favour: 7

Resolved (30 January 2024)

1. That the report on Delegated Authority by the Executive Mayor be confirmed.

16. **REPORTS BY THE OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY MUNICIPAL MANAGER**

24/01/DMM1 MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION STRATEGY ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION WITHIN KOUGA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

Resolved (30 January 2024)

1. That the Media and Communication Strategy be approved by Council.

24/01/DMM2 KOUGA MUNICIPALITY AMENDED INSTITUTIONAL CALENDAR

Resolved (30 January 2024)

1. That Council approves the amended institutional calendar.

At 12:30, the Speaker called for a 20-minute comfort break and Council resumed at 12:50.

17. **REPORTS BY THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

17.1 **REPORTS BY THE CHAIRPERSON: FINANCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

24/01/FED1 MID-YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY TO DECEMBER 2023 AND FINANCIAL STATE OF AFFAIRS OF THE MUNICIPALITY AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023 (2023/24 FINANCIAL YEAR)

Cllr Zana suggested the implementation of a ward based-approach to track the financial spending of the Municipality per ward in relation to capital projects.

Cllr Oliphant added that a ward based budget be considered to ensure that financial spending in each ward is monitored.

In response, the CFO explained that during the Draft Budget process there was an attempt to allocate the capital projects to different wards but the operational process becomes challenging. However, more effort will be made during the Draft Budget discussions to encourage each department to indicate the ward where funds will be spent.

In order to do this, planning needs to be done at a high level to avoid a generalisation of fund allocations.

Resolved (30 January 2024)

1. That the Municipal Manager's report on the Mid-year Budget and Performance Assessment of the municipality, in accordance with Section 72(1)(a) of the MFMA, be noted.
2. That the Executive Mayor's report on the implementation of the budget and the financial state of affairs of the municipality, in accordance with Sections 52(d), 54(1)(f) and 72 of the MFMA, be noted.
3. That an Adjustments Budget, based on the realistically anticipated revenues, in line with section 18 and 28 of the MFMA, be tabled by the Executive Mayor to the Council.
4. That the Mid-year report accordingly be submitted to National Treasury and Provincial Treasury, in line with Section 72(1) (b) of the MFMA.

24/01/FED2 2023/24 MID-YEAR ADJUSTMENTS BUDGET

The ANC expressed that it is not in support of the item.

The Speaker called for a verbal vote on the acceptance of the Mid-Year Adjustments Budget report.

In Favour: 17

Not in Favour: 8

Resolved (30 January 2024)

1. That the Executive Mayor recommends that the Council, by resolution taken by the majority of its full number, and in terms of Section 30(2) of the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act No. 117 of 1998 (as amended), read in conjunction with Section 28 of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, Act 56 of 2003, approves the 2023/24 Adjustments Budget as set-out in the following tables:

- Table 4 - B1 Adjustments Budget Summary.
- Table 5 - B2 Adjustments Budget Financial Performance (revenue and expenditure by standard classification).
- Table 6 - B3 Adjustments Budget Financial Performance (revenue and expenditure by municipal vote).
- Table 7 - B4 Adjustments Financial Performance (revenue and expenditure by type).
- Table 8 - B5 Adjustments Budget Capital Expenditure by vote and standard classification and funding source.
- Table 9 - B6 Adjustments Budget Financial Position.
- Table 10 - B7 Adjustments Budget Cash Flows.
- Table 11 - B8 Cash backed reserves/accumulated surplus reconciliation.
- Table 12 - B9 Asset Management, and
- Table 13 - B10 Basic service delivery measurement.

24/01/FED3 BUDGET AND TREASURY: WITHDRAWALS FROM THE MUNICIPAL BANK ACCOUNT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Resolved (30 January 2024)

1. That the Council notes the withdrawals that were made in terms of section 11(1) (b) to (j) of the MFMA for the quarter ended 31 December 2023; and
2. That the report accordingly be submitted to the Provincial Treasury and Auditor-General as determined by section 11(4) (b) of the MFMA.

17.2 **REPORTS BY THE CHAIRPERSON: PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

24/01/PD1 AMENDMENT OF KOUGA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY SPATIAL PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT BY-LAW, 2016

Resolved (30 January 2024)

1. That the Council grant approval to proceed with the process of amending the Kouga Local Municipality Spatial Planning and Land Use Management By-Law, 2016.
2. That the Kouga Municipality By-Law & Policy Review Committee be informed of the intention to amend the Kouga Local Municipality Spatial Planning and Land Use Management By-Law, 2016.
3. That a notice be published informing the public of the Kouga Municipality's intention to amend the Kouga Local Municipality Spatial Planning and Land Use Management By-Law, 2016.

17.3 **REPORTS BY THE CHAIRPERSON: CIVIL & WATER SERVICES**

24/01/CWS1 APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (PIP) FOR THE 24/25 FY MIG ALLOCATED GRANT FUNDING

Resolved (30 January 2024)

1. That the draft Project Implementation Plan for MIG projects for the 24/25 FY be approved by Council.
2. That the final Council approved PIP for the 24/25 FY be submitted by 30 April 2024 to CoGTA.

17.4 **REPORTS BY THE CHAIRPERSON: COMMUNITY & SAFETY SERVICES**

24/01/CSS1 SPONSORSHIP REQUEST OF R100 000 FOR LIFESAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS TO BE HOSTED IN KOUGA ON THE 24TH AND 25TH FEBRUARY 2024

Cllr Zana conveyed the ANC's non-support of the item.

The Speaker called for a verbal vote on the acceptance of the recommendations.

In Favour: 16
Not in Favour: 9

Resolved (30 January 2024)

1. That Council approves the funding amount of R100 000.00 (One Hundred Thousand Rands only) including VAT towards the Lifesaving Championships hosted by Kouga Local Municipality on the 24th and 25th of February 2024.

2. That Council authorizes the Accounting Officer to conclude a Sponsorship Agreement / SLA with Lifesaving Nelson Mandela Bay in respect of sponsorship stated above and that the Municipality is at liberty to request any further and/or additional information in respect of the expenditure report and company to comply with all reporting, financial management and auditing requirements as stipulated in this Agreement.

24/01/CSS2 REVISED PREVENTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE AND KEEPING OF ANIMALS BY-LAW

Cllr Maree proposed an additional recommendation to read that the approved Prevention of Public Nuisance and Keeping of Animals By-Law be workshopped, after the public participation process, with Councillors to review all public inputs before its resubmission to Council.

Cllr Dhludhlu seconded the additional recommendation.

Resolved (30 January 2024)

1. That Council approves the revised Kouga Municipality Prevention of Public Nuisance and Keeping of Animals By-Law.
2. That the approved Prevention of Public Nuisance and Keeping of Animals By-Law be advertised for public comments.
3. That the approved Prevention of Public Nuisance and Keeping of Animals By-Law be workshopped, after the public participation process, with Councillors before its resubmission to Council.

Proposed: L Maree

Seconded: B Dhludhlu

24/01/CSS3 DRAFT TREE MANAGEMENT POLICY

Cllr Oliphant proposed the withdrawal of the item as the function lies with the Provincial Department of Environmental Affairs.

Cllr Petersen expressed his non-support of the item.

Cllr Maree proposed an additional recommendation to read that the approved Draft Tree Management Policy be workshopped, after the public participation process, with Councillors to review all public inputs before its resubmission to Council.

The Speaker called for a verbal vote on the approval of the recommendations as amended.

In Favour: 17

Not in Favour: 8

Resolved (30 January 2024)

1. That Council authorises the Municipal Manager to commence with a public participation process for the Draft Tree Management Policy.
2. That the approved Draft Tree Management Policy be workshopped, after the public participation process, with Councillors before its resubmission to Council.

Proposed: L Maree

Seconded: W Gertenbach

18. **CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 14:37



B WILLIAMS

SPEAKER

20 March 2024

DATE
