

MINUTES OF AN VIRTUAL ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF KOUGA MUNICIPALITY HELD ON THURSDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 10:00 AM
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PRESENT: Councillors

J Alexander	
C August	
Ald D Benson	
H Bornman	(Executive Mayor)
B Dhludhlu	
R Foley	
W Gertenbach	
V Gunuza	
A Hendricks	
F Heystek	
T Jantjes	(Deputy Executive Mayor)
L Maree	(Speaker)
M Mbandana	
E Mbuqu	
B Moos	
K Ndzalani	
M Nicholls	
N Ntengwane	
N Ntshota	
P Oliphant	
C Pietersen	
S Ruth	
G Stuurman	
M Valgee	
M van Niekerk	
M Yali	

**Officials &
Municipal Manager**

C du Plessis	(Municipal Manager)
D de Jager	(Deputy Municipal Manager)
R Lorgat	(CFO)
C de Kock	(Director: Civil & Water Services)
T Madatt	(Director: Electro-Mechanical Services)
L Ramakuwela	(Director: Planning & Development)
L Opperman	(Manager: Legal Services)
M Rossouw	(Manager: Administration & Auxiliary Services)

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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 26 February 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

2. **OPENING AND WELCOME**

The Speaker welcomed everyone present to the meeting and requested Ald Benson to open with a prayer.

3. **ABSENT WITH LEAVE**

Cllr Nkilishane
Cllr Petersen
Cllr van der Linde
Cllr Zana
Ms Machelesi (Director: Community Services)

4. **ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE**

None

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

None

6. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, CONDOLENCES & CONGRATULATIONS**

Ald Benson extended congratulations to officials and Councillors celebrating birthdays during the month of February.

Cllr Alexander commended the achievements of local youth in sports, highlighting their participation in the Commonwealth Games.

Cllr Mbandana expressed condolences to the PLO Embassy and extended congratulations to President Cyril Ramaphosa on the positive developments highlighted in the State of the Nation Address.

Cllr Oliphant reflected on the achievements of a young athlete and conveyed gratitude to the community for their support during a family health crisis.

Cllr Heystek congratulated the Democratic Alliance (DA) in Johannesburg Ward 102 for their performance, noting growth from 60% to 94% in 2024.

Cllr Ndzelani congratulated President Cyril Ramaphosa for his negotiations with the Ukrainian President, aimed at securing the release of eleven South Africans affected by the war.

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

Honourable Mayor and Members of the Council, Officials, Online Guests,
colleagues,
Good Morning

Happy birthday to our director Machelesi.

It is wonderful to see the Seekoei Estuary filling with water again. We extend our sincere thanks to the Department for granting approval to open the mouth.

After visiting all our beautiful towns, I am once again reminded of how fortunate we are to live in such a remarkable area. Trees have been planted in Loerie that will, in time, provide welcome shade. The new flowers and green vegetation emerging after the fires are transforming the landscape into something truly beautiful.

I would like to encourage members of the public to share photographs of our nine towns — capturing nature, landscapes, wildlife, or simply the smiling faces of our people.

My office will also host the first Ward Councillor Forum of the year. This will be followed by a ward assistant refresher training session to ensure that communication between Councillors and the administration remains smooth and effective.

Finally, I would like to wish our tourism offices well for the month ahead, with exciting events such as Wine on Water and Teater by die See on the calendar.

Thank you.

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

The Executive Mayor welcomed the Speaker, Councillors, Municipal officials, and members of the public, expressing appreciation for the opportunity to address Council. He reported on his recent ward visits, noting the significant progress achieved over the past five years. Improvements included street lighting, grass cutting, electrification of households, road repairs, stormwater channel upgrades, and the construction of new roads.

He commended the Municipal Manager, directors, and their teams for their dedicated work, and highlighted successful partnerships with NGOs and private companies contributing to housing, sanitation, clinics, and beautification projects.

The Executive Mayor emphasised the Municipality's vision of serving as a model for a flourishing South Africa, noting the positive impact of collaboration with community organizations. He addressed budgetary matters, acknowledging challenges posed by rising costs of living and the need to balance service delivery with affordability for residents.

He confirmed that the draft budget, including proposed tariff increases, will be tabled for council and public participation next month.

In closing, the Executive Mayor expressed appreciation for the Speaker's leadership and noted the limited time remaining in the current council term. He urged continued commitment to completing outstanding work before the term concludes.

9. **DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

Cllr Alexander declared an interest in Item 06/02/MM1.

The Speaker directed that Councillor Alexander be placed in a waiting room during Item 26/02/MM1.

10. **STATUTORY MATTERS**

None.

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

11.1 **MINUTES OF A MAYORAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2025**

Resolved: (26 February 2026)

1. That the amended Minutes of a Mayoral Committee meeting held on 10 September 2025 be noted.

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

12.1 **MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 29 JANUARY 2026**

Resolved: (26 February 2026)

1. That the amended Minutes of an Ordinary Council meeting held on 29 January 2026 be approved.

Proposed: Cllr Jantjes

Seconded: Cllr Gertenbach

13. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL**

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

26/02/SBDM1 REPORT BACK: SARAH BAARTMAN DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

Cllr Mbandana expressed appreciation for the report, noting that it was the first received in five years.

Resolved: (26 February 2026)

1. That Council consider the minutes of the Sarah Baartman District Municipality held on 03 December 2025.

13.2 **KOUGA AUDIT COMMITTEE**

None

13.3 **RULES & ETHICS COMMITTEE**

26/02/R&E1 DISCIPLINARY ENQUIRY HELD BY RULES AND ETHICS COMMITTEE – COUNCILLOR WAYNE PETERSEN

Cllr Ntshota raised concerns regarding ongoing penalties imposed on Councillor Wayne Peterson, noting that an appeal is still pending.

Cllr Mbandana criticised the actions of the Ethics Committee as politically motivated and called for support for affected ANC members.

The Speaker called for a vote for as follows:

In favour : 16
Not in favour: 8
Abstain: 0

Resolved: (26 February 2026)

1. That Council confirms the guilty finding in respect of the 7 charges brought against Councillor W Petersen.
2. That the following sanctions be implemented against Councillor Petersen in respect of the charges laid against him and for which charges the Councillor was found guilty:
 - a. That in respect of – **Charges 1 – 7 Guilty** – *A fine equal to 75% of one month's salary be deducted in line with the provisions of the Policy on the Standing Rules and Procedures with regard to Disciplinary matters against Kouga Municipal Councillors*
3. That in respect of charges 1 to 7, the deduction will be implemented and processed in respect of the March 2026 salary period.
4. That the Speaker must report the outcome of the investigation to the MEC for the local government in the province concerned.

13.4 **MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE**

26/02/MPAC1 MINUTES OF THE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Resolved: (26 February 2026)

1. That Council notes the minutes of the Municipal Public Accounts Committee and that the recommendations contained therein have been submitted to Council for resolution.

13.5 **MUNICIPAL BY - LAWS AND POLICIES**

26/02/PB1 **RE: ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE POLICY DRAFT DECEMBER 2025**

Cllr Mbandana expressed support for the policy under discussion but urged that its application extend beyond coastal areas to include underserved regions. He emphasised the importance of ensuring equitable implementation across all communities.

Resolved: (26 February 2026)

1. That Council approves the Electrical Maintenance Policy.
2. That Electrical Maintenance Policy be uploaded on the Kouga Website.

14. **REPORT BACK: MUNIMEC**

None

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

(The reports by the Executive Mayor, in terms of the provisions of Section 63 of the Local Government Municipal Systems Act, 32 of 2000, on matters dealt with by the Executive Mayor in terms of delegated authority as detailed in the Minutes to be noted).

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

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

26/02/FED10 **CLOSE-OUT REPORT AND SPONSORSHIP PROPOSAL: HUMANSDORP COMMUNITY FESTIVAL**

Cllr Jantjes expressed appreciation for the annual Humansdorp Community Festival, commending organisers, and municipal officials for its success.

He emphasised the importance of promoting the event for community spirit and local artists, called on residents to support it fully, and pledged his team's support with the vision of sustaining it independently in future.

Cllr Nicholls expressed full support for the Humansdorp Community Festival, emphasising its role in rebuilding the social fabric, benefiting local vendors, and giving small businesses exposure.

She noted that the festival fosters community pride and described it as a valuable opportunity for the residents of Humansdorp.

Cllr Hendricks expressed support for the partnership between Kouga Municipality and the Kouga Foundation, noting its positive impact on the Humansdorp community, particularly the youth.

She highlighted that the events are well attended-, provide entertainment, support unemployed youth, and promote local entrepreneurs and artists through exposure and networking opportunities. She applauded the initiative and encouraged the continuation of this partnership into the future.

Cllr Alexander emphasised the importance of the Humansdorp Community Festival to both the community and the organisers.

He welcomed the event and encouraged residents to attend in large numbers, noting it is the only event of such magnitude in the Humansdorp area. He further expressed gratitude and looked forward to its continued success.

Cllr Ndzelani applauded the Humansdorp Community Festival and acknowledged its value.

He urged that the festival also be extended to Black communities, particularly Kwa-Nomzamo, to ensure local artists from these areas can participate. He further emphasised inclusivity and the importance of creating opportunities for Black artists to showcase their work.

Cllr Ntshota appreciated the report on the Humansdorp Community Festival, noting its success and strong attendance.

She urged that similar festivals be hosted in communities such as Sea Vista and Umzamowethu, highlighting that residents in these areas are unable to attend due to distance.

She emphasized the importance of ensuring all Kouga communities' benefit from festivals and are recognized as integral parts of the Municipality.

Cllr Mbandana expressed gratitude for the close-out report on the Humansdorp Community Festival, highlighting two key aspects: its profitability and strong attendance.

He commended the organisers for delivering a well-attended and successful event and urged that revenue generation from such festivals be increased. He noted the absence of updates on the Hankey Jazz Festival, recalling its historic success with renowned jazz artists, and criticized the poor quality of more recent editions. Furthermore, he supported the expansion of festivals across Kouga.

Resolved: (26 February 2026)

1. That the Close- out Report for the Humansdorp Community Festival be noted.
2. That a sponsorship of R200 000 (Two Hundred Thousand Rand) only, VAT-inclusive for the Humansdorp Community Festival be approved for a period of 3 years commencing in 2025_2026 to 2027_28 financial year, subject to all Event approval requirements and conditions are met.

26/02/FED11 SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT: S36 DEVIATIONS FOR THE MONTH: JANUARY 2026

Cllr Mbandana, speaking on behalf of the ANC Collective, expressed support for the deviation items relating to sewer, electricity, and water. He emphasised that such matters are urgent and critical to life and should not be stalled, noting that deviations in this case are for good purpose. He contrasted this with previous instances where deviations were questioned and affirmed that the ANC supports the recommendations and regards these items as deserving of deviation.

Resolved: (26 February 2026)

1. That the Deviation report for the month of January 2026 be approved by Council.

16.2 REPORTS BY THE CHAIRPERSON: ELECTRO-MECHANICAL SERVICES

26/02/EMS4 RE: ELECTRICAL MASTER PLAN

Cllr Mbandana, speaking on behalf of the ANC Collective, expressed appreciation for the directorate led by Cllr Jacques Alexander- and Director: Electro-Mechanical Services, commending their diligence, foresight, and the well-crafted master plan presented. He highlighted the progress made and applauded the leadership and officials involved for their agility and -forward looking- approach.

He raised concern, however, that the plan does not address the integration of electrical grids, noting that Kouga cannot sustain separate grids for Gamtoos and the coastal areas. He urged consideration of an integrated grid covering Thornhill, Loerie, Patensie, and Hankey, aligning with plans for a nuclear facility in Kouga.

Resolved: (26 February 2026)

1. That the Council formally accepts and supports the adoption of the Electricity Masterplan.

26/02/EMS7 RE: ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT REVENUE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Cllr Mbandana, speaking on behalf of the ANC Collective, reaffirmed his appreciation for the directorate's work. He emphasized that where there is beauty, progress, diligence, and hard work, recognition is deserved. He noted that the directorate has demonstrated agility, resilience, and a forward-looking approach, and he commended their efforts as well-deserved.

Resolved: (26 February 2026)

1. That Council approves the implementation of an electrical revenue enhancement program to address historical electrical tampered meters for residential customers and to be implemented from the period commencing on 1 March 2026 and terminating on 30 June 2026.
2. That Council approves that a mandatory registration process be developed and implemented for all existing residential Small-Scale Embedded Generation (SSEG) installations, including rooftop solar PV systems.
3. That Council funds the replacement of the tampered prepaid meters.
4. That an awareness drive be arranged throughout Kouga with assistance of relevant stakeholders, in order to educate the community on the correct implementation of electricity sales in Spaza Shops.

26/02/EMS10 RE: GENERATOR MAINTENANCE PLAN

Cllr Mbandana confirmed ANC support for the item under discussion but raised practical concerns regarding electricity supply during meetings. He proposed that booklets be provided to all ward Councillors to record generator usage, including fuel levels, running times, and outages, both in Municipal infrastructure and in offices. He stressed that such monitoring would ensure meetings can continue uninterrupted during power failures.

Cllr Mbandana concluded by urging the directorate to act swiftly on this matter, commending the planning behind the item.

Resolved: (26 February 2026)

1. That the Generator Maintenance Plan be approved by Council.

26/02/EMS11 RE: DAMAGES TO CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE CASES & COST IMPLICATIONS – Q2 OF 2025/26 FY

Resolved: (26 February 2026)

Cllr Mbandana, on behalf of the ANC Collective, called for a dedicated energy protection team with "boots on the ground." He urged that a budget be set aside to safeguard electricity infrastructure, working with crime intelligence, prosecutors, and security companies.

Cllr Mbandana emphasised the urgency of this intervention to protect critical infrastructure and support Kouga's development. He reaffirmed ANC support for the proposal, describing it as a forward-looking plan that will strengthen the Municipality.

The Executive Mayor emphasised the importance of Council's decision to establish a new directorate for safety and security. He noted that crime in the Municipality is becoming increasingly intense and stressed the need for the Municipality to take ownership and stand up against these challenges.

He observed that the South African Police Service (SAPS) is under-resourced and understaffed, with too few personnel available locally, and therefore the Municipality must step up its own efforts. He expressed excitement at the progress made in setting up and strengthening the new directorate, highlighting its role in assisting to combat petty crime and providing much-needed support to the community.

16.3 **REPORTS BY THE CHAIRPERSON: CIVIL AND WATER SERVICES**

26/02/CWS21 KOUGA WATER RESOURCES REPORT

Cllr Foley thanked the administration for presenting the report and proposed an additional recommendation under item 10.2. He requested that an urgent meeting be convened with the Department of Water and Sanitation and the Nelson Mandela Bay Metro to discuss increasing the water quota from the Churchill system.

He explained that despite significant growth in the municipality's towns, the water allowance has remained unchanged for several years. This has led to challenges, particularly highlighted during December when water availability was strained. Cllr Foley emphasised that the matter requires urgent attention.

The Executive Mayor seconded Cllr Foley's proposal, stressing that the municipality's water resources have become increasingly urgent to address. He emphasised the importance of discussing both the increase of the water allocation and the management of the dams with the Department of Water and Sanitation.

He noted that while relationships with staff in the Nelson Mandela Bay Metro remain good, the management of the dams has become problematic. He explained that the Municipality often struggles to

influence decisions, as resources within the Metro fluctuate, leading to outcomes that benefit the Metro rather than Kouga. He therefore called for an independent body to manage the dams to ensure fairness and accountability.

The Executive Mayor further highlighted that Kouga has not received an increase in water allocation despite significant population growth, which has placed additional strain on water security. He concluded by reaffirming the need for urgent engagement with the Department of Water and Sanitation to address these matters.

Cllr Gertenbach congratulated the department on the informative report, noting it clearly outlined water sources for each town. He suggested that Kouga Municipality negotiate with the Department of Water Affairs to assume management of the Churchill and Mpopo dams.

Cllr Gertenbach emphasised that both dams are located within Kouga and given the Municipality's growing population, Kouga should take responsibility for these facilities. He further noted that Nelson Mandela Bay Metro has multiple water sources and is not solely reliant on these dams.

Cllr Ndzelani appreciated the department's work under the MMC, noting that past water crises in Ward 6, Kwanomzamo, have been resolved. He thanked the Department of Water and Sanitation, particularly Mr. Botha, for their role in addressing the crisis between 2022 and 2023.

Cllr Ndzelani highlighted that water is now supplied via the installation pipe but raised concern about an exposed pipe on Mandela Road towards Lungisa High School. He reported frequent damage to the pipe, especially on weekends, causing water losses, and requested that it be placed underground to prevent further breakages.

He concluded by appreciating that the community no longer faces a water crisis, while stressing the need to secure infrastructure.

Cllr Mbandana, speaking on behalf of the ANC, welcomed the master plan presented by the directorate but highlighted serious challenges. He referred to the Auditor-General's report, which revealed water losses amounting to millions of rand due to failing infrastructure. He urged that the Ministry of finance, to be engaged to assist in planning, stressing the need to utilize underground water resources in coastal areas to support town growth and future developments such as the nuclear plant.

He noted that the existing dams, designed in the 1950s, are no longer sufficient for current demands. He cautioned that discussions around dam control are premature, pointing instead to urgent infrastructure issues such as deteriorating asbestos pipes in Patensie and Hankey. He

criticised the lack of replacement of these pipes over the past decade, stating that this neglect contributes to wastage and costs the Treasury, while undermining efforts to respond to the Auditor-General's findings.

Resolved: (26 February 2026)

1. That the report on the Water Resources be noted by Council.
2. That an urgent meeting be convened with the Department of Water and Sanitation, as well as with the Nelson Mandela Bay Metro, to discuss the immediate increase of the water quota allocated from the Churchill system.

Proposed: Cllr Foley

Seconded: Cllr Bornman

26/02/CWS23 CONDITION STATUS REPORT ON ALL WWTW AND WTW

Cllr Ndzelani, speaking with appreciation for the opportunity provided by the ANC caucus, commended the MMC and the department for the R42 million upgrade of the Kwanomzamo Water Waste Treatment Works. He noted that although the handover was not formally completed, the facility is operational.

He raised concern about an overflow at the back of the treatment works, which runs into a nearby farm and eventually into the river. He explained that this poses risks to water quality, as some of the drinking water is affected by the overflow. Cllr Ndzelani urged that a plan be developed by the Department of Water and Sanitation to address the overflow and prevent further contamination.

Cllr Mbandana, welcomed the master plan presented by the directorate and MMC, describing it as the first of its kind. He noted, however, that serious challenges remain. He highlighted the Hankey Waste Treatment Plant, warning that with the addition of nearly 1,000 houses, the system will struggle and overflow into the Klein River. He pointed out that despite significant funding allocations—R10 million initially and later R42 million—the problems have not been resolved, reflecting inefficiency under the DA-led government.

He emphasised that the ANC proposes alignment with the district development model and engagement with Mayor De Vos and the Minister of Water and Sanitation. He stressed the importance of addressing neglected facilities such as the Patensie Correctional Services site, which plays a vital role in the local economy through fruit exports. He concluded by noting that residents were directly affected, as waste “kak” was flowing into their communities. He emphasised that this situation was unacceptable and required urgent corrective action.

The Executive Mayor responded to Cllr Mbandana's remarks, clarifying that the plant in question has not been handed over to the Municipality. He explained that the salaries of staff working there are still paid by the Department of Public Works, and therefore the facility remains under their management. He stated that it would be unreasonable for the Municipality to take over responsibility unless the plant is handed over in a proper functioning state, given the financial demands already required for other municipal plants.

He emphasised that the item under discussion is the most comprehensive report on water and sanitation plans ever presented to Council, providing clear information on the status, capacity, and needs of each plant. He noted that the purpose of the item is precisely to identify what is working, what is failing, and what resources are required to address the challenges.

The Executive Mayor criticised Cllr Mbandana's statements as misleading, stressing that the Municipality cannot expect ratepayers to fund billions of rand in upgrades for infrastructure that should have been addressed long ago, even under previous governments. He concluded by noting that while political debate may continue, the real issue is ensuring that money is allocated appropriately to each plant, and that Council must focus on practical solutions rather than unfounded claims.

At 11:48, Councillor Dhludhlu raised a point of order in terms of Rule 55. He requested that Cllr Mbandana withdraw the use of inappropriate wording, specifically the word "kak," noting that such language is not permitted under the rules of Council. He emphasised that this is a public meeting and councillors are expected to conduct themselves in an honourable manner. Cllr Dhludhlu stated that alternative wording could have been used and formally objected to the language employed.

The Speaker addressed Cllr Mbandana, requesting that he withdraw the use of inappropriate wording and replace it with less vulgar language. The Speaker acknowledged the seriousness of the concerns raised regarding the treatment works but emphasised the need for councillors to conduct themselves in a respectful and honourable manner during public meetings. Cllr Mbandana was asked to rephrase his remarks accordingly.

Cllr Mbandana responded to the Speaker's request to withdraw inappropriate wording. He stated that he would not withdraw the term used, insisting that "kak is net kak" and that it would not change. He added that the term refers directly to toilet waste and maintained his position, concluding that the matter was finished.

Resolved: (26 February 2026)

1. That the item on the condition of the WTW & WWTW be noted.

2. That Council authorizes the Accounting Officer to source external funding for necessary upgrades i.e BFI and RPF

17. **QUESTIONS SUBMITTED IN TERMS OF RULE 39 OF THE STANDING RULES & ORDERS**

26/02/MM1 QUESTION POSED BY COUNCILLOR NKILISHANE IN TERMS OF RULE 39 OF THE STANDING RULES AND ORDERS FOR MEETINGS OF COUNCIL AND ALL ITS COMMITTEES

Resolved: (26 February 2026)

1. That Council notes the question posed by Councillor Nklishane and written response in respect of risk assessment report of Councillor Alexander.
2. That the question and response must reflect in the minutes of the meeting as per Rule 39.3 of the Standing Rules and Orders for meetings of Council and all its Committees.

At 11:51, the Speaker indicated that Council will now move to the Supplementary agenda

11.1 **MUNICIPAL BY - LAWS AND POLICIES**

26/02/PB2 CUSTOMER CARE, CREDIT CONTROL AND DEBIT COLLECTION POLICY

Resolved: (26 February 2026)

1. That Council approves the Customer Care, Credit Control and Debit Collection Policy.
2. That Customer Care, Credit Control and Debit Collection Policy be uploaded on the Kouga Website.

12. **REPORTS BY THE OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER**

26/02/MM2 DETERMINATION OF THE UPPER LIMITS OF SALARIES, ALLOWANCES AND BENEFITS OF DIFFERENT MEMBERS OF A MUNICIPAL COUNCIL FOR 2025/2026 FINANCIAL YEAR

Resolved: (26 February 2026)

1. That the report on the Determination of the Upper Limits of Salaries, Allowances and Benefits of different members of the Municipal Council for 2025/26 financial year be noted.
2. That Council approve the implementation of the Upper limits based on Gazette 54179 dated 20 February 2026, subject to the concurrence of the MEC CoGTA.

3. That the Municipal Manager prepares all the required information and documentation for submission to the MEC CoGTA for concurrence, and that concurrence of the MEC CoGTA also be sought for the implementation of the Tools of Trade as contained in Item 15 (4) of the Gazette 54179 dated 20 February 2026.
4. That upon concurrence by the MEC, the Upper Limits of Salaries, Allowances and Benefits of the Gazette be implemented with effect from 01 July 2025.

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

(The reports by the Executive Mayor, in terms of the provisions of Section 63 of the Local Government Municipal Systems Act, 32 of 2000, on matters dealt with by the Executive Mayor in terms of delegated authority as detailed in the Minutes to be noted).

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

14.1 **REPORTS BY THE CHAIRPERSON: ELECTRO-MECHANICAL SERVICES**

26/02/EMS15 REPORT: CONSIDERATION OF ELECTRICITY TARIFFS FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2026 TO 30 JUNE 2027

Resolved: (26 February 2026)

1. That the communication from NERSA be noted.
2. That Council authorizes the Accounting Officer to conduct a public participation process following the receipt of a formal communication from NERSA indicating the intended electricity tariff increase.

15. **CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 11:00



L MAREE
SPEAKER

31 March 2026

DATE