

MINUTES OF AN VIRTUAL ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF KOUGA MUNICIPALITY HELD ON THURSDAY, 29 APRIL 2026 AT 10:00 AM

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 Ndzaleni	
M Nicholls	
L Nkilishane	
N Ntengwane	
W Petersen	
C Pietersen	
S Ruth	
G Stuurman	
M van Niekerk	
W van der Linde	
V Zana	

**Officials &
Municipal Manager**

C du Plessis	(Municipal Manager)
D de Jager	(Deputy Municipal Manager)
R Lorgat	(CFO)
N Machelesi	(Director: Community Services)
J Du Toit	(Acting Director: Civil & Water Services)
T Madatt	(Director: Electro-Mechanical Services)
L Ramakuwela	(Director: Planning & Development)
M Rossouw	(Manager: Administration & Auxiliary Services)
E Goliath	(Manager: Public Participation Unit)
K Minnaar	(Manager: Special Programmes Unit)
M Basson	(Manager: Media & Communications)
C Prinsloo	(Legal Officer)
S Mlonyeni	(Communications Officer)
D Klopper	(Administrator: Office of the Speaker)
Z Njikelana	(Media Liason Officer)
L Cweya	(Committee Officer)
M Mitchell	(Committee Clerk)
N Dlova	(Committee Clerk)

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2. **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 29 April 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

3. **OPENING AND WELCOME**

The Speaker welcomed everyone present to the meeting and requested Cllr Folley to open with a prayer.

3. **ABSENT WITH LEAVE**

Cllr N Ntshota

Cllr P Oliphant

Cllr M Valgee

Cllr M Yali

Mr de Kock (Director: Civil & Water Services)

Ms L Opperman (Manager: Legal Services)

4. **ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE**

None

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

None

6. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, CONDOLENCES & CONGRATULATIONS**

Cllr August expressed condolences on the tragic and untimely passing of Traffic Officer Mrs. Bertha van Vuuren, noting that her loss was deeply mourned by the Hankey community, the wider Kouga area, and beyond. She conveyed sympathies and prayers to the deceased's family, friends, colleagues, and all those whose lives she had touched.

She further extended condolences following the passing of a gentleman from Loerie, whose accident scene Mrs. van Vuuren had attended prior to her own accident, and expressed the hope that both souls may rest in peace.

Cllr Mbandana acknowledged the late Solomon Kalushi Mahlangu on 6 April, highlighting the month's significance in South Africa's youth and liberation struggle. He reflected on the suffering endured by young South Africans during that period and recalled Mahlangu's final words before his execution. He paid tribute to Mahlangu and his comrade Mondy Johannes Motloun, conveying respect and remembrance to their families.

Cllr Nicholls conveyed condolences on the passing of Ms. Sizwe Latile, Senior Benefits and HR Conditions Officer, noting her role as a cornerstone of Kouga Municipality and the HR Department. She highlighted Ms. Latile's significant contribution, under whose leadership the Municipality achieved nine consecutive clean HR audits, and expressed deepest sympathies to her family, friends, and colleagues.

Cllr Dhludhlu expressed appreciation for progress in addressing road maintenance challenges. He noted that in 2016 the Municipality faced a backlog of approximately R500 million, with poor road conditions requiring extensive pothole repairs. He commended the current initiative to reseal 70% of tarred roads in a single programme, reflecting substantial improvement, and extended appreciation to the leadership, Mayor, and councillors for their determination and support, stating that the achievement deserved special recognition.

Cllr Ndzelani expressed condolences to the family of the late Mrs. Meisie Madikane of KwaNomzamo and acknowledged the passing of her husband from Walmer, Gqeberha, extending sympathies to the bereaved family. He further congratulated seven learners from Stulting Primary School selected to travel to Italy as part of a rugby team, noting that two learners are from KwaNomzamo. He encouraged continued support for the group as they represent Kouga and South Africa internationally, commending their achievement and calling for collective pride in their selection.

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

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

Good Morning

I trust that you all enjoyed a restful Easter spent with family and loved ones.

As we recently commemorated Freedom Day on 27 April, we were reminded of one of the most significant milestones in our nation's history. On this day in 1994, South Africans of all races stood together in the first democratic elections, casting their votes in freedom for the very first time. Freedom Day also gives us an opportunity to honour those who courageously opposed injustice and fought tirelessly for democracy. Helen Suzman stands among those remarkable South Africans whose unwavering commitment to justice, equality, and human rights helped pave the way for the democratic nation we cherish today.

We also look forward to celebrating Workers' Day on 1 May 2026. This important day has its roots in the global struggle for fair labour practices and workers' rights. Workers' Day recognises the invaluable contribution of workers in driving economic growth, delivering essential services, and building stronger communities for all.

I would also like to extend my sincere condolences to the Tegman family. Mr Tegman devoted a significant part of his life to serving our Municipality. Through his leadership and mentorship, he trained and inspired many

colleagues over the years. His contribution will not be forgotten, and we salute his legacy.

Congratulations to the Mayor on yet another highly successful Career Expo and Mayoral Cup. These initiatives continue to create valuable opportunities for our youth, empowering them to pursue their dreams and reach their full potential. Such investments in our young people are investments in the future of our communities.

Thank you.

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

The Executive Mayor welcomed the Mayoral Committee, Councillors, officials, and members of the public viewing online, expressing appreciation for the opportunity to be present in Council. He concurred with messages of condolence to families of those who had passed away and confirmed that the Municipality would also reach out formally.

He noted that the Municipality is in a busy period with budget processes and organogram reviews underway, and thanked the Municipal Manager, directors, and staff for their dedication. He emphasised professionalism, excellence in service delivery, and pride in the Municipality's national recognition, encouraging continued collaboration with private partners.

He highlighted the success of the Mayoral Cup in promoting unity, commended participants, and organisers, and reported on the South African Longboard Championships, noting temporary suspension due to surf conditions but reaffirming pride in hosting the event. He also confirmed the success of the career expo at Mentors Country Estate which drew over 1,600 learners and 80 exhibitors and expressed appreciation to all partners involved.

On infrastructure, he reported progress on Phase 3 of road rehabilitation in St. Francis, Humansdorp, and the Gamtoos Valley, and noted improvements in wastewater treatment compliance, including progress in Green Drop status. On energy, he announced the upcoming battery project as part of the Municipality's strategy to reduce reliance on Eskom and address rising electricity costs.

9. **DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

None

10. **STATUTORY MATTERS**

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

11.1 **MINUTES OF A MAYORAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18 FEBRUARY 2026**

Resolved (29 April 2026)

1. That the Minutes of a Mayoral Committee Meeting held on 18 February 2026 be noted

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

12.1 **MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 30 MARCH 2026**

Resolved (29 April 2026)

1. That the minutes of an Ordinary Council meeting held on 30 March 2026 be approved.

Proposed: Cllr Van Niekerk

Seconded: Cllr Gertenbach

13. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL**

None

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

None

13.2 **KOUGA AUDIT COMMITTEE**

26/04/KAC1 MINUTES OF THE KOUGA AUDIT COMMITTEE

Cllr Gertenbach noted an error on page 59 of the Audit Committee report, stating that the date reflected as December 2026 should read December 2025, and requested correction in both the report and recommendation section.

Cllr van Der Linde raised queries regarding outstanding audit findings attributed to directors. He questioned accountability for unresolved matters, expressed concern over inconsistencies in reporting, and sought clarification on the criteria used to classify risks as “disqualified” or “not significant,” as well as who approves such classifications.

Mr de Lange confirmed that the minutes were tabled for consideration. He explained that the Audit Committee receives detailed risk reports outlining identified risks, mitigation strategies, and management measures. He stated that outstanding findings mainly relate to internal audit reports, most of which have since been addressed. He clarified that risk classifications are determined by senior management and noted that the Audit Committee has consistently raised the need for additional reporting on fraud risk management.

The Municipal Manager reported that two policies—whistleblowing and the risk register are under workshop discussion and will be submitted to Council for adoption. He explained that risks are categorised as strategic, addressed through annual workshops, and operational, managed daily through procedures and policies. He concluded that the Municipality is adequately covered under its current risk management framework.

Resolved (29 April 2026)

1. That the minutes of the Kouga Audit Committee meetings held on 10 December 2025, along with the Matters Arising Register be noted.

26/04/KAC5 AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER

Resolved (29 April 2026)

1. That the Audit Committee Charter be approved by the Municipal Council.

13.3 RULES & ETHICS COMMITTEE

None

13.4 MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

26/04/MPAC1 MINUTES OF THE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Resolved (29 April 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

26/04/PB1 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED DRAFT KOGA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY BY-LAW RELATING TO LAND INVASION AND THE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS

Cllr Zana noted the item and indicated general support for noting the By-Law but raised concerns for consideration by the Speaker. He stated that while the By-Law appeared to focus on land invasion and the erection of informal structures on Municipal land, he had reservations regarding the definition of an "unlawful occupant" as contained on page 124.

He expressed concern that the approach may be narrowly framed and could be perceived as disproportionately impacting residents of informal settlements, particularly within predominantly black communities.

He sought clarity on whether the definition also extended to individuals or entities who had encroached on municipal or agricultural land, including cases in areas such as Hankey and the Gamtoos Valley, where commercial farming activities were alleged to be taking place on Municipal land without formal agreements or payments. He questioned whether such instances fell within the scope of the By-Law and whether enforcement provisions applied equally, noting that the Municipal Manager was empowered to act but that little enforcement had allegedly occurred. He requested clarity on whether the by-law

applied universally to all unlawful occupation of municipal land or was limited primarily to informal settlements and dwellings.

The Director: Planning and Development responded that the By-Law was not exclusively targeted at informal settlements but applied broadly to all instances of unlawful occupation, including other forms of enforcement on municipal land. He indicated that the matter was primarily one of enforcement and encouraged Councillors and stakeholders to bring known cases to the Municipality's attention, confirming that such matters would be attended to in addition to those identified internally.

Cllr Zana indicated that he did not wish to engage in prolonged discussion. He stated that while he was aware of individuals who had erected structures or planted trees on encroached land, he was of the view that such persons should not be afforded first opportunity to lease the land they had unlawfully occupied but should instead face strict consequences for contravening Municipal regulations.

Resolved (29 April 2026)

1. That Council approves the Request for Approval of the Amended Draft Kouga Local Municipality By-Law Relating to Land Invasion and The Management and Control of Informal Settlements.
2. That the draft approved by-law be published for public inputs as required in the terms of the Municipal Systems Act.
3. That the draft approved by-law be referred back to Council after completion of the public participation.

26/04/PB2

DRAFT KOUGA MUNICIPALITY PROBLEM BUILDING BY-LAW

The Executive Mayor expressed appreciation to the team responsible for developing the draft By-Law, noting its potential to assist in addressing dilapidated buildings that pose safety risks and are often misused for criminal activity. He referenced examples, including an unused facility in Patensie, and confirmed full support for the adoption of the By-Law as a measure contributing to crime prevention and community safety.

Cllr Mbandana, on behalf of the ANC, emphasised the importance of strengthening public participation processes. He raised concern that reliance on online platforms may exclude certain communities and proposed broader advocacy measures, including printed materials and engagement through community structures such as churches. He further highlighted the need for greater presence of building inspectors in towns such as Hankey and Patensie, calling for structured outreach to ensure inclusive engagement across all communities.

The Speaker confirmed that the item was a draft by-law and would be subjected to public participation in accordance with required processes, with copies made available at municipal offices and libraries to ensure accessibility.

Resolved (29 April 2026)

1. That Council approves the Draft Kouga Municipality Problem Building By-Law.
2. That the draft approved by-law be published for public inputs as required in terms of the Municipal Systems Act.
3. That the draft approved by-law be referred back to Council after Completion of the public participation process.

26/04/PB3

MUNICIPAL RESTRICTION (BLACKLISTING) OF SUPPLIERS POLICY

At 10:53 Cllr W Petersen joined the Meeting

Cllr Zana indicated his support for the policy, noting that it seeks to address issues relating to the performance and competence of certain service providers operating within the Municipality. He stated that the matter had been extensively discussed during the policy workshop and, as such, he did not wish to elaborate further. He confirmed his support for the policy as presented.

Resolved (29 April 2026)

1. That Council approves the Municipal Restriction (Blacklisting) of Suppliers Policy.
2. That the implementation date is the date of this Council Resolution.
3. That the Municipal Restriction (Blacklisting) of Suppliers Policy be published on the Kouga Website.

26/04/PB4

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAFT REVIEWED KOGA MUNICIPALITY PUBLIC PARTICIPATION POLICY

Cllr Gertenbach raised a correction on page 171 of the Audit Committee report, noting that the figure "112,241 square kilometers" was incorrectly presented in relation to population information and required amendment. He further referred to page 177, drawing attention to the section on councillors' responsibilities regarding public participation.

Cllr Mbandana acknowledged that councillors do hold responsibilities in this regard but emphasised that public engagement should not rest solely with them. He stated that municipal management structures also play a role in ensuring meaningful citizen participation, drawing comparisons with national and provincial practices where outreach and portfolio-based engagements are conducted. He stressed that,

as South Africa remains a developing democracy, public participation should be continuously strengthened, particularly in historically disadvantaged communities.

He further advocated for policy engagement to be taken directly to communities across the Municipality, including Ramaphosa Village, Centerton, Thornhill, and Kwanomzamo. He suggested structured outreach programmes and committee engagements as more effective than reliance on digital platforms, concluding that stronger, more direct community involvement is required in municipal policy processes.

Resolved (29 April 2026)

1. That Council approves the Request for Approval of Draft Reviewed Kouga Municipality Public Participation Policy.
2. That the effective date of the Kouga Municipality public participation policy be the date of the Council resolution.
3. The Kouga Municipal public participation policy be published on the Municipal website.

14. **REPORT BACK: MUNIMEC**

None

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

26/04/DMM1 DRAFT INSTITUTIONAL CALENDAR

Cllr Dhludhlu suggested that the relevant official clarify that the stated dates are subject to change without notice due to the possibility of elections, which could occur between November 2026 and January 2027. He suggested that a disclaimer be included to reflect this potential variability.

The Speaker responded that, should any changes to the dates occur, the matter would be resubmitted to Council for consideration, and confirmed that this procedure would be followed accordingly.

Resolved (29 April 2026)

1. That Council approves the Draft Institutional Calendar.

16. **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).

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

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

26/04/FED1 TOURISM & MARKETING PLAN

Cllr Zana noted the item and expressed appreciation for the development of the tourism and marketing strategy for Kouga. He commended the responsible section, highlighting its alignment with local priorities as well as broader frameworks such as the National Tourism Strategy, domestic tourism route strategies, environmental considerations, and the national 2030 development planning objectives.

He emphasised the importance of effective implementation, particularly in areas such as the Gamtoos Valley and Patensie, where local hospitality and tourism businesses are under economic strain. He expressed concern that, despite significant attractions including a World Heritage Site, tourists often pass through without engaging with local destinations.

He questioned whether this was due to insufficient marketing and stressed the need for clear implementation of plans to actively promote such areas. He stated that improved promotion could stimulate the economy, create jobs, and support both established and emerging accommodation establishments. He concluded by welcoming the document and expressing optimism about its potential impact, while reiterating the importance of implementation to ensure tangible benefits for local communities and businesses.

Resolved (29 April 2026)

1. That Council approves the Tourism & Marketing Plan.

26/04/FED2 SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT: MONTHLY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2026

Cllr Zana raised concerns on page 268 of the report, referring to item 25-26/DMM2 in relation to the Papiesfontein matter. He stated that the ANC caucus regarded the matter as fruitless and wasteful expenditure, noting that pursuing the case had resulted in unnecessary financial costs.

He further referred to page 269, highlighting the increasing frequency of veld fires, which he indicated have become almost annual occurrences. He sought clarity on instances where the Municipality had deviated from standard procurement processes to address emergency aviation firefighting needs, noting that the Municipality does not have its own aviation firefighting capacity. He requested confirmation on whether funds utilised for such interventions were drawn from the disaster management fund or another source, pointing out that two related transactions appeared on the same page.

In addition, Cllr Zana raised a formatting concern regarding the financial tables in the report, stating that the figures were too condensed and difficult to read. He recommended that monetary values be written out in full to improve transparency and readability of the documentation.

The Deputy Municipal Manager confirmed that the Papiessfontein matter is contained within the confidential agenda and therefore could not be discussed in open session. He reiterated that the matter remains ongoing and no further information could be disclosed at this stage.

In relation to aerial firefighting, he explained that resources are extremely limited nationally, with most aircraft allocated to the Western Cape, making procurement challenging. He reported that the municipality was ultimately able to secure five aerial units—three helicopters and two aeroplanes—after significant effort, noting that several Eastern Cape municipalities had no access to such support at the time.

He indicated that funding support was received from the district Municipality, with additional sponsorship contributions from wind farm partners. Remaining costs were covered through the Municipal budget, and an application for disaster funding had been submitted, approved by Council, and was awaiting final confirmation. He expressed hope that the disaster funding would offset the full costs incurred, including operational expenses.

At 11:14, Cllr van der Linde raised an objection, stating that while he understood some of the deviations, there were aspects he did not fully comprehend. He confirmed that, for this reason, he was unable to support the item and would vote against it.

The Speaker called for a vote.

In Favour: 16
Not in Favour: 5
Abstain: 1

Resolved (29 April 2026)

1. That the SCM report for the month starting 1 February and ending 28 February be approved.

26/04/FED4

CHINA INTERNATIONAL IMPORT EXPO NOVEMBER 2025 REPORT AND APPROVAL FOR 2026 ATTENDANCE

Cllr van der Linde requested that the administration provide Council with a comprehensive report detailing the outcomes of the Municipality's engagements or potential engagements with stakeholders in China. He specifically asked for information on whether there are confirmed sales or agreements abroad, and how such

activities translate into benefits for the local economy, including job creation and new work opportunities. He further sought clarity on whether any local companies have directly benefited from these international engagements or visits and requested evidence of tangible outcomes arising from the trip to China.

Cllr Zana sought clarity on the Municipality's participation in international engagements with China, questioning the economic value and return on investment of such trips. He requested information on measurable trade outcomes, demand for local products, and interest from Chinese tourists, and raised concerns about market alignment of promoted products. He emphasised the need for improved competitiveness and effective product selection to ensure tangible local economic benefits.

In response, the CFO stated that measurable growth has been observed annually, with new products introduced each year subject to export standards. He highlighted participation by businesses such as Woodlands Dairy and noted that Kouga contributes most products showcased by the district. He explained that tourism promotion has expanded, including engagement with Chinese tour operators and the establishment of an experiential hub for product testing. He confirmed that while direct sales data is difficult to obtain, export agreements often take two to three years to materialise, and arrangements would be made for participating businesses to provide feedback to Council.

Cllr Mbandana acknowledged the explanation but stressed that participation should yield tangible financial outcomes. He cited concerns regarding Miracle Comfrey's retrenchments and questioned whether sufficient follow-up and monitoring mechanisms are in place within the LED section. He emphasised the need for collaboration with district and provincial structures to ensure practical benefits.

Cllr van der Linde reiterated concerns about direct benefits to smaller businesses, suggesting that the Municipality engage directly with participants to assess outcomes. He questioned the distinctiveness of local products in international markets and whether sufficient value is being derived from the initiative.

Cllr Dhludhlu expressed appreciation for progress, noting that companies are increasingly presenting finished products rather than raw materials, which he viewed as a positive development for local value addition. He highlighted Woodlands Dairy's extensive product showcase as evidence of strategic expansion into export markets. The CFO concluded by confirming that a feedback session with participating businesses would be arranged and a report compiled for Council consideration, noting that positive developments have already been observed in both tourism and product engagement.

Resolved (29 April 2026)

1. That the Council note the CIIE 2025 report.

2. That Council approve the participation of Kouga LM in the CIIIE in November 2026 in Shanghai.
3. That Council approve the request for financial support to local products for samples to be exhibited at the Expo, limited to R10,000.00 per supplier.
4. That council approve the request for the funding of 3 delegates from Kouga to represent and participate in the International Business Import Expo in Shanghai.

26/04/FED5

KLTO FUNDING 2025 – 2026 – KOUGA LOCAL TOURISM ORGANIZATION

Cllr Mbandana emphasised the importance of developing a community-centred and culturally inclusive tourism strategy that extends beyond policy documents into practical implementation. He referred to the visibility of the Baviaanskloof Mega-Reserve at national tourism points and argued that tourism development should be strategically utilised to address unemployment and stimulate local economic growth. He proposed that the LED Department undertake benchmarking visits to cultural tourism destinations such as Soweto and Orlando West to gain insight into integrating heritage and local identity into tourism offerings. He further highlighted the municipality's rich indigenous and cultural heritage, including Khoisan, Xhosa, and Mfengu traditions, and expressed concern that these are not sufficiently promoted. He urged stronger collaboration with academic institutions and the implementation of sustainable programmes that preserve local culture while creating authentic tourism opportunities.

Cllr Zana indicated support for the previous remarks and specifically raised concerns regarding limited tourism development in the Gamtoos Valley. He noted that beyond events such as the Jazz Festival, ongoing tourism activity appears insufficient and appealed for greater involvement and support from the LED and tourism sections, particularly in relation to local tourism offices.

Cllr van der Linde expressed concern that tourism bodies are unable to sustain themselves financially without Municipal support. He requested clarity on measures to assist these organisations in becoming financially sustainable and self-sufficient, and questioned oversight mechanisms to ensure compliance with the MFMA. He further asked what long-term strategies exist to support event companies and tourism organisations in reducing dependence on Municipal funding.

The CFO responded that heritage development forms part of the Municipality's tourism marketing plan and confirmed that a heritage audit is planned, from which heritage tourism routes will be developed. He noted that stakeholder engagement is underway to advance this process. On compliance, he clarified that tourism offices are independent organisations and not directly subject to the MFMA, with compliance obligations resting with the Municipality itself.

Regarding sustainability, he explained that tourism offices assist in fulfilling the Municipality's marketing mandate and receive partial financial support, while also generating revenue through events and membership fees. He confirmed that further engagement with the three tourism offices will be undertaken to assess their long-term sustainability, emphasising that responsibility ultimately rests with the organisations themselves, with the Municipality's role limited to co-funding and support.

Resolved (29 April 2026)

1. That Council approve the funding application in the amount of R 360,000-00 (Three Hundred and Sixty Thousand Rands only) all-inclusive for 2025/2026 Financial year only.
2. That Council authorizes the Accounting Officer to conclude a Funding Agreement / SLA with Kouga Local Tourism Organisation in respect of funding stated in (1) above.

26/04/FED7

WINTER FISHING SKINS COMPETITION – 2026 - SPONSORSHIP

Cllr Ndzelani raised concern that the fishing initiative was concentrated in Gamtoos Valley and questioned why similar opportunities were not extended to Kromme River communities. He emphasised inclusive participation, particularly for black communities, and noted interest from Wards 4–6.

Cllr Mbandana stressed equitable economic development, referencing the Freedom Charter. He highlighted the decline of past local events (Jazz Festival, Citrus Festival) and urged deliberate action to extend opportunities to areas such as Loerie and Patensie.

The Executive Mayor clarified that the Municipality does not organise events but supports viable proposals from organisers. He highlighted the fishing industry's significant economic contribution and noted that competition stimulates local businesses and tourism. He reiterated that Municipal support is directed at economically beneficial events.

Cllr van der Linde supported the initiative but requested clarity on the R6.5 million projected economic impact, asking about methodology and verification.

The CFO explained that projections were based on organiser data and historical trends, tested for reasonability. He noted expected attendance of 800–1,500 visitors, estimated spending patterns, and 35 temporary jobs. He confirmed that the Municipal contribution of R160,000 was weighed against anticipated benefits.

Resolved (29 April 2026)

1. That Council approves the sponsorship application in the amount of R160,000.00 (Hundred and sixty thousand rand) only, VAT inclusive for the Jeffreys Bay Winter Fishing Skins Competition for a period of 3-years commencing in 2025-2026 to 2027-2028 financial

year, subject to all Event approval requirements and conditions are met.

26/04/FED8

STATE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS AGEING AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

Cllr Foley proposed that the Accounting Officer engage with the National Treasury to request that equitable share allocations of indebted government departments be withheld until such departments have settled their outstanding debt with Kouga Local Municipality.

Cllr van der Linde seconded the additional recommendation.

Resolved (29 April 2026)

1. That the State Department ageing debtors Report for the month of March 2026 be noted.
3. That the Accounting Officer engages with the Department of National Treasury to request that the State departments that owe Kouga Local Municipality, have their equitable share withheld until their debt is settled.

Proposed: Cllr R Foley

Seconded: Cllr W van de Linde

26/04/FED9

DEVELOPMENT BANK OF SOUTH AFRICA (DBSA) NON-LENDING SUPPORT

Cllr Zana Clarified that the agenda item relates to grant funding opportunities rather than new borrowing from the Development Bank of Southern Africa. Emphasised the need to maximise grant funding to address stormwater, water, and sanitation challenges across Kouga. Stressed the importance of equitable service delivery across all wards, guided by actual community challenges. Confirmed the ANC caucus's support for the grant funding initiative.

Cllr Mbandana Highlighted that numerous funding opportunities exist without resorting to loans. Urged Kouga to utilise available grant and infrastructure funding to support Municipal master plans. Emphasised the need to integrate communities and infrastructure networks in areas such as Ramaphosa, Patensie, and surrounding settlements. Questioned whether the Municipality is adequately engaging with provincial and national government structures to access infrastructure funding.

The Speaker clarified that the matter does not relate to a new loan but is an extension of the existing loan facility already granted to the municipality.

Resolved (29 April 2026)

1. The Municipal Manager is hereby authorized to make an application for the Grant Funding to the DBSA within Partner-A-District programme, for the purposes set out in section 2 above.

2. Subject to resolution 10.1 above, and the Municipality being successful in its application to the DBSA for Grant Funding, the Municipal Manager is hereby authorised to conclude the Grant Agreement on terms and conditions substantially as those set out in section 3 above, provided that the Grant Agreement is concluded within 24 months from the date of this resolution.
3. The Municipal Manager is hereby authorised to take all actions necessary to implement the resolutions contained herein, and to issue or execute all notices, communications, acknowledgments, or other documents on behalf of the Municipality in connection with the Grant Agreement, including providing the DBSA with any documentation required for purposes of complying with the DBSA's internal appraisal and approval requirements.
4. The Municipal Manager, in his capacity as the Accounting Officer of the Municipality, is hereby authorised to negotiate, finalise, and sign all necessary documentation, including the Grant Agreement, for and on behalf of the Municipality to give effect to the resolutions contemplated herein.

26/04/FED10 SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT: S36 DEVIATIONS FOR THE MONTH:
MARCH 2026

Cllr Zana referred to the Seekoei Estuary Causeway matter and noted that he is aware construction work had recently been undertaken at the site. He clarified that councilors are not opposing the work itself but emphasised that questions regarding deviations are raised in the interest of accountability and oversight rather than criticism or personal attacks.

He stated that councilors understand the legal circumstances under which procurement deviations may occur but explained that where a tender process had already been undertaken for work relating to the causeway, it is reasonable for Council to seek clarity regarding the subsequent deviation. He further pointed out that the report itself does not clearly explain the circumstances that led to the deviation being necessary.

Cllr Zana also requested clarification regarding an item on page 344 relating to Bамbelela Property Development, specifically concerning the approval of the rental of office space for a three-year period. He asked for further details regarding the purpose and intended use of the office accommodation and indicated that he may raise follow-up questions once additional information has been provided.

The CFO explained that LLC Civils had already been appointed for the work on the Seekoei Estuary Causeway project, and that additional work subsequently became necessary during the implementation phase. He stated that it was considered impractical to initiate a separate supply chain process to appoint another contractor while the existing service provider was already operating on site. For this

reason, the deviation process was followed to complete the additional work required on the Seekoei Estuary Causeway.

Regarding Bambelela, the CFO clarified that this relates to the Woltemade property currently rented by the Municipality. He explained that the rental agreement was also processed through a deviation because it was impractical to follow normal supply chain procedures for sourcing a property of that specific nature. He further noted that the municipality had previously conducted a detailed assessment before entering into the rental agreement many years ago and had found that there was no other suitable property available at the time that could adequately accommodate the municipality's operational requirements.

The CFO added that, should further technical clarification regarding the additional work on the Seekoei Estuary Causeway project be required, the Acting Director could provide additional information.

Cllr van der Linde stated that he would not support the item and confirmed that he would vote against it, although he would note it. He raised concern about the use of deviations and questioned how Council ensures that such deviations are not being misused to bypass established procurement processes. He acknowledged that certain situations, such as urgent repairs to wastewater infrastructure, may legitimately require deviations due to the need for immediate intervention.

However, he expressed concern that in cases where tenders could be issued, deviations might be used inappropriately, potentially undermining procurement rules.

Cllr van der Linde cautioned that this could create governance and accountability risks for Council and stressed the importance of ensuring proper oversight to prevent abuse of deviation processes.

At 12:13 The Speaker called for a vote.

In Favour: 16
Not in Favour: 3
Abstained: 0

Resolved (29 April 2026)

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

MONTHLY BUDGET STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD JULY 2025 TO MARCH 2026 AND FINANCIAL STATE OF AFFAIRS OF THE MUNICIPALITY AS AT 31 MARCH 2026 (2025/26 FINANCIAL YEAR)

Cllr van der Linde requested clarity on the Municipality's financial position, specifically the year-to-date expenditure against the approved 2025/2026 budget.

Cllr Mbandana enquired whether disaster management interventions are funded solely through grants and reserve funds or whether additional municipal resources are also utilised to address service delivery challenges.

Cllr Zana expressed concern regarding the reported cash surplus of R20.9 million, questioning whether it included borrowed funds and raising concerns about the Municipality's long-term cash flow sustainability. He further requested clarity on unspent conditional grants of approximately R41 million and unspent Development Bank of Southern Africa borrowings of approximately R64 million, including the reasons for delays in expenditure.

The CFO confirmed that total expenditure as at the end of March amounted to 67.22% of the approved budget. He further advised that the Municipality remains in a sound liquidity position, with a current ratio of 1.46:1 and adequate liquidity and cost coverage ratios to meet short-term obligations.

In response to concerns regarding the reported cash surplus, the CFO explained that the figure already excludes committed funds, including unspent DBSA borrowings and conditional grants, which are ring-fenced for specific purposes. He clarified that the R64 million unspent borrowing forms part of the committed portion of the R100 million DBSA loan and is therefore not available cash.

He further noted that the unspent conditional grants are similarly committed funds. After accounting for all commitments, the Municipality still reflects an estimated cash reserve surplus of approximately R21 million, confirming that the Municipality remains in a stable liquidity position.

Resolved (29 April 2026)

1. That the Executive Mayor notes Municipal Manager's report on the monthly budget statements, in accordance with Section 71(1) of the Municipal Finance Management Act.
2. That the Executive mayor notes the submission of the monthly budget statements report to provincial treasury as stipulated in section 71(1) of the MFMA.

3. That the Executive mayor's report on the implementation of the budget and the financial state of affairs of the municipality, in accordance with Section 52(d) of the MFMA be noted.

26/04/FED12 SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT: QUARTERLY IMPLEMENTATION REPORT FOR THE THIRD TERM OF THE 2025-2026 FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2026

Cllr Mbandana expressed concern that current supply chain management reports tabled to Council are too brief and do not provide sufficient detail for effective oversight. He requested more comprehensive reporting in future, including information on decisions taken, implementation progress, and mitigating measures. He further proposed that a dedicated supply chain management item or detailed booklet be included in Council agendas to improve monitoring of implementation and service delivery challenges across departments.

Cllr van der Linde requested clarification on the reported R8.6 million in deviations for the quarter, particularly the R4.7 million under Community Services. He also questioned the Municipality's expenditure on the foot-and-mouth disease response and enquired whether such costs could be recovered from national government.

The CFO responded that the current quarterly reporting format is considered sufficient unless Council resolves otherwise. He explained that the majority of the Community Services deviations related to fire-response activities, amounting to approximately R3.6 million. Regarding the foot-and-mouth disease response, he advised that interventions such as trenching and fencing were implemented through deviations as part of shared responsibilities agreed upon during a Joint Operations Committee (JOC) meeting involving various spheres of government.

Resolved (29 March 2026)

1. That the Supply Chain Management report be approved by Council, as per the reporting requirements for the third quarter of the 2025/2026 Financial year starting 01 January 2026 and ending 31 March 2026.

26/04/FED13 BUDGET AND TREASURY: WITHDRAWALS FROM MUNICIPALITY BANK ACCOUNT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

Resolved (29 April 2026)

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 March 2026; and
2. That the Council notes the submission of the report to the Provincial treasury and Auditor-General as stipulated in section 11(4) (b) of the MFMA.

At 12:31 Speaker suggested a 5-minute comfort break.

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

26/04/PD3 REQUEST FOR CONSENT ON PROPOSED REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIVE TITLE DEED CONDITIONS DEEMED TO BE IMPOSED BY COUNCIL

Resolved (29 April 2026)

1. That Council consent to the removal of the restrictive title deed conditions B(v) and C in respect of title deed No. T81502/1995 applicable on Erf 6400 Jeffreys Bay.
2. That the Municipal Planning Tribunal finalizes the land use application in accordance with applicable legislative requirements following the consent of Council.

26/04/PD4 REQUEST FOR COUNCIL'S IN-PRINCIPLE APPROVAL AND AUTHORISATION TO ADVERTISE FOR THE ALIENATION BY WAY OF RIGHT-TO-USE (LEASE) OF A PORTION OF ERF 499, HUMANSDORP TO SPCA ASSISI

Cllr Ndzelani indicated that as the ANC they are in support of this item.

Resolved (29 April 2026)

1. That Council grant in-principle approval for the Right-to-Use (lease) of a portion (5600m) of Erf 499, Humansdorp to the SPCA Assisi for 9 years and 11 months.
2. That Council authorises the Accounting Officer to advertise the intended alienation (lease) of the immovable property.
3. That Council confirms, in terms of Section 14 and 90 of the MFMA and departmental inputs, that the property is not needed for the provision of the minimum level of basic municipal services.
4. That Council authorises the accounting officer to obtain market valuation for the subject property.

26/04/PD5 REQUEST FOR IN-PRINCIPLE APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE TO ALIENATE: ERF 13, PATENSIE (MUNICIPAL HOUSE

Cllr Mbandana welcomed Council's efforts to support the dignity of employees through the allocation of property but raised concerns regarding the perceived inconsistency and pace at which certain applications are processed. He questioned whether all applications are handled equitably, irrespective of political affiliation, citing concerns raised with him regarding another property application.

Cllr Zana indicated that he was not opposed to the item and requested clarity on the broader management of Municipal-owned residential properties. He enquired about the status of other municipal properties, including one previously discussed for conversion into a bed-and-breakfast establishment, and whether similar disposal or allocation processes were being applied consistently.

The Executive Mayor questioned the basis of Cllr Mbandana's assertions and asked whether political affiliation is required or recorded on application forms.

In response, Cllr Mbandana referred to allegations of individuals campaigning in party attire while using municipal vehicles. The Speaker requested that any such incidents be supported with photographic evidence.

The Director: Planning and Development confirmed that political affiliation is neither recorded nor considered when processing applications. He further explained that the Municipality is reviewing additional Municipal-owned properties, particularly those that are vandalised or costly to maintain, and that a broader audit of residential properties is currently underway to determine appropriate future action, including possible disposal.

Resolved (29 April 2026)

1. That Council grant in-principle approval and authorization to advertise for the intention to alienate Erf 13, Patensie at fair market-related value.
2. That in terms of Section 14 and 90 of the MFMA and departmental inputs, Council hereby confirms that the property is not needed in future to provide the minimum level of basic municipal services.
3. That Council authorises the Accounting Officer to advertise the intended alienation of the immovable property.
4. That Council authorises the Accounting Officer to obtain a market valuation for the intended alienation.

26/04/PD6

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL'S IN-PRINCIPLE APPROVAL AND AUTHORISATION TO ADVERTISE FOR THE ALIENATION (LEASE) OF UNREGISTERED ERF 3292, HUMANASDORP

Resolved (29 April 2026)

1. That Council grants in-principle approval for the lease of unregistered Erf 3292, Humansdorp to Ten-to-Nine Funeral Services for a period of 9 years and 11 months.
2. That Council authorises the Accounting Officer to advertise the intended alienation of the immovable property.

3. That Council confirm that in terms of Section 14 and 90 of the MFMA and departmental inputs, the property is not needed in future to provide the minimum level of basic municipal services.
4. That Council authorises the Accounting Officer to obtain market-related valuation for the property contemplated herein.

26/04/PD7

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL'S IN-PRINCIPLE APPROVAL AND AUTHORISATION TO ADVERTISE THE ALIENATION (LEASE) OF A PORTION OF ERF 8783, JEFFREYS BAY TO THE JEFFREYS BAY ANIMAL RESCUE

Resolved (29 April 2026)

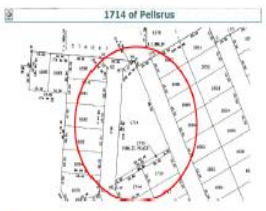
1. That Council grant in-principle approval for the Right-to-Use (lease) of a portion (2800sqm) of Erf 8783, Jeffreys Bay to the Jeffreys Bay Animal Rescue for 9 years and 11 months.
2. That Council authorises the Accounting Officer to advertise the intended lease of the immovable property.
3. That Council confirm that, in terms of Section 14 and 90 of the MFMA and departmental inputs, the property is not needed in future to provide the minimum level of basic municipal services.
4. That Council authorises the Accounting Officer to obtain a market valuation for the intended lease.

26/04/PD8

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL'S FINAL APPROVAL FOR THE ALIENATION OF VACANT MUNICIPAL ERVEN WITHIN THE KOUGA MUNICIPAL AREA

Resolved (29 April 2026)

1. That Council **grants final** approval for the disposal of the following immovable properties, by way of a competitive bidding process (sale and lease) at fair market related value in line with all applicable legislation and policies of Council.

CHURCHES/CRECHES/BUSINESS/RESIDENTIAL				
	ERF NO	ZONING	VALUATION	AERIAL IMAGE
10.1 (a)	Erf 1714 – Pellrus 1128m²	Community Zone	R42,000.00 – R10,500.00 (25% OF MV) = R31,500.00	 
10.1 (b)	Erf 3061, Humansdorp 1215 m²	Community Zone	R30,000.00 – R7,500.00 (25% OF MV) = R22,500.00	
10.1 (c)	Erf 9541, Jeffreys Bay 663 m²	Community Zone	R28,000.00 – R7,000.00 (25% OF MV) = R21,000.00	
10.1 (d)	Erf 9325, Jeffreys Bay 698 m²	Community Zone	R29,000.00 – R7,250.00 (25% OF MV) = R21,750.00	

10.1 (e)	Erf 9252, Jeffreys Bay 802 m ²	Community Zone	R33,000.00 – R8,250.00 (25% OF MV) = R24,750.00	
10.1 (f)	Erf 9672, Jeffreys Bay 897 m ²	Community Zone	R36,000.00 – R9,000.00 (25% OF MV) = R27,000.00	
10.1 (g)	Erf 3184, Kruisfontein 1107 m ²	Community Zone	R42,000.00 – R10,500.00 (25% OF MV) = R31,500.00	
10.1 (h)	Erf 3563, Kruisfontein 1937 m ²	Community Zone	R58,000.00 – R14,500.00 (25% OF MV) = R43,500.00	
10.1 (i)	Erf 4897, Kruisfontein 2892 m ²	Community Zone	R58,000.00 – R14,500.00 (25% OF MV) = R43,500.00	
10.1 (j)	Erf 5831, Jeffreys Bay 706 m ²	Residential Zone 1	R250,000.00	

10.1 (k)	Erf 7517, Jeffreys Bay 596 m ²	Community Zone	R25,000.00 – R6,250.00 (25% OF MV) = R18,750.00	
10.1 (l)	Erf 9886, Jeffreys Bay 850 m ²	Business	R360.00 / month	
10.1 (m)	Erf 9346, Jeffreys Bay 436 m ²	Business	R210.00 / month	
10.1 (n)	Erf 3323, Kruisfontein 2049 m ²	Business	R660.00 / month	 

10.1 (o)	Erf 712, Kruisfontein 1624 m ²	Business	R1160.00 / month	
10.1 (p)	Erf 1606, Hankey 2148 m ²	Business	R560.00 / month	
10.1 (q)	Erf 3553, Hankey 1218 m ²	Business	R320.00 / month	
10.1 (r)	Erf 32, Loerieheuwel 887 m ²	Business	R40,000.00	
10.1 (s)	Erf 2119, Hankey 1173 m ²	Business	R400.00 / month	
10.1 (t)	Erf 1433, Hankey 2123 m ²	Business	R550.00 / month	

10.1 (u)	Erf 1222, Humansdorp 828 m ²	Residential Zone 1	R110,000.00	
10.1 (v)	Erf 1226, Humansdorp 832 m ²	Residential Zone 1	R110,000.00	
10.1 (w)	Erf 1192, Humansdorp 836 m ²	Residential Zone 1	R110,000.00	
10.1 (x)	Erf 1193, Humansdorp 802 m ²	Residential Zone 1	R110,000.00	
10.1 (y)	Erf 701, Patensie 394 m ²	Residential Zone 1	R11,000.00	

				
10.1 (z)	Erf 702, Patensie 395 m²	Residential Zone 1	R10,000.00	 
10.1 (aa)	Erf 703, Patensie 395 m²	Residential Zone 1	R11,000.00	
10.1 (bb)	Erf 835, Patensie 465 m²	Residential Zone 1	R11,500.00	
10.1 (cc)	Erf 1322, Jeffreys Bay 500 m²	Residential Zone 1	R950,000.00	 

10.1 (dd)	Erf 8, Aston Bay 375 m²	Residential Zone 1	R180,000.00	
10.1 (ee)	Erf 2577, Humansdorp 735 m²	Residential Zone 1	R195,000.00	
10.1 (ff)	Erf 2578, Humansdorp 706 m²	Residential Zone 1	R190,000.00	
10.1 (gg)	Erf 2579, Humansdorp 561 m²	Residential Zone 1	R165,000.00	
10.1 (hh)	Erf 2565, Humansdorp 976 m²	Residential Zone 1	R245,000.00	

10.1 (ii)	Erf 2584, Humansdorp 757 m²	Residential Zone 1	R200,000.00	
10.1 (jj)	Erf 2583, Humansdorp 658 m²	Residential Zone 1	R180,000.00	
10.1 (kk)	Erf 2581, Humansdorp 513 m²	Residential Zone 1	R155,000.00	
10.1 (ll)	Erf 2337, Sea Vista 324 m²	Residential Zone 1	R9,500.00	

2. That Council takes note of the comments and objections received and that the properties listed below not be alienated:

CHURCHES/CRECHES/BUSINESS/RESIDENTIAL				
	ERF NO	SIZE	ZONING	AERIAL IMAGE
10.2 (a)	Erf 3365, Kruisfontein	975 m ²	Community Zone	
10.2 (b)	Erf 2691, Kruisfontein	1447 m ²	Community Zone	
10.2 (c)	Erf 2817, Kruisfontein	4299 m ²	Business	
10.2 (d)	Erf 33, Loerieheuwel	117 m ²	Business	
10.2 (e)	Erf 2675, Sea Vista	1313 m ²	Business	

10.2 (f)	Erf 871, Patensie	587 m ²	Residential Zone 1	
10.2 (g)	Erf 937, Patensie	288 m ²	Residential Zone 1	
10.2 (h)	Erf 938, Patensie	288 m ²	Residential Zone 1	
10.2 (i)	Erf 939, Patensie	288 m ²	Residential Zone 1	
10.2 (j)	Erf 952, Patensie	360 m ²	Residential Zone 1	

10.2 (k)	Erf 953, Patensie	288 m ²	Residential Zone 1	
10.2 (l)	Erf 954, Patensie	288 m ²	Residential Zone 1	
10.2 (m)	Erf 955, Patensie	288 m ²	Residential Zone 1	
10.2 (n)	Erf 898, Patensie	679 m ²	Residential Zone 1	
10.2 (o)	Erf 2346, Sea Vista	537 m ²	Industrial Zone 1	
10.2 (p)	Erf 2360, Kruisfontein	640 m ²	Residential Zone 1	

10.2 (q)	Erf 1114, Hankey	455 m ²	Residential Zone 1	
10.2 (r)	Erf 704, Kruisfontein	2559 m ²	Residential Zone 1	
10.2 (s)	Erf 59, Cape St Francis	878 m ²	Residential Zone 1	

3. That Council confirm, in terms of Section 14 of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, that the immovable properties listed in 1. are not needed for the provision of the minimum level of basic municipal services and be alienated through a competitive bidding process.
4. That Council confirm that the above market-related valuations are in line with Section 14(2) of the Municipal Finance Management Act.
5. That Council authorises the Accounting Officer to enter into the appropriate Lease or Deed of Sale Agreements with successful bidders.
6. That Council take note and approve the qualifying criteria as per Annexure "C" attached hereto.

26/04/PD10

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL'S IN-PRINCIPLE APPROVAL AND AUTHORISATION TO ADVERTISE FOR ALIENATE (SALE) OF A PORTION OF ERF 238 (A PORTION OF ROAD IN PELLSRUS) TO BE CONSOLIDATED WITH ERF 190 AND ERF 197 PELLSRUS

Cllr Mbandana indicated that the African National Congress (ANC) supports the item.

Resolved (29 April 2026)

1. That Council grant in-principle approval for the disposal (sale) of a portion ($\pm 880\text{m}^2$) of Erf 238, Pellsrus to the adjacent property owner (Victory 4 All Foundation Trust).
2. That Council authorizes the Accounting Officer to advertise the property contemplated in 1.
3. That Council confirms that the land is not needed to provide the minimum level of basic municipal services.
4. That Council authorizes the Accounting Officer to obtain a market valuation for the intended sale.

26/04/PD11

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL'S APPROVAL TO RE-ADVERTISE: SELLING OF FARM 184 PORTION 1, HUMANSDORP RD (218 3343M²) AND REMAINDER OF FARM 182, HUMANSDORP RD (81 9073M²)

Resolved (29 April 2026)

1. That Council notes the 19 December 2017 in-principle approval granted to alienate Portion 1 of Farm 184, Humansdorp RD (218 3343m²) and the Remainder of Farm 182, Humansdorp RD (81 9073m²) through a competitive process.
2. That Council authorizes the Accounting Officer to readvertise the properties contemplated in 10.1 for public comment and/or objections.
3. That Council confirms that Portion 1 of Farm 184, Humansdorp RD and Remainder of Farm 182, Humansdorp RD are not needed to provide the minimum level of basic municipal services.
4. That Council grant authorization to the Accounting Officer to obtain market related valuations for the subject properties

26/04/PD12

(SALE) OF A PORTION OF ERF 499, HUMANSDORP

Cllr Jantjes proposed amendments to Item 10.1, recommending final approval for the sale of a portion of R4990 Humansdorp through a direct sale process rather than competitive bidding.

The proposal was seconded by Cllr Gertenbach.

Cllr Mbandana supported the item but raised concerns about inaccurate employment figures contained in the supporting documentation, specifically the reference to 50,000 permanent jobs, which he believed to be unrealistic. He stressed the importance of accurate information to enable Council to properly assess the socio-economic benefits of the proposal.

The Director: Planning and Development confirmed that the figure of 50,000 permanent jobs was an error and clarified that the intended figure was 500 seasonal jobs, as verified with the applicant.

Resolved (29 April 2026)

1. That Council **grants final approval** for the alienation (sale) of a portion of Erf 499, Humansdorp through a direct sale procurement process.

Proposed: Cllr T Jantjes

Seconded: Cllr W Gertenbach

2. That Council notes that no comments and/or objections were received for the intended sale of the subject portion of Erf 499, Humansdorp.
3. That the property may only be used for industrial purposes in line with the proposed Humansdorp Industrial Hub.
4. The Council confirms that the immovable property contemplated herein is not needed for the provision of the minimum level of basic municipal services.
5. That Council accepts the obtained market-related valuation of R1,540 000.00 in line with Section 14(2) of the Municipal Finance Management Act.
6. That Council authorises the Accounting Officer to enter into a Deed of Sale with the successful bidder.

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

26/04/CSS2 REVIEW AND UPDATE OF KOUGA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY DISASTER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Cllr Mbandana stated that the African National Congress (ANC) supports disaster planning initiatives in principle, including the item under consideration. However, he expressed concern that existing disaster plans are not always sufficiently comprehensive or inclusive of all affected areas, particularly the Gamtoos and broader Thornhill areas.

He emphasised the need for disaster management policies to adequately address the needs of all communities to ensure equitable service delivery and preparedness. While supporting the policy, he

stressed the importance of improving practical implementation to better reflect realities on the ground.

Cllr Zana highlighted the increasing occurrence of disasters within Kouga Municipality and expressed concern that disaster management is not adequately integrated across all Municipal directorates. He cautioned that relying solely on the Office of Disaster Management could leave the Municipality underprepared for major incidents. He further suggested that the Municipality consider establishing a dedicated disaster management budget to strengthen preparedness and response capacity. He concluded by welcoming the plan and emphasising that disaster management should be a shared responsibility across all Municipal departments to ensure coordinated and effective responses.

Resolved (29 April 2026)

1. That the report on the Review & Update of the Kouga Local Municipality Disaster Management Plan be noted.

19. **CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 13:10


L MAREE
SPEAKER

21 July 2026
DATE