

MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF KOUGA MUNICIPALITY HELD ON THURSDAY, 30 JUNE 2026 AT 11:00 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 Ndzelani	
M Nicholls	
L Nkilishane	
N Ntengwane	
N Ntshota	
C Pietersen	
S Ruth	
G Stuurman	
M Valgee	
M van Niekerk	
W van der Linde	
M Yali	

**Officials &
Municipal Manager**

D de Jager	(Deputy Municipal Manager)
R Lorgat	(CFO)
C de Kock	(Director: Civil & Water Services)
T Madatt	(Director: Electro-Mechanical Services)
C Grootboom	(Acting Director: Planning & Development)
L Opperman	(Manager: Legal Services)
E Goliath	(Manager: Public Participation)
M Basson	(Manager: Media & Communication)
R Klaasen	(Media Liaison Officer)
Z Njikelana	(Media Liaison Officer)
K Minnaar	(Manager: Special Programmes)
C Prinsloo	(Legal Officer: Office of the Speaker)
M Mitchell	(Committee Clerk)
R Swart	(Committee Officer)
L Cweya	(Committee Officer)

Councillors are required to comply with the Standing Rules and Orders of Council and all its Committees By-law as promulgated in the Provincial Gazette on 29 April 2026 No.5631 and applicable to this meeting of Council. Any person who willfully contravenes any provision of these rules shall be guilty of an offence and which contravention shall be dealt with in accordance with the disciplinary procedures for Councillors.

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 a Special Council Meeting will be held virtually on 30 June 2026 at 11:00 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**

L Ramakuwela	(Director: Planning & Development)
C du Plessis	(Municipal Manager)

4. **ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE**

P Oliphant
W Petersen
V Zana

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

None

6. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, CONDOLENCES & CONGRATULATIONS**

Cllr Ntshota expressed appreciation to everyone who assisted the foreign nationals who had been accommodated at the Sylvester Community Hall. She noted that more than 500 people had stayed at the hall and thanked all donors for providing food, toiletries, fruit, water, medicine, and other essential items to support them.

She further acknowledged the municipality, the Executive Mayor, private donors, and Gift of the Givers for their contributions, including funding transport to assist individuals in returning home. Cllr Ntshota reported that the hall was now empty, everyone had been safely transported, and the situation had concluded without any injuries or incidents of violence. She extended her gratitude to all parties involved in making the initiative a success.

Cllr Ndzelani congratulated South Africa's national football team, Bafana Bafana, on their performance in the tournament. He noted that the team had done well by progressing to the round of 32 before being eliminated. He expressed appreciation for their efforts and extended congratulations on their achievement.

Cllr Ruth supported the previous comments regarding the assistance provided to the foreign nationals accommodated at the Sea Vista Hall. She commended Cllr Ntshota, Community Services staff, the cleaning team, and the hall management for their efforts in managing an unexpected situation.

She noted that the embassy had expressed significant appreciation for the support provided and had remarked positively on the experience compared to that of others elsewhere in South Africa. Cllr Ruth stated that the response demonstrated that Kouga Municipality is a caring Municipality and highlighted the community's willingness to come together in support of people in need.

She further thanked all municipal role players, including SAPS and immigration officials, for their cooperation and professionalism. She described the operation as successful and well-coordinated despite the limited experience of those involved in dealing with such circumstances.

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

None

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

The Executive Mayor expressed his appreciation to municipal staff for their dedication and hard work. He commended the teams involved in the completion of the Phillipsville Bridge project in Kruisfontein, noting that while some minor work remained, significant progress had been made in reopening the road. Special recognition was given to Director: Civil and Water Services and the team for their efforts.

The Executive Mayor also thanked Director: Community & Safety Services and her team for effectively managing the challenging process of assisting foreign nationals and facilitating their return home. He acknowledged the opening of community halls and the extensive work undertaken behind the scenes to ensure the operation was successful.

In addition, the Executive Mayor reflected on his third anniversary as Executive Mayor of Kouga Municipality. He expressed gratitude to the Municipal Manager, directors, members of the Mayoral Committee, staff in his office, and all municipal employees for their continued support and commitment. He highlighted the collective efforts of both the political and administrative leadership in maintaining Kouga Municipality's reputation as one of the best-performing municipalities in the country.

9. **DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

None

10. **STATUTORY MATTERS**

None

11. **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).

12. **REPORTS BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR**

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

26/06/FED13 REALLOCATION OF MIG FUNDS WITHIN CIVIL AND WATER SERVICES DIRECTORATE FOR THE 25/26 FY

Cllr van der Linde sought clarification regarding the proposed budget reallocations. He enquired whether the reallocations would ensure that the municipality achieves 100% expenditure by the end of the financial year. He also questioned the rationale for reducing funding from projects related to gravel roads and other essential infrastructure works.

Furthermore, Cllr van der Linde requested information on the risks associated with the reallocations, specifically how the municipality would ensure that projects from which funds had been withdrawn would still be completed. He also asked whether the proposed reallocations would be sufficient to prevent the need for any further budget adjustments.

The CFO provided background on the budget reallocation item, explaining that it had been delayed due to the possibility of an adjustment budget following the disaster-related expenditure discussed at the previous Council meeting. He noted that, although the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA) permits an adjustment budget within 60 days of a declared disaster, the municipality successfully managed its expenditure and therefore did not require an adjustment budget.

In response to questions raised, the CFO confirmed that the Municipality would achieve 100% expenditure by the end of the financial year. He explained that the reallocations were intended to align funding with project needs and that the projects from which funds were being reallocated were multi-year projects. These projects had already been approved by the relevant authorities and budgeted for in future financial years.

He further clarified that the reallocations would not affect the completion of the approved projects, as any reductions made in the current year would be adjusted and accommodated in subsequent years in accordance with the approved project plans. He assured

Council that the overall scope and implementation of the projects would remain unchanged.

The Speaker called for a vote.

In favour 17

Not in favour 3

Abstain 2

Resolved: (30 June 2026)

1. That the Accounting Officer request the Executive Mayor to recommend to 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: Finance Management Act, Act 56 of 2003, approves the following proposed amendments to the 2025/2026 Capital Budget:

Project Name	2025/2026 Adjusted Budget	Actual Expenditure	Available Balance	2025/2026 Proposed Adjustments	Total Adjusted Budget
	(Excl. VAT)	To date (Excl. VAT)	(Excl. VAT)	(Excl. VAT)	(Excl. VAT)
Upgrade of Phillipsville Sports field	95 652,00	95 652,00	-	20 000,00	115 652,00
Upgrading of Kouga Gravel Roads	13 478 100,00	11 152 575,55	2 325 524,45	-827 869,60	12 650 230,40
Arcadia Street: Refurbishmen t of Sewer Pump Station	262 016,00	192 786,17	69 229,83	-59 596,65	202 419,35
Jeffreys Bay: Upgrade of Ocean View Sewer Pipe	261 915,00	184 765,00	77 150,00	-77 150,00	184 765,00
Kwa- Nomzamo: Upgrading of WWTW	6 763 810,00	6 148 063,94	615 746,06	-69 755,04	6 694 054,96

Infrastructure Management Plan	1 717 311,00	1 234 921,57	482 389,43	-185 628,69	1 531 682,31
Design of new High Mast Lights - Construction	6 086 955,00	6 086 138,00	817	1 200 000,00	7 286 955,00

13. **CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 11:25



**L MAREE
SPEAKER**

23 September 2026

DATE