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STELLENBOSCH MOBILITY FORUM MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING

2 APRIL 2019 AT 12:00

STELLENBOSCH MUNICIPALITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

	ITEM	ACTION
1.	<p>Opening and Welcome</p> <p>The Chairperson, Cllr Quinton Smit, welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p>Present/Attendees</p> <p>Refer to the attached attendance register.</p>	
3.	<p>Approval of previous minutes</p> <p>Minutes of previous meeting held on 13/09/2018 approved with the following amendments/additions:</p> <p>Q Smit: Asked whether there are any disagreement regarding the insertions of Prof Eggers. Everybody agreed to the insertions.</p> <p>D Louw: Noted that it's not a committee of council, but a Committee of the Directorate of Infrastructure Services. Verbatim minutes are not taken. In future, when finished with a discussion point, a decision should always be formulated so that it can be actioned.</p> <p>R Gordge: Requested to comment on minutes of 13/09/2018. Granted by Q Smit.</p> <p>R Gordge: The only reference to the Western Bypass is Mr P Van Blerk who noted his favour of the Bypass. In the minutes of that meeting, it was recorded that assessment work was done by Hatch Goba and indicated that according to their modelling, work it is not required in the near future. That note was reflected in the Large Employer Trip Reduction Programme. R Gordge requested that the same note be entered under the section of the Western Bypass.</p> <p>D Louw: If comment was made under that particular section, it can't be changed and minutes should remain as is.</p> <p>Q Smit: There might have been a misperception in the past regarding committees or sub-committees of council. It was decided that at the next meeting the following principle will apply. Discuss certain points, action it, and allow for comments next to them. Minutes of these meetings are way too lengthy, then it becomes a debate instead of a plan of action on the way forward. Minutes should be shortened. Ensure to stick to point, stick to plan and link that to our existing budget and future budget purposes.</p> <p>Minutes of previous meeting held on 29/01/2019 approved with the following</p>	

	<p>amendments/additions.</p> <p>Prof Eggers accepted and agreed with amendments of 13/09/2018 minutes. Will continue to send out transcripts, as it is an open meeting - no official status.</p> <p>Q Smit: Agreed, and thanked Prof Eggers. Also apologised for postponing the meeting of 18/03/19 to 02/04/19 due to an urgent budget meeting. Concluded that everyone is happy with the amendments/additions.</p>	
4.	<p>Matters emanating from previous minutes</p> <p>C Wigget-Barnard: Requested that the plans of the Kayamandi bridge be sent to her as promised in the 29/01/19 meeting's minutes.</p> <p>D Louw: Noted that they do not know the position of the bridge as yet. D Louw had several discussions with Province last week. Once basis is sorted, the drawings will be forwarded to C Wigget-Barnard.</p>	J Fullard
5.	<p>Constitution of the Mobility Forum</p> <p>D Louw: Streamlined the constitution. The Infrastructure Services Directorate comprises of a few supporting legs namely: Electricity; Development and Implementation; Roads, Transport, Stormwater and Traffic Engineering; Water and Waste Water Services; Waste Management and Support Services. Support Services doesn't need a forum, but each of the other ones will have a forum. Electricity and Water are combined, calling it the Top 100 Consumers Forum. It was revamped to fit together. The draft constitution can be changed or accepted. D Louw proposed that members go through the draft and discuss it at the next meeting.</p> <p>Q Smit: All comments to be sent to Director Louw's office, to Lize-Mari Visser before the 1st of May 2019.</p>	ALL 01/05/2019
6.	<p>Walkabout Proposal Report (Stellenbosch University & Stellenbosch Municipality)</p> <p>J Fullard: Proposal report is an initiative from Stellenbosch University to assist the Municipality to make walkways more disabled friendly.</p> <p>In February 2018, there was a walkabout and areas problematic for disabled people were identified. A list with problem areas were compiled and sent to the municipality. Problematic areas are being addressed e.g. uneven pavements, cars parking on sidewalks etc. It is quite a comprehensive list, which goes a long way towards helping disabled people on sidewalks.</p> <p>Prof Eggers: Suggested submitting a list of possible improvements for cycling.</p> <p>D Louw: Will keep to the approved cycle plan as far as possible. It was noted that should it be necessary to deviate, that proper liaison with all relevant parties will take place.</p> <p>L Ferus: According to the 29/01/19 minutes, someone should have contacted her regarding the progress report. Requested a date by when this report can be expected.</p> <p>Q Smit: Report is available, J Fullard's office will see to it that the report gets forwarded to L Ferus as well as the rest of the members of the meeting.</p> <p>J Andersen: Some students identified areas which need improvement for disabled students as part of a class project. J Andersen to submit documentation to share with J Fullard, to compare and/or add to his list.</p>	J Fullard J Andersen
7.	<p>Proposed NMT monthly meetings</p>	

	<p>Q Smit: Attended a two day strategic session with Infrastructure Services sub-directorates. Noted that it is shocking that the biggest Directorate, with a budget close to R2 billion, has the least number of personnel. The Directorate is way understaffed.</p> <p>There was a request to restart the NMT monthly meetings again. Acknowledges the request for monthly meetings for NMT. Not opposing it at all, but rather pleading that monthly meetings be kept to the minimum otherwise Mr Fullard and Director Louw are tied down in meetings and don't get to do what they are supposed to do. Suggested that meetings only be called to sit down in times of need and focus on spending the budget.</p> <p>D Botha: The frustration from the NMT working group and Stellenbosch Cycling and reason why monthly meetings are requested is so that there's a build-up of complaints and problems. It must stay on top of worldwide movement and advise officials on it. Working group must meet according to NMT policy. Stellenbosch Cycling is pleading for monthly meetings to be held.</p> <p>Q Smit: All policies have to be revised every single year in council. We are in the process to revise all our policies.</p> <p>Q Smit: Upcoming by-election is taking up a lot of time.</p> <p>D Louw: Suggested to minimize the number of meetings by only having 4 Mobility Forum meetings and 8 NMT meetings in a year.</p> <p>Q Smit: NMT working group meeting to be scheduled within 40 working days. NMT policy to be discussed at the meeting to obtain input on the policy.</p>	<p>Q Smit/ J Fullard</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Proposed Budget for Cycling</p> <p>J Fullard: Gave an overview on what the cycling budget entails. Work procedures, construction methods and procurement processes are all set up to either spend money on roadways or on sidewalks. When a cycle facility is placed on a roadway, it falls under the Roads budget. When a cycling facility is placed on a sidewalk, it will fall under the NMT budget. The cycling budget is still within an NMT budget.</p> <p>STB municipality, at the moment, are not in a position to build Class 1 facilities yet. Busy addressing the basics, e.g. cycling facilities and pedestrian facilities in mostly low-income areas where these facilities have been lacking. Most of the available budgets have been going into upgrading the roads to bring these up to standard. Must first address these before one can move on to Class 1 facilities. NMT budget for next year is quite substantial. The Municipality is not in a position to separate it into a Roads budget and NMT budget at this moment.</p> <p>D Botha: D Botha commented that he is not happy that the cycling plan is only considered to be for middle class and upper class people. It was proposed that Class 1 facilities be considered in all areas. Would be good to see Class 1 facilities starting in lower income areas.</p> <p>J Fullard: NMT implementation: Over the next 3 years the budget amounts to +- R11 million.</p> <p>Prof Eggers: Reported having a huge imbalance in capital spending on road and car-related infrastructure.</p> <p>Q Smit: Emphasized that people wants to see things money gets spent on, but that there are things money gets spent on, they don't necessarily get to see e.g. pipes and waste water treatment works. These are things that has to be done to prevent future problems.</p>	

	<p>D Louw: Noted that STB municipality will be moving to the IUDG (Integrated Urban Development Grant)</p> <p>R Gordge: The municipal budget is largely focused on keeping the roads in a reasonable condition. When we're calling for change, it needs to be across the provincial and local municipal spheres.</p> <p>Prof Eggers: Propose that this forum communicates to Council and the IDP office and that the current IDP relations on the CIP and MSDF be revised and take into account the 2019/20 new MSDF.</p> <p>D Botha: Noted that we have too much motor vehicles in Stellenbosch and not enough roads to accommodate all these vehicles. One will have less wear and tear on the roads if people cycle more.</p> <p>N Bosch: Noted that they are in the process with a second phase of a planning process that will look at a more regional mobility roads through Stellenbosch. Comparing Adam Tas and a possible Bypass. The local municipality cannot afford not to build Class 1 facilities.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>2019/2020 Budget</p> <p>D Louw: Noted challenges with the budget. Waste landfill site has no more airspace left and expected to be filled up just before end of June 2019. Waste needs to be diverted to Vissershok which will cost 19% more than before. Water use reductions by consumers have been very good. Consumption came down by 54%.</p>	
<p>10</p>	<p>General matters</p> <p>C Wigget-Barnard: Highlighted that a business plan with regards to accessible transport for people with disabilities is being developed in the Drakenstein area, funded by the Cape Winelands Municipality. Consultants have been appointed to do a stakeholder engagement for the development of a business plan for a transport service for persons with disabilities in Drakenstein. Encouraged officials from Stellenbosch Municipality to come into contact with Cape Winelands Municipality to keep informed of this process and to initiate something similar in Stellenbosch.</p> <p>R Gordge: The Jonkershoek Road was resealed under a provincial contract. On the cycle plan of 2015, there was a recommendation that should there be an upgrade, safe shoulders should be included for cycling. The contract continued without any additional provision for cycling.</p> <p>J Fullard: It is a provincial road. The road works only included routine maintenance. An additional cycle lane could not be included. Their planning was simply to do periodic maintenance.</p> <p>J Fullard: Focussing on ensuring better communication and better relations with Government. With the latest rounds of periodic maintenance, STB municipality were just informed of the works that was about to take place. There are various departments in Provincial Government. Suggested having regular meetings with Province to earmark and highlight transport initiatives.</p> <p>Q Smit: Noted that sometimes when Province comes to the end of their financial year, they need to spend money urgently. They'll then just inform STB Municipality that they are going to be doing some work in the municipal area to spend their funds.</p> <p>N Bosch: Noted that within Province, there are different programmes within different directorates. The Jonkershoek Road was a periodic maintenance job with a strategy. No planning and design involved. It was purely maintenance.</p>	

	For periodic maintenance, Province has a programme where anyone can see what's on the budget as well as the roads that are going to be upgraded in the next 3 financial years. The municipality can align this with what is required.	
11	<p>Date of next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cllr Q Smit informed everyone that they do not want to set a specific date, as they are moving into IDP sessions as well as the upcoming elections taking place. A tentative date of 10/05/2019 is set, but the Director's office (Lize-Mari Visser) will liaise with the group via e-mail should the date change. 	
12	<p>Closure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 13:20 	