

Minutes

Ward 101 (Cllr M.M Ngiba)

Time : from 9am

Venue : Cato Crest

Date : 15 November 2015

1. Chairperson : Cllr M.M Ngiba

This meeting was due to start at 9am but it ended up starting from 11am because Cllr with the ward committee and the eThekweni Municipality officials had discussions because they did not agree on the housing issue since the Project Manager Ms Zilungile did not attend yet she was due to do the presentation regarding the RDP houses on the delay of the project and the flats at the Riverview near the Sasol garage as well as the Conobia housing project.

2 The chairperson greeted all community members who were present and apologised for the delay.

3 The community member was requested to open in prayer.

4 The Chairperson further apologised that the department of electricity did not attend but made a promise that on the next meeting he will make sure that they attend because there are houses that were built in 2012 and the water and electricity have not been installed.

5 The official (Dpt of housing) Social Housing Mr Professor Mngadi ^{Item 4 of Application}
He greeted and thanked everybody for attending the meeting even there has been delay.

The Riverview Flats - People who rent those flats did not want to rent anymore therefore the eThekweni Municipality together with the Provincial government had to evict people who lived there.

Only 330 people will benefit from the flats, Phumemela project was elected to run and facilitate this project, 3 years ago people did not understand how the social housing project operates and now the government has decided to do workshops to make sure that people understands that a social housing process is that one rents forever, people who occupied those flats were not educated properly.

The people who will benefit are people from Ward 30, 24, 29 & 101 those people must be employed and earn between R3500 – 15000 those are the people that does not get approved by the bank who also do not get the RDP houses because of their salary scale.

Most people had a perspective that the land belongs to the Municipality but the reality is that most of the land belongs to the provincial government and that is where the funding comes from.

There is a process in order whereby the municipality together with the banks will do a process of scanning people to see if they qualify to get those houses in Riverview, this is how the process goes:

- Take your Pay advice to the bank of your choice
- Proof of resident from your ward Cllr
- Earn between R3000 – R7000
- Must be living either Wards 24, 29, 30 & 101

People will be informed when will the scanning begin, the very same people who are here today will be the very same people who will come back with more feedback, in other words people should not hear from corridors or people telling them that there is money that must be paid upfront because there has been incidents whereby the eThekweni officials would go around using the Municipal name telling people to bribe or pay them if they want these houses.

The application forms are not for sale and illegal occupants will be charged, during the application process the police will be there 24/7.

6 Housing (RDP)

There has been no electricity and water installation in any of the houses because there has been issues from different departments the department of housing is aware that people are frustrated and that they got their houses in 2006.

The previous Project manager was told to live the project because things were taking longer to be done, this new project manager is also doing the same, she was called to attend and address the people but she decided not to show up, there are houses that were built at Cato Crest that have no infrastructure eg water, electricity sewage etc...

The Chairperson allowed Mr Kenneth Mngadi who was present on behalf of Ms Zilungile the project manager to address the public.

7 Department of housing (RDP) Mr Kenneth Mngadi:

He greeted everyone present, he further apologised that Ms Zilungile did not attend but on her behalf she is here to answer as many questions as possible and further give clarification wherever he could.

Firstly the issue of shacks in ward 101, this has been an on-going issue that even the municipality is aware of but the government is trying to resolve the issue without living the people in the streets, yes in previous times people were told to live and the police were called together with the eThekweni officials to remove some illegal occupants.

People have moved backed and decided to build shacks in different places and the municipality decided to build the RDP houses for those individuals but in a process of building these houses there were challenges that the municipality had to face, some of the challenges are that the land does not belong to the eThekweni Municipality but it belongs to the provincial government, there has be an approval from the province so that there will be a funding.

The department of water and sanitation, electricity etc those departments are different departments and the houses were built and only the relevant departments will have to come and inform people on why there has been a delay from their side.

It is a proven fact that the housing project has become a disaster and there is no way people can be misled, the Cllr is given a period of 5 years and within that people a lot transpires and when a new Cllr is elected it becomes difficult for the new elect Cllr to continue some of the previous projects especially if a proper hand-over did not take place.

These are some of the things that need to be addressed from the Municipality side as well as with the Cllr and the public to try and solve this issue, on the next meeting Ms Zilungile the Project Manager in ward 101 will be present and some of the briefings will be addressed by her.

8 HS projects:

The ablution toilets that were install in the ward, and there has been a complain that some members of the public use them to abuse women and children and the way forward is to remove them, the eThekweni Municipality has observed this behaviour and has sent officials to come and demolish them, by doing so there will be a way forward and people will be informed on time.

People who are found dumping and using these toilets for the wrong reasons will be dealt with by the police.

They further informed people that when there are any issues people should go and report the matter to a Cllr because that is the reason why every ward has a councillor.

The Chairperson – thanked all those present and informed them that the next meeting will be called soon and the public will be notified...

The meeting adjourned: 13:30