

**CITY OF MASVINGO**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE HEALTH, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, MUNICIPAL OFFICES ON MONDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2023 AT 10:55 A.M.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor A. Chiteme (Chairman)  
His Worship the Mayor Councillor C. Maboke  
Councillor R. Musekiwa  
Alderman S. Maridza

**APOLOGY:** Councillor B. Beta

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mudzamiri F. : Local Governance Studies Student: GZU

**OFFICIALS:** Chamber Secretary  
Acting Director of Housing and Social Services  
Acting Director of Engineering Services  
Chief Internal Auditor  
Senior Accountant  
Environmental Health Officer (S. Matava)  
Chief Security Officer  
Public Relations Officer  
Assistant Committee Officer

**048. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2023 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

*Proposed by Alderman S. Maridza  
Seconded by Councillor R. Musekiwa*

**049. REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER**

**A. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SECTION**

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer on the Environmental Health Section activities for the month of January 2023, covering premises inspections, health inspection statistics, water and food quality control, meat inspection, meat condemned during abattoir inspections, tuberculosis management and weekly diseases surveillance.

On Tuberculosis Management, the Committee highlighted that Council should make efforts to establish an infectious diseases hospital in the city. It was suggested and agreed that Council should identify the suitable site for the hospital and then work on the mobilisation of funding for the project. The matter was referred to the Public Works and Planning Committee for consideration.

On the pending dog shoot and tie up order, it was reported that dog shooting in the city did not take place because the Department of Veterinary Services failed to avail a

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gunner for the exercise. The Acting Town Clerk was instructed to engage a gunner for the dog shooting exercise in the commonage.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

1. THAT Chief Environmental Health Officer be instructed to refer the request for the establishment of an Infectious Diseases Hospital, to the Public Works and Planning Committee for consideration. **CEHO**
2. THAT the Acting Town Clerk be instructed to engage a gunner for the dog shooting exercise in the commonage. **CS/CSO**

**B. CURATIVE HEALTH SERVICES**

The report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer on Curative Health Services statistics for the month of January 2023 covering Masvingo Urban Demographic data, Mother to Child health services, drug availability, out patients, chronic infections, Covid 19 vaccination, transport services, patients' attendance at Council Clinics and PMTCT services was noted.

The Committee raised concern on the critical shortage of drugs at Council Clinics. The Chief Environmental Health Officer was instructed to refer to Management, the need for procurement of essential drugs for Council Clinics.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

THAT the Chief Environmental Health Officer be instructed to refer to Management, the procurement of essential drugs for Council Clinics. **CEHO**

**C. CLEANSING, REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.**

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer for the month of January 2023 covering number of refuse trucks on the road, refuse removal statistics, garden waste, pest control, Health Clubs activities, waste recycling and collection.

On refuse collection activities, the Committee tasked Management to mobilise funds for the procurement of a new refuse truck in 2023. The report was noted.

**D. NATIONAL AIDS COUNCIL DAAC PROGRAMME.**

The report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer for the month of January 2023 on the National Aids Council activities was considered. The report was noted.

**F. Adoption of Report****RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

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THAT the report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.

**050. REPORT OF THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES.****A. REPORT ON COUNCIL VISIT TO NYANGOMBE CENTRE IN NYANGA.**

Consideration was given to the report of the Acting Director of Housing and Social Services on the Council visit to Nyangombe Refugee Camp with a view to adopt one of the houses by Masvingo City Council. It was highlighted that the Nyangombe was adopted by the Angel of Hope Foundation and turned it into a Children's Home.

It was noted that all the houses at Nyangombe had already been adopted by other Urban Local Authorities, hence the City of Masvingo would have to construct a new house. The matter was referred to the Public Works and Planning Committee for consideration.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

THAT the construction of a new house at Nyangombe Children's Home in Nyanga, under the Angel of Hope Foundation Programme be approved. **ADHSS**

**B. DRAFT EDUCATION POLICY.**

Consideration was given to the report of the Acting Director of Housing and Social Services on the proposed education policy for the City of Masvingo. It was reported that the proposed Education Policy had the following key issues for consideration:

- (a) That Masvingo City Council is the Responsible Authority for all the Council Schools.
- (b) 37% of levies collected at all Council Schools is remitted to City of Masvingo to meet administrative, repair and maintenance cost.
- (c) During the first two (2) years of operation of a new school, Council will be providing a grant to the school.
- (d) Council will procure textbooks and furniture for all the grades until the school is fully established up to Grade 7.
- (e) Council may award a prize to any of its Schools with the best results.
- (f) Recruitment of Heads and Deputies is the responsibility of Council in consultation with the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education. Other teachers are recruited by the PSC in consultation with the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education.
- (g) The appointment of Ancillary Staff at all Council Schools is the responsibility of School Development Committees.
- (h) School Development Committees are subcommittees of Council and are therefore answerable to Council. However, their operations are guided by SI 87 of 1992. It is the responsibility of Council to induct newly elected School Development Committees.

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- (i) All capital projects by School Development Committees should be approved by Council and upon completion will be handed over to Council e.g. classroom blocks, vehicles, e.t.c.
- (j) Role of Central Government (Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education)
- Provision and administration of the Education Act.
  - Appointment and general conditions of service.
  - Disciplinary issues
  - Staff development and capacitation

The proposed education Policy was adopted by the Committee.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

THAT the Draft Education Policy for the City of Masvingo be adopted. **ADHSS**

**C. REPORT ON THE SITUATION AT RUNYARARO PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Consideration was given to the report of the Acting Director of Housing and Social Services on Runyararo Primary School. It was reported that the School had a total enrolment of 1591 learners and staff compliment of 45. The administration team after the retirement of Mrs Gono, composed of Acting Head (Mr Mataru J.D) Acting Deputy Head (Mr Vujaka C) and Teacher In Charge Infant (TIC) (Ms Mahachi R). The report was noted.

**D. GRADE SEVEN RESULTS ANALYSIS FOR 2022**

Consideration was given to the report of the Acting Director of Housing and Social Services on grade seven results for Council Primary Schools for the 2022 public examinations.

SCHOOLS	TOTAL CANDIDATURE			FEMALE WITH 1 TO 3		MALES WITH 1 TO 3		PERCENTAGE RATING		POSITION
	Female	Male	Total	Number	%	Number	%	Total		
Shakashe	121	98	219	45	37,2	24	24,5	69	31,5	1
Runyararo	111	91	202	32	28,8	24	26,4	56	27,7	2
Vurombo	90	102	192	27	30	25	24,5	52	27	3
Rujeko	97	97	194	26	26,8	16	16,5	42	21,6	4
Francis Aphiri	115	138	253	25	21,7	25	18,1	50	19,8	5
Dikwindi	63	84	147	10	15,9	7	8,3	17	11,6	6

It was reported that Shakashe Primary School was the best performing School for 2022 and Runyararo Primary School was the runner up. As per tradition, Council would reward the school for outstanding performance upon further consultations.

The Committee raised concern on the poor performance by Dikwindi Primary School. The Acting Director of Housing and Social Services was instructed to engage the School Head for Dikwindi and find out the causes of poor performance. The Committee

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further highlighted that if there were challenges at the school, the Head should have communicated to Council in time so that corrective measures would have been taken by the Responsible Authority.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

- 1 THAT Acting Director of Housing and Social Services be instructed to engage the School Head for Dikwindi Primary School and find out the causes of poor performance in the 2022 grade seven examinations and submit a report to the Committee. **ADHSS**
2. THAT the best performing Council school in the 2022 grade seven public examinations, Shakashe Primary School, be given a token of appreciation as per Council tradition. **ADHSS**

**E. COMMERCIAL STANDS READY FOR DISPOSAL**

Consideration was given to the report of the Acting Director of Housing and Social Services on commercial stands ready for disposal. The list of stands that have been fully serviced and are ready for disposal are stated in the table below:

<b>STAND NO.</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>SIZE (M<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>SERVICES AVAILABLE</b>
27575	Eastvale	1126	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sewer</li> <li>• Water</li> <li>• Access Road</li> </ul>
27574	Eastvale	159	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sewer</li> <li>• Water</li> <li>• Access Road</li> </ul>
27573	Eastvale	159	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sewer</li> <li>• Water</li> <li>• Access Road</li> </ul>
30001	Mucheke	180	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sewer</li> <li>• Water</li> <li>• Access Road</li> </ul>

The request to dispose the four (4) commercial strands was granted.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

THAT the Acting Director of Housing and Social Services be authorised to dispose of the four (4) commercial stands in Eastvale and Mucheke as follows:

- i. Stand 27572 measuring 1126m<sup>2</sup>
- ii. Stand 27574 measuring 159m<sup>2</sup>
- iii. Stand 27573 measuring 159m<sup>2</sup>
- iv. Stand 30001 Mucheke measuring 180m<sup>2</sup>

**ADHSS**

**Minutes: Health, Housing 06/02/23****F. REQUEST TO DISPOSE 3 LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL STANDS.**

Consideration was given to the report of the Acting Director of Housing and Social Services on the request to dispose three (3) low density stands recently created in Northleigh Suburbs after change of reservation. The stands numbers were 30541, 30542 and 30543. It was highlighted that the stands were created after a request had been made to Council by Mr Hakiston Chimwani, for a low density residential stand. The request was granted and one of the stands would be allocated to Hakiston Chimwani.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

1. THAT the Director of Housing and Social Services be authorised to dispose three low density residential stands numbers 30541, 30542 and 30543 in Northleigh Masvingo, created after a change of reservation. **ADHSS**
2. THAT Mr Hakistone Chimwani be allocated one of the three low density residential stands created in Northleigh, Masvingo. **TC**

**G. RESIDENTIAL STANDS DUE FOR REPOSSESSION**

Consideration was given to the report of the Acting Director of Housing and Social Services on the list of residential stands in the commonage due for repossession. Authority was being sought to advertise in the newspapers for beneficiaries to come forward explain themselves first and where there are no responses, stands will be reallocated after a period of 3 weeks. The request was granted.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

THAT the Acting Director of Housing and Social Services was instructed to do due diligence and repossess all the residential in the commonage which were due for repossession and reallocate same to home seekers on the Council's waiting list. **ADHSS**

**H. REQUEST FOR GRAVE RESERVATIONS AT LAWN CEMETERY**

Consideration was given to the report of the Acting Director of Housing and Social Services on the request by Tendai Magadza for reservation of five graves at the Lawn Cemetery for her family members. The request was turned down on the basis that Council Policy allowed for a reservation of a grave for the spouse only.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

THAT the request by Tendai Magadza for reservation of five graves at the Lawn Cemetery for her family members be turned down on the basis that grave reservation was allowed for the spouse only and not for other family members. **ADHSS**

**Minutes: Health, Housing 06/02/23****I. HANDOVER OF THE MASVINGO SCOUTS COUNCIL HALL**

Consideration was given to the report of the Acting Director of Housing and Social Services on the request by D. Punungwe, the Provincial Scout Council Chairperson, for handover of the Scouts Hall to the Masvingo Provincial Scouts Association. It was reported that the governance structure for the Scouts Association was now in place and the Hall could be handed over to the Management Committee for administration. The request was granted.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

THAT the Acting Director of Housing and Social Services be instructed to handover the Scout Hall to the Provincial Scouts Association for administration purposes. **ADHSS**

**J. 2023 SEASON ASSISTANCE: MASVINGO UNITED**

Consideration was given to the report of the Acting Director of Housing and Social Services on the request by Masvingo United Football Club, free use Mucheke Stadium for training sessions during the week. The request was granted for a two-hour training session for the team for two days per week.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

THAT Masvingo United Football Club be authorised to conduct two hour training sessions in Mucheke Stadium for two days a week during the current 2023 season. **ADHSS**

**K. REQUEST FOR DONATION OF LAND: JAIROSI JIRI ASSOCIATION**

Consideration was given to the report of the Acting Director of Housing and Social Services on the request by Jairosi Jiri, Masvingo Branch, for donation of the land where they are currently operating from.

It was reported that Jairos Jiri were allocated their present stand in 1977 on a five-year lease, renewable every 5 years and paying a lease rental of \$1 per year. The records seem to indicate that the last renewal was last done in 1979.

In 1988 the then Chairman of the Masvingo Branch in consultation with their Head Office applied for a 50-year lease, with a suggestion to own the piece of land permanently after the 50 years. However, there are no records about the signed lease agreement.

It was suggested that since Jairos Jiri Association was a national organisation, serving a very essential need looking after the disabled in our society, Council may accept the request for lease at a nominal rental fee for 10 years lease renewable with option for permanent transfer (title transfer) depending on the developments. The matter was referred back to Management for further research since there were no proper records in their stand files.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

THAT Acting Director of Housing and Social Services be instructed to refer to Management for further deliberation, the application for Title Transfer, by Jairos Jiri Association, for the land they are currently leasing from Council. ADHSS

**L. REQUEST FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF 1X3 CLASSROOM BLOCK: FRANCIS APHIRI PRIMARY SCHOOL.**

Consideration was given to the report of the Acting Director of Housing and Social Services on the request by Francis Aphiri Primary School, for the construction of additional 1x3 Classroom block to ease critical shortage of classrooms at the school. It was reported that the school had total enrolment of 2716 learners, 64 teachers and 23 student teachers. The request was granted and Council would assist with labour.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

THAT the request by Francis Aphiri Primary School, for the construction of 1x3 Classroom block be granted with Council providing labour for the project. ADHSS

**M. WATER AND SANITATION PROJECT PROGRESS AND 2023 PLAN (DIALOGUE ON SHELTER, ZIMBABWE HOMELESS PEOPLE FEDERATION AND MASVINGO CITY COUNCIL PARTNERSHIP).**

Consideration was given to the report of the Acting Director of Housing and Community Services on the progress on the Water and Sanitation projects being implemented in partnership with Dialogue on Shelter Trust. It was reported that Dialogue on Shelter had sourced funds amounting to USD19 252.82 for the water and sanitation projects in Mucheke suburbs.

The projects would include (i) completion of upgrading of 8 toilets and water points at Tanaiwa Small Barracks Hostel Block 2, (ii) Installation of the main Sewerline for Tanaiwa small Barracks Block 3 and 4 for 28 households, (3) Construction of 8 toilets and shared water points for block 3 and 4 of Tanaiwa Small Barracks.

It was reported that several other activities would be conducted during the year including exchange visit by the Committee to the City of Bulawayo. The report was noted.

**N. HOUSING ISSUES**

Consideration was given to the report of the Acting Director of Housing and Community Services for the month of January 2023, covering housing waiting lists, and housing routine business for Mucheke, Chesvingo and Rujeko Administration Offices.

**O. WELFARE SECTION**

The report of the Director of Housing and Community Services on the Welfare Section

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for the month of January 2023 covering revenue raised by the section, pre-schools, libraries, community development and Welfare programmes, Alpha Cottages, Mucheke Old People's Home, repairs and maintenance and trainings was considered.

On sports, it was suggested and agreed that Council would revive the Mayor's Junior Soccer Tournament under the theme "Campaign against Drug abuse".

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

THAT the Director of Housing and Social Services be instructed to revive the Mayor's Junior Soccer Tournament under the theme, "Campaign Against Drug Abuse". **ADHSS**

**P. PARKS SECTION**

The report of the Director of Housing and Social Services on the Parks Section for the month of January 2023 covering staff welfare, state of tractors and other equipment, islands, gardens and open spaces, trees and plantations, Parks, nursery, cemeteries and revenue collected from grave fees was noted.

**Q. Adoption of Report****RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

THAT the report of the Director of Housing and Social Services be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.

**051. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK****A. ACTIVITIES OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE: JANUARY 2023.**

Consideration was given to the report of the Town Clerk on the activities of the Municipal Police for the month of January 2023, covering Human and Material Resources, Council by laws, Traffic Offences, commonage patrols, vending, boom gate activities and criminal cases. The Section attended to 1664 various offences in the commonage and raised a total of USD3 208 and RTGS 28 974.48 during the month of January 2023.

**Human and Material Resources**

It was reported that the section comprised of Chief Security Officer, Operations Officer, 5 Sergeants, 4 Corporals, 53 constables, 16 trained guards and 4 contract guards against its establishment of one hundred and ten (110) police officers. Thus, the section was critically short staffed and was also not adequately resourced in terms of mobility.

**(ii). Joint Operations**

The Section was conducting operations with other stakeholders like EMA, ZRP and VID, Health in decongesting the city.

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**(iii). Mucheke Bus Terminus**

It was reported that buses were ranking at Mucheke Bus Terminus in the evening in order to compete for customers in the early hours of the next day in town. on the enforcement of long distance buses to go to Mucheke Bus Terminus, it was highlighted that the blitz was not so successful due to shortage of enforcement vehicle.

On Shortage of operational vehicles for the Municipal Police, the Committee suggested that Council should procure pre owned vehicles for the Municipal Police as a short term solution to the transport crisis affecting the Section.

**B. Adoption of Report**

**RESOLVED**

THAT the report of the Town Clerk be approved and adopted subject to the resolutions passed in relation thereto.

The meeting ended at 7:31 p.m.

**CONFIRMED THIS DAY OF 2023**

**CHAIRMAN**

**TOWN CLERK**