



KCC meeting with Julie Wells on Friday 18 September 2009 at Mad Hatters, 12h30

Present

Jim Cambray, Jenny Gon, Nikki Köhly, Lorraine Mullins, Julie Wells.

1. KCC working relationship with Makana Municipality

- 1.1. **SSCEPS:** Julie is now the Chairperson of the Social Services, Community Empowerment, and Protection Services (SSCEPS) portfolio committee, and requested the meeting with the KCC leadership, with the aim of ensuring that the KCC's working relationship with the Municipality runs as smoothly as possible.
- 1.2. **KCC meetings:**
 - (a) **Attendance:** Municipal representatives at KCC meetings were valued, especially Kevin Bates' input over the years. Concerns were raised regarding communication with Phumzile Smile via Essie Esterhuizen, and the lack of attendance by the Assistant Director (Civil Services, Water & Sewage) despite being mandated to do so in the presence of her director (Technical & Infrastructural Services) by the Municipal Manager. Their attendance would raise the level of KCC meetings.
 - (b) **Minutes:** It was suggested that at the end of the KCC minutes, a note be made of recommendations / actions for the Municipality.
- 1.3. **MEF:** The issue of secretarial services at meetings was raised. It was agreed that both Lorraine and Nikki could initially mentor Ndumiso Nongwe in minute-taking.
- 1.4. **KCC website:** This is up and running, and is being viewed increasingly.
- 1.5. **Drinking Water Quality data:** The KCC has repeatedly requested Makana Municipality to release water quality data – in line with the DWAF Drinking Water Quality Framework for South Africa at <http://www.dwaf.gov.za/Documents/Other/DWQM/DWQMFrameworkDec05.pdf> – and has offered to place these on the KCC website. Despite promises, the data have not been made available in public fora. Julie noted that this matter had been discussed at Council meetings, and agreed to follow up on it.
- 1.6. **KCC funding:**
 - (a) **From Makana Municipality:** There should be funding available from last year and this year, as the R25,000 is supposed to be an annual allocation. However, Julie said that the KCC proposal had not reached Council. Jim will resend the proposal to Julie, and she will follow up on it.
 - (b) **External funds:** Julie suggested that the KCC motivate for external funding. She handed out the doc: "Steps in the development of community-oriented projects requiring external funding."
- 1.7. **Full-time community engagement employee:** With more funding, the KCC could employ a person who could work part-time / full-time in community engagement.
- 1.8. **Vision for a Green City:** Julie explained that Council is entertaining the possibility of Grahamstown being the first model of a 'Green City', and asked the KCC to consider how it could play a role. The LEAP Advisory Committee would include this in a Local Economic Development concept document. Nikki is a member of this committee, so could incorporate the KCC's contribution.

2. Water restrictions

- 2.1. **Public education:** Julie requested that the KCC assist Makana Municipality in public education on water-wise practices, e.g. a pamphlet enclosed in municipal accounts, and on the KCC website. Nikki to draw up a draft water-saving pamphlet and circulate for comment.

The meeting ended at 13h40.

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