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WE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU...

To our residents and esteemed visitors

The newly elected council recently started their entrusted duties as custodians of the community.

They are a dynamic and well blended team, with young and vibrant as well as the old and experienced, also noticeable in the new Municipal council is the balance between male and female.

They promise to bring bigger and better service delivery to the community of Keetmanshoop, Find inside this information packed newsletter what to expect from these councillors as well as latest developments in and around Keetmanshoop.

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MUNICIPAL COUNCILLORS

Cllr Kröhne – Mayor:

Dear Residents of Keetmanshoop, thank you very much for the trust that you have exhibited in electing me and my fellow councillors to the Keetmanshoop Municipal Council. Personally, my main aim for my five years in office, above all else, is to do away with informal settlements and make sure that every resident of Keetmanshoop have access to affordable housing and affordable services



Cllr Shatipamba:

The Keetmanshoop Municipal councillors were voted into power by the residents of Keetmanshoop to engage with the community, to register their grievances and sort it out with the necessary speed.



Cllr Louw:

I believe that Keetmanshoop can become an industrial hub in Namibia as well as a preferred tourist destination and that the newly elected council can create an enabling environment for businesses to invest in the town.



Cllr Esterhuyse:

I believe that it is vitally important that effective and efficient communication channels be put in place in order to keep the residents of Keetmanshoop informed of all that is happening on council level. Development is the main point on the agenda for the council for the next five years, and input from the community will be appreciated.



Cllr Jash:

This council was elected into office by the community and should thus serve the community or leave.





Cllr Pieter:

I'm convinced that the new council is a very good team that started off positively and we're looking forward to fostering a closer relationship between the residents and the council.

Cllr Freyer:

I would love to see greater cooperation with the ||Kharas Regional Council and Central Government in developmental projects. One of the critical issues that need to be discussed, is the delamination of the Krönlein neighbourhood from the Keetmanshoop Rural constituency. It is a fact that the community of Krönlein feel that they are left out of the developmental agenda as a result of their inclusion in the rural constituency.



SERVICED LAND

The Municipality services land in every financial year, and the magnitude of these projects depends on the funding available. Currently, we have a waiting list of about 2000 for erven. The municipality started servicing of about 110 erven in Westdene in December 2015 with funding from the Ministry of Urban and Rural Development. The project is estimated to be completed by end of April 2016.



INFRASTRUCTURE

WATER

The Keetmanshoop Municipality is entirely responsible for supplying water to the whole town. The Municipality have three reservoirs of which two (Donkey Draai and Oxpas) are in use. Donkey Draai is working perfectly well, but Oxpas had float ball valve problems in the past and a new valve and by-pass was installed. Both reservoirs are still in good condition and with periodic maintenance, their lifetime can be extended.

SEWERAGE

The Municipality has prioritized the sewage upgrade projects and acted swiftly towards upgrading the wastewater system. The bulk sewer line to the ponds was recently upgraded and



pipes were replaced with PVC class 4 (400 KPa). Furthermore, two major lines in Tseiblaagte Extension 1 and 2, that were giving problems frequently were upgraded. In Tseiblaagte Extension 2, Hendirk Tseib Avenue, a new sewer line was installed to take care of the increased capacity. The Municipality is committed to providing a reliable sewer system, but the community also has a part to play in ensuring that the sewer system works well by using the system correctly

ELECTRICITY

Currently electricity in Keetmanshoop is distributed by SELCO, and they are also responsible for maintaining the network to ensure that it works well at all times.



However, as the current distribution agreement with SELCO is due to end in 2016 a policy direction is required to formulate action plans and implement within the timeframe available.

The Government of Namibia intends to establish a Southern Regional Electricity Distribution company that would take over the distribution and supply of electricity in Keetmanshoop, but this expected to take some time. It is not considered, at this stage, to involve a third party to take over the distribution and

Supply of electricity from Selco prior to the establishment of the RED, as it would result in a duplication of effort and costs and would ultimately have an impact on service delivery and quality.

The only viable solution at this point is the establishment of an electrical department at the Keetmanshoop Municipality to take over the electricity distribution function. The municipality will keep the residents up to date with any developments in this regard.

MASS HOUSING PROGRAMME

The Municipality has received 320 houses in the Mass Housing programme of which 65 are ready for occupation. A preliminary list of intended recipients, based on affordability, has been sent to the Ministry of Local Government and Housing for approval.



This preliminary list was based on a 50% subsidy from Government, but in the interim Government has indicated that the 50% subsidy is revoked and the Municipality is currently awaiting directive on the way forward. No such directive has been received yet. Furthermore, construction of 120 houses in Kronlein has been suspended and is awaiting commencement.

There are currently 420 erven serviced with water and sewerage in Kronlein and Tseiblaagte and a further 110 plots are being serviced in Westdene.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The Keetmanshoop Municipality is in the process of developing a strategic plan with the assistance of Price Water House Coopers consultants, for the next 5 years. All indicators are that this plan will be ready for implementation by the end of June 2016, with the start of the new financial year.



KEETMANSHOOP STRUCTURAL PLAN

The municipality embarked on the development of a holistic Structural Town Plan for the next 15 – 20 years, taking into account trend analysis and needs analysis done by our Town Planners. The plan has been opened to public scrutiny and is currently being amended. This project aims at proclaiming additional land to respond to the demand for erven and houses in Keetmanshoop and the surrounding areas.

Taking into account all variables like the cost of servicing land, town planning and construction, we have land available to deliver approximately 200 residential houses per year.

Furthermore, plans are underway to establish a new mixed industrial zone of approximately 134 ha adjacent to the existing industrial area.

Keetmanshoop is considered to be ideally located to play a significant role in the envisaged Trans-Oranje Corridor, which is expected to cater for large industries in the agricultural, manufacturing and logistics sectors.



APPOINTMENT

We have started to fill key positions in the Municipality that have been vacant for a long time like the position of SE: Technical services which we believe are detrimental to service provision.



**THE NEW SE: TECHNICAL
SERVICES MR. SAMUEL**

PARKS

The Central Park Keetmanshoop will now be revamped, and will be boasting a 2m statue of the Nama founding father of the town, Capt. Hendrik Tseib. The Municipality will also establish an extensive Nama exhibition in the Keetmanshoop Museum by end of May 2016.



WEBSITE

The Keetmanshoop Municipality in their effort to market the town and improve communication with its clients will be launching the new redesigned website very soon. The website address for the Municipality will be

www.keetmansmunicipality.org.na



CURRENT PROJECTS

Tseiblaagte Extension 2 – Construction of new Sewer Lines in Hendrik Tseib Avenue

- This project included Installation of Water and Sewer Lines in Tseiblaagte Ext 2 and realignment and resizing of sewer lines In Tseiblaagte Ext 1.



Construction of Water and Sewer Reticulation Services in Westdene Extension 3

- This Project included installation of water and sewer reticulation networks in Westdene Ext 3