

MAP FORUM MEETING

MORELETA / APIES / PIENAARS CATCHMENT

Date : 25 JANUARY 2022 (TUESDAY)

Time : 10h00 - 12h00

Venue : DE ZEEKOEGAT, PLOT 80, ZEEKOEGAT

Chair: Ms. Erica Bergman

Scribe: Mrs. Yola Geldenhuys



ITEM	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
1)	WELCOME		
2)	ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES	<p>The meeting was attended by Erica Bergman (Chair), Yola Geldenhuys (Infrastructure Consulting Engineers), Sam Thosejane (DWS: IE), Kobus Fell (National Water Monitor), Kerneels Esterhuysen (CoT), Corrie Snyman (NWM), Marc Leroy (GDARD), Mathabo Phoka (GDARD), Stephen Moore (CoT), Dries Esterhuizen (Oewer Owner), Selwyn Jackson (Rowing South Africa), Adelene Marais, Co TEAM Nature Conservation), Wouter Stoltz (Premier Hotel Roodevalley), Rodney Genricks, Stevens Notoane (Group Head CoT).</p> <p>An Attendance Register was circulated at the Meeting.</p> <p>Apologies were received from MMC Nel, Tumelo Koitheng (Hammanskraal Residents Association, Erica and Andrie Meyer, Esmay Madumo (DWS: IE); Frederick Malleson (Pienaars river).</p> <p>Abel Malaka (Group Head Sanitation) did not attend the meeting, but an apology was received from Louis Makhubele, who went to the normal DWS venue.</p>	
3)	RATIFICATION OF AGENDA		
4)	ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION		
4.1.1)	WWTW	Mr Stevens Notoane informed the City Manager's office of this meeting. Erica will respond to Stevens' email requesting a meeting with the City Manager (CM).	Erica
4.1.2)	Rooiwal	<p>Stevens explained that in late November 2021, payments to the labourers was delayed by the Contractor. Meetings were held with the Consultants to understand the problem. Meetings were held with the Contractor regarding the cash flow situation, and it was noted that the Contractor was relying on payments from the municipality to execute the contract.</p> <p>Payments were made to the labourers and business closed for December break. Contractor was meant to return on the 10th of January 2022 but failed to show up. The CoT gave notice to terminate their services by the 3rd of February should they not return.</p>	

		<p>A Teams meeting was held on 21st of January with all parties to try and resolve the matter. It was concluded that the joint venture partners had a dispute over money and the issue must be resolved between the partners. A lack of communication between the joint venture partners and an increase in wages for labourers that was never implemented by the Contractor contributed to the dispute.</p> <p>Erica stressed the seriousness of stopping the project and the problems it would cause. Erica offered assistance in conflict resolution. It was pointed out that there could be a lack of trust between the joint venture partners and should this be the case, an informal mediation session could be a solution. Stephens thanked Erica for her willingness to assist the CoT in finding a possible solution in order to avoid the project being stopped.</p> <p>Kobus Fell raised his concerns regarding the lack of continuity of the day-to-day running of the plant and wanted to know why the issues with the Contractors was affecting the day-to-day processes of the plant.</p> <p>Stephens explained that the CoT have service providers that supplement operations and maintenance processes, which processes must be followed and signed-off before jobs are done. Various challenges had risen since due to service providers not being paid on time or payments being delayed and this led to their unwillingness to offer their services until payment was made. The CoT has a policy to pay invoices within 30 days on date of invoice and they try to pay on time.</p> <p>Concerns were raised regarding the broken pipe at the Eastwood ____ which was causing sludge to flow into the rivers. The sludge on the north works side was also being pushed into the rivers and this had become a day-to-day problem that needed to be addressed immediately.</p> <p>Kobus offered to assist and provide their expertise and make people available to assist in getting the plants up and running, even if it was on a short-term basis. Erica suggested that a date be set up for people to meet and assist. Stevens welcomed the idea and agreed to advise the MMC accordingly.</p>	Stevens Notoane
4.1.3)	Baviaanspoort	<p>A power surge on 20 January damaged the electricity inflow structure at the newly refurbished Module 2, which is still under warranty. The contractor responsible was assessing the condition of the damage, which may be an insurance claim. The capacity had been reduced to 60 ML per day. Current inflow volumes are 88 - 92 ML per day. The current available treatment capacity is only 40 ML per day.</p> <p>Erica asked how long the problem will last before it is resolved. An assessment must be done by the contractor before COT can give feedback. Kerneels Esterhuysen stated that they need to get Module 2 operational again as soon as possible.</p>	
	Zeekoegat	<p>Multiple equipment failures had taken place at the Zeekoegat wastewater treatment works. There were maintenance issues regarding the appointed service provider who failed to complete the maintenance. COT was investigating alternative options. The pipework operating the pumps for Model 2 were completed in November 2021. The new pumps for Model 1 failed to pump against the ____ and could therefore not remove the sludge from the ____ tank. This is being attended to by the CoT. Compressors must be serviced as the capacity is not enough to remove all the</p>	

		<p>sludge. Funding is needed as the capital project was not completely implemented. Blowers are being serviced as sludge build-up in the reactors need to be removed continuously. Once service is completed, they will continue with disinfection.</p> <p>Kobus Fell asked what the timeframe would be for the disinfection. Kerneels indicated that he was waiting for the appointed approval letter to be signed-off. Stevens confirmed that this was escalated in his email dated 21 January 2022 addressed to the CM regarding items that were outstanding.</p> <p>Kobus asked if the City Council was aware of the dangerously high E.coli counts in the water levels and wanted to know if anyone had been informed thereof and if not, that it should be investigated. He asked that this item also be added to the agenda.</p> <p>Mr Rodney Genricks said that they had taken solid digesters that had been solid for many years and liquidated them and got them up and running. He pointed out that the biggest problems were Eskom power stations, powers going off, surging and plants not working because pumps were being switched off. Mr. Rodney said that they have processes that cost the fraction of the costs to remove the sludge. He further confirmed that their reports had been signed off by Eskom, the DWA and Joburg Water and queried as to why it was not being implemented here. Erica asked Rodney to provide Stevens with the reports.</p>	
	Environmental Certificates	<p>Erica requested that the City considers the implementation of environmental certificates, similar to electrical certificates. Compliance will be the responsibility of homeowners. These certificates will ensure that stormwater ingress is prevented from entering the sewer system. This will place no obligation on the CoT and no additional resources will be required by them.</p> <p>Erica asked if this item could be added to the City Manager’s agenda and Stevens agreed. Stephen Moore said that it would be a good proposal for them as the CoT to investigate and although it takes a lot of effort to get them into the bylaws, sometimes the effort does not cost money and seems like a win.</p> <p>Mr. Moore asked Erica to send him an email and he would have it put on the agenda. Adelene Marais suggested that a copy be sent to Elizabeth Moatse from Environmental Department and Marc Leroy asked that a copy also be sent to GDARD to assist in resolving the issue of the stormwater in-lets.</p>	<p>Stevens Notoane</p> <p>Stephen Moore</p>
4.2)	Human Rights Commission Report	<p>The Humans Rights Commission had a report that came out in October 2021 and the Respondents had until the 26th of December 2021 to respond. A press meeting was to be held for feedback.</p> <p>Stevens confirmed that they had responded within the specific to the Human Rights Commission. The press meeting was cancelled as the problem was identified to be not only a problem within Tshwane, but Gauteng-wide.</p>	
4.3)	Water Quality Monitoring	<p>Lilian Siwelane of DWS contacted Erica the previous week and indicated that no water monitoring was done by DWS during the last 2 years. Selwyn Jackson stated that no proper monitoring had been done since April 2018.</p>	Lilian Siwelane

		<p>It was confirmed that Petrus Venter needed to give feedback on this item, but he was not at the meeting.</p> <p>Selwyn indicated that he needed to provide water quality reports for the World Rowing every 6 months. He admitted that the only way he could get water quality tests done is if he took DWS out personally onto the dam to get the necessary tests. Unfortunately, this task had been impossible due to the thickness of the hyacinth on the dam. Most of the time the results never get recorded onto the database and Selwyn is not getting the information from them. The only tests that have been fairly consistent are those of the E.coli tests in the Zeekoegat inlet.</p> <p>Erica suggested to follow-up with Lilian Siwelane regarding better feedback.</p>	Petrus Venter
4.3.1)	Integrated Regulatory Information System (DWS)	<p>At the previous meeting, it was shown that there were some shortcomings in the system with regards to the outflow of the water treatment works results. Kerneels and Hangwani Mabada of DWS have not yet addressed this matter.</p> <p>Kerneels confirmed that the data is being captured correctly, but the issue lay with the recording system. This will be assessed and corrected. Kerneels asked Erica to send him a copy of her last report and he would take it up from there. Kerneels undertook to follow up with Hangwani.</p>	<p>Kerneels Esterhuysen</p> <p>Hangwani Mabada</p>
4.4)	Solid Waste	<p>(CoT Group Head Abel Malaka) was unable to attend the meeting. Feedback was left over to the next meeting.</p> <p><i>Note: Louis Makhubele called subsequent to the meeting. He got lost and will attend the next meeting.</i></p>	Louis Makhubele / Abel Malaka
4.5)	Regatta September 2023	<p>Kobus reported that the major problems for the Regata were the hyacinth and pollution from Bavianspoort and Zeekoegat Treatment Works. A test event is due to be held in September 2022 and everything needs to be resolved before then. Kobus indicated that the hyacinth can be managed, but the pollution from sewerage works must be addressed by the authorities. Kobus offered their assistance regarding this crisis management.</p> <p>Erica suggested that a list be put together of who's responsible for what, but Mr. Jackson indicated that the 2 relevant people, Petrus Venter from DWS and Debbie Muir of the Environmental Department were ignoring his emails.</p>	<p>COT Stevens Notoane</p> <p>Kobus Fell</p>
4.6)	Poisoning of Birds	<p>Birds that were being poisoned in Rietvlei was normal practice for farmers to target birds that eat their crops. Adelene Marais said she would follow-up with GDARD.</p>	
5)	FEEDBACK		
5.7)	Other	<p>Erica thanked Kobus Fell for the use of his facilities for this meeting, and the Notebook Company who allowed the MAP Forum to use their projector free of charge.</p>	
6)	COMMUNICATION		

7)	DATES OF NEXT MEETING	<p>The dates of meetings were changed to every third Tuesday, every second month, to accommodate COT.</p> <p>The dates of this year's meetings are thus 15 March 2022, 17 May 2022, 19 July 2022, 20 September 2022, 15 November 2022, 17 January 2023</p>	<p>ALL Esmy Madumo</p>
8)	CLOSURE	Erica declared the meeting closed and thanked the members for their attendance and participation.	