

COUNCIL REACHES OUT TO WARD 20

As part of the continued commitment to enhance participatory democracy, the Blouberg Local Municipality held its quarterly Council outreach programme on the 29th of October 2020 at Wegdraai Village in Ward 20.

The purpose of the outreach was to give feedback on the achievements and progress made in the implementation of the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) looking at the service delivery and budget implementation plan (SDBIP) and listen to issues raised by communities.

The formal sitting kickstarted with presentations of Executive Committee reports including the 2020/2021 First Quarter Performance Assessment by the Mayor, His Worship Cllr Maseka Pheedi as well as the Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) report presented by its chairperson, Cllr Jonathan Sekgoloane.

After the formal proceedings of council, members of the community were afforded an opportunity to raise their concerns with the Mayor and his team.

The issues raised included, bad condition of roads; the pothole riddled D1589 (Kgobokanang to De vrede), the need for regravelling of Gideon and Slaaphoek main roads. Water shortages in some of the villages within the wards, jobs for youth and the need for a library among others. However residents thanked the municipality for the electrification of extensions and other services.

Responding to the issues raised, Cllr Pheedi indicated that the process of the rehabilitation of D1589 is scheduled to commence on the 2nd of December 2020.

Cllr Pheedi indicated that the municipality has submitted a special request to the Office of the Presidency to intervene on the matter regarding the poor state of roads. He requested communities to utilise the Eldorado Community Library in the meantime as there are yet no plans in place to build a library around Ward 20.

The regravelling of roads at Slaaphoek and Gideon will be covered by the routine road maintenance work which will be carried out from this week.

Cllr Pheedi further indicated that the process to elect a ward councillor for the area will soon unfold. Ward 20 is currently without a councillor following the untimely death of Cllr Simon Mashalane (May His Soul Rest In Peace).



