

INTERGRATED DEVELOPMENT FORUM

MEETING HELD IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ON FRIDAY, 8 JUNE 2018 AT 09H00

ABSENT AND APOLOGIES

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS, WALTER MKHIZE(IDC)

1. **OPENING AND WELCOME**

The Chairperson was running late. Mr Siwelile Zimu opened and welcomed all present.

2. <u>INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES</u>

All present introduced themselves. Apology from Environmental affairs and Walter Mkhize (IDC). Dr Greene asked to do presentation on behalf of Scottsville association.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes were read by those present. Minutes were adopted

4. PRESENTATION ON THE MSUNDUZI 2018/2019 FINAL DRAFT IDP

IDP has been circulated

5. PRESENTATION BY SCOTTSVILLE ASSOCIATION

The issue of student accommodation in Scottsville was highlighted, it was said that the municipality has not dealt with this issue as it has previously promised. Further consultation into the issue was requested as the importance of students to the municipal economy was emphasized. It was requested that the municipality communicate with the universities vice-chancellor.

It was established by Msunduzi Municipality officials that even though student housing is not necessarily the responsibility of the municipality but it has not turned a blind eye to these issues. It was noted how a policy has already been developed to try combat it, municipality has also been looking at the Scottsville framework plan and from the 1st of July the project will take off. Msunduzi plan on adopting P.E, PTA(Hatfield), DBN student village styles.

Dr Greene requested that Scottsville be put as an item for future meetings so as to monitor progress on any progress on previously discussed issues.

6. PRESENTATION BY DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Department of higher education was not present

7. PRESENTATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SMALL BUSINESS

Department of small business was not present

8. PRESENTATION BY IDC

IDC provides finance for commercially sustainable businesses for the purpose of starting new businesses, expanding already existing businesses.

Qualifying Criteria:

- -must be a youth owned business i.e. 26% + 1 share owned by individuals aged 35 years or less -the business must have economic merit, i.e. it must have prospects of acceptable profitability to service its obligations
- -for the duration of funding period cost per job created must not exceed R500,000 relating to total funding required by the business.
- -only available to businesses operating in or expanding in South Africa

Mr Goge asked for the requirements for agro processing to be outlined, (business plan, Fica documents, proof of residence, tax clearance, title deed, lease agreement,). IDC emphasized that they would appreciate an opportunity to have a sit down and work with other departments. It was also established by Mr Ntuli that IDC provides business support consultants to assist people who come requesting assistance from IDC and IDC is not happy with.

Mr Zimu requested for IDC to join the Youth Business EXPO taking place on Tuesday, 12th of June 2018 as they could also be able to assist with information to the youth.

9. PRESENTATION BY OFFICE OF THE PREMIER

Office of the premier was not present

10. PRESENTATION BY SANRAL

SANRAL presented the projects that they have recently taken on in KZN. They emphasized the importance of the N3 corridor and the business opportunities it could have within the municipality. There were concerns as to when the peter brown bridge would be fixed, SANRAL highlighted that they are in the process of fixing this issue and by September/ October they will have a contractor and will begin the process. It was highlighted that the public has not been included in any of the decision making processes.

11. PRESENTATION BY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Economic Development and Environmental Affairs is mandated to oversee the socio-economic transformation in the province. It therefore leads the policy and strategic initiatives directed at promoting development and growth in various sectors of the economy. However, to achieve its objectives, the Department has to co-operate with various stakeholders and social partners that include the private sector and civil society. National and provincial legislative, policy and strategic frameworks guide the operations of the Department. There were many questions regarding informal business and how EDTEA is assisting and there was a request for a formal business forum to be established to address local businesses. There was a suggestion for KZN Growth Fund, Ithala Bank and Trade & Investment KZN to be invited to the next IDP Forum.

12.PRESENTATION BY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (GOVERNMENT PRECINCT)

Department of Public works was not present

12. PRESENTATION BY MRM MORAL REGENERATION

The presentation focused on issues facing the society. Mainly; Drugs, Women & Child abuse and political tolerance. Mr. Goge highlighted how in recent history drugs have taken over the society and how young people have been impacted by them, he talked about rehabilitation and the

importance of providing jobs thereafter so as to prevent them from going back to drugs. 25 June 2018- drug Awareness march/walk also to stop the political killings in PMB

13. CLOSURE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chairperson extended a word of thanks to the members for attending the meeting. Meeting was adjourned @ 12:13.

Date for next meeting- 3 months Venue for dialogue will be communicated