

**MINUTES OF THE WILGE FORUM MEETING HELD
On 21 February 2007 At
Nketoane Municipality**

1. WELCOME

Mr L Leballo welcomed everybody to the meeting.

2. ATTENDANCE

See attached register for attendance.

LL indicated that if anybody's name is not appearing in the list, people must feel free to add their names and contact details.

APOLOGIES

J van Reened	Nketoana
T J Mofokeng	DOH

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved with a provision that should there be any items arising; they would be dealt with under section 7, General.

4. ACCEPTENCE OF MUNUTES

The minutes were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting held on the 21 February 2007.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 Water Week

- LL and KC suggested a meeting for Water Week Celebrations to be held on the 1st of March 2007 at Vereeniging Rand Water.
- The target grade from Reitz township school was grade 5-7.
- The date scheduled for the celebration-22 March 2007.
- Venue for Water Week Celebration
 - Nketoane Municipality

Action facilitated by: - Chairperson

6 (B) WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT

6.1

- The high fluoride in the catchment, Didi mentioned that a problem might be instrument used, but further investigation still proceeds. **Didi**

6.2

- Industries discharging into municipal treatment plant
- **Dihlabeng** = as discussed in the meeting there is no existing industry anymore
- **Nkeatoana** = Werda/Delta motors discharging engine wash water into sewer line that contains oil and the letter was written.
= Abattoirs in Reitz and Petrus Steyn

Mr Mtshali OD

- Maluti- A-Phufong = In Phuthaditjhaba there are no major industries but there are over 600 businesses with effluent categorised as domestic effluent.
 - =Nestle in Harrismith
 - =FDC (with various factories)
 - =Nouwens Carpets in Harrismith
 - = Abattoir in Harrismith
 - Mafube = Absent
 - Phumelela = Absent
- Didi provided copies of study that was done to identify discharging industries in the catchment and Qwaqwa Sorghum Brewery - no longer an industry
The list of industries must be updated.

6. (C) POLLUTION INCIDENTS

At Frankfort, it was indicated that a farmer takes water from a sewage plant that is not chlorinated and irrigates his mealies etc.... Health Dept needs to follow-up on this issue. It looks like there is an agreement between municipality and the farmer.

To be followed up by Mr Sello to find the responsible person: -DOH

Dredging

Nothing, DWAF to follow up

Qwantani

Dwaf would follow up whether or not the owner did purchase the backup system as promised.

Total Garage

Scooping report received by DWAF for evaluates and made comments.

Action: - DWAF

6 (E.) Water Use License Table

The following will do follow up:

Leballo = MAP

= Received the documents and Municipality to do follow up.

Chabana= Dihlabeng (absent)

Mtshali = Nketoana

Cindi = Phumelela (absent)

Johan Jacob and Johan van Zyl= Mafube (absent)

6 (F). New developments in the Catchment

Nothing was done about development funds

6. NEW MATTERS

Presentation

a) Water Quality Management (DWAF)

- ◆ Dipitseng presented surface and drinking water.

It was indicated that when comparing the RWQO the discharge wastewater from the WWTPs is unacceptable, Ammonia, Nitrates, Sulphate, Conductivity, Phosphate, FC and E.coli are exceeding the required limits

b) Water Quality Management (Rand Water)

- ◆ Mmino discussed the results of surface and drinking water in Wilge catchment.

c) Pollution Incident

- ◆ Cooking oil spillage near Mentrose was noted and still waiting for the report.

d) Water Use Licence

The following people must report back

- ◆ Maluti-A- Phufong - LL
- ◆ Dihlabeng - Chabane
- ◆ Nketoana - Mtshali
- ◆ Phumelela - Mr Cindi
- ◆ Mafube - Johan Jacobs

e) New development in the catchment

- ◆ Upgrading at Reitz waste Treatment plant

f) Waste management

- ◆ Maluti- A – Phufong Municipality to confirm permit for Phuthaditjhaba
- ◆ Presentation on Progress with regard to IWMP to be given-but no presentation was done.

g) CMA Process

- ◆ As soon as the information is available about CMA process Thabie will inform the forum

7. GENERAL.

(a) Addition of Water Week for discussion.

- A venue to be used for celebrations
- Target school and grade

(b) Maluti A Phofung- effluent problem

- Staff problems for treatment works.

- Treatment works problem (equipments and financial problems)

8. DATE OF THE NEXT YEAR FORUM MEETINGS

21 February 2007 @ 10H00 - Reitz

23 May 2007 - Warden

22 August 2007- Frankfort

21 November 2007 – Maluti a Phofung Municipal Offices

9. CLOSURE

The Chairperson, Mr L Leballo thanks everybody who decided on the Venue. It was well appreciated