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COMMUNITY WELCOMES SOD TURNING CEREMONY FOR NOZIPHIVA ACCESS ROAD

His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Sibonginkosi Biyela officiated a sod turning ceremony to mark the construction of the 6.5km access road, in the Noziphiva area under the Ubuka traditional Authority, on Monday, 8 March 2019 at the Themba Community Hall in Ward 10.

The Izinga Holding CC has been awarded the contract to fix Noziphiva access road. Addressing the community, Mayor Biyela said the Mthonjaneni Council is committed towards fulfilling promises it made to the community. His Worship also urged the

community to work hand in hand with the contractors in protecting the equipment the independent contractor will use. "I urge you to work with the contractors, our community should thrive to protect all the equipment the contractor will use, in order to ensure that the road is completed timeously," said the Mayor. His Worship further said the project will also create seasonal job opportunities in the area, especially for the unemployed local youth.

During last year's Integrated Development Plan roadshow in the area, Mayor Biyela committed

himself to ensuring that the access road would be built in order to improve community access for the people of Noziphiva "This road will bring much needed relief to residents of Noziphiva, who have been travelling long distances to reach the main road for transportation," said Mayor Biyela.

Honourable Councillors, Deputy Mayor Phumlani Ntombela, Municipal speaker Councillor N.A Mbatha and Manager Mr P.P Sibiya were also present for the Sod Turning.



The Community along with the Mayor Sbonginkosi Biyela, Deputy Mayor Phumlani Ntombela and Municipal Manager P.P Sibiya officially turning the sod for Noziphiva gravel road.



Some of Noziphiva community members who attended the Sod Turning event.



Noziphiva gravel road that will be upgraded for the community.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Cllr. SBK Biyela - Mayor

It is once again an honour and privilege to share with you, the progress our Municipality has made since this Council was elected into office by you the people of Mthonjaneni. I am excited to share the many initiatives we have implemented in order to improve the lives of the people of our community.

It is still a priority of our Municipality to develop the lives of our people who have been ignored by past governments. The delivery of quality services and infrastructure development are a still a priority for our Municipality.

For the third consecutive time, Mthonjaneni has once again been bestowed with the honour of being in the top ten of the Provincial Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) Report. MIG is a municipal infrastructure funding arrangement which combines all the existing capital grants for municipal infrastructure into a single consolidated grant. Due to the Municipality's continuous commitment towards infrastructure development through the MIG assistance, national Treasury awarded the Municipality with R4 million extra to continue with their

infrastructure development in the area. Projects such as Noziphiva Access Road in ward 10, Mehlamasha community hall in ward 06 are product of the grant. We have also successfully completed the building of Ntombokazi community hall in ward 12, Gobihlahla community hall in ward 11 and the Mpevu community hall in ward 09. Nungwini access road in ward 01, Mfule access road in ward 04 are also currently under construction.

Even though our budget for the financial year 2019/20 is small and not enough for our 13 wards, we will continue to perform at our best and providing quality services to the people of Mthonjaneni. The empowerment of our youth and local businesses is also critical to us in order to fight the scourge of poverty and unemployment in our communities. We held a Business Engagement Meeting in an effort to engage our local business stakeholders. This is crucial towards unlocking our full economic potential as a Municipality. We also held a programme to assist our local informal traders who are also an essential heartbeat of our local economic sector.

Education is the key to empowering our youth and as Mthonjaneni Municipality, we do not take the future of our youth for granted. We held our annual awards ceremony to honour the 2018 high achieving Matriculants with bursaries for their tertiary education. Such awards are crucial towards showing our youth that we are indeed serious about giving them the best opportunities in order to empower themselves and their families.

As Mayor of Mthonjaneni Municipality, I would like to thank Amakhosi aseNdlunkulu, Council, municipal officials and staff for their continuous dedication towards working hard to ensure that people of Mthonjaneni receive quality basic services.

We also thank the community of Mthonjaneni for trusting us to deliver the services we promised to them.

I thank you, Ngiyathokoza

MESSAGE FROM THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER



Mr PP Sibiya - Municipal Manager

As head of the Mthonjaneni Municipal administration, I always look forward in sharing with our community the good steps we have taken towards ensuring service delivery and the development of our municipality.

As a municipality, it is important for us to always have open lines of communication with our communities which are in-line with municipal legislations. Mthonjaneni has strong public participation structures and encourages all our communities to utilize them in engaging council such

as various Ward Committee forums and war rooms. We rely on these structures for information, dissemination and other community engagements.

The current administration is continuously committed to the delivery of services. We have recently filled all previously vacant posts. I would like to further emphasis that the Municipality subscribes to the employment equity act and applicants are chosen on their ability to perform in a particular position. We don't employ people because they are our

friends and relatives. Our Municipality does not advertise employment opportunities on Facebook. Our Municipal Finances are currently stable as we adhere to the circular 82 of Municipal Finance Management act no 56 of 2000.

The people of Mthonjaneni can trust us to always work for their best interests.

I thank you.



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SOD TURNING FOR ZIGAGAYI COMMUNITY HALL WELCOMED BY COMMUNITY

The community of Zigagayi in ward 6, welcomed the official sod turning of the Mehlamasha Community Hall. Led by His Worship the Mayor, Cllr Sbhonginkosi Biyela and Deputy Mayor Cllr Phumlani Ntombela, the Sod was officially turned on Thursday, 9 March 2019.

Addressing the community Mayor Biyela said the building of the new community hall is essential towards providing a safe gathering space for the community of Zigagayi. "We are here to turn sod for the hall that was requested by the community during our IDP roadshow in the area. When we were elected into office, we promised that we would work hard to make the life of the Mthonjaneni citizens better and through the building of

this new hall, we will also create new job opportunities for the Zigagayi community," said Mayor Biyela.

The areas iNduna Mr Khoza thanked the Municipality for remembering them by building the new community hall. "I want to thank Mayor Biyela and his team for their hard work in committing towards changing our lives here at Zigagayi" said Mr Khoza.

Also present at the event was speaker Cllr N.A Mbatha, Councilors, Municipal Manager Mr. PP Sibiya, Municipality Official and Traditional Leaders.



The Leadership turn a sod for Mehlamasha Community Hall.



His Worship the Mayor Address the Zigagayi Community during the Mehlamasha Community Hall sod turning.

MULTIPLE COMMUNITY HALLS OFFICIALLY OPENED IN MTHONJANENI

His Worship the Mayor, Cllr Sbhonginkosi Biyela together with Deputy Mayor Phumlani Ntombela and Speaker NA Mbatha, officially handed over Ntombokazi and Mpevu Community Halls in wards, 12 and 9, on Friday, 24 May 2019.

Ntombokazi Community hall in ward 12 is led by Councillor BN Zwane and Mpevu hall in ward 9 is led by Councillor TF Zinume. Addressing the communities Mayor Biyela said Mthonjaneni Municipality is always committed to providing efficient service delivery to its communities and infrastructure development is part of this. Mayor Biyela also thanked the contractor

for doing a good job in building the community halls. "I would also like to thank the community for working well with Isilo Construction. We have not heard of any mismanagement complaint from the community, as all local employees were always paid efficiently on time, we have also not heard any complaint from the contractors of any stolen equipment," said Mayor Biyela.

Mayor Biyela also urged the community to report any matters of vandalism to the police in order to discourage the destruction of public infrastructure.



From left: Mr Dlamini of Isilo Construction, His Worship the Mayor Cllr SBK Biyela, Deputy Mayor Cllr PE Ntombela, Speaker Cllr NA Mbatha and ward 9 Cllr TF Zinume-During the Mpevu Community Hall Officially opening.



The Mthonjaneni Municipality leadership along with the community in front of the new Ntombokazi Community Hall.



His Worship the Mayor Cllr Sbhonginkosi Biyela addressing the community of ward 09.

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE LOOKS INTO PROGRESS OF THUBALETHU RDP HOUSING

An oversight delegation led by His Worship Cllr Sbhonginkosi Biyela and Speaker Cllr N.A Mbatha embarked on a programme to oversee the progress of the construction of RDP houses in the Thubalethu Township in ward 2, Wednesday 3 May 2019.

In partnership with the provincial Department of Human Settlement, the Thubalethu RDP housing project aims to provide dignified housing to previously disadvantaged communities. The oversight

delegation found that some houses are near completion.

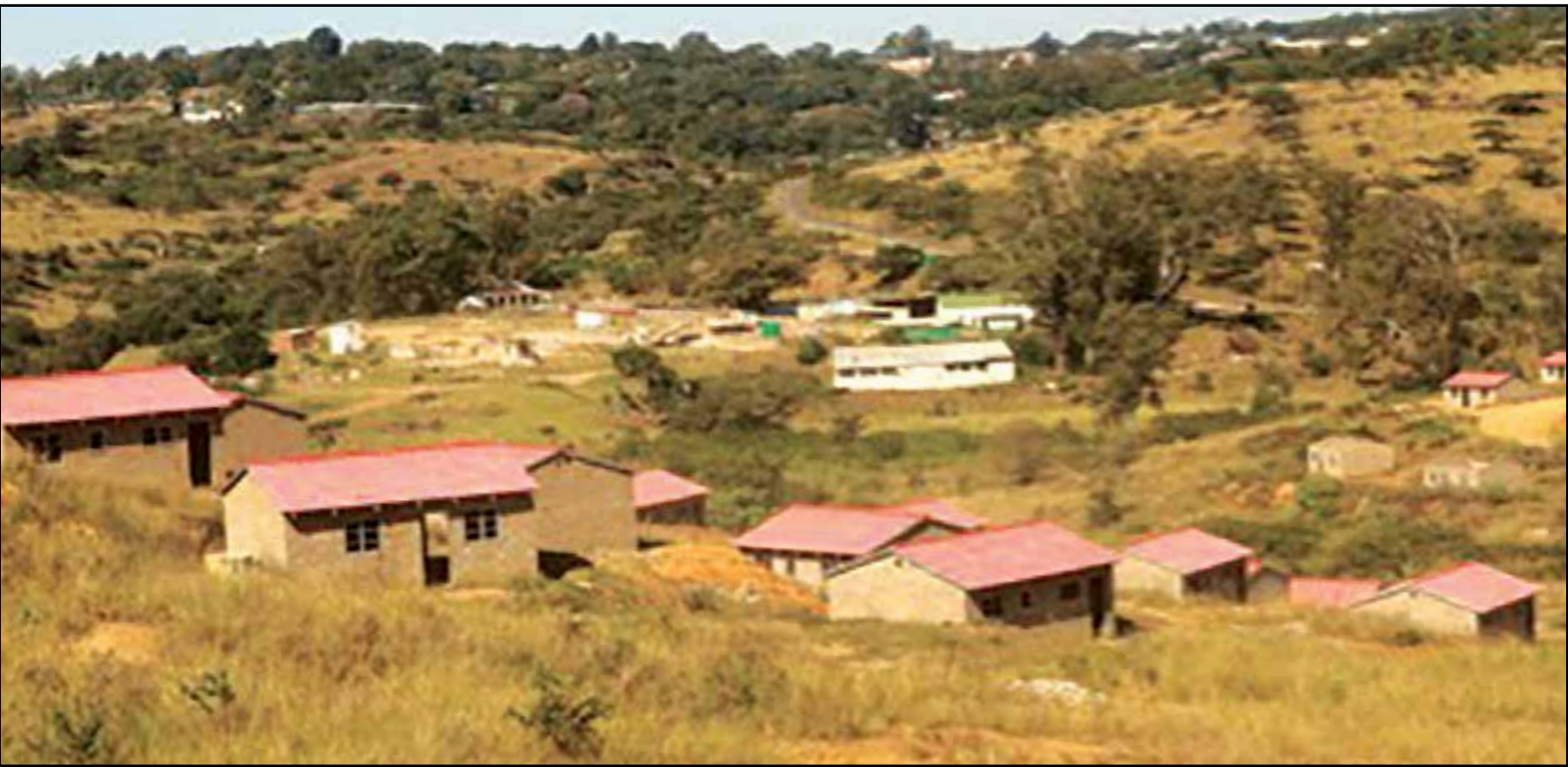
Mayor Biyela said although the Department of Human Settlement is in charge of the building of the RDP houses, Mthonjaneni Municipality is also contributing towards infrastructure development in the area. “Our Municipality will contribute R15 million towards assisting with electricity installation and the upgrade of roads in the township,” said Mayor Biyela.



His Worship the Mayor Cllr Sbhonginkosi Biyela operating the machine at one of the sights of the new RDP houses under construction.



Municipal Council and officials led by his worship the Mayor Cllr Sbhonginkosi Biyela the contractors on site.



Some of the new houses that were visited which are near completion.

COMMUNITIES WELCOME SUCCESSFUL 2019/20 IDP AND BUDGET ROADSHOWS

Championed by his worship the Mayor Cllr Sbhonginkosi Biyela, Mthonjaneni Municipality held successful Integrated Development and Budget 2019/20 Roadshows, in multiple Wards within the Municipality. The Roadshows took place throughout the Municipality's Wards within the 23rd April 2019 till the 3rd May 2019.

The IDP/Budget Roadshows are important for communities and the Municipality to find lasting solutions that will fast track the delivery of service through dialogue. Communities and related stakeholders are able to voice their concerns while the Municipality is given an opportunity to report back to the community on progress that has been made. Mayor Biyela said one of the aims of the roadshows is for the community members to make their contributions towards the draft budget of the financial year.

Mayor Biyela said the Municipality will do their best to deliver proper services to the community even though their budget for

the financial year 2019/20 is small. "We have been given a budget for 6 wards even though we have 13 wards within Mthonjaneni. Many of our wards do not have infrastructure that is appropriate for this generation and next generations to come," said the Mayor. The Mayor further informed the communities of the service delivery and infrastructure projects that have been implemented in the 2018/19 Budget, these include community halls and safe Daycare centres for the children of Mthonjaneni.

His Worship also informed the communities about the projects that have been recently implemented by the Municipality. "We have introduced the contractors to construct the Noziphiva gravel road in ward 10 and Mehlamasha Community hall in ward 6," concluded the Mayor.

Mthonjaneni Municipality is committed to the development of its communities.



Inkosi Velemandleni Biyela of Sanguye Tribal Authority speaking at IDP roadshow held at Sanguye Tribal court, along with his Worship the Mayor Cllr Sbhonginkosi Biyela and Deputy Mayor Phumlani Ntombela.



His Worship the Mayor Cllr Sbhonginkosi Biyela addressing the Community during his IDP/Budget 2019/20 Roadshows.



Some of Ward 12 community attending an IDP Imbizo at Mawanda Community Hall.



Mthonjaneni leadership singing before the start of an IDP Meeting.

WAR ROOM COMMITTEE MEMBERS INTRODUCED TO THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES

Mthonjaneni's Council led by his worship the Mayor Cllr Sbonginkosi Biyela and Municipal Managers introduced the War Room Committee members for each ward within the Municipality. The introductions took place during the Municipality's Integrated Development Plan Roadshows which also launched the Budget for the 2019/20, that took place on 23 March till 3 April 2019.

War Rooms committees are an inclusive support structure that is aimed at promoting public participation in the affairs of the Municipal council in a ward in a structured and coordinated manner. War Rooms deal directly with issues affecting the community on the ground and have a better understanding of where services need to be rendered first. Some of the issues the Committees deal with include diseases, crime and poverty. "War Rooms

are the part of KZN Government's Sukuma Sakhe programme that was created to help government fast track service delivery by bridging the gap between private stakeholders and the community in order to strengthen community building, the programme also assists the community to become involved in the development of their own communities," said Mayor Biyela.

Mayor Biyela further said that War Rooms have a meeting once a month in order to discuss issues affecting the community and then liaise the issues raised with relevant government departments. Mayor Biyela said War Rooms do not report directly to the Municipality but rather to their Local Task Team. Mayor Biyela also urged the community to familiarise themselves with the Ward Committee members and their War Rooms.



Mthonjaneni Mayor Cllr Sbonginkosi Biyela addressing the community during the introduction of the War Room Committee members.



Ward 2, War Room Committee members along with local ward Cllr EM Masikana along with Pastor FS Mazibuko who is the Local Task Team chairperson.



Ward 12, War Room Committee members with Local Task Team Chairperson Pastor FS Mazibuko and local ward Councillor BN Zwane.

MAYOR BIYELA AWARDS LAPTOPS TO THREE DESERVING STUDENTS

His Worship the Mayor Cllr, Sbgonginkosi Biyela handed over laptops to the top three highest achieving 2018 Matric learners within the Mthonjaneni Municipality on Saturday 18 May 2019.

All three of the laptop beneficiaries are currently first year medical students at the University of KwaZulu Natal. One of the beneficiaries is Nqubeko Ntshangase from Obuka Reserve matriculated at Nkosithandile High School with 8 A's. Ntshangase said it was always her dream to become a Medical Doctor. "Ever since I was a little girl it has always been my dream to become a Doctor. The laptop given to me today will assist me towards

achieving my dream," said Ntshangase. She further thanked the Municipality for fulfilling their promise of giving them laptops.

His Worship Mayor Biyela encouraged the students to continue to work hard in order to improve their lives as well as their families.

The three laptop beneficiaries are part of 78 learners who received registration bursaries to tertiary institutions early this year.



His Worship the Mayor Cllr SBK Biyela, Exco Member Cllr EM Masikana with the three laptop beneficiaries and fellow students at the awarding of their laptops.

YOUTH URGED TO BE ENTREPRENEURS IN MTHONJANENI

His Worship the Mayor Cllr Sbgonginkosi Biyela has urged the youth of Mthonjaneni to be proactive and open their own co-operatives. Mayor Biyela said this at the Mthonjaneni Youth Summit held at the Melmoth Indoor Sports Centre on Friday, 28 June 2019.

The Youth Summit was held with an aim to empower the youth of Mthonjaneni by exposing them to various programmes that can assist them to improve their living conditions. Mayor Biyela said the Municipality has funding to assist Co-opts as they assist in creating jobs in the area. "I urge you as the youth present today to organise yourself and create Co-ops in-order to empower yourselves and your communities. Our Municipality has a budget of R1.8 million that is created to assist the youth, orphans, people living with disabilities and the rest of the Mthonjaneni Community," said His Worship.

Mayor Biyela further said that the Municipality has recently employed a Youth Officer who will work directly with the youth of Mthonjaneni. His worship also revealed that the Municipality has numerous youth empowerment programmes. "We have implemented youth programmes that will help upskill young people in our Municipality such as the Driver's License programme and bursary programme to help deserving matriculants further their studies in tertiary institutions within South Africa."

The summit was also held in commemoration of youth month, the Election of youth council and adoption of youth development strategy 2019/ 2021 that was successful done.



His Worship Mayor Sbgonginkos Biyela, Deputy Mayor Phumlani Ntombela, Speaker Cllr N.A.Mbatha, along with Municipal Leadership and the newly elected Youth Council.



Some of the youth delegates listening alternatively on His Worship the Mayor address.



His Worship the Mayor Cllr SBK Biyela address the youth summit delegates.

MAYORAL CUP A SUCCESS FOR YOUTH

The 2019 Annual Mayoral Cup was held by the Mthonjaneni Municipality on Sunday, 28 July 2019 at the Melmoth Sports Field.

Led by His Worship the Mayor, Cllr Sbhonginkosi Biyela, the Mayoral Cup hosted AmaZulu Reserve team who went against the 2018/2019 Mthonjaneni Super League Champions - Blue Stars. Different sporting codes also participated in the Mayoral Cup which included men's and ladies soccer, Boxing, Chess, Volleyball and netball. Sporting scouts also attended the event in an effort look for talent amongst the youth of Mthonjaneni. The Elephant Boys from ward 3 were the deserving 2019 Mayoral Cup Champions, with the AmaZulu Reserve team beating the Blue Stars 4 - 0 in a thrilling match.



AmaZulu Reserve team who were part of the Mthonjaneni Mayoral Cup.



The Mthonjaneni Blue Stars who played against the AmaZulu FC during the Mayoral Cup.



Spectators who attended the Mayoral Cup in Mthonjaneni at the Melmoth Sports Field.



Mthonjaneni Municipality leadership led by His Worship the Mayor Cllr Sbhonginkosi Biyela, Deputy Mayor Phumlani Ntombela along with Deputy President of the IFP Nkosi Mzamo Buthelezi during the Mayoral Cup at the Melmoth Sports Field.

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