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PRESS STATEMENT

First IDP/Budget road show

In his opening remarks at the first IDP/Budget Road Show for 2017/18 Lephalale Local Municipality Mayor, Moloko Jack Maeko reminded the community of the unqualified clean audit that the Municipality received from the Auditor General for the third year in succession and also highlighted the fact that Lephalale Municipality is ranked amongst 10 Municipalities which are performing well in Limpopo.

The IDP/Budget Road Show was held at Martinique community hall in Mokuruanyane on Saturday of the 22nd of April 2017. The road show which was attended by, The Mayor and his Councillors, Municipal Executives and Officials, Community members and Traditional Authority representatives, was to allow the community of Ward 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 an opportunity to give inputs in the IDP/Budget for 2017/18.

Outlining the purpose of the gathering, Municipal Manager, Edith Tukakgomo said, as the Municipality prepares for the next financial year, community needs to get involved to give inputs on where some of the finances need to be spend aligning with community needs.

“As we are drafting the IDP for the next financial year, we want to draft the programme with you as the community to give an input, so that you can add your views on which areas the Municipality should make provision for. “We are also here to give you a highlight on how the municipality worked in the last financial year”. Tukakgomo said.

The Mayor said in 2016 the Municipality had housing backlog but now there are programmes that are addressing these issues. He also reminded the community of the commitments LLM made to the community in terms of roads, making reference to the Sifihlogo/Letlora road, the Kitty/Mokhuruanyane road, Marken/Lephalale which are currently in progress and other access roads in respective village, which have be tarred. "We have made a commitment to build a class act sports complex and the construction is currently underway at Ga-Monyeki."



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"We know that unemployment is a huge problem in Lephalale and we are working day and night to reduce unemployment hence we make sure that companies which are coming to Lephalale must give first preference to local people, to equip them with the necessary skills" said Maeko.

"We have introduced contractors to different villages like Ga-Mocheku, Botsalanong, Senoela, Hlagalakwena, Reabetswe, etc. to install electricity; these are some of our commitment to rural development. "The population statistics shows that, the total population of people in Lephalale is 140 240 with a growth rate of 13.5% from 2011-2016, with 16 443 being female headed households, 34 610 being formal dwellers.

Concluding his address, the Mayor listed the following villages to be amongst those identified to get electricity, which include Morwe, Botshabelo, Mongalo, Keletselemme, Letlora, Sifihlogo, Seleka 4, Phahladira, Tshelong, Tshelammake, Nikara and Steenbopan (new stands), while Bangalong, Lerupurupung, Maeteletsa, Ga-Mocheko and Mongalo will benefit from road upgrading program in partnership with some of the investor through their SLP commitments.

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