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**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, ONGWEDIVA TOWN
COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY,
THE 31st MAY 2023**

PRESENT:

Councillor Taarah Shalyefu	- Mayor & Chairperson of Council
Councillor Ulalia Katonyala	- Deputy Mayor
Councillor Fabiam George	- Chairperson of Management Committee
Councillor Naemi Amuthenu	
Councillor Kaarena Shikongo	
Councillor Otilie Haitota	

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Damian Egumbo	- Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Immanuel Nakale	- SM: Finance & Human Resources Administration
Ms. Rebekka Hidulika	- SM: Economic Development & Community Services
Mr. Jackson Muma	- Corporate Communication Officer
Ms. Lonia Nghuulikwa	- Executive Support Service Officer
Mr. Heseziel Namwandi	- Acting SM: Planning & Technical Services
Ms. Salome Shidute	- Local Economic & Tourism Officer

CM 89/2023 OPENING BY PRAYER

The Chairperson allowed a minute for individual meditation.

CM 90/2023 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL

Councillor Ulalia Katonyala moved for the adoption of the agenda seconded by Councillor Kaaren Shikongo and the agenda was adopted without amendments.

All official correspondence must be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Declaration of Interest refers to the process whereby a member declares all interests that:

- (a) Pertain to actual or potential service providers of the Council;
- (b) may give rise to or may in future give rise to a conflict of interest between the member and Council; and
- (c) result in a member personally gaining from providing services of the Council.

Conflict of Interest means a conflict between the private interests (financial, personal or other) and the official responsibilities of a member.

For purposes of this agenda, conflicts of interest have been categorized as:

- **Perceived conflict of interest:** where it appears that the member's private interests could improperly influence the performance of his or her duties towards Council;
- **Potential Conflict of Interest:** where member's has private interests that could conflict with his or her official duties towards Council;
- **Actual Conflict:** where member's interest directly interferes with the ability to conduct his or her duties to Council in a proper manner because of their private interests.

Members are to disclose and declare actual, perceived and potential financial and personal conflict of interest that could be affected by the outcome of the meeting.

Ms. Lonia N Nghuulikwa; Executive Support Services Officer declared interest on item MCM 88.2/2023: Application for recognition of qualification and payment of a cash study bonus - Executive Support Service Officer.

All Councilors declared interest in the item MCM 92.1/2023: Directive on the budgetary provision for sitting allowance for local authorities for the 2023/2024 Financial Year.

His Worship the Mayor declared interest on the item MCM 91.2/2023: Application for the exemption from payment of assessment rates for erven 37,38,39,40,41 and 42: ST Patrick

Ongwediva Anglican Parish for the Financial Year 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

The Chairperson noted and recorded the declaration of interest by Ms. Lonia N Nghuulikwa, Executive Support Services Officer on item MCM 88.2/2023: Application for recognition of a qualification and payment of a cash study bonus - Executive Support Service Officer.

He also noted and recorded the declaration of interest by all Councilors in respect of the item MCM 92.1/2023: Directive on the budgetary provision for sitting allowance for local authorities for the 2023/2024 Financial Year.

Declaration of interest by His Worship the Mayor on item MCM 91.2/2023: Application for the exemption from payment of assessment rates for erven 37,38,39,40,41 and 42: ST Patrick Ongwediva Anglican Parish for the Financial Year 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 was also noted and recorded.

CM 92/2023

APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cllr. Jona Helao, Mr. David Mulokoshi, Senior Manager: Planning and Technical Services and Mr. Jackson Muma; Corporate Communication Officer were recorded absent with apologies.

CM 93/2023
CM 93.1/2023

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL ONGWEDIVA HELD ON THE 03 MAY 2023

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council of Ongwediva held on the 03 May 2023 were approved by Council on proposal by Councillor Ottilie Haitota and seconded by Councillor Ulalia Katonyala.

CM 93/2023
CM 93.2/2023

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
ONGWEDIVA HELD ON THE 11 MAY 2023

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council of Ongwediva held on the 11 May 2023 were approved by Council on proposal by Councillor Fabiam George and seconded by Councillor Kaaren Shikongo.

CM 94/2023

INTERVIEWS WITH DEPUTATIONS

A deputation desirous of having an interview with Council or a committee of Council shall submit a written memorandum in which the representations it wishes to make are set out to the Chief Executive Officer.

The Chairperson of Council or of such committee as the case may be, shall decide whether the deputation will be heard and whether the matter can be disposed of under the ordinary powers of the meeting concerned.

If the Chairperson of Council decides that the deputation will not be heard, he or she may refer the matter to the Management Committee who shall then consider the request as if it is a request for an interview with the Management Committee.

A deputation shall consist of not more than five members and only one member thereof may address the meeting, except when a question of a member of Council or committee is being answered.

Council or committee as the case may be, shall only hear the deputation; gather all relevant information and shall deal further with the matter after the deputation has departed.

(Rule 10 of the Standing Rules)

No interview with deputation was submitted for discussion

- “The Deputy Mayor Cllr. Ulalia Katonyala
- Chairperson of the MC Cllr. Dr Fabiam George and all members of the Management Committee
- All honorable Local Authority Councilors for Ongwediva Town
- Esteemed Senior Officials of the Council
- Ongwediva Residents in attendance & members of the public
- Members of the Media
- Ladies and Gentlemen

I welcome you to this August house as we commence with our fifth Council meeting of the year 2023 this winter season. I extend greetings to all residents of Ongwediva Town and at the same time urge you honourable members to keep pushing as per the mandate given to us.

Honourable councillors, dear executives, today I would like to report to you of what has transpired since the last council meeting, mostly what we have collected from the community meetings that were recently concluded.

I must then indicate to you that we have conducted 13 community meetings including the one that we had with traditional councillors.

The following are some of the issues raised in those community meetings;

Noise pollution

Noise pollution was reported in most areas of the town, to be specific, in Extension 14, Reception 2 and Efidi Lomulunga area. This is mostly coming from Revival/Pentecostal churches that conduct service throughout the night and also from the bars. Residents have requested the Council to apply necessary measures to contain and minimise such noise pollution especially in residential areas.

Animals

The public has requested Council to apply human face in dealing with the livestock and maintain cordial relationship with the public.

Crime

Crime has been reported to have gone up in many areas and the residents are appealing to the law enforcement agency to protect them from these criminals. Having heard about this concern I have advised them in my capacity as town Mayor to establish neighbour watch groups and work together with the police to combat these crimes. The office of the Mayor has also taken up this request to the Regional Commander to attend the issues of crime and drugs in the town as being reported and complained about.

Sky Phase 1 Project

The project of sewer reticulation that was done by Omatando Construction at Sky Phase 1 was complained heavily. Residents are demanding for an assessment to be conducted to determine the extent of damage by the contractor on fences.

Customer Care

During the community meetings, I have received a number of requests so that we speak to our employees to always act with courtesy when rendering services to our residents.

Compensation Policy

Residents are requesting that the compensation policy should be reviewed to motivate field owners to hand over land to the town council. They went further demanding that all land disputes should be resolved as a matter of urgency to give them peace of mind. I know there was a meeting this year, that took place in Oshakati in which we were asked to provide our inputs to be included in the compensation policy.

As I am reporting on issues raised by people of our town I should also remind ourselves to take stock of how we performed on land delivery as our priority, how many plots have we availed and given to people and how much land serviced during our term of office. This will assist us to determine whether we are doing it right or we should speed up. There is an understanding out there that Oshakati Town is doing a lot on housing provision and Ondangwa Town is bypassing us on development. We are being challenged by these statements and required to be pro- active and think of new strategies on delivering on our mission

considering that we are now in our third year. On a different note let me brief you of what events that took place recently.

On 19 May I facilitated a meeting that discussed land question and leadership problems in Omatando No: 2, I was tasked by the line Minister to listen to this case of Omatando No.2, and propose the way forward and report back to him. I am happy to report that there is progress on this matter that is what I believe. On 12th May I attended a congress of Mineworkers Union of Namibia, where I was asked to deliver a welcoming remarks and this congress took place at Bennies Park in Ongwediva.

On 20th May I attended a handover ceremony of the income generating activities materials for 2022/2023 financial year by the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social welfare to the four projects from various constituencies in Oshana Region the event took place here in Ongwediva, and I was asked to give my statement at this occasion. On the same day the Mayor was tasked to deliver a welcoming statement at Oshana Build It U13 Netball and Soccer tournament which took place at Eluwa Resource School and Councillor Fabiam George had stood in for me. On the same day I had met headmen whom their villages fall within the boundaries of the town and we had to tell them what is expected from them as our stakeholders in community development and in terms of laws of the country.

On 26th May the Mayor was invited to attend a regional stakeholders consultation on the development of regulation for the allocation and registration of communal land rights to groups and look at Act No: 5 of 2002, the consultation workshop was organised by the Ministry of Water, Agriculture and Land reform this took place in Oshakati at Leo Shoopala Hall. On 17 May we signed a twinning agreement between Ongwediva and Okakarara Town Council re-affirming our partnership and cooperation this took place in Okakarara. The Mayor was also tasked to engage the leadership of Ongwediva Health Centre with regard to the services being provided to the community and Am happy to say that we have met and agreed on the way forward with regard to the request from the public.

As I conclude, I would like to advise you honourable members to seek for clarity on various issues before you start complaining on them, because in most cases, I have noted that things are taken out of context and that is very dangerous and that can cause confusion and create chaos in our operation. I have noted that there is a feeling that we are not allowing councillors to enjoy

council benefits as compared to other town councils. If there are issues that we need to change, let's bring them to this council for discussion so that we can agree and find a way forward.

May I further appeal to you honourable members that if we arrange a meeting to meet individuals or a group of residents to talk to them we should always go there as one team representing Ongwediva Town and speak one language but not to ask each other question in front of invitees. It is true that we are politicians but we should know when and where we should play our politics in order to avoid unnecessary issues and embarrassment. My door remain open for advises and further engagements but at the same time, fulfil the mandate of the office and portfolio I hold as your Mayor and Chairperson of the Council and I will not compromise on that.

With that said, I thank you all for your kind attention."

I thank you".

CM 96/2023

PETITIONS

Any member of the Community may submit a petition, which shall be properly motivated on matters regarding the town.

Petitions shall not be read to the Council; and no speech or comments concerning it shall be heard, but it shall forthwith be referred to the first ordinary meeting of the Management Committee, which shall report to the Council.

Every petition shall have the word "Petition" as heading.

(Rule 11 of the Standing Rules

No petitions have been submitted for discussion

RESOLUTION: CM 97/2023		ACTION
CM 97/2023	<p>MOTIONS OF MEMBERS</p> <p>Any Council Member may introduce a motion which shall relate to a matter regarding the administration of conditions in the town Council area.</p> <p>The Chairperson shall reject a motion if, in his/her opinion, it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) is contrary to the standing rules of order or any law or would be so contrary, if it is carried; b) deals with a matter in respect of which Council has no jurisdiction; or c) would lead the discussion of a matter already contained in the agenda of the meeting concerned; or d) is a case of an opposed motion (when there is no seconder of such motion). <p>(Rule 13 of the Standing Rules)</p>	
CM 97.1/2023	<p>APPLICATION FOR ONGWEDIVA TOWN TO HAVE ITS OWN VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER (MOTION 2/2023)</p> <p>“Motion submitted by Cllr. TT Shalyefu</p> <p>Objectives of the motion: To propose to the Minister of Works and Transport for Ongwediva to have its registration number.</p> <p>Rationale and motivation: Ongwediva town has grown over the past years in terms of population, geographical setup and revenue base. The latter will help in terms of national identification and recognition which will help to boost economic growth in terms of visitors and revenue from car registration.</p> <p>Proposal to be considered by Council: My proposal is that Ongwediva Town be given the approval to have its own vehicle registration number”.</p>	

COUNCIL RESOLVED

- That, the motion tabled by Cllr. Taarah Shalyefu regarding the application for Ongwediva Town to have its own vehicle registration number be passed as an unopposed motion in terms of rule 15 (2) of the Standing Rules of Order.

CEO

CM 98/2023**NOTICE FOR QUESTIONS**

Any member of Council may pose a question relating to a matter which arises from or relates to the business of any Committee of Council or the general business of Council; after the member concerned has at least 72 hours (Seventy-Two hours) prior to the commencement of the Council Meeting submitted a written notice of the question, signed by him/her, to the Chief Executive Officer.

(Rule 20 of the Standing Rules)

NO NOTICES OF QUESTIONS WERE INTRODUCED

CM 99/2023**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

The Chairperson of Council shall respond to previous questions posed by members of Council relating to the business of any Committee of Council or the general business of Council.

(Rule 20 of the Standing Rules)

NO ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

RESOLUTION: CM 100.1/2023		ACTION
CM 100/2023	REPORTS <u>REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE</u>	
CM 100.1/2023	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24 TH MAY 2023	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of the Management Committee of 24th May 2023 were confirmed as proposed by Cllr. Naemi Amuthenu and seconded by Cllr. Fabiam George. 		ALL

RESOLUTION: CM 100.2/2023		ACTION
CM 100/2023	REPORTS <u>REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE</u>	
CM 100.2/2023	REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24 TH MAY 2023	
COUNCIL RESOLVED		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That, the report and recommendations of the Management Committee meeting held on the 24th May 2023 be approved with amendments therein as proposed by Councillor Ulalia Katonyala and seconded by Councillor Kaaren Shikongo. 		ALL

RESOLUTION: CM 100.2/2023 (MCM 87/2023)			ACTION
6.	MCM 87/2023	MATTERS REFERRED TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE BY COUNCIL	
6.1	MCM 87.1/2023	GRIEVANCE LETTER REGARDING HEAVY INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES BY SCRAP SALVAGE (PTY) LTD - ONGWEDIVA AND THE RESULTING UNFAVOURABLE IMPACTS ON THE COMMUNITY OF ONGWEDIVA EXTENSION 15.	
COUNCIL RESOLVED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That, Council takes note of the grievances as submitted by the residents of Ongwediva Extension 15 regarding heavy industrial activities by Scrap Salvage (Pty) Ltd. • That, Council duly acknowledges receipt of the petition with grievances by residents of Ongwediva Extension 15. • That, Council takes note of the report on the inspection conducted by Ongwediva Town Council regarding the grievances. • That, the Office of the Chief Executive Officer be directed to investigate all aspects of the grievances as submitted and to compile a comprehensive report for deliberation by the Management Committee of Council and subsequent recommendation to Council for further action. • That, the investigation into the activities by Scrap Salvage (Pty) Ltd on Erf 6726, Ongwediva Extension 15, be fast tracked for a speedy response to the community. 			CCO

RESOLUTION: CM 100.2/2023 (MCM 87/2023)			ACTION
6.	MCM 87/2023	MATTERS REFERRED TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE BY COUNCIL	
6.2	MCM 87.2/2023	NOISE POLLUTION EXTENSION 4 -	

ONGWEDIVA/EFIDILOMULUNGA AND THE SURROUNDINGS	
<p>COUNCIL RESOLVED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That, Council takes note of the complaints regarding noise pollution caused by a “Revival/Pentecostal Church housed in the plot of a certain Ms. Saima Shiyova in Efidilomulunga” as submitted by the residents of Ongwediva Efid Extension 4. • That, Council duly acknowledges receipt of the petition with grievances by residents of Ongwediva Extension 4. • That, the Office of the Chief Executive be directed to investigate the nature and source of the complaint by residents of Ongwediva Extension 4 (Efidilomulunga and the surroundings) and should there be any violation of the legal provisions, appropriate legal instruments be deployed to restore public order. • That, feedback be given to the complainants on action taken by the Council. 	CCO

RESOLUTION: CM 100.2/2023 (MCM 89/2023)	ACTION
<p>8. MCM 89/2023 LEGAL MATTERS</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">NO LEGAL MATTERS</p>	

RESOLUTION: CM 100.2/203 (MCM 90.1/2023)		ACTION
9.	MCM 90/2023	REPORTS
9.1	MCM 90.1/2023	MONTHLY OPERATIONAL REPORTS FOR APRIL 2023
COUNCIL RESOLVED		ALL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That, the Monthly Operational Management Report for Ongwediva Town Council for April 2023, be approved on proposal by Cllr. Jona Helao and seconded by Cllr. Fabiam George. 		

RESOLUTION: CM 100.2/2023 (MCM 91.1/2023)		ACTION
10.	MCM 91/2023	SUBMISSIONS
10.1	MCM 91.1/2023	APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF ASSESSMENT RATES - ERVEN 3649, 3650, 3652 AND 3653: ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1 JULY 2023 TO 30 JUNE 2024.
COUNCIL RESOLVED		SM: F & HR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That, an exemption be granted to Roman Catholic Church, being a non-profit religious organization (Charity), from paying rates to be levied on rateable property erven 3649, 3650, 3652 and 3653 in Ongwediva in terms of Section 75 (1)(a) and (3) of the Local Authorities Act, 1992 (Act No. 23 of 1992), as amended, for the financial year 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024. 		

RESOLUTION: CM 100.2/2023 (MCM 91.2/2023)		ACTION
10. MCM 91/2023	SUBMISSIONS	
10.2	MCM 91.2/2023 APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF ASSESSMENT RATES FOR ERVEN 37, 38, 39, 40, 41 AND 42: ST PATRICK ONGWEDIVA ANGLICAN PARISH FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1 JULY 2023 TO 30 JUNE 2024.	
COUNCIL RESOLVED		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That, an exemption be granted to St Patrick Ongwediva Anglican Parish, being a non-profit religious organization (Charity), from paying rates to be levied on its rateable developed erf 37, Ongwediva, in terms of Section 75 (1)(a) and (3) of the Local Authorities Act, 1992 (Act No. 23 of 1992), as amended, for the financial year 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024. That, no exemption be granted to St. Patrick Ongwediva Anglican Parish, being a non-profit religious organization (Charity), from paying rates to be levied on its erven 38, 39, 40, 41 and 42, Ongwediva, in terms of Section 75 (1)(a) and (3) of the Local Authorities Act, 1992 (Act No. 23 of 1992), as amended, for the financial year 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 since they are undeveloped. 		SM: F&HR

RESOLUTION: CM 100.2/2023 (MCM 91.3/2023)		ACTION
10. MCM 91/2023	SUBMISSIONS	
10.3	MCM 91.3/2023 APPLICATION FOR SEWER CONNECTION PAYMENT HOLIDAY FOR SKY PHASE 1, ONGWEDIVA	
COUNCIL RESOLVED		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That, Council grants a sewer connection payment holiday to the residents of Sky Phase 1 for a period of six months effective from 01 July 2023 to 31 December 2023. 		SM: F&HR
		TSO

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That, the normal application rules and procedures for new sewer connections shall be applicable. 	
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RESOLUTION: CM 100.2/2023 (MCM 91.4/2023)		ACTION
10.	MCM 91/2023 SUBMISSIONS	
10.4	MCM 91.4/2023 REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE FROM TELECOM TO POWERCOM FOR LEASE OF LAND IN OMATANDO, ONGWEDIVA	
COUNCIL RESOLVED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That, application for the name change from Telecom Namibia to Powercom (Pty) Ltd for the lease of the land in Omatando, Ongwediva be approved subject to the following conditions; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That, Council Resolution CM 22.2/2022 (MCM 157.2.7/2022) be revoked. That, the lease is granted for a period of 10 years on a 150m² portion of land. That, a lease amount of N\$ 1,500.00 be paid to Council on a monthly basis. That, a lease agreement be entered into and between Ongwediva Town Council and PowerCom (Pty) Ltd. 		P&DO

RESOLUTION: CM 100.2/2023 (MCM 91.5/2023)		ACTION
<p>10. MCM 91/2023 SUBMISSIONS</p> <p>10.5 MCM 91.5/2023 ONGWEDIVA TOWN COUNCIL PARTICIPATION IN THE SHOWS AROUND THE COUNTRY 2023/2024 - 2024/2025</p>		
<p>COUNCIL RESOLVED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That, Ongwediva Town Council limits its involvement & participation in trade shows for 2023/2024 to 2024/2025 in line with the schedule below. • That, local visits (day visits) to shows in Oshana, Omusati, Oshikoto and Ohangwena Regions be unrestricted. • That, visits to shows outside the above be limited to one day • That, for physical exhibitions, more than one staff member but limited to three, will be released for participation. • That, donations/ pledges shall be subjected to availability of funds. • That, the office of the Chief Executive draws up a financial plan to guide the involvement & participation of Ongwediva Town Council in trade shows for each financial year, for Management Committee approval. 		LED&TO

REGION	CITY/TOWN/ VILLAGE	EVENT	TYPE OF PARTICIPATION							
			2023/2024				2024/2025			
			Gala	Pledge	Visit	Exhibit	Gala	Pledge	Visit	Exhibit
Oshana	Ongwediva	Ongwediva Annual Trade Fair (OATF)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Oshakati	Oshakati Totem Expo (OTE)	x	x	x		x	x	x	
	Ondangwa	Ondangwa Trade & Industrial Exhibition (OTIE)	x	x	x		x	x		x
Omusati	Outapi	Olufuko Festival		x	x				x	
	Okahao	Ehao Cultural Expo		x	x			x	x	
	Tsandi	Tsandi Annual Trade Fair & Expo								
	Oshikuku	Oshikuku Agricultural Expo								
Ohangwena	Eenhana	Eenhana Trade & Business Expo		x	x					
	Helao Nafidi	Helao Nafidi Business Expo						x	x	
	Okongo	Omaludi Festival								
Otjozondjupa	Otjiwarongo	Otjiwarongo T3 Expo								
	Grootfontein	Grootfontein Show								
	Okahandja	Okahandja Tourism & Trade Expo								
	Okakarara	Okakarara Trade Fair	x	x				x	x	

Erongo	Swakopmund	Swakopmund International Trade Expo (SWAiTEX)							x
	Walvis Bay	Erongo Business & Tourism Expo							x

Table 1

REGION	CITY/TOWN/VILLAGE	EVENT	TYPE OF PARTICIPATION							
			2023/2024				2024/2025			
			Gala	Pledge	Visit	Exhibit	Gala	Pledge	Visit	Exhibit
Khomas	Windhoek	Windhoek Agricultural Show								
		Namibia Tourism Expo				x				x
		Mining Expo								
		Ae//Gams Arts & Cultural Festival			x					
Hardap	Mariental	Mariental Agricultural Show & Trade Fair								
Kharas	Keetmanshoop	Keetmanshoop Agricultural & Industrial Show								
	Luderitz	Lüderitz Crayfish Festival			x					
Kunene	Opuwo	Opuwo Annual Trade Fair			x					
Kavango West	Nkurenkuru	Nkurenkuru Trade Expo					x	x		

Kavango East	Rundu	Rundu Annual Trade Fair	x	x						
Zambezi	Katima Mulilo	Katima Mulilo Annual Expo								
Oshikoto	Tsumeb	Tsumeb Copper Festival							x	
Omaheke	Gobabis	Gobabis Show								
	Otjinene	Otjinene Expo							x	

REGION	CITY/TOWN/VILLAGE	EVENT	TYPE OF PARTICIPATION			
			2022/2023			
			Gala	Pledge	Visit	Exhibit
Oshana	Ongwediva	Ongwediva Annual Trade Fair (OATF)	x	x	x	x
	Ondangwa	Ondangwa Trade & Industrial Exhibition (OTIE)	x	x	x	
Ohangwena	Eenhana	Eenhana Expo		x	x	
Omusati	Outapi	Olufuko Festival	x	x	x	
	Okahao	Ehao Cultural Expo	x	x	x	

RESOLUTION: CM 100.2/2023 (MCM 92.1/2023)	ACTION
<p>11. MCM 92/2023 CORRESPONDENCES 11.1 MCM 92.1/2023 DIRECTIVE ON THE BUDGETARY PROVISION FOR SITTING ALLOWANCE FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES FOR THE 2023/2024 FINANCIAL YEAR</p>	
<p>COUNCIL RESOLVED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That, Council takes note of the directive on the budgetary provision for sitting allowance for Local Authorities for the 2023/2024 Financial Year. • That, any budgetary provision for sitting allowances and other benefits be guided by a directive from the Minister of Urban and Rural Development as provided in the Local Authorities Act, 1992 (Act 23 of 1992 as amended). 	ALL

RESOLUTION: CM 100.2/2023 (MCM 92.2/2023)	ACTION
<p>11. MCM 92/2023 CORRESPONDENCES 11.2 MCM 92.2/2023 REQUEST FOR NBC TO REFRAIN FROM REFERRING TO MR. KANISIUS SHIINDI AS HEADMAN OF OMATANDO NO: 2</p>	
<p>COUNCIL RESOLVED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That, Council take note of the letter from Mr. Kleopas Hamutenya, Mr. Timotheus Shiikeneni and Mr. William Mbangula requesting NBC to refrain from referring to Mr. Kanisius Shiindi as Headman of Omatando No. 2. 	ALL

RESOLUTION: CM 101.1/2023		ACTION
CM 101/2023	REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	
CM 101.1/2023	REPORT: PUBLIC PROCUREMENT ACT NO. 15 OF 2015 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT ACT, 2015 (ACT No. 15 OF 2015 AS AMENDED): AMENDMENT OF THE INTERNAL ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURES FOR PROCUREMENT	
COUNCIL RESOLVED		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That, Council takes note and congratulates the staff members who have been appointed to serve on various Internal Procurement Structures of the Ongwediva Town Council as proposed by Cllr. Fabiam George and seconded by Cllr. Otilie Haitota. 		ALL

RESOLUTION: CM 101.2/2023		ACTION
CM 101/2023	REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	
CM 101.2/2023	STATE OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLY IN ONGWEDIVA	
COUNCIL RESOLVED		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That, Council takes note of the correspondences between Ongwediva Town Council and NORED Electricity regarding the NamPower Debt Collection Plan. That, Council takes note of the notice issued by NamPower regarding electricity suspension of defaulting customers and schedule and that includes NORED Electricity (Pty) Ltd. 		CEO

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That, Council takes note and digest the provisions of the Service Level Agreement between Ongwediva Town Council and NORED Electricity (Pty) Ltd. • That, Council directs its nominated representative on the board of the Local Electricity Company (Pty) Ltd and in line with the fiduciary duties, to request for a directors meeting to extensively deliberate on the matter and take appropriate steps, in line with their responsibilities as shareholders in NORED Electricity (Pty) Ltd. • That, Council, as shareholder in the Local Authority Electricity Company (Pty) Ltd request for the shareholders to deliberate on the NamPower Debt Collection Plan and its impact on NORED Electricity (Pty) Ltd as well as the effectiveness the Local Authority Electricity Company (Pty) Ltd Board of Directors. • That, a letter be issued to Nored to express Council disappointment on Nored state of Electricity Supply and outstanding account with Nampower. 	
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RESOLUTION: CM 101.3/2023		ACTION
CM 101/2023	REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	
CM 101.3/2023	DONATIONS BY THE ONGWEDIVATOWN COUNCIL	
INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND		
<p>Ongwediva Town Council was established in terms of the Local Authority Act 1992, No. 23, of 1992 as amended. Ongwediva Town Council is a public entity that is overwhelmed by requests for donations and sponsorships from individuals and various sectors of the community. In view of the latter and in consideration of our mandate, moral responsibility and the limited financial resources at our disposal, Council through a resolution, CM 67.1/2014 (MCM 51.1/2014) of the monthly meeting held on June 11th 2014, approved a donation policy to guide all donations to be made to potential beneficiaries subjected to ministerial approval.</p>		

Council, during the compilation of the budget for the financial year 2022/2023, made a budgetary provision of N\$25,000.00 for donations. Council firmly believes that giving back in the community, in whatever form, will improve the livelihood of individuals within the community, the town, the region and eventually the country at large.

DISCUSSION

After due process, Council at its ordinary monthly meeting held on 26th October 2022, under CM 162.2/2022 (MCM 130.4/2022) approved a donation of sports equipment and/or materials worth N\$7,000.00 to Oshana Basketball School Project, the only applicant that met the requirements following a public invitation and call for proposals.

Oshana Basketball School is an educational afterschool program that teaches children from grade 1 to 12 (Rokkies Program). They operate from the Sam Nujoma Multipurpose Centre. They deal with various youth from the Oshana region in different activities such as sports, academics and life skills. Of course, by doing such activities, the school has made positive contributions to the livelihood of many youths since its inception in 2017.

By doing this donation, Council will keep the youth out of the streets, and bars as well preventing them from crime, HIV/AIDS and other evil things among others as their free time will be deployed to sports activities.

The handing over event took place on Friday, 21st April 2023 at the Sam Nujoma Multi-Purpose Centre Hall. The Deputy Mayor Cllr. Ulalia Katonyala, Cllr. Jona Helao, Cllr. Kaarena Shikongo and Cllr. Ottilie Haitota handed over the donations.

From the administration, Mr. Jackson Muma attended and facilitated the event.

Twenty-eight (28) members of the Oshana Basketball School project were present to receive the donation led by Mr. Pondo Nailenge who is the Coordinator of the project. Members of the media were also in attendance to cover the event.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

An amount of N\$6284.00 (Six Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty-Four Namibian Dollars) was spent in respect of the donations.

AUTHORISED VOTE: 001 1037 000

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

Council donations continue to make significant impacts on economic advancement and community development. It is on record that the donations made were received wholeheartedly and appreciated by recipients as acknowledgments were made during the event and continue flowing to the council. The donation made by the council also serves as a tool that brought and continues bringing the council closer to people as the community feels they are valued and considered even with the little intervention and contribution. It is thus recommended that the council should continue to boost its image through donations, considering projects that are adding value and strictly other qualification criteria as stipulated in the approved donation policy.

See the pictures below for information:



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

COUNCIL RESOLVED

- That, Council takes note of the report on donations made to Oshana Basketball by the Ongwediva Town Council as proposed by Cllr. Fabiam George and seconded by Cllr. Ulalia Katonyala.

ALL

RESOLUTION: CM 102/2023		ACTION
CM 102/2023	<p>DRAFT REGULATIONS AND TARIFFS</p> <p>No draft regulations or tariffs were submitted</p>	

There were no other businesses and the meeting closed at 16h51.

MINUTES APPROVED

CHAIRPERSON OF COUNCIL

DATE

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER