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Dear residents and esteemed visitors
Welcome to the August 2017 edition of the Quiver Tree News!

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The Keetmanshoop Municipality announced its annual tariff increase during a series of community meetings held from 06—09 August 2017. You can find a summary of all the tariffs for 2017/18 financial year inside.

It is not all bad news though, as we are really making head-way with the provision of housing to our residents. Keetmanshoop has seen unprecedented growth in the housing market in recent times through various efforts by the Municipality and its partners.

We are also pleased to announce that our capital projects are progressing well with roads maintenance and the construction of services and a new fire-station.

Residents of Tseiblaagte extension 4,5 and 6 are reminded that their erven have been registered with the Deeds office and they can thus apply to purchase the erven, should they choose to do so.

In other news, we are happy to inform you that the Keetmanshoop Agricultural and Industrial Show will be hosted from 13 –16 September 2017, at the Keetmanshoop Stadium. You can check out all the exiting events and competitions on the back page of this newsletter.

Hope to see all residents there!

Happy reading, until next time!



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Status Update

Status of electricity distribution operations in Keet-

The Keetmanshoop Municipality took over responsibility for the electricity distribution network operations at Keetmanshoop from its long-time partner SELCo, as from Friday, 30 June 2017.

The Keetmanshoop Municipality entered into an Electricity Management Agreement with Erongored to handle the day-to-day operations of the newly established electricity business unit at the Council, until such time that the envisaged SORED is established.

The agreement is currently being scrutinized by the Board and Management of Erongored for approval and the terms will be communicated as soon as all the necessary approvals have been obtained. Ministerial approval is also awaited.

The business unit will be managed by an engineer from Erongored until such time that the position of Area Manager for the business have been filled. The acting Area Manager will put processes in place for the running of the business unit. The Area Manager will report to the CEO of the Keetmanshoop Municipality with dotted-line reporting to the CEO of Erongored.

The Keetmanshoop Municipality took over all the employees of SELCo and have established an electricity Business Unit, called KEBU, at the old fire station in town, opposite the grave yard.

Customers will be able to pay for post-paid or conventional electricity accounts at this office as well as at the Municipal Head Office in Town and in Tseiblaagte. These customers can also pay their electricity account online into the bank account of the Keetmanshoop Municipality.

The **Account Number** is **62261870515, FNB Namibia Keetmanshoop**. Customers are reminded to quote their account numbers to facilitate the allocation of payments.

The Keetmanshoop Municipal Council wants to ensure the residents of Keetmanshoop that the situation is under control and that there is no threat of electricity down time. We have experienced some growing pains in the beginning, like customers being charged manually, but from the next billing run, billing will be done through an automated billing system.



CEO: Desmond Basson

Information Sharing

Capital Projects 2017/18

- ◆ The contract entered into between the Keetmanshoop Municipality and Big City Builders for the construction of a new fire station to the value of N\$ 4 million, was reinstated after it was terminated earlier due to contractual differences. The fire station is expected to be completed by the end of September 2017.
- ◆ Road maintenance under the Road Fund Administration is ongoing, and the budget for this financial year is N\$1.45 million.
- ◆ A tender for the construction of services under the Ministry of Urban and Rural Development for N\$1.5 million went out and closed on 21 August 2017. A contractor will be appointed soon.



Information sharing.....

Status of land delivery in Keetmanshoop

As housing remains a major problem, the Keetmanshoop municipality entered into various partnership agreements to address this critical shortage.

In the residential market, one of our partners, Gigi's Construction have constructed 31 houses in Tseiblaagte's Extension 1 and is expecting to hand over these houses to their new owners soon. The price for these houses are N\$ 420,000.00 (excluding land and transfer cost) and buyers have been selected from the current waiting list.



Another partner, Ongoshi Trading, is building 44 houses near the SWAPO office and behind YB inn, in Tseiblaagte Extension 2.

This project includes different types of houses ranging from N\$325 000.00 for two-bedroom houses to N\$695, 000.00 for three-bedroom houses with a garage.

In Krönlein Extension1, 140 erven was awarded to developers for the construction of houses and electricity reticulation as well as the construction of roads.

In Westdene 220 erven have been awarded to a developer for the construction of services, roads and electricity reticulation. The contractor will start with the construction of houses once the town planning process is completed.



Information sharing.....

Status of Mass Housing

The Keetmanshoop Municipality, NHE and the Ministry of Urban and Rural Development on 25 July 2017, handed over 75 more houses built under the Mass Housing Development Programme to another group of fortunate recipients.



The Government of Namibia, with this programme, has vowed to sup-

port Regional Councils and Local Authorities to ensure efficient, effective, adequate and affordable housing for all Namibians with particular emphasis on the low-income groups of the population and to improve the social and living conditions of the community within the context of sustainable development.

A further 179 houses are soon to be completed, which brings the total number of houses constructed under the programme in Keetmanshoop to 289 houses.

The Keetmanshoop Municipality regards housing as one of the most critical basic needs for a dignified existence, and fully supports and commends the Mass Development programme of the Government as it not only provides our residents with affordable housing, but also better sanitation which is essential to the health of our communities.



Mrs Rozanne Gertze, one of the lucky recipients expressing her gratitude.

Information sharing.....

Status of Keetmanshoop Infrastructure

The Keetmanshoop Municipality started with the interlocking of gravel roads in the central business area in April 2016, with the interlocking of Jooste street at a cost of N\$550 000.00.

This was received very well by pedestrians and drivers alike and a decision was taken to continue with the interlocking of Mittle and 3rd streets in 2017.

The tender was awarded to Shouli Investment cc, for an amount of N\$610 000.00, and was completed by end of June 2017.

The municipality will continue with interlocking as preferred manner of construction, as it requires less maintenance than tar roads.



Keetmanshoop Municipal Dumpsite

The Keetmanshoop Municipality has taken the decision to keep the municipal dumpsite open for 24 hours a day, seven days a week to accommodate the residents of Keetmanshoop.

The dumpsite has been fenced off with high security fence, worth 1.4 mill to aid in access control and to safeguard residents against the possible effects of dangerous waste. Plans are underway to build a furnace at the dumpsite to dispose of bio-hazardous waste safely.

Since the erection of the fence, it has been vandalized repeatedly, and the municipality is compelled to spend funds on repairs that could have been used elsewhere.

The road to the dumpsite has been cleared to make access to the dumpsite easier and to prevent residents from dumping waste anywhere along the road to the dumpsite, however waste is still dumped on the way to the dumpsite which makes access a problem.

The municipality is appealing to residents to refrain from vandalism and illegal dumping, and to report those that make themselves guilty of such actions.



Information sharing.....



The problem of illegal dumping of household waste, garden refuse as well as building refuse throughout Keetmanshoop town has increased recently.

Notice boards have been put up on some of the more prominent sites where dumping is done, warning residents that a fee of N\$2000.00 will be added to the municipal accounts of those that are found guilty of illegal dumping of refuse.

The Keetmanshoop municipality has budgeted for the procurement of more skip containers for the town to be placed at strategic points but in the meantime residents are requested to take garden and building refuse to the municipal dumpsite.

The Municipality is busy with a clean-up campaign of all the open spaces in town and have started with the area around the green bridge leading to the Westdene suburb.



A resident in Westdene planted in-front of their house after the clean-up.

The municipality appreciates such gestures and commends this particular resident on the effort.



Public Notices

Electricity Tariffs 2017/2018

Average Rate	2017 N\$	2018 N\$	Change %
Domestic Conventional	2.41	2.78	14.9%
Domestic Pre-paid	2.19	2.15	-2.0%
Business 1 phase	2.42	2.65	9.5%
Business 3 phase	2.44	2.62	7.2%
Local Authority	1.91	2.29	20.2%
Large Power User	2.59	2.90	11.9%
TOTAL	2.42	2.64	9.0%

Water Tariffs 2017/2018

Tariff Description	2017 N\$	2018 N\$	Change %
Water Basic: Residential	60.72	63.76	5%
Water Basic: Senior Citizens	0.00	0.00	0
Water Basic: Non Residential	341.55	366.00	7.16%
Water Units per m ³			
1—20	15.18	17.15	13%
20—50	16.70	18.87	13%
50—90	18.37	20.76	13%
91—upwards	20.20	22.83	13%
Water Connection Fee	269.57	282.61	4.84%
Water Deposit	1000.00	1000.00	0

Information sharing.....

Other Tariffs 2017/2018

Tariff Description	2017 N\$	2018 N\$	Change %
Sewerage: Residential per	63.25	66.41	5%
Sewerage: Senior Citizens per toilet	23.81	25.00	5%
Sewerage: Commercial per toilet	94.26	100.86	7%
Sewerage: Abattoirs	168.35	179.60	6.68%
Sanitation: Domestic refuse bin	111.32	116.89	5%
Sanitation: Senior Citizens per bin	58.05	60.98	5%

Council Meetings 2017/2018

Month	Management	Council Meeting
September 2017	Tuesday, 19	Tuesday, 26
October 2017	Tuesday, 17	Tuesday, 24
November 2017	Tuesday, 14	Tuesday, 21
December 2017	Tuesday, 15	Closing
January 2018	Tuesday, 12	Opening

KEETMANSHOOP

AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL SHOW 2017

"Culture and Diversity Bringing //Kharas Together"
13 - 16 September 2017

OLLIE Singing Clown

Miss Teen, Tiny Teen
& Tinkerbell

Kids Entertainment
Merry go round
Jumping castle

Fries Horsing

Wine and dine tent
(WINE TASTING)

MEAT-BRAAI
GRILLED CHICKEN BRAAI
KAPANA BRAAI
Sosaties Braai
Traditional Food stalls

COFFEE & CAKE TENT

BEER TENT

Chicken Show

SNAKE PARK

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Livestock Auction
By AGRA

Baby Show

Tournament - Soccer

Boere Sport

Swakara pelts Show

Business Seminar

Music Entertainment - Wynand & Cheree, Rockets Band, DJ Apere,
Major 7-Jazz Band, Cezly Arendse, Gert Titus, Donovan Isaacks, Juan
Boucher

Comedians: Pietman and Andries (OPPIESTOEP)

Guest Actor : Germandt Geldenhuys (Binnelanders)

Grand Exhibitors all over Namibia and Neighbouring Countries

Extravaganza

Crowning Miss Show 2017