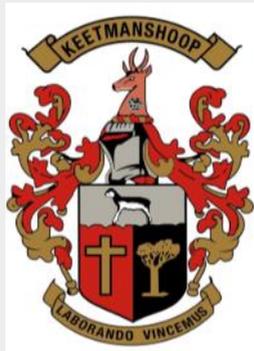


# KEETMANSHOOP MUNICIPALITY



# Quiver Tree Newsletter



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## Editor's Page

Dear Keetmanshoop Residents,

The last few months certainly have not been a walk in the park! But as with everything else in life, we adapted and we moved on.



**Ms. Dawn Kruger**

I'm happy to report that the Council, Management and Staff of the Keetmanshoop Municipality responded positively to the challenge, kept calm and worked together to put in place all the necessary preventative measures.

We urge all residents to comply with the national directives on social distancing and hygienic standards as well as the restrictions on public gatherings of no more than 10 people at any given time.

The Keetmanshoop Municipality is cognizant of challenges faced by our residents and are looking at ways in which to lessen the financial strain by either decreasing or waving tariffs on certain services.

There are plans underway to meet with the business fraternity in order to discuss any further needs.

For the time being please approach the Finance Department for negotiations on your accounts.

Stay safe, until next time..

***Dawn***

# From the CEO's Office

The Keetmanshoop Council at its 5<sup>th</sup> Special Council Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020 approved the budget and tariffs for the 20/21 financial year.



The total budgeted income is **N\$ 233 533 058** and the total budgeted expenditure is **N\$ 233 533 058** resulting in a balanced budget, as per Ministerial Directive.

## Our main sources of income are:

	<b>2020/2021</b>	<b>2019/2020</b>
Electricity Supply	N\$ 97 478 058	N\$ 106 907 790
Water Supply	N\$ 45 075 000	N\$ 38 564 000
Assessment Rates	N\$ 40 000 000	N\$ 30 000 000
Erven	N\$ 20 000 000	N\$ 30 000 000
Sanitation	N\$ 12 600 000	N\$ 9 733 000
Sewerage	N\$ 7 500 000	N\$ 6 683 000

## Our main Expenditure Drivers are:

	<b>2020/2021</b>	<b>2019/2020</b>
Electricity Supply	N\$ 96 147 963	N\$ 100 748 400
Self-Maintaining Services	N\$ 66 927 496	N\$ 67 647 826
Water Supply	N\$ 50 451 502	N\$ 45 940 595

Our **Capital Projects** amounts to **N\$ 17 795 500** (2020: N\$22 998 300) , and tariffs were mainly adjusted within the 5% inflation margin as prescribed by the Ministry and the utility linked tariffs were adjusted accordingly. No increase for tariffs pertaining to pensioners were recommended.

# Road Maintenance Projects

The Maintenance Team of the Keetmanshoop Municipality is busy with road maintenance on the turn-off to Krönlein from the B1. The road was in a very bad condition and the team will be patching potholes, and sealing it with a new layer of slurry. The work is expected to be completed by 15 June 2020.



The team will continue with reparations to all other tar roads in town for the new financial year that starts in July 2020. Maintenance work on all gravel roads will be done as from July 2020 as well.

Tau Pele under contract from Roads Authority started with reparation work on Sam Nujoma Avenue in June 2020.

The contractor informed the municipality that the road surface has sifted slightly since the last repair and need to be readjusted.

The work is expected to be completed by the end of the June 2020.



## Mayor's Corner

As a result of the serious threat posed by the Coronavirus, the world over, the Keetmanshoop Municipal Council has taken precautionary measures by immediately cancelling all public meetings and closing all public amenities like halls, stadiums and the swimming pool.



**Cllr. Gaudentia Kröhne**

The Municipality further reconnected all water meters previously disconnected as a result of non-payment, and in some cases metres & infrastructure was installed. No re-connection fees were charged and infrastructure was installed at own cost.

Additionally, the Municipality set up water tanks at easily accessible points in Tseiblaagte and Krönlein. The water tanks are monitored and filled on a regular basis with borehole water. The concerned communities were informed that this water is only for hand washing and should not be consumed.

The Municipality also sent out health teams to sensitize community members in the informal settlement on the importance of proper hygiene conditions. The total estimated cost of the COVID-19 Pandemic so far on the Keetmanshoop Municipality amounts to approximately N\$800,000.00.



The municipality spent in excess of N\$650,000.00 on water reconnection and provision of water to vulnerable communities as well as N\$150,000.00 on masks, gloves and sanitizer so far.

## Donations: COVID –19



The Keetmanshoop Municipality identified the need for water tanks, disposal bins, tippy taps as well as materials needed to produce and fit tippy taps and water tanks. These identified products and materials falls under the Keetmans-

hoop Municipalities COVID-19 prevention method plan.

***The subsequent call for donations and assistance was answered by Pupkewitz Mega Build and Tau Pelle (Pty) Ltd.***

Pupkewitz Mega Build donated 4 x 1000L water tanks to store water at easily accessible points in Tseiblaagte and Krönlein to give the communities the ability to wash their hands. Additionally they also donated metal, paint and string needed to produce tippy taps placed at allocated trading points.

Correspondingly, Tau Pelle (Pty) Ltd., made a donation of oil drums for disposal of solid waste. These donations were similarly placed at allocated trading points area.

The Municipality expresses its sincerest gratitude to these organizations for their assistance in combating COVID-19 and keeping our town clean.



## Donations: COVID-19

Mr George Pieters, business owner of Keetmanshoop handing over 400 face masks to Her Worship, the Mayor of Keetmanshoop, Gaudentia Kröhne.



Mr Pieters empowered women in the Kharas Region to produce the face masks to assist in the fight against Covid-19.



Cllr. Kröhne distributed the donated masks on 02 June 2020 during the Pension pay out at Namibia Post.

The Mayor calls on all local businesses to follow suit and assist the vulnerable in our community in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic .



## Development: Krönlein Stadium



The ||Kharas Regional Council through the Councillor for Keetmanshoop Rural Constituency, Cllr. Elias Kharuxub has been in the forefront of renovating the Krönlein Stadium.

This idea was supported by the Keetmanshoop Municipality from the start of the project, as it will ease the pressure on the other two existing stadiums, as well as provide much needed recreational facilities to the residents of Krönlein.

The Regional Council will provide funding to the tune of N\$ 1 745 400 for the project. A contractor has been appointed through the Regional Council and the site handover took place on 07 May 2020.

The Anglo American Namibia Foundation has pledged to fund changing rooms, ablution facilities and a pavilion.

More private sector involvement is encouraged to develop this stadium in a flagship facility for the ||Kharas Region.



## Development: Single Quarters

With  
the re-



cent housing developments in the vicinity of the Single Quarters and the increased requirement for decent housing it has become evident that the present state of the single quarters poses a health and safety risk to the occupants as well as for surrounding residents.

There are currently 16 families living in the single quarter units, with extensive squatter arrangements behind the formal units.

The Keetmanshoop Municipality took the decision to offer the occupants of these single quarter units plots for sale in Extension 1, Tseiblaagte at a discounted rate of N\$30.00 pm<sup>2</sup>, in order to make way for redevelopment of the area.

The Municipal Council has subsequently also been approached by D&K Builders with a self-financed, low-cost housing offering and his intervention may facilitate the speedy development of housing for the occupants of the single quarters.

The Council resolved to enter into an MOU with D&K Builders for the construction and sale of at least 16 low-cost housing units to the designated single quarters occupants.

The current occupants of the single quarters are however under no obligation to make use of this offer, and may opt to build their own houses.

# Development: Housing Krönlein



Elegant Property and GDE Management Consultancy started with the development of a 22 million housing project in Krönlein (behind WAD centre).

The project envisages the construction of 40 affordable houses targeting civil servants who do not qualify for low income housing.

Construction of services have commenced on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2020 and completion of the 40 houses will be at the end of November 2020 to allow new owners to move in on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2020.

## **2 & 3 bedroom House Specifications**

- \*Three / Two Bedrooms***
  - \* Private bathroom (3 Bedroom only)***
  - \* Dining area: mounted tabletop***
  - \* Lounge: open Plan***
  - \* Kitchen: Fitted with cupboards***
  - \* B.I.C: YES in all the bedrooms***
  - \* Tiled in all rooms and bathrooms on walls***
  - \* Alarm System: Yes***
  - \* Shaded carport***
  - \* Laundry point fitted in kitchen / bathroom***
  - \* Blinds: In kitchen and bathrooms***
  - \* Front Balcony***
  - \* Aluminum Window Frames***
  - \* Palisade Fence with iron sliding gate***
  - \* Solar geyser (optional for an extra 6000)***
  - \* Burglar gates on both outside doors***
- General:**
- \* Plot size ranges from 230m<sup>2</sup> to 300m<sup>2</sup>***
  - \* House size: 86m<sup>2</sup> and 64m<sup>2</sup>***

**Prices: N\$650 00 & N\$550 000 (exclusive)**



2 BEDROOM Picture # 1c



3 BEDROOM Picture # 1a

**Contact the developer  
on 0812793307 or  
visit their offices at  
WAD center**

## Development: Motovac Official opening

Motovac is one of the biggest importers and distributors of automotive spare parts in Southern Africa. Motovac Keetmanshoop branch has officially opened its doors to the public on 18 March 2020



The official opening was preceded with a welcoming speech by Her Worship, the Mayor Gaudentia Kröhne. In her speech the Mayor assured those present that Keetmanshoop has great potential for economic growth. Furthermore she alluded that it is pleasing to witness sustainable business investment in the future of the town.

The Mayor welcomed the management and staff of Motovac in both her personal capacity and on behalf of the entire Keetmanshoop Municipal Council and the Keetmanshoop community at large.

She concluded by declaring Motovac Keetmanshoop branch officially opened and proceeded with cutting of the ribbon.



## Staff: Internship program



**Jeremy Resandt**

The Keetmanshoop Municipality runs a internship program that benefits both the Municipality and the interns or students greatly.

For students, an internships is a great way of gaining much needed practical experience that can lead them into a possible career path and to test out whether an option is right for them.

Municipality internship is offered to graduate trainees and students who never worked before and requires experience.

Internship placement connects the Municipality with institutions of higher learning and provide the opportunity to foster relationships through mentorship and training.

Offering a well-structured internship program also increases the municipality 's brand awareness and recognition among jobseekers significantly.



**Selma Hauwanga**

## Staff: New Employees

Mr Bennuth Apollus and Mr Clerens Bronzels were appointed in March 2020 as Solid Waste Team members at the Keetmanshoop Municipality. They started working on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.



**Bennuth Apollus** hails from Vaalgras. He obtained his Junior Secondary certificate from Suiderlig High school in Keetmanshoop. Prior to his appointment to the Municipality, Mr Apollus worked as a Security Guard at Eagle Night Watch Security. Mr Apollus is looking forward to learn from his new working environment.

He also wants to provide good services to the community of Keetmanshoop. In addition Mr Apollus aims for greater opportunities within the Municipality.

**Clerens Bronzel** hails from Gainachas. He Matriculated from the Mariental High School and prior to his appointment Mr Bronzel worked as a Machine Operator, at Construction Solutions.

Mr Bronzel is tasked oriented, thus looking forward to advancing his skills and growth in his new work environment. His priority is to ensure cleanliness in and around Keetmanshoop.



## Staff: Memoriam..

*In Memory of "Dom" Timoteus Karolus*

*Born: 16. 10. 1959*

*Died: 06. 05. 2020*



The Keetmanshoop Municipality had learnt with shock the passing of its former employee Mr. Timoteus Karolus who passed on at the age of 60.

Mr. Karolus was born on 16th October, 1959 in Berseba. He died on 06 May 2020 in Windhoek. His funeral service was held on Saturday 16 May 2020 from home. Mr. Karolus proudly served the Keetmanshoop Municipality for approximately seven (7) years. He joined the municipality on 01 December 2012 as an Operator. A position he held until his resignation in September 2019.

Mr. Karolus was a husband; a father, and a friend to many. His colleagues remember him as a respectful person. A man of few words and a team player. He was exemplary at all times.

'Timoteus was one of the kindest person you could ever meet, he opened his heart to many over the years and he will be sorely missed.'

He is survived by his wife, 3 daughters, 1 son, siblings as well as grandchildren and a great grandchild. Life will forever be cherished in the lives of those who got to know him.

*May his soul rest in eternal peace.*



## **Public Notice: Cancellation of land sales**

In terms of Local Authority Act No. 23 of 1992, as amended, as from 2014 to 2018, the KeetmanshoopMunicipal Council offered land to applicants for payment. However, due to the fact that most applicants failed to honour the conditions of the sale six months after the ministerial approval, the Municipality has taken the decision to cancel all breached sales contracts.

Notices were broadcasted on the radio and put up in town to inform residents about the land cancelation process, allowing residents to visit the Municipality before 23 March 2020 to pay or enter into negotiations.

The sales contracts of those applicants who did not make any arrangements will be submitted to Council to cancel the land sale due to breaching of the contract agreement.

Secondly cancelations are submitted to the Ministry of Urban and Rural Development for consideration. After ministerial approval is obtained a cancelation letter will be send to the applicant. After this process is completed, the land will be put-up for re-sale by the Municipality.

Applicants will be refunded funds already paid on land.



**CANCELLED**

# Public Notice: Trading Spaces

The Keetmanshoop Municipal Council is in the process of constructing trading spaces and ablution facilities for informal traders at different allocated trading points in town.

This initiative is a result of council's concern with the health and safety of traders. The Keetmanshoop Municipality wants traders to make a living in a safe and hygienic environment.

Trading spaces and ablution facilities will be erected at the following trading points:

***Central Park***

***Monument park ( opposite Nampost Courier)***

***Woërman Brock***

***B1 Bridge***

***Metro Cash & Carry area***

All informal traders are required to register at the Keetmanshoop Municipality in order to benefit from these trading spaces. The cost of the project will be approximately N\$ 1 200 000.00. Additionally, the project is due to start in the 2020/2021 financial year which starts in July 2020.



## Public Notice: Impact of COVID-19

The Keetmanshoop Municipality took note of the impact the COVID-19 pandemic is having on our local businesses, and is hereby informing all local businesses that the following fees and penalties are waived.

- ◆ All monthly fees for advertising boards are hereby waived from 01 July to 31 December 2020;
- ◆ Penalties on late registration & re-registration of businesses are waived as from 1 July 2020 to 31 March 2021;
- ◆ All refuse removal charges will be restricted to ONLY two bins per month for hospitality businesses as from 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020.



# Movers & Shakers



Harld and Geraldine Maletzky moved to Keetmanshoop from Oranjemund ten years ago in search for new challenges and the perfect surroundings to grow and nurture their children

They bought a house and opened a garage.

“Harlds” offers services on all types of vehicles, panel beating & spray painting, selling service parts as well as steelworks like building structures and burglar bars.

Mr Harld Maletzky is a qualified boiler maker and diesel mechanic with a passion for his profession. Supported by his lovely wife, Geraldine who is responsible for the front office and takes care of administration they want to make Harlds the number one stop for all vehicle maintenance and repair work in Keetmanshoop.

Harlds provides work to six employees and has recently moved into new premises adjacent to the new Motovac branch in town.

The Keetmanshoop Municipality wishes Harlds good luck and success in all their ventures..



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Garbage Truck (Compactor)



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