



The Mopani District Municipality's newly elected Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi introduced to staff members.

The newly elected Executive Mayor Councillor Pule Shayi has been introduced to staff members during a meet and greet session at the district's headquarters in Giyani on the 11th of June 2019. The new political head was officially introduced to about two hundred staff members by the charismatic Council Speaker Wireless Sedibeng. The Executive Mayor Shayi then took to the podium and addressed the staff members who have been anxiously waiting to meet the new Executive Mayor. Some employees were meeting him for the first time, while others worked with him when he was employed in the same institution as a Community Liaison Officer ten years ago. Cllr Shayi urged all employees to work diligently all in a bit to ensure that there is improved service delivery.

"I know that sometimes change or transition can be frustrating, to some transition brings about panic and uncertainty. What I can say to you today is that don't be despondent, continue to serve our people like nothing has happened, always practice the Batho Pele principles."

"Always remember that you are the face of this institution, I have worked in this institution, I know some of you personally, some of you are my parents but protocol dictates that I lead you" said Shayi.

The staff members cheered in acknowledging and accepting the welcome address by the Executive Mayor Cllr Shayi. The Executive Mayor Shayi also urged all employees to go the extra mile in serving the people of Mopani District Municipality. The Municipal Manager, Directors and managers also attended the session. Municipal Manager Republic Monakedi says the employees are delighted to have someone of Shayi's calibre leading the institution.



• The new Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi addressing employees during a meet and session.



Speaker Cllr Wireless Sedibeng chairing the session



Employees attentively listening to the Executive Mayor during the meet and greet session



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The Mopani district Municipality host the Disability Forum and Disability Awareness Campaign in Tzaneen

The special programs desk in the Office of the Executive Mayor has organised a two-day event to zoom into issues that are affecting people who are living with disability. This has been planned to provide a platform for people who are living with disability across the district municipality. The participants were given an opportunity to raise their concerns and challenges that they are faced with on a daily basis. Some also commended local government for the continued support it is providing to people with special needs.

The stakeholders discussed grey areas on education, skills development, employment and assistive devices for people living with disabilities. The participants came from the five local municipalities and sector departments.

Mopani District Disability Coordinator Raymond Mabuza highlighted some of the strides that Mopani District Municipality has made in addressing some of the challenges faced by people living with disabilities.

“we are working very hard to improve the lives of people who are living with disabilities, we interact with them on weekly basis to identify their needs. We have sent some of them to special schools and also procured wheelchairs and other assistive devices for them” said Mabuza.

A Member of the Mayoral Committee responsible for Community Services, Councillor Minkateko Shimange-Fazi says government is determined to cater for people living with disability.

“As the political leadership in the institution we are happy that you are able to organize an event of this nature to raise your concerns and also commend municipalities on the support they are offering to you.”

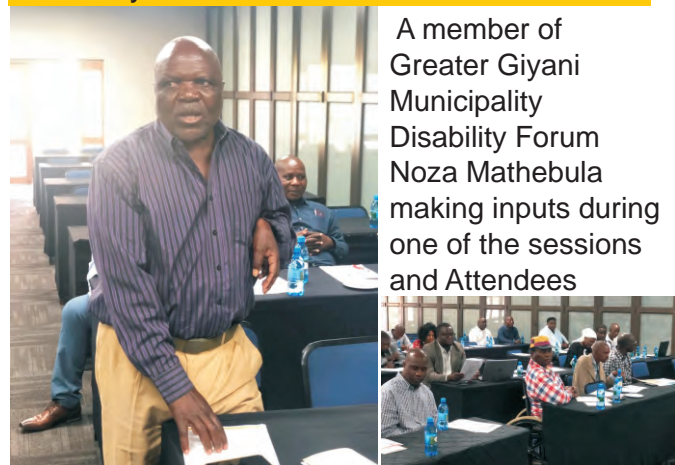
“We have noted all your concerns and we will be able to sit down and have a look on them. Areas that requires our attention will be responded to, while those that are outside our area of operation will be forwarded to the relevant sector departments.” said Cllr Shimange-Fazi.



MMC for Community Services Minkateko Shimange-Fazi making closing remarks in one of the sessions.



Raymond Mabuza giving an update on the progress that has been made by his office in improving the lives of people with disability.



A member of Greater Giyani Municipality Disability Forum Noza Mathebula making inputs during one of the sessions and Attendees