



Put interest of community ahead of yours, Executive Mayor appeals



Speaker of Council, Councillor Wireless Sedibeng, Executive Mayor Nkakareng Rakgoale and the mayor of Greater Letaba Municipality during the handover of Sefototse bulkline project at Mokwakwaila Stadium on Friday.



Director for Engineering Services in Mopani District Municipality, Paradise Shilowa introducing the contractor for the Thapane Phase 2B project at Relela Community Hall.



Noel Makumbila, a community development worker based in ward 7 of Greater Tzaneen Municipality also making an input during the project handover at Relela Community Hall on Friday.

Mopani District Municipality's Executive Mayor, Councillor Nkakareng Rakgoale has appealed to leaders in Bolobedu South not to stall the implementation of the water reticulation project at Thapane because of the 30% sub-contracting debate. Speaking during the handover of the R29 million Phase 2B project of the Thapane Water Scheme at Relela outside Tzaneen on Friday, Rakgoale urged community leaders find ways of engaging the contractor around the issue of local beneficiation without stalling the implementation of the project.

"The policy says 30% sub-contracting is compulsory for projects above R30 million. This project is below R30 million, but it does not stop you from engaging the contractor around the issue of assisting the small businesses in the area. "While we find ways to lobby around the issue of local beneficiation, our utmost interest should be to see the project completed so our people can have access to consistent supply of potable water," she said.

The project includes the rehabilitation of Semarela catchment area, repairing the leaking wall, rehabilitate the pumps, increasing the height of the wall, and fixing the booster pump stations at Motupa, Kgwekgwe, Botludi and Morutji villages. The contractor will also lay bulk water pipelines in Marirone, Motupa, Mohlakong and Morutsi. Rakgoale said that stakeholders must work together to ensure that all wards have representatives in the project steering committee. "Establish an inclusive project steering committee. The process of hiring workers should also be conducted in a fair and transparent manner. These temporary jobs do make a difference the lives of our people," she said.

She cautioned some community members who are fuelling allegations that ward councillors have received an amount of R4 million from the contractor during the implementation of Phase 1 of the Thapane project. "Stop rumour mongering because your allegations are putting the lives of innocent people in danger. These people that you are spreading gossip about have families, and people may start to target their homes because of your gossips," said Rakgoale. Rakgoale then went on to handover two other projects worth R36 million. Constriction work on the Sefototse and Ditshosine projects is soon expected to start.

The mayor of Greater Letaba Municipality, Councillor Peter Matlou has welcomed the projects saying that the council will play its oversight role and ensure that there is progress. "We are happy that the district municipality has brought these projects to us, and we will do everything in our power to see the project moving. Our interest is to see our people drinking water," he said.



Executive Mayor Nkakareng Rakgoale celebrates her birthday



The Mopani District Municipality's Executive Mayor Councillor Nkakareng Rakgoale has celebrated her birthday on the 13th of October 2018. Some of the MMCs and staff members joined the district's first citizen in celebrating her birthday at a hotel in Tzaneen. MMC responsible for Finance Councillor Japisa Mathonsi has described Rakgoale as a person who is always

determined to change the lives of ordinary people. The Executive Mayor who was flanked by her two children Neo, Mahlogonolo and her younger sister Molokwane turned 42 on Saturday. Officials from her office also expressed gratitude for the opportunity of working with the Executive Mayor in her office. The Executive Mayor has thanked all her colleagues, family and comrades who took to the social media and to other platforms and wished her a happy birthday.

MEC for Social Development hands over community care centre to Ndindani village



From left - Mopani's MMC for community services, Councillor Anna Sono, Hosi Ndindani, the Contactor, MEC for Social Development Mapula Mokaba-Phukwana and the Mayor of Greater Giyani Municipality, Councillor Sasavona Mathebula during the handover ceremony of Thursday

The MEC for Social Development Mapula Mokaba-Phukwana officially handed over a community care centre for orphans, vulnerable children and youth to the Ndindani village, in celebration of Social Development Month.

The centre was built through a donation from the German Development Bank KFW. The Centre will assist in ensuring that children and youth have access to skills development as well as social services programmes.

MEC Mokaba-Phukwana called on the community to take ownership of the centre. "You are very fortunate to have a development such as this centre in your village. We call on you to look after this state of the art facility and guard it jealously. Do not allow criminal elements to destroy it and be sure to use the centre and its services to the fullest," she said.



MEC Mapula Mokaba-Phukwana together with Hosi Ndindani and Mayor Sasavona Mathebula of Greater Giyani had a chat with the kids at the Community Care Centre shortly after the handover.