

Kaunda News

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FOREWORD BY THE EDITOR

As the Dr. Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality, we take immense pride in presenting this edition of our municipal magazine an essential platform to inform, educate, and engage our communities on the progress, initiatives, and developmental projects shaping our district. In this issue, we highlight key municipal programs, service delivery improvements, and strategic partnerships that drive socio-economic growth. From infrastructure development to community upliftment efforts, our goal remains to ensure a sustainable and prosperous future for all residents of our district. We extend our sincere gratitude to our leadership, stakeholders, and community members who contribute to making our district a beacon of progress. Your commitment and collaboration continue to inspire us in our pursuit of excellence. We trust that this publication will keep you informed and connected as we journey together toward building a thriving district.

Mr. Xolani Mndaweni Editor

Minister of Electricity, Hon. Kgosientsho Ramokgopa, Engages with Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Leadership



Pictured here: A group photo with the Minister Ramokgopa, Dr.KKDM Executive Mayor Cllr Nikiwe Num, Dr.KKDM Municipal Manager Mr Mokgathe J Ratlhogo, The Executive Mayor for the City of Matlosana Cllr Fikile Mahlope, the Executive Mayor JB Marks Cllr Gaba-Ka Qhele, Maquassihills Local Municipality Mayor Cllr Mzwandile Feliti, representatives from the NWOoP and office of the minister, and MMC's

The 09th June 2025 marked a significant step toward shaping a more sustainable and energy-resilient future, as the Minister of Electricity, Hon. Kgosientsho Ramokgopa, visited the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality Disaster Centre in Klerksdorp. The Minister was warmly hosted by District Mayor Cllr Nikiwe Num, and was joined by the Mayors, Municipal Managers, MMCs, Chief of Staffs, and senior managers from the three local municipalities. The visit was part of an ongoing dialogue to explore urgent solutions to the region's electricity challenges.

Last year, Mayor Num introduced the visionary Waste to Energy Programme a project still in the pipeline but promising to turn environmental waste into electricity. During the meeting, the District presented a costed plan on behalf of all three municipalities, focusing on the upgrading of bulk electricity infrastructure.

Key challenges identified included:

- Ongoing electricity theft
- Delapidated and underutilized infrastructure
- Frequent power outages
- Tampering with electrical meters

In his address, Minister Ramokgopa highlighted the rising cost of primary electricity and emphasized the need for

municipalities to adapt through "Greening of the Electrons" repurposing and transitioning toward clean energy solutions. He further explained how municipalities can generate revenue by involving communities in the rollout of smart electricity meters, encouraging payment responsibility and long-term sustainability.

One of the powerful insights shared was the region's vast, underutilized land, which he described as a blessing. With the North West's excellent solar potential, the Minister urged local leadership to tap into solar energy, installing systems that could bring reliable power to communities and relieve pressure on the national grid.



Pictured here: Mokgathe J Ratlhogo Dr.KKDM Municipal Manager.

THE DISTRICT WELLNESS DAY SESSION

Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality Promotes Healthy Living Through Wellness Day. Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality recently hosted a vibrant Wellness Day event, dedicated to encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle among employees of the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality. The event was proudly championed by the Executive Mayor, Cllr Nikiwe Num, the Municipal Manager,

Mr Mokgathe J. Ratlhogo, and the MMC for Corporate Services, Cllr Lesego Molapisi.

The day began with an energizing fun walk, where participants stepped out in unity, promoting the importance of physical activity. This was followed by a spirited aerobics session, lifting the energy and setting the tone for the rest of the day.

As the program progressed, attendees had access to health screenings and educational sessions, all centered around the theme of wellness and healthy living. Municipal leadership led this session by example, mentally.

THE DTI AND DR KENNETH KAUNDA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY HOST SPAZA SHOP BUSINESS REGISTRATION TRAINING IN KLERKSDORP



Pictured here: SMME's from around the District.

Klerksdorp Auditorium | 30 May 2025

The Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (the DTI), in partnership with the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality, hosted a successful Spaza Shop Business Registration Training session today at the Klerksdorp Auditorium. This empowering initiative was led by the Director for District Economic Development, Mr Melvin Rampedi, alongside his dedicated team, including Ms Lerato Ramorola, Manager for Local Economic Development and her team. The programme was officially opened by the MMC for Local Economic Development, Alderman Raymond Mampe, who warmly welcomed the attendees and set a serious tone for the day.

While commending those who made the effort to attend in large numbers, Ald Mampe expressed concern over the low number of local applicants for the spaza shop Registration, noting that the majority of applications came from foreign nationals.

"This initiative is designed to empower our local entrepreneurs, and we want to see our people stepping forward and taking advantage of such opportunities," Ald Mampe said. He urged local spaza shop owners and aspiring businesspeople to be proactive in applying for support. Representing the DSBD, Mr Ozayo Ntsulaya echoed the same sentiments and encouraged local participation. He reminded attendees that anyone needing assistance with

application forms or process guidance can visit their local municipality offices.

Ms Onoka Sithole also gave an insightful presentation focused on licensing and credit readiness, stressing that licensing is a core requirement for funding eligibility. She urged SMMEs to visit local municipalities for licensing support and advised entrepreneurs to only take on manageable debt—as the Spaza Shop Fund involves both grant and loan components—to ensure sustainable business growth. "Please visit the DTI website or apply directly at www.spazashopfund.co.za," she added.

The final speaker from the NEF

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THE DTI AND DR KENNETH KAUNDA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY HOST SPAZA SHOP BUSINESS REGISTRATION TRAINING IN KLERKSDORP STORY CONTINUES



Pictured here: MMC for Economic Development Ald Raymond Mampe and Director for LED Mr Melvin Rampedi

However, she acknowledged that these businesses face a number of challenges, including:

- 1.Competition from major retailers with greater purchasing power
- 2.Limited access to capital and business development support
- 3.Food safety and compliance concerns,

- 4.High operational costs that hinder competitiveness
 - 5.Social and economic tensions stemming from the dominance of foreign-owned spaza shops in local markets
- Her presentation emphasized

was Ms Siziwe Zulu, who focused on training and workshops, particularly on how to apply for Spaza Shop Funding. She shared important background on the Spaza Shop Support Fund (SSSF), describing it as an initiative aimed at supporting township-based Community Convenience Shops, especially spaza shops, which play a vital role in South Africa's informal economy.

"These businesses offer essential goods and services, contribute to job creation, and serve as critical retail access points for underserved communities," Ms Zulu said.

the importance of equipping local spaza owners with the skills, knowledge, and resources needed to thrive in this space. She encouraged all in attendance to actively seek out the training and funding support available through the SSSF

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR NUM HOSTS THE MILLITARY VETERANS

Thursday, May 29, 2025
Mayor's Hall, City of Matlosana
The DR Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality, through the Office of the Executive Mayor hosted a District Military Veterans gathering at the City of Matlosana Mayor's Hall in Klerksdorp. Attending were military veterans structures from all three local

municipalities (City of Matlosana, JB Marks and Maquassi Hills). Supported by the Office of the Premier NW, South African Military Veterans Association (SAMVA), sector departments (Home Affairs, Agriculture & Rural Development, Cooperative Government & Traditional Affairs), the gathering sought to assist and fast-track the activeness and



Pictured here: Millitary Veteran Mr Franck De-Bruin

functionality of military veterans structures within the district. In its role, the Office of the Premier gave guidance through the coordination of Sector Departments to render meaningful presentations

on opportunities made available for societal development provided by government departments in the North West Province. Military veterans structures also presented their frustrations, pointing particularly at the snail pace

at which developmental progress of the District Military Veterans Desk is registered.

MINISTER SIMELANI VISITS DR.KENNETH KAUNDA ON HUMAN SETTLEMENT PERFORMANCE ISSUES



Pictured here: Dr.Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality's Executive Mayor Cllr Nikiwe Num

Klerksdorp, City of Matlosana
Friday, May 16, 2025
Minister of Human Settlements Thembu Simelane is in Klerksdorp, City of Matlosana. Her visit to the North West Province relates to an engagement with the province on its performance on human settlements projects, which forms part of the National Department's nationwide performance review exercise to identify

human settlements challenges and provide solutions to fast-track the provision of adequate housing to qualifying beneficiaries. The Minister is accompanied by North West MEC for Human Settlement Oageng Molapisi, both DR Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality and City of Matlosana Executive Mayors Cllrs Nikiwe Num

and Fikile Mahlophe respectively. Other attendees include local councillors, municipal managers, senior managers as well as other senior officials from national and provincial departments.

Minister Simelane has recently visited the Free State, KwaZulu-Natal and Gauteng provinces on the same performance review missions.

Before the community engagement and handover of title deeds to ten deserving community members, Minister Simelane and a delegation will conduct an in loco inspection at the N12 Integrated Housing development, which is expected to deliver thousands of housing opportunities.

SPEAKER CILLR XOLILE NXOZANA FIGHTS CORRUPTION

13 June 2025

The fight against corruption continues with unwavering commitment under the leadership of Speaker of Council, Cllr Xolile Nxozana, who today hosted another powerful session at the JB Marks Municipal Chambers



Pictured here:Speaker Cllr Xolile Nxozana



Pictured here: Members of government sector departments.

as part of the ongoing Anti-Corruption Awareness Programme .The event brought together key stakeholders from government and oversight bodies, including SALGA, HAWKS, COGTA,The SIU, PSC, as well as councillors and MMCs from both Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality and JB Marks Local Municipality. The main focus: tackling corruption head-on, promoting professional and ethical

governance, and restoring public trust in our institutions. In his opening remarks, Speaker Cllr Nxozana emphasized the value of time and the urgency of action. "Time, once lost, cannot be regained," he said. "We cannot afford to be complacent in the face of corruption. If you see corruption, blow the whistle. If we remain silent, more people will suffer."

The Speaker also highlighted the systemic nature of corruption, calling for unity and a collective shift in mindset: "Corruption has become normalized across many departments. We need to change the narrative and instill a presentation underscoring that financial irregularities remain a major culture of integrity in all spheres of governance." During the session, SALGA delivered an insightful



Pictured here: Dr. Kenneth Kaunda District Councilors

SPEAKER CLLR XOLILE NXOZANA FIGHTS CORRUPTION CONTINUES.....

contributor to poor service delivery, stressing the need for leadership that prioritizes communities above all.

Key Suggestions From the Floor:

1. Enforce stronger consequences for unethical conduct
2. Implement more effective

internal controls
3. Ensure clear separation between political leadership and administration
4. Protect whistleblowers and investigators with stronger policies
5. Manage conflicts of interest more transparently during decision-making

The SIU made their own presentation too, taking us through with their vision, mission and values. They also explained their SIU Constitutional Mandate and functions. And their legislative mandate. The SIU also stated the key drivers of fraud and corruption in the public

sector :

- Weak Government Systems. Where you found out that there's lack of transparency in decision-making.
- Lack of strong institutions- Absence of independent bodies such as Anti-Corruption or ombudsman offices that can investigate the wrong doing.
- Political influence - Politicians and

government employees using their positions for their own personal gain.
-Complex bureaucracies and processes - Bureaucratic red tape can create the opportunity for bribery, kickbacks and other forms of fraud.
Let's unite against corruption. Speak up. Act responsibly. Protect our communities.



Photo Caption: Members of the Dr KK District Mayoral Committee. In the Middle seated - District Executive Mayor Cllr Num wearing black. Standing from left to right: MMC Mphahudi, MMC Matsapola, MMC Itebogeng, MMC Molapisi, MMC Lekgari

DR KKDM WELCOMES NEW COUNCILLOR

Today, **April 02, 2025**, the DR Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality welcomes Mr. Lebogang Victor Itebogeng as one of DR Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality Councillors after being sworn-in by Magistrate Benjamin Letsholo at the Orkney Magistrate Court.

Whilst Cllr Itebogeng has pledged to obey, respect and uphold the Constitution and all other laws of the Republic of South Africa, he also promised to carry out his duties as a member of the DR Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality Council to the best of his ability.

When welcoming the new councillor, Speaker Cllr Xolile Nxozana said the DR Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality takes note of Itebogeng's arrival and expects nothing but positive and energetic contribution towards serving the District community in its entirety.

"We acknowledge Cllr Itebogeng's arrival and await his spirited drive to play a crucial

purpose in accelerating service delivery to communities around all three local municipalities (**Maquassi Hills, City of Matlosana and JB Marks**) constituting the DR Kenneth Kaunda District."

Cllr Itebogeng represents the African National Congress (ANC) and joins the DR KKDM Council after being seconded from City of Matlosana Local Municipality. He replaces Cllr Rose Thabanchu who has since being deployed to City of Matlosa



Tender No:	Description	Non-Refundable Tender Deposit/Amount	Bid Docs to be availed from	Compulsory Site Meeting	Contact Person	Closing Date & Time
KKDM 11/24	INVITATION FOR EXPERIENCED AND QUALIFIED SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR THE COMPILATION OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDIT PROCESS FOR THE DR.KENNETH KAUNDA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY FOR A PERIOD TWENTY FOUR (24) MONTHS	Tender documents will be available from SCM Unit at Patmore Road, Orkney at R500.00 non refundable	Tender documents will be uploaded on E-Tender bidders who are unable to download the document can purchase the bid document at Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality offices at Patmore Road, Orkney at a non refundable tender amount	None	Mr T Ngqobe 018 473 8000 (Enquiries) Ms L Veldschoen (SCM Unit) 018473 8000	27/06/2025 @ 11:00 am

Functionality: Minimum functionality to be deemed responsive: 75 points

Tender No:	Description	Non-Refundable Tender Deposit/Amount	Bid Docs to be availed from	Compulsory Site Meeting	Contact Person	Closing Date & Time
KKDM09/24 (Re-Advert)	SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, CONFIGURATION, MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT OF THE VIDEO/AUDIO CONFERENCING SYSTEM FOR THE PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS FOR DR. KENNETH KAUNDA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY	Tender documents will be available from SCM Unit at Patmore Road, Orkney at R500.00 non refundable	Tender documents will be uploaded on E-Tender bidders who are unable to download the document can purchase the bid document at Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality offices at Patmore Road, Orkney at non-refundable tender amount	None	Mr M Kgoali 0184067000 (Enquiries) Ms L Veldschoen (SCM Unit) 018473 8000	27/06/2025 @ 10h00 am

Functionality: Minimum functionality to be deemed responsive: 70 points

80/20 Evaluation System;

80 points = Price;

Evaluation Criteria

The remaining 20 points will be allocated according to the Revised Preference Points (PPR-2022) on the 80/20 Evaluation System according to the specific goals as required by the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality that includes:

The specific goals allocated points in terms of this tender	Number of points allocated
• Woman	5
• Disability	5
• Youth	5
• Military Veteran	5

SEALED TENDER DULY ENDORSED WITH THE BID NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION MUST BE DEPOSITED INTO THE TENDER BOX IN THE FOYER OF DR. KENNETH KAUNDA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, ORKNEY, THE OLD MUNICIPAL BUILDING PATMORE ROAD, ORKNEY.

Mokgathe J Ratlhogo
Municipal Manager

EXPLORING PROSPERITY

**DR.KENNETH KAUNDA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY
STRENGTHENING SERVICE DELIVERY THROUGH
PARTNERSHIP AND ACCOUNTERBILITY**



Pictured here: Executive Mayor Cllr Nikiwe Num / MMC for special programs
Cllr Mpho Matsapola and the Municipal manger Mr Mokgathe Ratlhogo

Dr kenneth kaunda district municipality Strengthening Service Delivery Through Partnerships and Accountability.

Today 15 May 2025 the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality recently hosted a critical engagement meeting in JB Marks where Sector

Departments, State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs), Private Sector partners, and Local Municipalities came together to present their 2024/2025 project implementation reports and share plans for the 2025/2026 financial year.

This important meeting is held in line with Section 15(1) of the Local Government: Municipal Planning and Performance Management Regulations, 2001, which mandates the creation of a platform to ensure community participation in the drafting, implementation, and performance monitoring of the municipality's Integrated Development Plan (IDP). Led by the Executive Mayor, Cllr Nikiwe Num, the gathering served as

a space for accountability, collaboration, and progress. Cllr Num emphasized the importance of long-term infrastructure planning, particularly regarding the patching of roads. She expressed concern that continuing to patch roads whose lifespan has expired is inefficient and costly, as the same issues reappear within days. "When the road's lifespan is over, it must be completely redone. Patching only wastes state money and resources," said Cllr Num.

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