

MOOI-UMNGENI CONSTITUENCY

WARD 3 & 4 Newsletter



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I trust that you and your families are safe during these trying times. It has been a challenging period for us as we have played our part in the valiant fight against the Covid-19 pandemic. The Corona virus will still be a part of our lives for the foreseeable future but we have shown that we are stronger together.

The initial lockdown period, while necessary, saw our economy grind to a standstill. This meant that many families could not put food on the table.

For this reason, as DA public representatives, we geared up alongside various NGOs and assisted in ensuring that we minimised the impact of the lockdown on those who are vulnerable.

At a National level the DA put forward solutions and has actively rallied behind the national initiative to fight the virus. Sadly, as with most things in our beautiful country, it did not take long for the governing party and its deployed officials to break our trust. The looting and unfair treatment of people does not come as a surprise. As the DA we have mounted a solid and consistent fight against the corruption and erosion of our rights: both locally and nationally.

OUR VALUES



DA uMngeni



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Freedom



Fairness



Opportunity



Diversity



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News from the ward

ROADS

We continue to fight for the residents of ward 3 and 4 to have roads that are safe for motorists to drive on. In the past month we have intensified our pothole campaign and are glad to see that many of the potholes that previously riddled the R103 have been patched up. We have also brought MEC for Transport, Community Safety & Liaison KwaZulu-Natal Mr Bheki Ntuli's attention to the ongoing issue of Robin Road.



Cllr Sandile doing an oversight inspection

WATER METER AUDIT

We recently conducted a water meter audit in Zenzane village. To our dismay, most of the water meters are damaged and need replacing. This of course, means that there is a lot of water wastage. We have escalated this issue to uMngungundlovu District Municipality

PENSION SOUP KITCHENS



Monthly soup kitchens for the vulnerable

We have begun hosting several soup kitchens on pension day payouts outside the post office. This is due to the fact that we have noticed that our senior citizens who wake at break of dawn to travel to collect their pension, often come to receive it on an empty stomach on cold mornings. We will continue to do this every month

R500 supports 1 soup kitchen

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National and Provincial News

HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

One of the most amazing but also most challenging part of Human Settlements is that it is one of the departments where there should be full co-operation and co-ordination between the 3 different spheres of government, namely National, Provincial and Local. In KZN, the weak link in this chain is sadly our municipalities, and most of the failed projects are because district and local municipalities are not serving their residents by providing the necessary infrastructure and planning to allow us to provide vital housing opportunities to the people of KZN.

Martin Meyer

KZN Spokesperson on Human Settlement



Devastating fire at the Transnet Informal Settlement in Nottingham Road.

RURAL SAFETY

The Democratic Alliance has been fighting for the safety of farmers, farm workers and rural communities in South Africa for many years. The scourge against rural communities has largely been ignored by government and has resulted in brutal attacks and the victimization of farmers and farm workers.

The DA has established a work stream on farm safety made up of representatives from across the country. This work stream has updated the original rural safety plan put forward by the DA. This has been submitted to the President and the Minister of Police as part of our proactive efforts to improve rural safety.

The DA has also established the Court Watching Briefs programme aimed at tracking and monitoring cases of farm murders and attacks. This is to ensure that SAPS and the Justice system ensure that justice is served.

In KwaZulu-Natal the DA is fighting for farm watches and farm patrols to be subsidized by government as well as the establishment of an interministerial committee on rural safety, amongst others.

The disproportionate crime statistics against farmers and farm workers should be of concern to all South Africans. The DA will continue to proactively find solutions and present them to the government and we will continue to fight for the protection of rural communities.

The DA's victory in getting farm murders as an item for debate in the National Assembly has placed farm murders on the National agenda.

PROTESTORS DISRUPT MUNICIPAL SERVICES

UMngeni residents have been held hostage by a group of about 20 ANC members/supporters who have blocked the entrance of the municipal offices and stop municipal vehicles from leaving their depots.

It is absurd to think that the R18 million a year security services and the Public Order Policing freely allow this small group to disrupt services for thousands. Unfortunately, it is obvious that there are different rules and consequences for different people in our municipality and country.

At the core of the protests are promises made by the mayor and other councillors for jobs and contracts to ANC supporters. These have not materialised and now uMngeni is suffering.

The DA has called on the ANC's Provincial Chairperson, Sihle Zikalala (who is also the Premier) to get his members under control and bring the protest to an end. Zikalala has confirmed that he will intervene but to date there has been no end to the protests. The DA has given him until Thursday 5 November to end the protest thereafter, we will be going to the National Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs to intervene.

On Monday the 2nd of November DA councillor Janis Holmes was assaulted by protestors while gathering photo evidence of the alleged involvement of municipal staff in the protest. She has since opened a case at SAPS Howick.

It is unacceptable that infighting, illegal promises and factionalism must be tolerated while garbage piles up.



We can **WIN** here



The DA in uMngeni is poised to make history. With less than 9% difference between the DA and the ANC we can win in the 2021 local government elections and turn our communities around.

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local efforts**

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