

ANDM to the rescue of fire victims

The Alfred Nzo District Municipality has come to the rescue of destitute families of Kwa Mzongwana rural Village in Matatiele whom their houses and belongings were burnt to ashes by runaway veld fires. It is said that the blazing fire started after one of the families was cooking their afternoon lunch using wood. Some community members have lost their live-stock. Some of the victims were forced to share the shelter with relatives and neighbours while the Alfred Nzo District Municipality was busy finding ways to help them. Firefighters from Alfred Nzo spent nearly four trying to extinguish the raging fire which was made worse by a gusting wind. Community members also assisted the fire fighters as they struggled with the fire. Alfred Nzo District Municipality disaster management has started assessing what can be given to the affected families. More than sixty full mattresses and blankets were handed to all affected families. ANDM Executive Mayor Eunice Diko has called on communities to be careful when they make fire.

ANDM elects a new Executive Mayor



Eunice Diko was elected Executive Mayor of Alfred Nzo District Municipality and promptly announced that the days of councillors flouting the law by doing business with the municipality, are over.

She directed this warning just after she was inaugurated in the Alfred Nzo Council Chamber.

Diko said all new councillors will declare their interests in business to root out all kinds of corruption. "New councillors have a tendency to think that if you are a councillor, you get the opportunity to distribute and regulate tenders," Diko warned.

She said the councillors must know that

there are laws guiding them. She asked all councillors serving in the Alfred Nzo District Municipality to declare their business interests on the first day they start serving the municipality.

"I am asking all ANC councillors to make sure they are fighting corruption as we know that before the 18 May local government elections, opposition parties' campaigns concentrated on the ANC's corrupt government; now we want to make sure we are leading a clean government," said a confident Diko.

She promise to develop the municipality and turn its financial viability into attaining a clean audit as the Eastern Cape government has vowed that no municipality will get a disclaimer by 2012. However, Makhaya Twabu, formerly from Mbizana Local Municipality and newly elected Alfred Nzo Municipality Speaker, has declared that they have taken a decision to use

Alfred Nzo's name as the name of the district municipality.

Twabu said they agreed to use Alfred Nzo's name as a starting point but as time goes on, they will again open negotiations. He said they will listen to people's views regarding the name, debate and engage them. Meanwhile Alfred Nzo District Municipality is having four local municipalities which are Matatiele, Mbizana, Ntabankulu and Umzimvubu Local Municipality. This is because Ntabankulu and Mbizana Local Municipality were transferred to Alfred Nzo from OR Tambo District Municipality.



Umaspala we Alfred Nzo ubusingethe umsitho wokukhumbula inkcubeko, namagugu

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Premier Kiviet visits ANDM

Eastern Cape Premier Noxolo Kiviet visited the Alfred Nzo District Municipality, accompanied by all her MECs.

The two days Exco Outreach Programme was intended to speed up service delivery and also to bring government closer to the people of Alfred Nzo District Municipality.

Exco Outreach Programme is held yearly and government departments are made to account on service delivery issues.

This year's outreach was the third in which Premier Kiviet visited the district. The outreach started on the 6th October to 7th October 2011 throughout the district. On day one government senior officials and municipal officials visited a number of schools within the district.

On 06 October, MEC for Social Development and Special programmes Pemmy Majodina visited Zanakhanyo home based Care in Upper Cabazana in Mt Ayliff, MEC for Agrarian Reform and Rural Development Zoleka Capa visited Matyeni, small farmers.

In Matatiele, Human Settlement MEC Helen August handed over houses to communities in Caba Mdeni and Sibi villages. The MECs interacted with communities and witness challenges facing them in their respective projects. On 07 October, Eastern Cape Premier Noxolo Kiviet visited Mdikisweni rural village at Mbizana Local Municipality, where she interacted with the community.

The Premier said as government they want to see service delivery and implementation of government plans.

"The time of coming here and making promises is over. We want to see delivery."

She however, urged communities to work very closely with their councillors and not be involved in pity politics.

"We want to ensure that service delivery is not something we just talk about, but it is visible and people can witness it" said the Premier.

She also said they want to be on top of issues as they have already witnessed some progress. She asked Community Development Workers (CDW) to work together with their communities.

"Never again shall we see bad things being published by the media and we as government dobn't know about them and a CDW is employed in that ward," she warned.

The Premier also articulated to the fact that government is committed to make change in the rural areas.

All villages in Ward 11, Mbizana LM were given opportunity to raise their challenges to Premier Kiviet, ANDM Executive Mayor Eunice Diko and MEC for Local Government and Traditional Affairs Mlibo Qhoboshiyane.

Communities told the delegation that their access roads need to be maintained, water, electricity.

They further raised that there is high crime rate in the areas which they believe is caused by high consumption of substance abuse and unemployment. Whilst the programme was continuing a number of government departments, including SASSA, Home Affairs, Social Development and Health were rendering services to the people.

Over 60 birth certificates were issued, over 100 people registered for child, disability and old age grants. Just over 60 people were treated for minor ailments and close to 30 had TB checked by the Department of Health.

Umsitho wokukhumbula inkcubeko, namagugu

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