

Chitungwiza Community Engagement Meeting

Date: 17 December 2019

Venue: Leisure Centre, Chitungwiza

No of Residents: 73

Male: 35

Female: 38

Total Age Range: 16 – 52

Major Age Profile: 18 -35 (Youths – See attached Attendance Register)

No of Members of Parliament in Attendance: 2

No of Members of Councilors: 17

Brief

Media Centre in partnership with Chitungwiza and Manyame Rural Residents Association (CAMERA) organized and facilitated a community engagement meeting that interfaced the Chitungwiza community with councilors and MPs to discuss issues around service delivery.



Community engagement meeting
Interfacing the Chitungwiza community with councillors and Mps on service delivery.
Date: 17 December 2019 | Time: 9AM - 1PM
Venue: Leisure Centre, St Marys, Chitungwiza

PROGRAMME
9AM - 10:00 - Welcome & Registration | 10:00 - 10:30 - Civil Society presentations
10:30 - 11:30 Councillors' state of service delivery | 11:30 - 12:00 Presentations by MPs
12:00 - 1PM Plenary discussions

Participants to include the 5 Chitungwiza MPs, 25 Councillors & the chitungwiza community

Hon. Goodrich Chimbaira
Hon. Godfrey Sithole
Hon. Dickson Tarusenga
Hon. Job Sikhala
Hon. Maxwell Mavhunga

Facilitated by **Media Centre**
Media Centre in partnership with Chitungwiza and Manyame Rural Residents Association (CAMERA)
Event to be *livestreamed* on Youtube: Zim Sentinel

<https://twitter.com/sentinelzim/status/1206592417786449920/photo/1>

After introduction remarks by the Councilors, a plenary session was opened where residents highlighted issues of concern and appraised councilors on what was being done well.

These were some of the major points discussed:

Challenge	Status	Possible Intervention
<p style="text-align: center;">Slow pace of Muda Dam Construction</p> <p>Slow pace in processes that will see the construction of the proposed Muda Dam in rural Seke to alleviate perennial water challenges for Chitungwiza and Manyame Residents.</p> <p>No Budgetary allocation for construction of the dam in the 2019/20 Budget presented by Min of Finance, Prof Mthuli Ncube on 22 November 2019</p> <p>No discussion in parliament on the legal and procedural framework to operationalize</p>	<p>Chitungwiza has been getting its water from Harare through Price Edward treatment works. Harare supplies between 20 to 25 mega litres of water per day to Chitungwiza which at times drops to about 10 mega litres depending on availability resulting in some households getting supplies once per fortnight.</p> <p>Families in Chitungwiza rely on water from shallow wells or boreholes exposing residents to waterborne diseases.</p> <p>Chitungwiza owes Harare millions of dollars in water arrears.</p>	<p>Lobbying parliament to discuss the Construction of the dam in Parliament with a view to budgetary allocations being made and concrete construction plans commencing</p> <p>Honorable Tarusanga made a commitment to take the dam construction proposal to parliament after having noted that the presented 2019-2020 budget by honorable minister of finance Mtuli Ncube did not cater for it.</p>

<p>construction of the dam.</p>		
<p>Illegal water conections</p> <p>Residents bypassing water meters to make illegal connection to council water pipes. The process deprives other residents of water at the time that it is made available by the council</p>	<p>The challenge was highlighted in Ward 9 and 10 although it is pervasive in the whole area.</p>	<p>Engaging Chitungwiza council to improve community awareness of the negative impact of the illegal connections; lobbying for construction of Muda Dam to improve water supplies; improving community policing and responsibility for water meters and other equipment; Engaging residents on the WhatsAPP forum to report illegal connections and work ingtogether to protect existing infrastructure;</p>
<p>3 Construction of houses on sewer and electricity lines and wetlands.</p>	<p>Slow pace in allocation of stands to residents who will have paid for the Stands. For example in Nyatsime: https://twitter.com/i/status/1214546675219533824 Residents paid for stands in 2007 and up to 2013 when they illegally settled themselves they had not been allocated stands. The</p>	<p>Stimulating investigations by MPs and council officials on the administrative bottlenecks that cause slow distribution of stands. Pursuant to the meeting, Chitungwiza municipality the press statement below on 02 January 2020 which stated their</p>

	<p>residents are settled there to date in unregularised homes.</p>	<p>intention to deal decisively with illegal structures within its jurisdiction.</p>
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Picture A



CHITUNGWIZA MUNICIPALITY

Press statement

02 January 2020

With respect to the administration of land in Chitungwiza, Council is more concerned than ever that there are some nefarious individuals that have continued to identify open spaces for allocation to themselves, despite it being the stated and explicit policy of the Council that this shall not be allowed. Council is more concerned than ever that, in Chitungwiza, there continue to be illegal occupations of land and illegal land invasions. Council is also similarly concerned that in Chitungwiza there continue to be instances and cases whereby individuals take it upon themselves to effect illegal alterations of existing property boundaries. It is appalling that these despicable and perverse activities have been happening and are continuing.

For the avoidance of doubt, Chitungwiza Municipality is the sole planning authority that issues stands in Chitungwiza, the Council is very much aware of its land bank, and the Council is also very much aware of the illegal and irregular activities that are being perpetrated by various malefactors.

Let it be known that, with respect to the administration of land in Chitungwiza, it is the determined and motivated position of the council that, going forward, there shall be absolutely no tolerance of such illegal and improper activities. Would be perpetrators are being ordered and directed to stop their reprehensible activities forthwith. Let it also be known; to everyone and anyone that fails or refuses to heed this warning; that defiance shall be met with definite and decisive action from the Council; and that such action shall include criminal prosecution.

**DR. T. I. KASU
ACTING TOWN CLERK**

Additional Discussion Points:

Reduced water supply from Harare city council to Chitungwiza Council owing to depletion of water sources and shortage of chemicals.

Nonpayment of rates by residents

Residents highlighted that, they are buying water- 2 RTGS per 20litre bucket from wells at their own risk since most of the wells are contaminated with sewage.

Residents who live in areas where they are receiving water have said that the water is dirty and not suitable for drinking.

Ward 2 residents raised issue of 3 sites where boreholes were sunk but are running dry. They have no functional boreholes in their area.

More Boreholes have been sunk as a way to address water crisis

Boreholes to be transformed into submersive pumps which use solar energy.

Residents also pointed out to the issue of railway on the map but there is nothing on actual ground.

Appendix A – Members of Parliament present:

Honourable D. Tarusanga

Honourable G. Chimbaira

Appendix B - Councillors Present:

T.F Magadzire

c. Nyayodo- ward 14

J. Mtunzi- Ward 15

M. Majoni- Ward

M. Pangiti Ward 17

S. Warikandwa- Ward 11

k. John- Ward 21

T. Muchakwa - Ward 1

G.S Mushangwe- Ward 9

R. Chamutsa –Ward 5

E. Mbeya- Ward 18

Q. Dingo- Ward 23

T. Chiwanza -Ward 6

M. Makweza

Y. Chagwada - Ward 24

D. Musaza- Ward 12

H. Chireka- Ward 2

Appendix C - Other:

L. Meya-Chitungwiza Town Council spokesperson

M. Kumalo - Chitungwiza and Manyame Rural Residents Association (CAMERA)

4 MEDIA CENTRE Personnel

Appendix D - Picture Gallery:





