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RE : Ventersdorp Protest March

Following some protest action and demonstrations embarked upon by Ventersdorp residents over the introduction of the 95/5 payment system for the municipal rates, the Finance MMC, Councilor Kelvin Johnson together with the Acting CFO, Kgosietsile Kgosiemang addressed a meeting of the residents yesterday.

The meeting agreed that the protest action would cease following a commitment by the MMC that Council would commit to a number of issues to address the concerns raised. The MMC committed that fresh consultations through a number of ward based izimbizo would be embarked on to explain how the new 95/5 rates collection system operates.

Meanwhile, the municipality will expedite the registration of indigents. Ward councilors will be requested to work with their ward committees to ensure that all deserving indigents in their wards are properly registered so as to qualify for the 80Kw free electricity per month. Qualifying people are urged to take advantage of this provision, seeing that the municipality offers 30Kw more to the 50Kw per prescribed by regulation.

The municipality is also appealing to all consumers whose meters are not linked to the municipality to approach any rate hall with copies of their identity documents to have them linked up to the system. Consumers will not be able to have the electricity supplied to them if they are not linked.

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