

UGU DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

**MINUTES OF THE 47TH MEETING OF THE UGU DISTRICT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, RAY NKONYENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, ON
THURSDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2026, AT 11H00**

Cllr SR Ngcobo - Speaker

IS Mqadi (Mayor), D Nciki (Deputy Mayor), SN Caluza (Exco Member), FM Ngwane (Exco Member), GD Henderson (Exco Member), JS Ngwane (Exco Member), NA Njenga (Exco Member) P Breedt, NT Dlamini, SP Fica, SV Duma, AW Gege, TT Hlophe, SE Khawula, N Ndadane, SA Ngcece, X Nkasa, NY Mweshe, MJ Cele-luthuli, NO Mazubane, MA Manyoni, MM Mbatha, SEH Mngoma, SD Mdluli, PZ Mzindle, TH Msabala, SP Mthethwa, Z Opperman, PC Shange, B Nyuswa, MP Shoji, J Schmidt, MP Tenza, MV Vezi, MPL Zungu, and LS Zungu.

BY INVITATION:

Inkosi EZ Jali

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr VO Mazibuko	-	Municipal Manager
Mr K Audan	-	General Manager: Budget and Treasury Office (BTO)
Dr T Mwelase	-	General Manager: Water Services
Ms MP Gobhozi	-	General Manager: Corporate Services
Ms F Mbili	-	Senior Manager: Corporate Strategy and Shared Services
Mr S Kati	-	Chief Audit Executive (CAE)
Ms N Mbambo	-	Manager: Legal Services
Ms N Gumbi	-	Manager: Human Resources
Mr A Mbhele	-	Manager: Administration & Auxiliary Services
Ms S Nzama	-	Intern: Secretariat Unit
Ms B Malishe	-	Committee Co-ordinator: Secretariat Unit
Ms T Kikine	-	Acting Administrative Officer: Secretariat Unit

• **OPENING**

The Speaker extended a warm welcome to all present. He then requested Cllr SP Fica to open the meeting in prayer.

C 28/02/26

NOTICE OF MEETING

The notice of the meeting was taken as read.

C 29/02/26

APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

It was noted that Cllr NA Njenga had requested to join the meeting via the Hybrid Platform.

It was also noted that Cllr MV Vezi had formally requested permission to leave the meeting at 13h30pm, to attend a medical appointment in Durban, and that Cllr FM Ngwane had similarly requested to leave the meeting at 12h15pm.

It was noted that Inkosi MBW Xolo (*council business*) and Inkosi MP Ngcobo (*council business*) had requested leave of absence from the meeting.

From the management component, it was noted that the General Manager: Economic Development and Environmental Services – EDES (*sick leave*) had requested leave of absence from the meeting.

It was further noted that Mr F Zama was the Acting General Manager: Economic Development and Environmental Services (EDES).

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

- (a) That, it be and is hereby **NOTED** that Cllr NA Njenga had joined the meeting via the Hybrid Platform.
- (b) That the request from Cllr FM Ngwane to leave the meeting at 12h15pm, be and is hereby **GRANTED**.
- (c) That the request from Cllr MV Vezi to leave the meeting at 13h30pm to attend a medical appointment in Durban be and is hereby **GRANTED**.
- (d) That Inkosi MBW Xolo (*council business*) and Inkosi MP Ngcobo (*council business*) be and are hereby **GRANTED** leave of absence from the meeting.
- (e) That from the management component, the General Manager: Economic Development and Environmental Services- EDES, (*sick leave*) be and is hereby **GRANTED** leave of absence from the meeting.
- (f) That, it be and is hereby **NOTED** that Mr F Zama was the Acting General Manager: Economic Development and Environmental Services (EDES).

C 30/02/26 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were none.

C 31/02/26 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The Speaker took members through the confirmation of the agenda.

Thereafter, Cllr FM Ngwane moved for the confirmation of the agenda and was seconded by the Deputy Mayor.

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

That the agenda convening the meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council be and is hereby **CONFIRMED**.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the 46th Meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 22 January 2026

The Speaker took members through the confirmation of the minutes for the 46th meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 22 January 2026.

Thereafter, Cllr Henderson moved for the acceptance of the minutes and was seconded by Cllr FM Ngwane.

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the 46th Meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 22 January 2026 be and are hereby **CONFIRMED**.

RESOLUTIONS REGISTER

C 33/02/26

Resolutions Register for the 46th Meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 22 January 2026

The Speaker took members through the Resolutions Register for the 46th meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 22 January 2026.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the Resolutions Register for the 46th Meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 22 January 2026 be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

C 34/02/26

OUTSTANDING MATTERS

It was noted that there were none.

STANDING ITEMS

C 35/02/26

Monthly Birthday Greetings: Councillors, Amakhosi and Senior Managers

The Speaker conveyed birthday wishes on behalf of Council to the following Councillors, the Traditional Leaders and Senior Managers who celebrated their birthdays during the month of February 2026, namely:

- Cllr SN Caluza - 06 February;
- Cllr PC Shange - 22 February;
- Cllr LS Zungu - 02 February;
- Cllr Ndadane - 27 February;
- Ms Z Mpurwana - 28 February; and
- Mr S Kati - 13 February.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the Monthly Birthday Greetings for Councillors, Amakhosi and Senior Managers for the month February 2026, be and is hereby **NOTED**.

Water Supply Status Quo Report

The General Manager: Water Services took members through the report.

She apprised members on the status of water systems throughout the Ugu District and provided a detailed report on the water supply that included successful shutdowns, restoration of supply, pipeline replacement projects, challenges faced, and the ongoing efforts to improve the system.

She then highlighted the updates on the water supply status quo in each of the following areas, namely:

- Area South Central;
- Area South;
- Area North; and
- Area South-West.

She advised members that a spreadsheet was included in the report as an annexure indicating all the issues that were raised by members in the previous meeting including the progress on each of the line items.

Regarding the sanitation issues, she assured members that the Municipality was attending them as and when they were received.

Cllr Nkasa reported that in Ward 25, near the Khalweni area, the standpipes were not supplying water, and as a result, the said community obtained water from a pipe located next to the main road. He therefore requested that the user-Department investigate the matter.

Cllr Schmidt reported that the persistent overflowing of the 9A Reservoir, which had resulted in damage of the adjacent roads and certain properties. Continuing, he further indicated his availability to accompany the technical team on-site to accurately identify the precise location requiring intervention.

He advised members that he recently received numerous complaints from the residents complaining about the water disconnections. He then suggested that the Municipality needed to consider sticking bright orange stickers on the disconnected meters reflecting the Ugu Accounts Department number.

Sharing the same sentiments, Cllr Henderson supported Cllr Schmidt suggestion for the disconnection team to affix bright orange stickers to meters that have been disconnected, to ensure clear identification. He further enquired whether the pump at the Umtamvuna Water Treatment Plant had been successfully restored to operation.

He mentioned that the Ugu District Municipality had previously received complaints from the Ray Nkonyeni Municipality caucus regarding sewer odor emanating from the Umbango area, which was resolved.

He further expressed his appreciation to Management, noting that of the nineteen (19) Water Treatment Works that were previously reported to be dysfunctional, seven (07) have since been restored to full functionality and were currently operational.

Cllr Mthethwa raised concerns that certain areas within Umzumbe Local Municipality were not assisted with the TLB, which consequently delayed service delivery. He humbly requested that the Municipality should address the matter relating to the Sihlonyaneni area, as it had previously been reported that the water supply does not reach the said area, including Ward 2.

He then reported that Inhlokoyenkomo area in Ward 10 under Umuziwabantu Local Municipality does not have access to water. He further indicated that Ophondweni area in Ward 2 under Umdoni Local Municipality also lacked water infrastructure.

Continuing, he also reported the following areas experiencing water-related challenges:

- Mvele area under Brema area – no existing water infrastructure,
- Ward 17 in Stations (01) and (02) - no water supply, although there was existing water infrastructure,
- Ward 18 in Mdlangezwa area – no water infrastructure

Furthermore, he reminded members that in January 2026, the Council was given assurance that by 26 February 2026, the water supply in Wards 14 and 15 under the Ray Nkonyeni Local Municipality would be fully restored.

Inkosi Jali reported the following areas (area Southwest) which were experiencing water challenges. He then requested that the said areas should be assisted with water tankers, namely:

- Nkulu area in Ward 1 under Inkosi Duma;
- Gudlucingo area;
- Ward 2 the area under Inkosi Zungu;
- Mpumuli area,
- Shayamoya area;
- KwaJali area in Ward 9;
- Ngeli area; and
- Ntshangeni area.

He raised concerns regarding the water supply challenges faced by KwaJali and KwaMachi communities since uMgeni-uThukela Water assumed responsibility for the reservoir serving these areas. He further noted that, prior to the transfer of management from Ugu District Municipality, the reservoir had not experienced any of the said challenges. He then requested that the Management should consider engaging uMgeni-uThukela Water on the said matter, given that the dam in the area was at full capacity.

Commenting, the Municipal Manager requested that the members formally escalate all the water-related issues directly to himself and to the General Manager: Water Services.

Regarding water disconnections, he assured Members that Management would give due consideration to the proposal submitted by Councillor Schmidt, including the urgent request to address the water supply challenges in Sihlonyaneni under Umzumbe Local Municipality.

Regarding the pump at the Umtamvuna Water Treatment Plant, the General Manager: Water Services informed the members that two (02) replacement pumps had been procured and delivery was expected in the following week.

Continuing, the Municipal Manager stated that regarding the assurance previously provided to members concerning the restoration of water supply in Wards 14 and 15 under the Ray Nkonyeni Local Municipality, same would be fully restored by 26 February 2026, he reported that the Portfolio Committee on Water and Sanitation conducted a site visit and observed that the required work could not be completed within one (01) week.

He further indicated that the said work was now scheduled for completion by mid-March 2026. He then tasked the General Manager: Water Services to formally communicate the accurate project completion date to all members.

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the Water Supply Systems Status Quo be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.
- (b) That the user-Department be and is hereby tasked to investigate the matter related to standpipes reported to not supplying water in Ward 25, near the Khalweni area.
- (c) That the Municipality consider affixing bright orange stickers on disconnected meters reflecting the Ugu Accounts Department number.
- (d) That Management consider engaging uMgeni-uThukela Water on the water supply challenges related to the dysfunctional reservoir between KwaJali and KwaMachi areas.
- (e) That the request for the following areas to be assisted with water tankers be and is hereby **NOTED**, namely:
- Nkulu area in Ward 1 under Inkosi Duma;
 - Gudlucingo area;
 - Ward 2 the area under Inkosi Zungu;
 - Mpumuli area,
 - Shayamoya area;
 - KwaJali area in Ward 9;
 - Ngeli area; and
 - Ntshangeni area.
- (f) That it be and is hereby noted that the following areas were experiencing water-related challenges:
- Mvele area under Breama area - no existing water infrastructure,
 - Ward 17 in Stations (01) and (02) - no water supply, although there was existing water infrastructure,
 - Ward 18 in Mdlangezwa area – no water infrastructure
- (g) That it be and is hereby noted that Inhlokoyenkomo area in Ward 10 under Umuziwabantu Local Municipality does not have access to water and that Ophondweni area in Ward 2 under Umdoni Local Municipality also lacked water infrastructure.
- (h) That the Municipality be and is hereby tasked to address the matter related to the Sihlonyaneni area, as same had previously been reported that the water supply does not reach the said area, including Ward 2.
- (i) That concerns and request for Umzumbe areas to be assisted with the TLB be and is hereby **NOTED**.

- (j) That the General Manager: Water Services be and is hereby tasked to formally communicate to members the accurate project completion date relating to the restoration of the water supply to Wards 14 and 15 under the Ray Nkonyeni Local Municipality.

C 37/02/26 SALGA Monthly Report

It was noted that there was no report.

C 38/02/26 Human Rights Commission Inquiry

It was noted that there was no report.

C 39/02/26 SECTION 79 REPORTS

It was noted that there was no report.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

C 40/02/26 Ugu District Municipality- January 2026 Monthly Budget Statement

The General Manager: Budget and Treasury Office took members through the report.

It was noted that the objective of the report was to inform members about the Monthly Budget Statement for January 2026, in compliance with Section 71 of the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA).

Thereafter, Cllr Schmidt moved for the acceptance of the recommendations and was seconded by Cllr Opperman

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the Ugu District Municipality for the month of January 2026 Budget Statement be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.
- (b) That the Monthly Budget Statement for the month of January 2026, be and is hereby **APPROVED**.
- (c) That the Monthly Budget Statement for the month of January 2026, and the supporting documents be submitted to both the Provincial and National Treasury in both electronic and hard copies.

C 41/02/26 SCM Monthly Performance Report: October 2025

The General Manager: Budget and Treasury Office took members through the report.

It was noted that the purpose of the report was to inform members on the SCM Monthly Performance Report for October 2025.

It was further noted that the said report allowed Council to monitor and review the spending patterns within the Municipality effectively.

Thereafter, Cllr Mngoma moved for the acceptance of the recommendations and was seconded by Cllr MPL Zungu.

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the SCM Monthly Performance Report for October 2025, be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.
- (b) That the SCM Monthly Performance Report for October 2025, be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

C 42/02/26

SCM Monthly Performance Report: December 2025

The General Manager: Budget and Treasury Office took members through the report.

It was noted that the purpose of the report was to inform members of the SCM Monthly Performance Report for December 2025.

It was further noted that the said report allowed Council to monitor and review the spending patterns within the Municipality effectively.

Thereafter, Cllr FM Ngwane moved for the acceptance of the recommendations and was seconded by Cllr LS Zungu

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the SCM Monthly Performance Report for December 2025, be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.
- (b) That the SCM Monthly Performance Report for December 2025, be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

C 43/02/26

SCM Monthly Performance Report: December 2025

The General Manager: Budget and Treasury Office took members through the report.

It was noted that the purpose of the report was to inform members of the SCM Monthly Performance Report for December 2025.

It was further noted that the said report allowed Council to monitor and review the spending patterns within the Municipality effectively.

Thereafter, Cllr FM Ngwane moved for the acceptance of the recommendations and was seconded by Cllr LS Zungu

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

(a) That the SCM Monthly Performance Report for December 2025, be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

(b) That the SCM Monthly Performance Report for December 2025, be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

C 44/02/26

SCM Monthly Performance Report: January 2026

The General Manager: Budget and Treasury Office took members through the report.

It was noted that the purpose of the report was to inform members on the SCM Monthly Performance Report for January 2026.

It was further noted that the said report allowed Council to monitor and review the spending patterns within the Municipality effectively.

Thereafter, Cllr Breedt moved for the acceptance of the recommendations and was seconded by Cllr Mthethwa.

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

(a) That the SCM Monthly Performance Report for January 2026, be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

(b) That the SCM Monthly Performance Report for January 2026, be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

C 45/02/26

Quarter 2: Early Warning Signals for the Municipalities Meeting the Criteria of Financial Problems for 2025-26 Financial Year

The Speaker took members through the report.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

(a) That the report related to Quarter 2: Early Warning Signals for the Municipalities meeting the Criteria of Financial Problems for 2025-26 Financial Year be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.

(b) That the letter from Provincial Treasury as well as the remedial action as per 4.3 be and is hereby **NOTED**.

C 46/02/26

Mid-Year Adjustment Budget for the 2026/26 Financial Year

His Worship, the Mayor took members through the Mid-Year Adjustment Budget for the 2024/2025 Financial Year.

Cllr JS Ngwane endorsed the budget speech delivered by His Worship the Mayor and assured members that the Council would be exercising diligent oversight over the

implementation of the approved budget. He subsequently moved for the adoption of the recommendations, which was duly seconded by Councillor MP Shozi.

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the Mid-Year Adjustment Budget for the 2026/26 Financial Year be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.
- (b) That the Ugu District Municipality Mid-Year Adjustments Budget for the 2023/24 Financial Year be and is hereby **APPROVED** as set out in the following schedules:
 - Table B1 – Adjustments Budget Summary;
 - Table B2 – Adjustments Budget Financial Performance (classification);
 - Table B3 – Adjustments Budget Financial Performance (Municipal vote);
 - Table B4 – Adjustments Budget Financial Performance (Revenue & Expenditure);
 - Table B5 – Adjustments Budget Capital Expenditure;
 - Table B6 – Adjustments Budget Financial Position;
 - Table B7 – Adjustments Budget Cash Flows;
 - Table B8 – Adjustments Budget Cash Backed Reserves;
 - Table B9 – Adjustments Budget Assets Management;
 - Table B10 – Adjustment Budget Service Delivery; and
 - Other Supporting Tables (Table SB1-SB20).

C 47/02/26

Review of Bank and Investments Signatories and Delegations

The General Manager: Budget and Treasury Office took members through the report.

Thereafter, Cllr Mthethwa moved for the acceptance of the recommendations and was seconded by Cllr MPL Zungu.

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the Review of Bank and Investments Signatories and Delegations be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.
- (b) That the Council resolution taken on 23 March 2023, be and is hereby **RESCINDED**.
- (c) That the listed designations as approved delegated signatories for Ugu District Municipality on all Municipal Bank accounts be and is hereby **APPROVED** as follows, namely:
 - Group A: The Municipal Manager;
The General Manager: Budget and Treasury;
Senior Manager: Budget and Treasury; and
Manager: Cash Management.

Group B: The General Manager: Corporate Services;

Manager: Budget Planning, Monitoring and Financial; and Reporting
Manager: Financial Management Systems Support.

- (d) That one Group A and one Group B signatory be and are hereby authorised to sign all banking operational Communication or any two signatories from Group A.
- (e) That all Electronic Fund Transfers, other payments, and investments be and is hereby **AUTHORISED** by one Group A and one Group B signatory or any two (2) signatories from Group A.
- (f) That the Municipal Manager and any one of the following designations be and are hereby **GRANTED** authority to sign all bank related documentation for opening and closing of bank accounts on behalf of Council.
- The General Manager: Corporate Services; and
 - The General Manager: Budget and Treasury Office.
- (g) That, it be and is hereby **NOTED** that the compliance with FICA regulations requires all signatories to supply the following information and documentation to the Bank.
- Certified copy of identification document.
 - Copy of utility account in individual's name proving physical address not older than 3 months.
- (h) That the extract from the minutes of the Ugu District Municipal Council be signed by his worship, the Mayor (Cllr IS Mqadi) as a true reflection of the resolutions taken.

C 48/02/26

Amnesty on Outstanding Debt on Residential Customer Account

The General Manager: Budget and Treasury Office took members through the report.

Thereafter, Cllr Schmidt moved for the acceptance of the recommendations and was seconded by Cllr Khawula.

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the Amnesty on Outstanding Debt on Residential Customer Account be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.
- (b) That the amnesty be offered to residential customers on payment towards the outstanding debt be and is hereby **APPROVED** as follows, namely:
- The customer pays the 50% on overall (capital plus interest) on application and the Municipality writes off the remaining 50% debt (capital plus interest), the program would run until 30 June 2026.

C 49/02/26

Umtamvuna Electrical Power Upgrade Progress Report

The General Manager: Water Services took members through the report.

In terms of temporally line, she reported that the installation of the voltage regulator at the Umtamvuna Raw Pump Station was scheduled for 11 February 2026. She mentioned that

the work could not proceed as planned due to adverse weather conditions which had subsequently resulted in further postponements of the installation. She reported that the installation was planned to continue on 26 February 2026.

Regarding the permanent power upgrade, she indicated that a follow-up engagement had been scheduled within the next two weeks. She further confirmed that all the relevant stakeholders were aligned and had expressed confidence that the project would proceed in accordance with the planned schedule.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the Umtamvuna Electrical Power Upgrade Progress Report be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM COMMITTEES

Extracts from the Draft Minutes of the Executive Committee held on 18 February 2026

2022 – 2027 ICT Digital Strategy Implementation Report (Year 4 2025 / 2026 Quarter 3) (MTID-1)

The General Manager: Corporate Services took members through the report.

Thereafter, Cllr Mthethwa moved for the acceptance of the recommendations and was seconded by Cllr Mazubane.

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the 2022 to 2027 ICT Digital Strategy Implementation Report (Year 4 2025 / 2026 Quarter 3) (MTID-1) be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.
- (b) That the ICT Disaster Recovery Plan and the ICT Disaster Recover SOP Policies be and is hereby **APPROVED**.
- (c) That the Data Strategy be and is hereby **APPROVED**.
- (d) That the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Strategy be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

2025/2026 Mid-Year Performance Report

The Speaker took members through the report.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the 2025/2026 Mid-Year Performance Report be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.

C 52/02/26

Labour Relations and Disciplinary Matters

The General Manager: Corporate Services took members through the report.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the report on the Labour Relations Matters and the Disciplinary Hearings be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.

C 53/02/26

Close-out Report for SALGA DRS Games 2025

The Municipal Manager took members through the report.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the Close-out Report for the SALGA DRS Games 2025 be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.

C54/02/26

2025 / 2026 Special Programmes Policy Framework Review

The Speaker took members through the report.

Thereafter, Cllr Manyoni moved for the acceptance of the recommendations and was seconded by Cllr Luthuli.

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

(a) That the report on the 2025 / 2026 Special Programmes Policy Framework Review be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.

(b) That the 2025 / 2026 Special Programmes Policy Framework Review be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

C 55/02/26

EPWP Phase V Policy

The Speaker took members through the report.

Thereafter, Cllr Manyoni moved for the acceptance of the recommendations and was seconded by Cllr Opperman.

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

(a) That the report on the EPWP Phase V Policy be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.

(b) That the EPWP Phase V Policy be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

C 56/02/26

Environmental Health National Norms and Environmental Pollution Preliminary Report

The Speaker took members through the report.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

(a) That the Environmental Health National Norms and Environmental Pollution Preliminary Report be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.

(b) That, it be noted that the Environmental Health Services had scored 67/80 in the 2025 National Environmental Health Norms and Standards Assessment and the Action Plan as indicated being implemented.

C 57/02/26

Report on Water Quality Monitoring and Environmental Pollution (SDBIP: LED 5.1.1) in the Ugu District

The Speaker took members through the report.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

(a) That the report on the Water Quality Monitoring and Environmental Pollution (SDBIP: LED 5.1.1) in the Ugu District be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.

(b) That, it be noted that any requests for specific rivers to be sampled be communicated to the Manager: Environmental Health.

C58/02/26

To Facilitate Growth and Development of the District Economy: To Leverage Council Owned

The Speaker took members through the report.

Thereafter, Cllr Mthethwa moved for the acceptance of the recommendations and was seconded by Cllr Mweshe.

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the To Facilitate Growth and Development of the District Economy: To Leverage Council-Owned Assets to Stimulate Economic Activities (SDBIP: LED 1.1.4) be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.
- (b) That the adjustment budget of R800, 000.00 be allocated for the acquisition of a new generator, be and is hereby **APPROVED**.
- (c) That, it be and is hereby **NOTED** that the inclement weather in December 2025, resulted in some damage to the facility, which was being processed through an insurance claim submitted by the Facilities Management Unit to the Asset Management Unit.
- (d) That a motivation be done for the Project Management Unit to do an assessment of the main facility building – as they did for the hall to enable consideration of future / repair option and future budget provision.

C 59/02/26 Catalytic Project: Small Harbour Port Shepstone Progress Report (SDBIP: LED 1.1

The Speaker took members through the report.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Catalytic Project: Small Harbour Port Shepstone Progress Report (SDBIP: LED 1.1) be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.
- (b) That the status and progress with implementing the prioritised catalytic project of small Harbour Port Shepstone be and is hereby **NOTED**.
- (c) That the implementation of the Spatial Economic Development Framework Report and Plan be and is hereby **NOTED** and **SUPPORTED**, which was intended to guide the future phased roll-out of landside and marine infrastructure to ultimately develop the fully-fledged Small Harbour Port Shepstone including, namely:
 - Supporting the participation of General Manager: Economic Development and Environmental Services in the Project Steering Committee and Implementation Engagements on behalf of the District Municipality; and
 - Supporting the co-ordination of information sharing research and resource opportunities to add value to the Project Steering Committee in implementing the project.

C 60/02/26 Draft National Entrepreneurship Strategy and Implementation Plan (SDBIP: LED 1.1.3)

The Speaker took members through the report.

Thereafter, Cllr Mthethwa moved for the acceptance of the recommendations and was seconded by Cllr Mazubane.

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the Draft National Entrepreneurship Strategy and the Implementation Plan (SDBIP: LED 1.1.3) be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.
- (b) That the National Entrepreneurship Strategy and the Implementation Plan be and is hereby **APPROVED**.
- (c) That the Ugu District Local Economic Development develop a District level Entrepreneurship Strategy and the Plan, which was included in the 2026 / 2027 Financial Year planning of One District One Plan, the IDP and the SDBIP and that the Ugu District Municipality fulfils its role and responsibility through having indicators and measurements of performance of implementation of the National Entrepreneurship Strategy.
- (d) That the Ugu National Entrepreneurship Strategy (NEP) be integrated in the District Development Model and the ESID Cluster and aligned with the National Entrepreneurship Strategy Steering Committee for planning and reporting purposes.

C 61/02/26 **Incubation and Business Development Services (IBDS) Policy and Sector-Focused and Hybrid Incubation and Digital Hub Support Strategy (SDBIP: LED 1.1.3)**

The Speaker took members through the report.

Thereafter, Cllr Manyoni moved for the acceptance of the recommendations and was seconded by Cllr Luthuli.

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the Incubation and Business Development Services (IBDS) Policy and Sector-Focused and Hybrid Incubation and Digital Hub Support Strategy (SDBIP: LED 1.1.3) be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.
- (b) That the Incubation and Business Development Services (IBDS) Policy and Sector-Focused and Hybrid Incubation and Digital Hub Support Strategy be and is hereby **APPROVED**.
- (c) That the Ugu District Local Economic Development develop a District level business development services and incubation support strategy and plan for implementation in 2026 / 2027 Financial Year.
- (d) That the Ugu subject strategy and plan be and is hereby **APPROVED** to be integrated in the District Development Model and ESID Cluster for reporting and accountability.

C 62/02/26 **Ugu Sanitation Infrastructure Status, Progress Report and Required Intervention**

The General Manager: Water Services took members through the report.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Ugu Sanitation Infrastructure Status, Progress Report and Required Intervention be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.
- (b) That the incidents occurring which were in breach of the applicable legislations and specific to environment: Section 30(1)(a) of NEMA, an “incident” means and unexpected sudden occurrence which affects the environment.
- (c) That the Ugu Sanitation Infrastructure progress on the System challenges with outlines status, interventions and remedial action plans be and is hereby **NOTED**.
- (d) That the three (3) year budget requirements for repairs and maintenance of water and sanitation infrastructure be and is hereby **SUPPORTED**.

C 63/02/26

Status Borehole Maintenance Operations

The General Manager: Water Services took members through the report.

She apprised members on the status of the Boreholes Maintenance to-date in various areas throughout the Ugu District. She reminded members that about 158 boreholes had been installed across the District. She further highlighted the complaints received from the Local Municipalities. Additionally, she acknowledged the progress made by internal teams that had been established to undertake repairs on these boreholes.

She then referred members to page 205 of the report and highlighted the following aspects on the report, namely:

- Strategic Implementation Plan;
- Challenges Faced; and
- Progress Update.

Cllr Mbatha reported that a borehole that was non-functional in the Dayeni area of Ward 5, under the jurisdiction of Umdoni Local Municipality.

He reported that in Ward 16, under the jurisdiction of Umzumbe Local Municipality, six (06) boreholes were installed following a community protest. He raised a concern that the water supply was not connected to the said boreholes to date. He further noted, with concern, that the Municipality was able to install a borehole and connect the water supply within a relatively short period of time in Ward 13 of Umzumbe Local Municipality.

He further stated that in Ward 17 of Umzumbe Local Municipality, two (02) boreholes were installed with the intention of supplying water to the reservoir. He reported that the necessary piping infrastructure was not connected. He therefore respectfully requested that management should investigate and address the aforementioned concerns.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report for Status Borehole Maintenance Operations be **CONSIDERED**.
- (b) That the user Department be and is hereby tasked to investigate the concerns relating to the non-functional boreholes in the following areas, namely:

- One (01) Borehole dysfunctional in Dayeni area of Ward 5, under Umdoni Local Municipality.
- Six (06) Boreholes were installed in Ward 16 under Umzumbe Local Municipality; but the water connection was not done;
- Two Boreholes in Ward 17 under Umzumbe Local Municipality, the water connection was not done.

C 64/02/26

Close-Out Report for December 2025 / January 2026 Peak Season

General Manager: Water Services took members through the report.

Thereafter, Cllr Manyoni moved for the acceptance of the recommendations and was seconded by Cllr Opperman.

Following which,

It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the close-out report for the December 2025 to January 2026, Peak Season be and is hereby **CONSIDERED**.
- (b) That the close-out report for the December 2025 January 2026, Peak Season be and is hereby **APPROVED**.

MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES

C 65/02/26

Minutes of the 51st Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 19 November 2025

The Speaker took members through the noting of the minutes for the 51st meeting of the Executive Committee held on 19 November 2025.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the 51st Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 19 November 2025, be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

C 66/02/26

Minutes of the 52nd Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 04 February 2026

The Speaker took members through the noting of the minutes for the 52nd meeting of the Executive Committee held on 04 February 2026.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the 52nd Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 04 February 2026, be and is hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

C 67/02/26

URGENT MATTERS

It was noted that there were none.

[At that stage of the proceedings, Cllr Schmidt moved for the meeting to move in-committee and was seconded by Cllr Opperman.]

IN-COMMITTEE MATTERS

C 68/02/26

In-Committee Minutes of the 46th Meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 22 January 2026

The Speaker took members through the In-Committee Minutes of the 46th Meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 22 January 2026.

Following which,

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the In-Committee Minutes of the 46th Meeting of the Ugu District Municipal Council held on 22 January 2026, be and are hereby **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

[At that stage of the proceedings, Cllr Ngcece moved for the meeting to move out of committee and was seconded by Cllr Schmidt.]

C 69/02/26

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the date of the next meeting was scheduled for 26 March 2026.

C 70/02/26

CLOSURE

In closing, the Speaker expressed gratitude to all present for their co-operation and participation in the meeting.

With no further items for discussion, the Speaker declared the meeting closed at 12h46.

CHAIRPERSON: -----

DATE:-----