

REPORT ON MEETING WITH THULAMELA MUNICIPALITY ON DUMELA VILLAGE LIBRARY PROJECT: 10TH DECEMBER 2013

Officials from the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture met with the Thulamela Local Municipality to deliberate on a request for the establishment of a library at Dumela village. The meeting was convened after the DSAC met the Dumela community representatives led by Hosi M.T Dumela, where the intricacy of establishing a library was discussed.

The meeting was represented by the following:

DSAC: Mr. M Mulaudzi and Mr. S Nkuzana
Thulamela: Mr. Makhadi and Simango

The crux of the matter discussed was the efforts made by the Dumela community to get a library at their village; and an undertaking made by the DSAC to communicate their need to the Municipality as they alleged that the Municipality did not respond to their letter of request. Dumela has provisionally been put on the 2018/19 f/y.

DSAC indicated that a meeting was held with the Dumela community representatives on the 22 November 2013. DSAC impressed upon the community representatives that the local Municipality plays a crucial role in determining sites for new libraries. The Municipality has plans (IDP) which guide infrastructure development at local government level. The roles of the various spheres of government were explained by the HOD. Upon realizing that the community did not have contact with the local Municipality; DSAC undertook to approach the Thulamela Municipality on their behalf in order to facilitate orderly and cohesive working relationship.

Thulamela Municipality responded by indicating that their infrastructure development plans are guided by their 2030 vision which

has a developed set of criteria. To this effect a Nodal Development service delivery chart has been drawn up. The Municipality pointed out that their plans are well known, as all communities participated and endorsed criteria and plans. Dumela as a village is not the centre of identified nodal development. Phaphazela village is the center of the node; and Dumela is part of the larger community. A concern that, should the agreed upon nodal plans not be implemented, the consequences are that some communities may remain undeveloped. The Municipality is adamant that its plans are known by all councilors who should make it their responsibility to inform their constituencies.

In conclusion both DSAC and Thulamela Municipality agreed to convene a meeting with Dumela village representatives to clarify development plan issues. A date should be determined early in 2014