

2.5. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTAL INPUTS

A municipality must develop a culture of municipal governance that complements formal representative government with a system of participatory governance. According to Chapter 4 of the Municipal Systems Act, and must encourage and create conditions for the local community to participate in the municipality's affairs, including the preparation, implementation, and review of its integrated development plan, as defined in Chapter 5.

The basic goal of public participation is to encourage citizens to participate in the decision-making process in meaningful ways. As a result, public engagement allows for communication between decision-making agencies and the general population. This communication can serve as an early warning system for public concerns, a means of disseminating accurate and timely information, and a tool for long-term decision-making.

Because of the delay caused by the -19 pandemic, which resulted in a lockdown and limitations prohibiting gatherings that required physical attendance, Bitou Municipality held public participation meetings for all seven wards in January 2022.

The IDP manager presented the budget for the previous five years to the communities, and gave an update on the status of past projects. The following is a summary of how all of the ward meetings.

2.5.1. WARD 1

KURLAND MEETING COMMUNITY INPUTS:

BASIC SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT	Water and sanitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no farming water, no walkways, no land and no play areas and sports fields and there is no water. • Upgrading of water pumps and drain at Zawazawa informal settlement. • The stream that runs through the village needs a storm water drainage pump. • The storm water drainage off Kuthumba road is poor and requires a new layer of material. • There is a continuous overflow and blockage of sewerage into water catchment area. • Upgrade/repair sewerage pump station or if necessary the entire sewerage system for the Kurland Village. • Introduce quality road fill in the worst affected areas.
	Roads and stormwater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roads need to be upgraded; the road is never upgraded along its length, only sections, and once every two years. • Inadequate repairs to tar road from N2 to Forest Hall Road; Dangerous entrance off N2 needs an upgrade. Clarity on propose. • Development/village expansion, as well as on any other developments in the ward. • Request reconstruction and surfacing of FH dirt road • Pedestrian walkway from N2 to Kurland Village. • Pedestrian bridge over the canal adjacent to the road is urgently required – not safe for pedestrians to walk through that dip due to cars and after the rains the water puddles sprays up if a car passes through at the same time. • This canal dip also requires a white line on either side to show cars who has right of way.
	Electricity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance and upgrading of meter boxes. • Installation for the households that do not have them at all.
	Waste removal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refuse collection: impact on community, rat infestation, attracting snakes to village homes. • Health risks, needs a better solution than just random and ad hoc collection.
	Disaster management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shacks are burning, people have disabled children who die in these fires. • The fire station needs to operate 24 hours.
ECONOMIC	Skills development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unemployment is at its highest. • A status on the Zawazawa project needs to be given • Hire EPWPs from this area not outside of Crag. • Community CPWs that were removed from the area need to be returned
	Smme support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A business hub needs to be built
	Business incubation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is necessary to construct an information office or center
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing has always been an issue but nothing has been done to build these houses. • A site and service for persons who have had their homes burned down must be made available. • The 562 project needs to be resurrected because it accommodates everyone at Crag

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLOs office should help the community, but it is of no help.
	Sport arts and culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stadiums have never been upgraded, but a lot of money has been allocated for these upgrades • There needs to be a caretaker at the stadium, to reduce any vandalism. • The toilets at the sportsfield need to be enclosed with a fence because children play there and it is not safe
	Youth and gender	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth development needs to be prioritized; youth is not motivated to apply for jobs because they know that they will not be accepted; • People who deliver medication are old, the youth should be given a chance. • There is no free Wi-Fi available for the community i.e. to utilize for available job application search or access applications forms.
	Crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns regarding response times for security services.
	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Availability of an ambulance for emergencies is something that needs to be taken serious, a 24 hour service hospital is needed or an upgrade of the local clinic.
	Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a massive dropout rate at school because the children are expected to be taught in Afrikaans as there are not enough teachers; • The Xhosa speaking learners do not want to go to school because they do not understand Afrikaans. • A crèche was built but it hasn't been used • School Bus to Phakamisani and Murray must be fixed and maintained.
	Community halls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade community hall
	Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The budget is not accurate; therefore all those amounts need to be accounted for. • Police station: even though that is not the municipality's responsibility, they must address the issue with the relevant parties. Because this area has no place to certify their documents and to make affidavits. • A communication platform needs to be created because no one hears or is aware of vital communications. • Office for Commissioner of Oaths needs to be built • The Mayor's office was given a memorandum, but there is no progress on those issues. • Collaboration between government and the community. • Availability and visibility of the ward Councillor is of vital importance in our community. • Land for places of worship

Table 1: Ward 1 Kurland priorities

WARD 1 COVIE COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

BASIC SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT	Water and sanitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water tanks, gutters and horse pipes for every household • Cleaning of water filter system (community is drinking water that isn't treated) • Septic tanks and flushed toilets, the community still uses bucket system •
	Roads and stormwater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
	Electricity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spotlight at every household
	Waste removal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refuse and waste removal, Covie is currently not serviced • Rubbish bins placed
ECONOMIC	Skills development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skills Development needed in the area
	Smme support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No work or business opportunities • Small Business support needed • The community want to do a Tour guiding and fishing hikes for the tourists
	Business incubation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market -Assistance with stall to be to sell and self-sustainability
	Town planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social space/ braai area with facilities and public benches
	Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rotovator tractor • Chipper for tractor for the gardens • Large trailer for tractor • Tractor Sprayer
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Houses needed as most of the area is informal structures • Roof sheets for when it rains, houses are too old and leaking • Community Centre needed • Fencing and farm gate for every household • Solar geyser system every household

Table 2: Covie priorities

WARD 1 KEURBOOMS PRIORITIES

BASIC SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT	Water and sanitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water security at Game St reservoir • Sewerage reticulation
	Roads and stormwater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storm water outlet onto main beach • Upgrade boardwalk at main beach
	Electricity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electricity feed upgrade for greater Keurbooms • Soft street lightning in village

Table 3: Keurbooms priorities

WITTEDRIFT COMMUNITY PRIORITIES:

BASIC SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT	Water and sanitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of storm water maintenance and upgrading of the drainage system at Hoof Road. • Shared system between Green Valley and Wittedrift, small bore system is totally inadequate and requires major upgrade before any new housing developments • An upgrade of the Pump station. • Replace all chemical toilets with flush toilets).
	Roads and stormwater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pedestrian/cycle lane for school children and other pedestrians/cyclists along Hoof Road between Green Valley, Wittedrift and Primary School. • Pedestrian/cycling lane along R340 from N2 – Wittedrift turnoff • Speed bumps along Hoof Road to discourage/prevent speeding by vehicles. • Guttering & run-offs for storm water in Hoof Road running through the village. • Maintenance of Stofpad low-water bridge. • Rotterdam and Kamassie streets require tarring and storm water drainage. • All streets in the Green Valley require major upgrades of storm water drainage systems
	Electricity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular breakdowns in water & electricity supply. Reticulation networks are old and replacement in certain areas or at a minimum, require improved preventative maintenance and not only crisis management. • High mast light request at High street informal settlement • Green Valley requires electrification in certain areas (Twak street, High street where it links with College Land. Latest development regarding Eskom providing electricity to Twak street and informal settlement at High street on College Land
	Waste removal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve management of the skips and recycling bins at the intersection of R340 and Hoof Road (entrance to the village) • Signs to indicate what may or may not be dumped and supervision of the skips. • Provision for Garden waste and building rubble. • Provision of recycling facilities.
ECONOMIC	Skills development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPWP work opportunities
	Smme support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • funding by the municipality for small businesses
	Business incubation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision for business sites in Greenvalley
	Town planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College land (how far is the EIA process?) • Investigate into land above “Mclean” house (previously formed part of the first phase of Greenvalley housing project) • Land use for land near main road.
	Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agricultural land – half of that is not utilized but small farmers do not have land

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed TRA sites (what is the status of the emergency houses and the process 22 that has not yet been delivered) Informal settlement development
	Sport arts and culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrading & maintenance of sports field Bush/grass cutting of pavements and prevention/clearing of illegal dumping is inadequate Regular grass cutting/illegal dumping and pavement maintenance required on a monthly basis Renovating old cloakroom on sports ground into a gym with intention to add into sports bar for the sporting community due to the lack of recreational facilities in the community. Proposal to move the current play park to a fenced and secure area – second sports ground (currently fenced and secure). Provision of water facility/toilet facility.
	Youth and gender	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire preventing trainings so community can be empowered to assist when fires do arise Vacancies on approved organogram to be filled; cashier, caretaker for sports grounds, CDW (Green Valley / Wittedrift area)
	Crime	
	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 day service at satellite clinic (3 days a week currently)

Table 4: Ward 1 Greenvalley and Wittedrift priorities

2.5.2. WARD 2

BASIC SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT	Water and sanitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace all the old ageing fiber cement piping • Long term program for water supply augmentation to cope with rapid expansion of the population
	Roads and stormwater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed humps in Roberg Road • Maintenance of Resurfacing of roads throughout town e.g. High, Sewel and many other street • Turning circle/lane at the intersection of Muller Street and Marine Way • Upgrading of High Street, pedestrian walkways and street lights • Defined corridors from Phitides Walk to Lagoon • Widening and reconstruction of the road between the N2 intersection and entrance to Checkers/Market Square • Second speed hump on Seawitch Avenue • Maintenance of Longships walkway • Adding a section from Bryant Street to White Caps Street opposite of Longships • Walkway between Sanctuary and Beachyhead Road • Widening of pathway Beachyhead • Two way street to be considered from the dolphin circle and post office street • Provincial government intervention: • N2 intersection with Beacon way • Piesang Valley and Robberg Road intersection
	Electricity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streetlights in High and Oddlands Street • Low Intensity street lights along Beachyhead Road • High Voltage Ring Main Feeder cable system to be completed • Upgrading of old switchgear in substations • Upgrading of Eskom HV feeder supply • Reactivate and implement Electrical Master Plan
	Parks and Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low bush and trees in Longships park need to be trimmed and cut back • A redevelopment and clean-up of the Central beach parking and the beach front and Piesang River front area, and building appropriate ablutions that have environmental approval • New cemetery site needed

Table 5: Ward 2 priorities

2.5.3. WARD 3

BASIC SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT	Water and sanitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standby workers for water and electricity issues must respond in time when there is a problem. Water provision for the livestock
	Roads and stormwater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build a shelter at the bus stop Construct a bridge at Pinetrees Build speed humps near the circle Street names
	Electricity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide electricity meters for shacks Quick response time where there is an electricity issue Install street lights High mast light needs to be installed at Magidigidi Increase electricity meter box budget Switch off electricity for the people who connect illegally Call a separate meeting for the electricity issue and give a time frame Follow up on Ferdinand land that was approved for the unqualified Provide material for people who had their shacks burnt recently Move Block H toilets Material allocation needs to be monitored properly
	Waste removal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cleaning of streets and dumpsites
ECONOMIC	Skills development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide skills development programmes to make the youth employable
	SMME support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business Support
	Business incubation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renovate the N2 drop-off facility for small businesses in the area
	Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include the Pinetrees area in tourism programmes
	Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide land for farmers Provide subsistence farming land to community members Give fishing permits to all interested parties
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fix cracks and molding in the walls of houses The site and service must be prioritized. Infrastructure upgrade
	Sport arts and culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play areas for the children Gyms/stadiums and a library must be built for the community The trees and tall grass must be entirely eliminated.
	Youth and gender	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide work opportunities to the youth of Ward 3
	Crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crime prevention must be a priority
	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build a clinic and provide medication
	Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The acquisition of land must be a priority, so schools can be built.
	Community halls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade the existing hall
	Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide fire extinguishers to residents Stop making Kwanokuthula a priority over the other places Remove sick stray dogs from the streets Include churches in the budget Allocate the empty drop zone rooms to small businesses The license project must be allocated fairly

Table 6: Ward 3 priorities

2.5.4. WARD 4

BASIC SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT	Water and sanitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The area needs better water pressure
	Roads and stormwater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Linking Saringa Road with the development at Ebenezer Portion 20 and Portion 3 Upgrading of stormwater
	Electricity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Street lights High mast flood lights
	Waste removal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear all illegal dump sites
ECONOMIC	Skills development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth and Gender Development Diversification programs Skills development Integrate township tourism and SMMEs for mainstream economy
	SMME support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic development – economic revitalization of taxi rank
	Business incubation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistance for small businesses (venture capital, capacity building, land for farming and business cubicles at the taxi rank)
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing development
	Sport arts and culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade sports field (pitch, grandstands and ablution)
	Youth and gender	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multidiscipline sport facility
	Crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stop crime by closing down of drug dens, mobilize for a satellite police station
	Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School after care programs
	Community halls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade of New Horizon Community Hall
	Parks and Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade and maintain play parks

Table 7: Ward 4 priorities

2.5.5. WARD 5

BASIC SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT	Water and sanitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrading of the whole water system Provision of water to the farmers
	Roads and stormwater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrading of Stormwater drainage Regular cleaning of water channel at Cuba Street
	Electricity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Installation of street lights Nqubela street Maintenance of the current street light in ward 5 as they are not working.
	Waste removal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cleaning of dump sites
ECONOMIC	Skills development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand South Cape College Align college curriculum with local economy Empower youth for meaningful economic participation
	Smme support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visibility of SMME support (Venture capital, capacity building etc)
	Business incubation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A tour guide program must be implemented. Implement the BBBEE tourism charter for economic empowerment and transformation Petrol station should be established near the transfer station.
	Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land for small farmers and Support for Umyezo agri-project
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site and Service needed Some people have been accepted for housing but never received it.
	Sport arts and culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade kwa-Nokuthula Stadium (fencing, lighting, pitch and entrances)
	Youth and gender	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rehabilitation Centre
	Crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cameras to be fixed and more cameras needed for other areas
	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24 hour health facility
	Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construct a New high school
	Community halls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade community hall
	Parks and Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade play parks, upgrade and maintain cemetery and bush clearing

Table 8: Ward 5 priorities

2.5.6. WARD 6

BASIC SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT	Water and sanitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build boreholes • Upgrade 110m pipes
	Roads and stormwater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide underground storm water for Nkqubela Street • Fix storm water issue at Sajini Street • Extend walkway at Gqamlana street • Provide speed humps at Phase 5 • Build speed humps near the schools • Build a 20m barricade to avoid the spread of fires • Build speed humps behind the stadium
	Electricity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abolish the Block system • Erect High mast lights • Provide lights for graveyards • Provide street lights for Tambo street and Tshembese street • Erect a high mast light at Phase 4 • Align the Property rates to electricity pricing
	Waste removal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear all illegal dump sites
ECONOMIC	Skills development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer training • Align college curriculum with local economy • Empower youth for meaningful economic participation
	Smme support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visibility of SMME support (Venture capital, capacity building etc)
	Business incubation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A tour guide program must be implemented. • Implement the BBBEE tourism charter for economic empowerment and transformation
	Incubation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land for small farmers and Support for Umyezo agri-project
	Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand South Cape College • Align college curriculum with local economy • Empower youth for meaningful economic participation
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fix vandalized houses and reallocate them • Provide site and service • Replace shacks at Tambo and Sajini street with houses • Fix burnt houses at Tambo Street
	Sport arts and culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build Play parks • Renovate and upgrade existing play parks • Establish sports development programmes • Drive sports projects together with the community members
	Youth and gender	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create jobs for the youth
	Crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide security for the township
	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build a 24hour hospital./clinic • Provide more ambulances
	Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make provision for a new High school
	Town planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build a Shopping center on earth 1
	Horticulture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide security guards for the graveyards • Provide regular clean ups and maintenance for graveyards

Table 9: Ward 6 priorities

2.5.7. WARD 7

KRANSHOEK

BASIC SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT	Water and sanitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete sewer system
	Roads and stormwater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Du Plessis street
	Electricity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install lights at the sports facility Install street lights
	Waste removal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearing of illegal dump sites
ECONOMIC	Skills development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide skills to the youth of Kranshoek
	SMME support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business support
	Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide access to water for agricultural purposes Make provision for subsistence farming
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build houses for the community Build proper toilets
	Sport arts and culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build a sports ground/facility Build a facility for dance, drama, and anything arts related
	Youth and gender	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build a rehabilitation center
	Crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build a police station
	Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build a school in the area
	Horticulture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bush clearing Provide Graveyard space
	Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revise Municipal Policies

Table 10: Ward 7 Kranshoek priorities

HARKEVILLE

Sewer: Sanitation or toilet facilities in all households

Water: Water connection for all houses

Roads: Construction of roads

Housing: Ultimately, the community is crying for housing

NB: The community strongly rejected the construction of a community hall until the housing project materialise