

MARRC meeting notes 26 November 2020 held at Chistelhurst School hall at 6pm

Present at the meeting: Anthony Waldhausen, Jacyn Fanner (Cleland/Meadows), Kantha Naidoo (Lincoln Meade), Wendy Mcluckie (Pelham), Terry Higginson (Blackridge/Boughton/Lester Park), Wesley Greene (Hayfields) Gaetane le Lange and John Powell (Bisley)

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the possible picket at AS Chetty building to protest against the billing problems.

This also comes from the municipality ignoring to meet with us for our monthly meeting and a request for the meeting to discuss our case study report. There is a feeling that the municipality is not taking us seriously and ignoring us.

The meeting discussed in depth of our challenges with the municipality and the following suggestions were made as part of our strategy to engage the municipality and concerns of residents.

- Submit a letter to the MEC of COGTA to highlight that the municipality did not
- If we have no success with the letter, then we will host a picket outside AS Chetty building to protest against the billing problems
- Follow that up with a Motorcade protest
- Legal route - take class action against Msunduzi municipality and possible call for the dissolution of the municipality, similar to the Makana municipality

We also need to discuss what some residents have been advocating for and that is the withholding of rates - need to discuss the pros and cons.

It was also suggested that a MARRC delegation of Kantha, Jacyn and Terry from Sobantu meet with James Martin who works in the provincial government to discuss our approach to engaging the governing party.

Kantha suggested that we contact Shaun Rajah to get the rates figures of each area that has RRAs to include it in our correspondence to show the total rates we all contribute towards the revenue of the city. This will show them the money power that we residents hold.

We would need to have all RRAs to mobilise their members and residents to join in the protest marches and pickets.