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Greendale residents meet Acting Mayor

Staff Reporter

Greendale residents want council to upgrade its clinic, improve the ambience of the Greendale Cemetery, upgrade water supply and resurface local roads.

This came out during an annual general meeting held on Saturday at the Greendale Sports Club.

Mayor Cllr Musarurwa Mutizwa is the local ward councillor for the area.

Residents implored council to respond to residents' complaints in time and up the game in stakeholder engagement through social media platforms.

Cllr Mutizwa thanked the residents for the attendance and feedback. Harare Metropolitan Minister Hon Oliver Chidau who joined the meeting via a digital connection said people

who illegally occupied land will be removed.

"I am humbled to note that the leadership of the ward has remained resolute, working to ensure that our ward remains on point and habitable.

He made the remarks during a meeting with Greendale residents at Greendale sports Club on Saturday.

The meeting was convened by Acting Mayor Cllr

Musarurwa Mutizwa who is the local ward representative.

However, residents complained that despite numerous threats, some houses built on wetlands had remained intact.

"It is our instructions that all buildings and structures built on wetlands must go. There is no compromise on that and if there are some that have remained, they should go.

"There is no backtracking on that decision. We need to abide by policy rules," said Minister Chidau.

The Saturday meeting was well attended with all city departments fully represented and able to respond to issues raised.



Council to collect dog and bicycle license

Bercy Kuyumani

Harare City Council will start collecting dog and bicycles licenses following the influx of stray dogs which have become a nuisance in the city.

In an interview the city's corporate communications manager Mr Michael Chideme, said residents who own dogs and bicycles are required to pay fees to council.

" Every dog should stay behind a perimeter wall or fence of any property.

Council by-laws stipulate that only residents with fenced properties can own dogs and should pay a license."

Mr Chideme said Council is mandated to provide bicycle lanes therefore all bicycle owners should pay license fees. Council has not been collecting bicycle fees over the years and cyclists have been complaining over the poor state of the roads hence the payment of license fees will enable Council to rehabilitate and construct new bicycle lanes.

Kenya marks Madakara Day



Yvonne Saniro

The Kenyan Embassy marked its 58th Independence dubbed the Madaraka Day by planting trees at Harare Gardens along Parklane Streets which was recently renamed Kenyatta Street by Government.

Acting Harare Mayor, Cllr Musarurwa Mutizwa and town clerk Eng Mabhena Moyo who were part of the proceeding also

planted trees led by Kenyan Ambassador Stella Munyi. Speaking at the event Cllr Mutizwa said trees represent life and peace.

“Kenya and Zimbabwe have a lot in common. We are very peace loving people. As Harare we are pleased to see you coming to add life to the city by planting trees. As we are also remembering the day you attained your independence as a nation,” he said.

Acting Mayor Mutizwa extended his hand to the Kenyans saying Town House was open for any enquiries and further engagement through the Corporate Communications Division. “You should feel very free for any interaction should you want any assistance. We are very much ready to help.”

He also urged the Ambassador and her team to visit some tourist attractions in Harare such as Mukuvisi Woodlands and Cleveland Dam for site seeing, canoeing and interaction with animals.

Ambassador Munyi said the planting of trees was a gesture to show the appreciation and care of the environment. “Part of Kenya’s policy focus is on environmental diplomacy and planting a tree is an indication of our protecting, caring and restoring the environment for prosperity,” she said.

Harare water revises SOP’s

Bridget Sibanda

Harare Water Department is revising its standard operating procedures to enhance operational transparency.

In an interview Acting Harare Water Director, Engineer Victor Musikavanhu said the SOPs will improve the quality of service given to residents and will also enhance communication.

“The standard operating procedures are a documentation of how we execute tasks to create uniformity of service and system of quality checks,” he said.

“By updating our standard operating procedures, we are trying to communicate at all levels with our stakeholders and the teams in the field including the

management.”

Eng Musikavanhu said his department has several standard operating procedures for the various departments.

“ For example, the water production division has got standard operating procedure for each stage of operation from the treatment plant”

“The standard operating procedures in the Harare water begin from the water production to last stage which is water distribution process,” he said.

Harare to archive a world class city status by 2025

Separate waste at source, residents urged

Virtuous Matengarufu

Residents have been urged to separate solid waste at source so as to prevent disposal of recyclable materials such as paper, glass and aluminium cans. This will also reduce the amount of solid waste sent to landfills.

Speaking at the External Stakeholders Review Workshop held at the Bronte Hotel, Acting Amenities Manager Engineer Keith Mapunzamoyo said managing solid waste is one of the most pressing issues for most developing countries across the globe.

“Without a good solid waste management you cannot built a sustainable city. Water and air pollution which comes from solid waste that might have been dumped or burnt results in health hazards and climate change,” he said.

“We must minimize the amount of waste we dispose and always strive to reuse or recover,” he said. Gesellschaft fur International (GIZ) consultant Mr Simon

Bere, said waste management is a global issue and should involve everyone in the community. “Everyone in the community has a role to play in the management of waste.

Residents should avoid burning litter as they are mostly affected by smoke from burned garbage. Those in the recycling business worsen the situation by leaving behind scattered excess at the dumping areas after selecting what they want,” he said.

“Integrated solid waste management will result in cleaner and safe neighbourhoods, higher resources use efficiency, resource argumentation, better and more business opportunities, local ownership and responsibility, stronger and more sustainable cities and communities and finally climate change action and sustainable development.”

Council upgrades road islands

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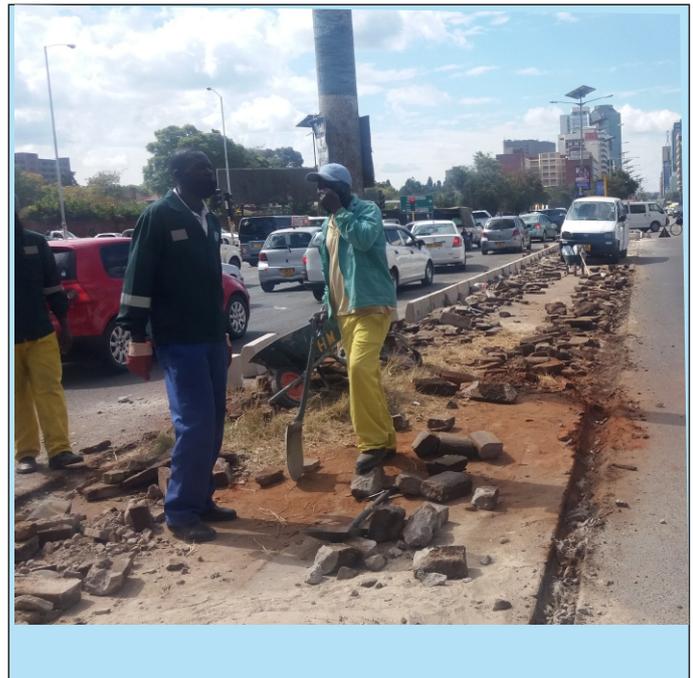
Council is in the process of upgrading road islands to ensure that errant drivers do not encroach into oncoming lanes and as part of the city's beautification programme.

The upgrades have since started with the road island along Samora Machel and Rotten Row roads.

In an interview Department of Works supervisor, Mr Livie Murambiwa said most cars were taking advantage of the low levels of road islands to encroach into other lanes.

“Our pavements have dropped to the extent that even small vehicles could encroach into other lanes with oncoming traffic thereby causing massive congestion.

We are now putting heavy duty caps of up to 25 to 30cm above ground to avoid such misdemeanour,” he said.



Council working on strategies to combat climate change

Prudence Tsaha

Harare City officials and Chinhoyi University of Technology recently held an awareness workshop on climate change and mitigation.

During the workshop participants came up with solutions to the effect of climate change so as to protect the residents and the environment.

Speaking during an interview his Worship the acting Mayor Cllr Stewart Musarurwa Mitzwa said the city is working hard to implement measures which mitigate climate.

He said the council has managed to set up a climate change desk which consists of experts who are going to advise council going forward.

“So far we have managed to set up a climate change desk which comprises with expertise on climate as they are going to be dealing with all aspects to do with the rivers, wetlands, buildings and all ambience of the city in trying to make our city friendly to the climate changes.” Said the acting Mayor

“There is a lot of work which is to be done in the city, and we need to prioritize the implementation

of the climate change. We need to relook at our planning as well as mainstreaming the climate change agenda which is quite relevant, there is a need to have climate focal points in departments with initiatives steps to come up with our own by laws to resuscitate a quality monitoring in the city and we can use mitigation which uses compliance and monitoring as well as to support in Industry to minimize emissions in the atmosphere.” City healthy official John Manyara said.

Climate expert Anna Brazier who was one of the presenters gave some of solutions to curb climate change phenomenon “There is a need for a system thinking which is a circular thinking, linking buildings with each other and their surroundings.

There is a need of reducing emissions we need to adapt new building materials like the bricks made from plastic waste and unburnt bricks, we need to ban all use of wetlands as wetlands are polluted and dry out the city loses its water source and there is also the destruction of ecosystem ecology and valuable resource and urban agriculture.

We need to adapt wetlands parks for recreation, regulated agriculture and regulated building she said” Ms. Anna Brazier.

