

 **PENNINGTON CONSERVANCY – June 3**

Dear Members

As we linger in the twilight of the lockdown there are some issues that need to be addressed.

There have been some concerns raised regarding the advert for the tender for the Impithi Kiosk. There is considerable speculation regarding the re-tendering, but I can only share with you the facts as we know them. We were the only party to submit a tender last year however I was informed by the municipal manager that she had been told that our tender documentation was defective in that we had failed to provide a tax pin number and a confirmation of insurance. I have no doubt that both these items were part of the tender however after meeting with her I mentioned that I had very serious doubts regarding the omission but in any event I would email her that afternoon the documents that were allegedly missing. This was done and sadly despite numerous attempts to meet to resolve the issues the only response received was the advert in the Rising Sun of last week.

We will submit a new tender. The problem with the new submission is that the tender documentation was advertised as being available from the 27th May 2020 as the closing date for the tender is the 12th June 2020. I went to the municipal offices on the 28th May 2020 but the cashier office was closed so it was not possible to pay the R 500 fee for obtaining the tender documents but upon inquiring it became apparent that the tender documents were not available. I returned to the municipal offices on Tuesday 2nd June 2020, but the cashier office was still closed so there are still no tender documents available. Telephone calls to the advertised responsible person proved unsuccessful.

Hopefully, the situation will be rectified before the end of the week.

The recycling depot remains closed until the recycling companies can both remove the current material (the depot is full) and begin the regular pick up schedule. We have been advised that this could take place as early as Friday 5th June 2020, but this is yet to be confirmed. We also need to undertake some repairs to the depot, but we are very aware that for many people who have stocked up on recycling there is an element of urgency in getting the depot operating again. I think we will undertake the repairs to the depot while it is operational to assist members to find space again in their garages and wherever else they have been storing their recycling. As the kiosk is not open at present (and only the very brave would venture a date when it could re-open) we are not going to be able to have any staff at the recycling depot. The responsibility of keeping the depot neat and orderly will rest with the people using the depot.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those who responded so positively to the annual report and offered their services. I am very hopeful that the Nkomba project will begin in the near future and that the tender saga will have a positive outcome.

Kind regards

Mike