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	CLIENT	HSC Consulting
	DATE	28 November 2012
	VENUE	Bizana Youth Centre
	TIME OF MEETING	16:00 PM
	MINUTES BY	Daisy Kotsedi
	CIRCULATION DATE	4 December 2012

ATTENDED BY		
NAME	ASSOCIATION	EMAIL ADDRESS
See attendance register		
APOLOGIES:		
Mrs Kwelemtini	Bizana Ward 1 councillor	zamazangwa@ovi.com

TEXT	ACTION / RESPONSE
Opening and welcoming by Daisy Kotsedi	
Presentation of project details by Daisy Kotsedi (Nande Suka in Xhosa) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Patrick's Hospital expansion plans • Decommissioning of existing waste water treatment works • Construction of new waste water treatment works • Major impacts of the proposed waste water treatment works 	
ISSUES RAISED BY	RESPONSE
Robo Madikizela: There are ponds in Highlands that have been neglected. They were used by Correctional Services. Why have they been neglected and can't these ponds be used instead of constructing new ones?	Nande Suka: Noted. We do not know about these dams, we are still to enquire about them.
Mr Mbongo Khumbi: The ponds in Highlands are leaking, produce bad smells and sewage flows into our homes. Since the residents around this area do not have sewage systems, can't these ponds be fixed and used by the residents of the area?	Nande Suka: Noted. This is a question that can be directed to the ward councillor and to take up with the municipal authorities.
Mr Jiyani Magadla: Since irrigation water is released to a site that is adjacent to the Mhlangeni River, will this not pollute the river and thus create health issues for those that get water from the river?	Roy de Kock: The effluent will be percolated and purified by soil before it reaches water courses. Daisy Kotsedi: We are still in the planning phase. A geohydrological study will be conducted to determine the suitability of irrigation as a method of disposal.
Mr Jabulani Ngubeni: How far away from the residential community should the sewage system be?	Daisy Kotsedi: Waste water treatment works should be located 500m away from residences.
COMMENTS	
Mr Jabulani Ngubeni: Our main concern is that the Department of Health will construct the new sewage treatment facility and neglect it, similar to	Nande Suka: Noted.

<p>the Highlands ponds that are now neglected. So it is probably wise that the Local, District Municipality and Department of Health meet and agree on how the proposed ponds and the existing ponds can be utilised and managed. This will avoid the negligence issue from repeating itself. There is no point in having sewage ponds available that cannot be efficiently utilised or managed.</p>	
<p>Thandazile Bhele: Thank you for the presentation and engaging the community. We are looking forward to the construction phase; there is a hunger for employment as most people in the community are unemployed.</p>	<p>Nande Suka: Noted, thanks.</p>