



The two motorcycles belonging to the municipal department of public safety that have been in storage at a local tow truck operator for almost a year.

# 'No payment, no bikes'

**RUSTENBURG -** The Rustenburg Local Municipality allegedly already owes the owner of a local tow-in service storage fees in excess of R60 000 for two motorcycles belonging to the department of public safety. This is apparently the result of administrative red tape and general ineptitude that has turned a simple repair job costing a few hundred rands into a major expense, which will in all likelihood have to be footed by the ratepayers in the city.

According to Mr Fritz Botha of Mahala Towing, he spoke to an employee of the municipal garage during March last year, when the man, known as Johannes, pointed out four motorcycles belonging to Public Safety. These

were apparently inoperable and Fritz offered to undertake the repairs and proceeded to load two of the motorcycles, a BMW and a Suzuki onto a trailer to take them for the necessary repairs. However, the ignition keys of both motorcycles turned out to be missing and later, when he went to collect the remaining two motorcycles, these had been taken away and the staff at the municipal garage refused to divulge the whereabouts of the motorcycles.

Fritz meanwhile undertook to have replacement keys cut for the motorcycles in his care, in order to be able to attempt to start them. A quotation for the keys was presented to the municipality, but only after five months, permission was given to have the duplicate keys cut. As soon as Fritz had the keys, he discovered that dead batteries were the only things wrong with the two motorcycles. However, he claims that repeated calls to the municipality for an order number to have the batteries replaced, fell on death ears. Payment for the replacement ignition keys also never materialised, in spite of an order having been made out by the municipality for the work. Eventually Fritz was forced to place the motorcycles in safe storage, which costs R150 per day per motorcycle. The amount has since escalated to more than R60 000, with no prospect of the municipality making any attempt to pay for the repairs, or the storage fees. Fritz says that he has made repeated attempts to recover the money owed to him from the municipality, but with no success. He was however told by a manager to return the motorcycles and await payment, but without the necessary security, he has opted to keep the motorcycles until full payment is received.

# New mayor and speaker

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questions and assess our standing as a municipality in relation to our communities".

It was clear that the new Executive Mayor was painfully aware of the recent situation at the municipality and its performances to date: "Our communities demand honesty and truth from us as public office bearers; we should therefore pause and answer the following questions" she continued...

\* "Have we served our communities to the best of our abilities?"

\* At all times have we taken the best interest of our communities in consideration when taking decisions?"

\* Have we carried out our mandates bestowed on us with honour and dignity?"

\* Do we have the courage to pronounce that we are the servants of our communities?"

Ms Dibetso-Nyathi was furthermore very clear about her immediate objectives as Executive Mayor. I am carrying a mandate from the ruling party which is clear and unambiguous". She outlined her goals to restore the integrity of the institution (Rustenburg Municipality) led by the ruling party and to:

\* Accelerate and provide quality service delivery;

\* Enhance preparations towards hosting a

successful world-class 2010 Fifa Soccer World Cup tournament;

- \* Fight and combat crime;
- \* Root out corruption in its entirety;
- \* Champion rural development;
- \* Promote public participation;

Shortcomings that the new Executive Mayor has pointed out, include the lack of visible, vibrant activities in mobilising and popularising the forthcoming 2010 Fifa World Cup Soccer Tournament, the municipality's inability to exploit the economic spinoffs related to the city's mining industry, the evident lack of a public transport system.

"I cannot accept that our municipality cannot be the cleanest city in the country; that we cannot produce clean audit reports and that we are unable to spend", the Executive Mayor said. Of the remarks in her address, perhaps the following: "My refusal to accept inadequacies stems from the fact, when you settle for mediocrity in small things, you will also settle for mediocrity in big things and anything less than a conscious commitment to peak personal performance is an unconscious commitment to peak personal performance", will probably be best remembered.

But this meeting was also highlighted by the announcement of the members of the new

**Mayoral Committee:**

These councillors are Clr ML Mpengu (Public Safety); Clr AS Sematu (Budget and Treasury office - Finance); Clr AL Mataboge (Planning and Human Settlement); Clr J Nxumalo (IDP and Rural Settlement); Clr KP Khunou (Corporate Support Services); Clr OR Chauke (Local Economic Development and 2010); Clr BB Marekoa (Community Development Services); Clr NB Babe (Special Projects); Clr LB Ngqobo (IGR and Traditional Affairs) and Clr DT Pilane (Technical and Infrastructural Services).



Tant Breggie Esterhuizen en haar kleinkinders op haar 100ste verjaarsdag Saterdag. Op die foto by haar is Louise Hearn, Santie du Plessis, Pieter, Frans, Corné, Petro en Johan Vos, Pieter en George Esterhuizen, Alida Robbertse, Huiabri Blignaut, Elsie Esterhuizen, Marli Bertram en Hannes Esterhuizen. Nog 'n kleinkind, Magda Esterhuizen, was afwesig toe die foto geneem is.

# Ta' Breggie 100 jaar jonk!

(Vervolg van bladsy 2)

dat hulle in hul onderskeie huwelike ook met tweeling geseënd was. Vir mev Sara Vos is 'n tweeling (Francois en Pieter Vos) op 14 November 1967 gebore terwyl mnr Hannes Esterhuizen se tweeling (Marli en Hannes) op 17 November 1985 gebore is - boonop twee

laatlammers.

Op haar geskiedkundige verjaarsdagviering Saterdag kon tant Breggie op 'n ryk en vol lewe terugkyk. Onder haar nageslag spog tant Breggie met drie kinders, 15 kleinkinders, 18 agterkleinkinders en drie agter-agterkleinkinders - voorwaar 'n ryk nageslag...

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