

Citizens Forum for Change take action

RUSTENBURG - Working towards a Rustenburg free from drugs, sex workers, and human trafficking - Greater Rustenburg Citizens Forum for Change.

For a while now the streets of Rustenburg have slowly been taken over one block at a time by those wanting to profit from illegal and immoral activities.

Many hardworking citizens have watched helplessly as sex workers and drug dealers have taken over whole blocks of the city and plied their trade freely, day or night, and with little being done to stop them.

Now however, a few citizens have decided that enough is enough and that a change is desperately needed.

"The lives of our children and ourselves are

being increasingly endangered and those who are supposed to protect us have done very little. It is clear that if we want something to happen we must now do it ourselves".

Last week some inhabitants of Leyds Street, in the company of the Mayor and other Rustenburg officials, met for just this reason in front of one of the housing complexes that have been taken over by sex and drug rings. "The point of this meeting was to show solidarity in the fight to clean up our streets as well as to see which of the people in attendance felt strongly enough about the situation to do something further about it". Several of these concerned citizens have now decided to form a steering committee for a citizen's forum that will be for the people and by the people in the

rally against drugs and human trafficking. The Greater Rustenburg Community Foundation (GRCF) has agreed to provide office space and start up materials for this forum, called the Greater Rustenburg Citizens Forum for Change (GRCFC).

The GRCF is a community foundation dedicated to community development and empowerment and its Chief Operating Officer, Christine Delpont, has decided to take the GRCFC cause under her wing. Given that GRCFC offices are located on Leyds Street and that they have had many personal issues with the illegal activities going on there, Mrs. Delpont is a huge proponent of a citizen driven forum to fight these criminals and is currently acting chair of the GRCFC.

action plan. "Together, we, the citizens of Rustenburg can take back our streets from drugs, human trafficking and the sex trade and we can do this through positive and constructive means. We hope that as fellow citizens of the greater Rustenburg region, you will support us in our efforts to make the city safe for everyone once again".

The main objectives of the GRCFC are:

- * Raising awareness of the drug, sex trade and human trafficking problems in Rustenburg;
- * Recording everything illegal that happens locally via photos, licence plates, reports to the police;
- * Finding positive solutions on how to protect ourselves;
- * Extending the cause to involve citizens of the entire Greater Rustenburg area.

"This list will grow as our organization grows". Input is welcome and appreciated. Please get in touch with Christine Delpont for more information at (014) 592 1525 or Christine@grcf.co.za.

Over the next few weeks the members of the GRCFC steering committee will formalise the organization and formulate an

Municipalities on turn around path

RUSTENBURG - The North West Province together with the National

Department of Corporate Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) have unearthed serious challenges confronting municipalities in the North West province through the Turn-around strategy.

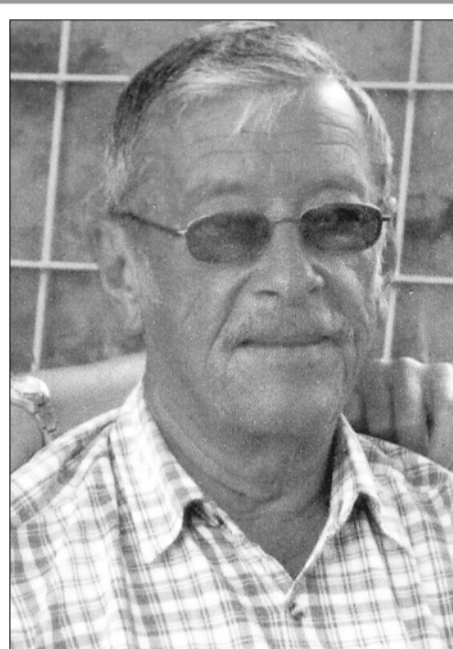
In her address during the official opening of the Provincial Legislature, Premier Modiselle said her interaction with Minister for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs Siqelo Shiceka revealed that provincial municipalities face challenges manifesting themselves through:

Service delivery backlogs, chronic fraud and corruption induced by both corruptors and corruptees.

A shrinking skills base in the fields of town planning, engineering and financial management and a dysfunctional intergovernmental service delivery coordination system with glaring provincial support oversight gaps.

During visits to Moretele and Tswaing local municipalities early this year, a response team deployed by COGTA identified challenges faced by these institutions.

These included human resource, financial and functionality of the identified municipalities. According to COGTA, a template outlining specific challenges facing each of the two municipalities has been created and this will be sent to various municipalities to form part of their integrated Development Plan (IDP) to be adopted.



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