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Community Work Programme implemented

The Community Work Programme (CWP) was officially implemented on Monday, 9 May 2016.

The CWP, with a budget allocation of R5.3 million, is a project run in partnership with the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs and the Dhladhla Foundation. The Greater Knyana has been allocated 500 work opportunities and thus far 319 community members from wards one to nine have already been placed.

Speaker of Council, Ms Eleanore Bouw-Spies said, "With the unemployment rate increasing especially among the youth, I am glad that we have moved from the planning phase to implementation of this programme. With this project we aim to provide a job safety net for unemployed people of working age. The participants will work two days a week or the monthly equivalent."

"Although the community project is labour intensive, it will still provide skills and experience and possibly favourable references. In order to offer our participants a broad range of skills and experience, we have partnered with other sectors such as Early Childhood Development, the Hospitality industry, the Departments of Education and Health. The first group has been placed in these sectors in the field of teacher assistants, maintenance of school premises, general assistants, administrative clerks, security, home-based carers etc.

"I encourage all participants to make the most of the opportunity given to them. Every one of you should work hard in the respective roles you have been given. With the skills and experienced gained in this programme you will be able to apply for permanent or long term contract positions. "

Ms Bouw- Spies expressed her gratitude to the various sectors involved in the programme. "I want to thank all the sectors involved in this community driven project. It is such partnerships that can ensure that we meet our vision of building a town where people prosper."

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