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Executive Mayor reshuffles her Mayoral Committee

Knysna Executive Mayor Cllr Georlene Wolmarans reshuffled her Mayoral Committee (MAYCO) at a Special Council Meeting earlier today. She announced that COPE member, Cllr Elrick van Aswegen will be added to the Mayoral Committee with immediate effect, replacing Cllr Ray Barrell.

She said that an organisation is only as strong as its leadership and as they operate in an ever changing environment, at times it was necessary to mirror these changes in the organisation. "In the political arena the DA and COPE are strengthening their coalition, and I also feel it is important that this reflects in our local structures. I want to thank Cllr Barrell for his contribution to date - always valuable and wise – and know that I will continue to get his guidance via our DA caucus."

She welcomed Cllr van Aswegen and said that she was looking forward to working with him. "He was part of the Transitional Local Council in 1993 and brings a wealth of experience to the Mayoral Committee with over 15 years' experience. He was born in Knysna and is a well-liked and respected leader in the community. I know that Knysna will benefit from the inclusion of Cllr van Aswegen on the Mayoral Committee, and that this consolidation will be the strong leadership Knysna needs towards a successful future as a town and a community."

Changes to the portfolios include Cllr van Aswegen taking over as Chairperson of the Finance Committee and Deputy Mayor Cllr Esme Edge will be the new Chairperson of the Governance and Economic Development Committee. Cllr Irene Grootboom remains the Chairperson of the Community Services Committee and Cllr Louisa Hart the Chairperson of the Planning, Development & Infrastructure Committee.

Caption:

Cllrs Elrick van Aswegen (Finance Committee); Irene Grootboom (Community Services Committee); Executive Mayor Georlene Wolmarans; Deputy Executive Mayor Esme Edge (Governance & Economic Development Committee) & Louisa Hart (Planning, Development & Infrastructure Committee).

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