

Acting Municipal Manager to rent upgraded Council apartment

Knysna Executive Mayor Elrick van Aswegen said that, during a Council meeting held on 6 August, it was resolved that the municipality would perform cosmetic upgrades to its apartment at Senza restaurant, the Heads. The unfurnished apartment will be leased to Acting Municipal Manager Dr Scheepers at a market related rental amount.

“Aside from rendering the apartment habitable and capable of generating an income, it is important to maintain Council property,” said van Aswegen. “The flat at Senza was one of two properties under discussion, and proved to be the least expensive option to spruce up right now.”

Dr Scheepers currently rents a flat in a block where three other residents have been tested positive for Covid-19. This has meant that Dr Scheepers has already had to self-isolate for a total of four weeks.

“While Dr Scheepers did work remotely during these periods of quarantine, it is important to have the head of the administration at the office,” van Aswegen said. “Renting an apartment separate from other people greatly reduces the risk of exposure to infected persons and the related potential need for self-isolation.”

“Council has a responsibility to maintain its properties and having someone living on site will add an element of security to an otherwise deserted site,” he concluded. “It really is a win-win situation.”

A lease agreement will only be entered into should Dr Scheepers accept the terms and conditions of the contract.

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