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Municipality opposes labour strike

Acting Knysna Municipal Manager Pravir Hariparsad confirmed that the organisation had not approved the current service delivery strike of some of its employees. “The strike is regarding the payment of danger pay while working during the COVID-19 pandemic,” he explained. “A draft Danger Allowance Policy was submitted to the Special Local Labour Forum on 22 April. The parties could not reach a consensus. This issue will now serve as a matter before a special meeting of Council tomorrow, 29 April.”

“This protest action, which began on Monday 26 April, affects our water and sanitation, roads and refuse collection units,” Hariparsad continued. “We apologise profusely but, due to this unsanctioned protest action, service delivery will be affected. There will be limited refuse collection or water repairs made until the issue is resolved. This may also lead to possible water interruptions. We are doing what we can to ensure that the situation does not reach that extreme and, if needs be, will do what we can to mitigate any resultant interruptions.”

“Since this strike was not approved by the municipality, no participants will be paid for neglecting their duties while taking part in this unauthorised protest action”, said Hariparsad.

“We assure residents that we are working on resuming service delivery as soon as possible,” Hariparsad concluded. “Delivering these services is one of our top priorities and we apologise for any inconvenience this unwarranted action may be causing. We are also evaluating how to address the concerns of our unhappy employees within the relevant legal frameworks.”

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