

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

☒ 59

80 Independence Avenue
WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA



Tel: (+264) 61 290 2615
www.cityofwindhoek.org.na

Fax: (+264) 61 290 2344

MEDIA RELEASE

Friday, 2 August 2024

CoW Responds to Council Meeting Disruption of 31 July 2024

The City of Windhoek would like to address the recent disruption of the Ordinary Council meeting of 31 July 2024. During this meeting, two individuals interrupted the proceedings to express their dissatisfaction with the services provided by city employees and called for the removal of the Chief Executive Officer and the Strategic Executive for Economic Development and Community Services. Their grievance is centered around a reading room located at Katutura Community Hall, which is managed by the City's Economic Development and Community Services Department.

The reading room serves as a quiet area for students to do homework, study, hold group discussions, and prepare for exams. However, there have been ongoing requests to convert this room into a training facility, which was not approved, prioritizing the needs of the youth and the community. The individuals who disrupted the meeting are among those seeking the reading room to be converted into a training room. The disapproval of turning the reading room into a training venue has led to frustrations among those individuals, accusing management of incompetence.

The City of Windhoek remains committed to addressing all resident complaints with seriousness and respect. We encourage constructive engagement through the proper channels to foster dialogue and community development. We urge all stakeholders to avoid slander, unfounded allegations, and disruptions of meetings. Effective collaboration is vital for nurturing an inclusive and responsive community.

We have full confidence in our management and their continued efforts to deliver high-quality services and address resident needs, including those of the youth. The City is dedicated to advancing youth development and is currently reviewing an inclusive youth development policy, which will be open for public input by October 2024.

For further information or to lodge a complaint, please contact our Customer Contact Centre at 061-290 3777 or via email at enquiry@windhoekcc.org.na

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

-END-

ISSUED BY:
City of Windhoek
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Corporate Communications, Marketing, and Public Participation

For more information about this statement, please contact our Corporate Communication Section at Tel.: 061 290 3797 /2044, or email: cowcommunication@windhoekcc.org.na