

Media briefing session between local Journalist and the Mayor

On 21 June all local Journalist were brought under one room for the briefing session with the mayor. The briefing took place at Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality at 10h00, Chaired by Thebogo Tshipi Media Liaison Officer of Sekhukhune District Municipality.

The welcome note was made by the speaker of the municipality Mr Masemola .

Some of the media representative expressed their concerns like Mr Abicky Kgolane of Focus Magazine who said “It pains me so much to acknowledge that after all the efforts we made in the Municipality we are not yet recognized and we play an important role in community as a mediator between the municipality and the community, instead of us you go for national media” lamented. We are requesting support to established a strong local Media forum this is an area of growth”

The consensus among all media houses is that they all acknowledge the good work done by the municipality particularly with regard to delivery of services , but alluded that if the municipality does not inform them about those good things done they cannot cover them in their reporting.

In her response to the concerns raised mayor Matemane promise the media that she will put them abreast to participate in future IDP consultations and the reviews thereof as the Budget for the next financial year is already finalised. She also admitted to the media that she will help them with any information they need from her and that her office will always be open for them in her assistant.

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