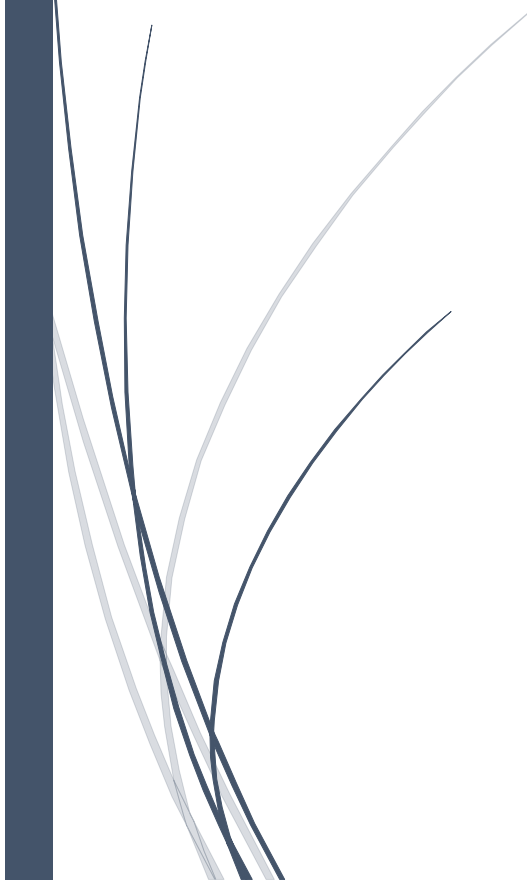


Opening remarks by the Speaker of Musina Municipality, Cllr Gilbert Netshisaulu during the Council Meeting on Thursday 13 October 2016.



Honourable councilors

Traditional leaders

Administrative staff

And everyone present here this afternoon.

Let me take this opportunity to convey my warm welcome to all of you and thank you for putting aside your commitments and time to be part of this important council meeting of Musina Municipality.

Being reminded of the bitter political past, the pain and suffering and loss of innocent lives, can I please beg all of us that when we discuss issues of service delivery, we must not lose sight of the sacrifices that were made to get us where we are today.

I would be failing in my official duties if I don't appreciate the hard work displayed during the seating of various portfolio committees and Exco in preparation of this council meeting. This will make our deliberations easier as most of the reports in our agenda were interrogated in those meetings.

Let us all maximize our participation in this meeting while at the same time observing, respecting and adhering to the adopted rules and standing orders of this council. The future of our people out there is in our hands. You are all welcome.

Thank you.