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2. Baloyi told News 24 (Midvaal Mayor)

- You need to have an environment that enables delivery of services, and the bedrock for that is solid and clean governance to be able to produce results which are predictable and have year-on-year improvement.
- What is his secret: It is simple, being of service to his community and country and taking pride in his work.

3. Why Vote DA: Time to elect leaders that will work hard for you, be on your side and secure your future.

- During the Covid 19 pandemic and shutdown SBM councillors allocated the maximum allowable increase to themselves
- This while many in the SBM private sector lost their income and businesses
- How does this say “be on your side”??

- General feeling is that councillors work only for themselves and their political parties.
- They do not work for the residents firstly
- Nothing gets done if political points cannot be scored

4. Why Vote DA: Time to elect leaders that will work hard for you, be on your side and secure your future.

A DA government will invest in localised law enforcement and tackle the local conditions which give rise to crime in the first place

Road safety

- The residents of specially Bogey and Sleigh streets have been requesting traffic calming measures to reduce the high speeds some vehicles travel on these roads. They get absolutely no support, lots of excuses and reasons why nothing can be done
- No law enforcement in Langebaan at night and over weekends. Yet some establishments that sell liquor is open to 05h00 in the morning.

5. Only the DA is big enough to beat the ANC, keep the EFF out: and turn around towns and cities to end corruption, bring capable governance, **and create places of opportunity and security.**

Law enforcement

- Establishments within Hopland (Seabreeze park) that sell alcohol, located right between the residential houses.
 - How is this allowed?
- Law enforcement is very poor. My understanding is the department has 19 staff and 2 vehicles to service 5 villages within SBM. It does not work and has not worked for a long time.
- Langebaan wants cameras that are monitored 24/7 with effective security reaction
- The low income communities are being “swamped” by illegal foreigners. What do you plan to do about it?
- Establishment of SRA focused on security in Langebaan: your opinion

6. Our to-do list for local government:

Ensure there is clean and a sanitary environment for every community. Provide a hygienic environment to live and play

- The DA has not managed to do this in Hopland. The backyarders and lack of sanitation in some houses is a big problem. I understand that some residents defecate in plastic bags which are dumped everywhere.
- Die veld oorkant Hopland en langs Die Strandloper word as openbare toilet gebruik. Verskeie versoeke aan SBM om iets hieraan te doen, sonder enige reaksie.

7. Our to-do list for local government: Give residents their power back

- Ward committee structures are just rubber stamping exercises as required by law; also other community interactions.
- Your opinion about this statement?
- How do you plan to give residents their power back.

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Langebaan needs a public high school for residents that cannot afford the private school costs.

Vredenburg and Hopefield schools are full.

Verlenging van straat vanaf Oostewal langs Tortilis tot by Sun Bird

- Inwoners is baie ongelukkig hieroor; voel dit is nie nodig nie en sal net nog 'n resies baan wees.
- Kommentaar?

House with 6 garages in Bogey street (and building in Hoofstraat now stopped by Major after serious complaints)

- This house was approved by SBM structures. How could this happen?
- Can it happen again
- What steps have been taken against individuals who approved it if any

9. Our to-do list for local government: Give residents their power back

- Onderneming is aan wyk 6 komitee gegee dat die ontwikkeling van huise op die hoek langs Hopland nie sal gebeur voordat 'n publieke deelname hieroor gehou is nie. Paar weke gelede is tender vir 90 huise geadverteer.
 - Die onderneming van publieke deelname is nie nagekom nie!!

10. A DA government will focus first on getting the basics right, as the foundation to bringing in investments and jobs. Beyond that we are committed to improving the business environment by making it easier to do business.

- Hoe?
- Onredelike verhoging in elektrisiteits en water tariewe is teenstrydig met “improving the business environment”
- Verhogings aan raadslede tydens covid-19 wat besighede en inwoners finansiëel swaar tref.
- Tenders vir Oostewal straat opgradering en Transport Hub is albei teruggetrek. Verstaan dit is omdat amptenare foute gemaak het. Nie besigheids vriendelik nie!! Is enige stappe teen amptenare geneem?

11. A DA government will be committed to governing in the interest of the people by eliminating corruption, adopting best practice in good governance.

Marius Koen is apparently number 2 on the proportional representative list:

- Marius Koen clearly lied about holding an MBA qualification. He made a video which was posted on social media in which he shows that he was accepted into the MBA program, and he also shows documents he claims to be results and his dissertation. The video does not show his MBA qualification certificate. In the video he threatens to sue people he claims is spreading lies about his MBA, which he clearly does not have. I presume this video was paid for with SBM ratepayers' money which in my opinion is blatant theft.
- How is it acceptable to have a candidate as number 2 on the party list that lied and continue to lie about his qualification.
- And he is supported in this lie by the DA Federal Council.

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Staff employed in Marius Koen office

- Your opinion about the appointment of personal friends in mayor's office by mayor; additionally these appointments was not made within the requirements of the Public Finance Management Act.
- The DA controlled council in a special sitting "normalised" the R9 million salaries spend on irregularly appointed staff in mayor's office.
- This debacle has also been swept under the carpet by DA Management structures.
- How can this be regarded as "best practice in good governance"?

13. A DA government will be committed to ensuring the resilience of communities through effective disaster risk management.

- What does this mean?

Fire Services

- Central service located at the Saldanha/Vredenburg airport cannot meet a reasonable response time
- Langebaan needs a first responder fire emergency service 24/7. Your opinion

14. Finances: Cash hold policy

- Last time I studied the SBM Finances about R 800 million in cash investments was reported. This was about 60% of total turnover.
- Profits generated and underspend on capital projects will continue to increase the cash holdings.
- This money can be much better utilised by residents and business to grow the economy. This is especially true now during the Covid restrictions.
- Why is SBM holding such large cash investments. What is the cash holding policy of SBM?
- Excess funds should be returned to residents in reduced tariffs and improved services, not held to make the municipality overly “financially sustainable” and should not be used to pay off long term debt.

15. Finances: Long term asset financing

- In principle assets with a long lifespan should be financed with long term debt. This ensures that the users/beneficiaries of the asset pays for it.
- SBM has relatively low long term loans; because cash is used to pay for long-term assets.
- What is the policy?

16. Finances: Profit on utility services policy; electricity

- Electricity rate increased about 14,5%.
- The cost charged by Eskom increased by the same %, however internal costs is estimated to have increased by about 5%.
- This means that the internal cost portion of the electricity rate was increased by about 10 percentage points (thus about 200% increase) resulting in a significant increase in the profit on electricity!!
- This is totally unacceptable

17. Finances: Profit on utility services policy; electricity

- The high profit on electricity should reduce the Property Rates; lets assume this cross-subsidisation.
- The effect is the following:
 - Residents taking their properties off-grid do not contribute to the profit on electricity. Residents that do use SBM electricity now subsidise the off-grid properties.
 - Also owners of holiday houses with low occupancy save on rates and has reduced contribution to electricity profits.
 - Owners of high value properties pay less rates than their fair share and owners with low value properties pay a premium on electricity to subsidise the high value properties.
 - Businesses that use/require high amounts of electricity is disadvantaged through unreasonable high electricity rates.
- These are examples of the results of cross-subsidisation.

18. Finances: Profit on utility services policy; water

- The water rate was not reduced after the special high increases during the drought.
- SBM is thus making unreasonable profit on water now that there is no water shortage.
- The same excess profits or cross-subsidisation arguments as for electricity apply.

19. Caravan Parks

- SBM caravan parks are losing money; most probably because they are poorly maintained and poorly run.
- How do you plan to fix this?

20. SBM Funded Development vs Private sector

- A Municipality should not spend any funds on development that is not intended for direct use by the municipality or is infrastructure (roads, water, etc) for the benefit of residents.
- Your opinion?

21. Affordable Retirement Facility

- Langebaan needs an affordable retirement facility. Many long time residents have to relocate in their old days to find affordable retirement facilities.
- The holiday houses in the Oostewal caravan park could be a good starting point, with further development of ACVV type facilities on the site.
- Your opinion