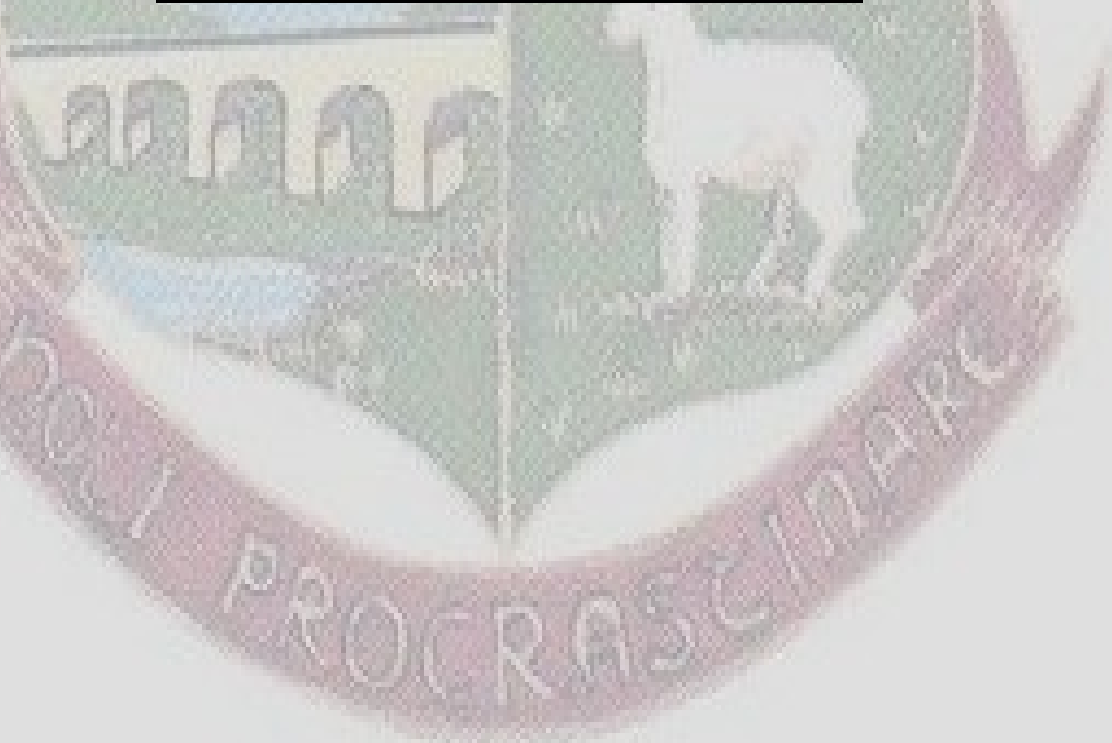


# **LAINSBURG MUNICIPALITY**

## **Area: Laingsburg**

### **Development Plan**

#### **2007-2012**



## 1 Introduction

### 1.1 Process used to develop the plan

The Area Committee was established on the 3 July 2006 during a community meeting held in the J.J. Ellis Sport Hall. At this meeting a brief introduction about Community Based Planning (CBP) was given to the Community. The overall IDP Process and the role of the area committee were explained. The Area Committee is represented by all social groups in the town. It was agreed to constitute a Area Planning Group who will facilitate with the rollout of CBP, and how the planning would be carried out the following week. The Area Committee endorsed that they wished to undertake the plan. A series of socio-economic groups were identified and arrangements made for the planning which was to happen the following week.

#### Signed as an approved plan produced by Area: Laingsburg, of Laingsburg Municipality

Councillor's name: ..... Signature: ..... Date: .....

IDP Manager: ..... Signature: ..... Date: .....

Office of the Speaker: ..... Signature: ..... Date: .....

During the week of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September we began with Stakeholder Interviews. The intensive planning process started the 3 October 2006. The schedule was approximately:

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| Monday                | Interviews with different socio-economic groups to assess their livelihoods. The afternoon the team started with the Timeline and services, Seasonality. The team did a part of Transact (Bergsig) walk and completed the Map for Bergsig and part of the "Nuwe Dorp".   |
| Tuesday               | We started with strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats for the area. The team then did the Venn Analysis and Diagram. They then went out and did part 2 of the Transact Walk and completed Map 2, Göldnerville and a part of the "Bo Dorp".  |
| Wednesday             | In the evening the Planning Group met to agree priorities and a vision<br>The team met with the Agriculture Sector on the 27 <sup>th</sup> of September 2006 at 9:00 to get their input. The team started the day with the livelihood Analysis. The group then went out to do part 3 of Transect Walk and completed the Map of the Town Area,. |
| Thursday<br><br>reach | The facilitation team met with the Area committee to aggregate and reconcile all the information Collected against the 5 priorities. The Team then completed the livelihood Analysis with the rest of the social groups. The groups met to formulate objectives, develop strategies and projects to reach the objectives.                      |
| Friday                | The Community had a opportunity to vote for their own projects. The team then met to Develop proposals for the R50 000 , action plan and proposals to the IDP.   |
| Saturday              | A Handing over Ceremony was held where 3 Area Plans for the whole Laingsburg Municipal Area were handed over to the Speaker and the Mayor in front of the whole community.   |

### 1.3 Involvement in the planning

500 People participated in the planning process in the different groups. Groups that were met included the unemployed, employed, self-employed, single women with children, youth, mixed group of elderly (Karoo Lellies Old Age Club). The Area Councilor and at least two members of the Area Committee attended all the sessions, and the majority most of the planning. The Area Committee included Clr Wilhem Du Plessis Theron ( Mayor), Fransiena Hermanus (CDW) Petro Buys, Jennifer Willaims, Dudley Grootboom, Pauline Bruintjies, Collin Meyer, Francis Van Wyk, Frans Moos, Pastor Walter Jackson, Pastor Kok, Billy Myburgh, Enid

Gwaruba, Steven Skippers and Tommie Wylbach The facilitators included Gwynne Pekeur, Nelson Pose from Laingsburg Municipality Patience Oor from Department of Local Government, Coleen Jantjies (CDW) The whole CDW Group (9), was part of the Stakeholder interviews which started the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September 2006.

## 2 Situation of community of Laingsburg

### 2.1 Background of the community

#### 2.1.1 Description of the community

Area covers three residential areas, Laingsburg town area, Göldnerville, Bergsig and the Farming community around Laingsburg.

The population in 1996 was 6 600, in 1500 households, with an average household size of 5,2. Table 1.1 shows the demographic profile, which shows more adults than the average.

**Table 1**

Area	% < 4 years	% 5-19 yrs	% 20-65 yrs	% 65+	% male
Laingsburg	10%	20%	55%	15%	47%

The most unique character of the area is its' diversity. In the area a mixture of land uses are present. The population composition also varies from poor homeless squatters to middle income residents living in established single residential houses.

The average household income is R1750.00 compared to Vleiland R1000.00 per Month

Only 54 people are classified as farmers (growing crops or keeping livestock), and not surprisingly as the area is big, with a population rate of plus minus 7000 people living there. Farming employs the largest number of people employed in Agriculture.

Area	% using electricity	% using paraffin	% with water in house	% with water on-site or public tap	% with telephone in house	% with no telephone nearby	% with flush toilets
Laingsburg	99%	1%	100%	100%	69%	50%	100%

#### 2.1.2 What are the major events or trends that have happened in our community over the last 25 years

The timeline below shows some of the major events affecting the community.

Year	Events	Impact	Implications
1948	Queens Elizabeth visited Laingsburg	Joy in Community	History
1962	Relocating of Residential Area	Better Housing	Better Living standards
1972	Luther's School to Acacia	Bigger School Better School facilities	Better Education
1981	Laingsburg Flood	Cut of from nest of the world ¾ of town wipe away	White people benefited from the event White children could not attend school for two months Human Relationships were lower then before flood Racism bigger problem Town had to be rebuild, took years

Year	Events	Impact	Implications
1994	Democracy	Freedom	Relationships got better Job Creations More benefits for everyone Better Municipal services Growth of Town area First Black Mayor
1997	Spoornet Services decline	Poverty	High Unemployment rate Transport Declining People moved to bigger town Road Transport pick up HIV/AIDS
1997	Elderly got old age club, Karoo Lellies	Recognition	Activities to keep them busy
1998	Upgrading of Shell Ultra City	Job Creation	Permanent jobs
2006	Golden Games	Sport Activities for the old	Healthy Elderly

### 2.1.3 Map of the community area

A map drawn by the community is attached. Some of the spatial issues that were raised included:

#### Strengths

- There are tourist attractions, Flood Route
- There are restaurants serving indigenous food and entertainment;
- The infrastructure has improved a lot since 1994;
- The centre is walking distance.
- N1 National Road
- Mainline Railway

#### Weaknesses

- Still some poor infrastructure/facilities, e.g. Housing.
- Low Literacy Level
- Community Participation
- Unemployment

#### Opportunities

- N1 National Road & Main Railway Line
- Tourism
- Possibility of creation of a park around the Buffelsriver.
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#### Threats

- N1 National Road / Railway line
- There are some crime hotspots, e.g. Shebeens
- HIV/ AIDS

## 2.2 Who is our community and what are their livelihoods?

### 2.2.1 What are the different socio-economic groups in the community and what are their livelihoods?

The main socio-economic groups identified were:

Unemployed      Old age and      Employed      Single men with      Single women with

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Employed and volunteer youth	pensioners Those with HIV/AIDS	Self-employed,	children Out of school/ work youth	children
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The groups that were interviewed during development of the plan included: unemployed, employed, self-employed, elderly, elderly in a home, mixed youth, single women with children, those providing home-based care. Over 500 people were interviewed in these different groups.

Map

**Strengths and weaknesses of the different groups**

<b>Social group</b>	<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Weaknesses</b>
Mixed youth (aged 17-35)	Technical skills Educated (all were Std 10 or Matric)	Lack access to information e.g. on careers, projects & Funding, Resources Still financially dependent on parents, half living with parents Lack of Managerial Skills
Unemployed people (aged 24-50)	Have skills (2 had degrees), others include building, painting.	Do casual jobs to sustain themselves Lack of information on how to generate income
Self-employed people	Skills, e.g. welding, building, electrical, fencing, auto Some have equipment	Only have work when the skills are requested Lack of Managerial Skills
Employed people (aged 28-50)	Educated to Std 8 and above, 1 with degree, 1 teaching diploma They are earning 75% involved in organisations	None have land apart from house plot
Disabled (aged 20-66)	Work as a group Clinic provides services Have a centre which keeps them busy, and treatment Get disabled grant from government.	Lack of self-acceptance by disabled Diseases including arthritis and rheumatism Not all medication available at local clinic
Elder (aged 63-83)	Healthy, varied skills e.g. crafts Aware of rights Well-nourished Have own houses Ave Standard 5 All have pension and all are in social groups	Disease problems including cancer, diabetes, arthritis, heart disease Having to care of relatives with HIV
Single women	Have technical skills, e.g. sewing and gardening, Positive outlook to HIV/AIDS Access to clean water	Mostly Matric Low self-esteem Too dependent on family and friends No social support groups Lack of information on institutions

**Desired outcomes, threats and opportunities for different socio-economic groups**

<b>Social group</b>	<b>Desired outcomes</b>	<b>Threats</b>	<b>Opportunities</b>
<b>Mixed youth</b>	Employment/income-generation for those not in school	No-one will finance them	Arts & Crafts
	Education on issues affecting them	Manipulated by people in power	Create Youth Desk in Municipality and Youth Commission on a District Level
	Support on HIV/AIDS, Teenage Pregnancies, Alcohol & Drug Abuse	HIV/AIDS Early Parenthood Addictions	Youth Centre Bible Schools
	Improved access to sports facilities	Alcohol & Drug Abuse	Use existing stadium, establish facilities in Göldnerville & Bergsig, Public Swimming Pool
<b>Unemployed people</b>	Employment/income-generation Develop skills	Crime HIV/AIDS Rape Pressure to have sex Domestic violence	Voluntary work as way of building experience. Business support centre Businesses like car wash, Home Bakery, Pluming etc
<b>Self-employed</b>	Wish to get more opportunities	Not getting contracts High up people use them and do not pay them fairly.	Register so eligible for contracts Assistance from Municipality on contracts, e.g. housing Develop the market
<b>Employed</b>	Improve own skills so progress	Retrenchment	They need continuous training. Skills levy should be funding it
	Access to own home	Area redlined so can't get loans for houses	Develop Housing Advice Centre
	Education for children	Debts	Life Skills
		HIV / AIDS	Awareness Programmers & Life Skills and Building a caring community
<b>Disabled</b>	Improvement at the centre Trained for other skills, e.g. Arts & Crafts	Alcohol & Drug Abuse	Centre provides opportunities, including working as a group Develop other skills at the centre
	Grant increased to cover medication, clothing and food	New legislation has cut off some of their grants	
<b>Elderly</b>	Clean environment	Smoke pollution during winter Stinking Smell in Bergsig	
	Adequate safety and security	Violence and Abusing	Support Group
	Children to get income	Unemployment Growth	Job Creation
<b>Single women with children</b>	Education for self and children	Unemployment	Crèche Computer Centre Skills Development
	Employment/income-generation	Worries about children and food on the table	Community Garden Needle Work Beading

**2.2.2 Has this changed in the last few years?**

Overall the main change identified in the last few years has been increasing unemployment, with knock-on effects on poverty. One other difference is that the use of Alcohol and Drug abuse. Teenage Pregnancies and the high infection rate of HIV/AIDS. The infrastructure of Laingsburg has shown some drastic improvement except for Housing. Housing still remains a big problem and the waitlist is endless,

### 2.2.3 Which are the most secure and most vulnerable groups?

The most vulnerable groups were the unemployed and single mothers. A seasonality diagram was done with a group of women. This showed the pattern of disease and of nutrition as shown in the diagram below.

	Climate	Employment	Disease	Nutrition	Crime	Other problems
Jan	Very hot	Casual Jobs, Seasonal Job, Employment not to high	High Blood Pressure, Low Blood Pressure, Summer Colds, Diabetes, Stress, Epileptics, Ekseem HIV/AIDS, Head Aces, Asthma	Porridge, Meat, Salads, Magou, Vegetables, Fruit, Bread	High, Alcohol & Drug Abuse, Rape, Fighting, Family Violence	Finding money for children for school , Housing, Repaying debts
Feb	Hot & Dry	Casual Jobs, Seasonal Job, Employment not to high	High Blood Pressure, Low Blood Pressure, Summer Colds, Diabetes, Stress, Epileptics, HIV/AIDS, Head Aces,	Porridge, Fruit, Vegetables, Bread, Magou, Chicken , Fish, Bread	High, Alcohol & Drug Abuse, Rape, Fighting, Family Violence	Finding money for children for school , Housing, Repaying Debts
Mar	Hot & Windy	Casual Jobs, Seasonal Job, Employment not to high	High Blood Pressure, Low Blood Pressure, Diabetes, Stress, Epileptics, HIV/AIDS, Head Aces, Arthritis, Colds	Soup, Magou, Fruit, Porridge, Tin Food, Chicken, Eggs, Fish, Bread	High, Alcohol & Drug Abuse, Rape, Fighting, Family Violence	Housing, Repaying Debts
April	Cooling down	Casual Jobs, Seasonal Job, Work is getting scares	High Blood Pressure, Low Blood Pressure, Colds, Diabetes, Stress, Asthma Epileptics, Flu HIV/AIDS, Head Aces, Chicken Pokes	Soup, Magou, Fruit, Porridge, Tin Food, Chicken, Eggs, Fish, Pickled Fish, Bread	High, Alcohol & Drug Abuse, Rape, Fighting, Family Violence	Housing , Repaying Debts
May	Cool, cold at night	No employment, Unemployment rate high	High Blood Pressure, Colds, Diabetes, Stress, TB, Flu Epileptics, HIV/AIDS, Head Aces, Arthritis	Soup, Porridge, Chicken, Eggs, Fish, Bread	High, Alcohol & Drug Abuse, Rape, Domestic Violence	Housing , Repaying Debts
June	Very cold – heating expensive	No employment, Unemployment rate high	High Blood Pressure, Colds, Diabetes, Stress, Epileptics, Flu, Bronchitis HIV/AIDS, Head Aces, Asthma, Pneumonia	Soup, Porridge, Chicken, Bread	High, Alcohol & Drug Abuse, Rape, Fighting, Family Violence	Housing , Repaying Debts
July	Very cold – must heat house and expensive, snow, rain	No employment, Unemployment rate high	High Blood Pressure, Colds, Diabetes, Stress, Epileptics, Flu, TB HIV/AIDS, Head Aces, Asthma, Pneumonia, Bronchitis	Soup, Porridge Bread	High, Alcohol & Drug Abuse, Rape, Fighting, Family Violence	Housing , Repaying Debts
Aug	Cold at night, wet and windy	No employment, Unemployment rate	High Blood Pressure, Flu Colds, Diabetes, Stress, Sinus Epileptics, TB HIV/AIDS, Head Aces, Asthma, Pneumonia, Bronchitis	Soup, Porridge, Fish, Bread	High, Alcohol & Drug Abuse, Rape, Fighting, Family Violence	Housing , Repaying Debts
Sept	Cool, Windy and Rainy	No employment, Unemployment rate high	High Blood Pressure, Colds, Diabetes, Stress, Epileptics, HIV/AIDS, Head Aces, Asthma, TB, Appendicitis	Soup, Porridge, Chicken, Eggs, Fish, Bread	High, Alcohol & Drug Abuse, Rape, Fighting, Family Violence	Housing , Repaying Debts
Oct	Cool, Getting hot – some rain and windy	Casual Jobs, Season Job, Employment not to high	High Blood Pressure, Colds, Diabetes, Stress, Epileptics, TB, HIV/AIDS, Asthma Sinus, Arthritis	Meat, Fruit, Bread, Chicken, Eggs, Cooked Food, porridge	High, Alcohol & Drug Abuse, Rape, Fighting, Family Violence	Housing , Repaying Debts
Nov	Hot and	Casual Jobs,	TB, High Blood Pressure,	Fruit, Vegetables,	High, Alcohol & Drug	Housing ,

	some rain	Season Job, Employment not to high	Low Blood Pressure, Diabetes, Stress, Epileptics, Arthritis, HIV/AIDS, Asthma	Meat, Chicken Bread, Tin Food, Eggs	Abuse, Rape, Fighting, Family Violence	Repaying Debts
Dec	Very Hot and some rain	Casual Jobs, Season Job, Employment not to high	High Blood Pressure, Low Blood Pressure, Summer Colds, Diabetes, Stress, Epileptics, HIV/AIDS, Head Aces, Asthma	Fruit, Vegetables, Meat, Eggs, Salads, Chicken	High, Alcohol & Drug Abuse, Rape, Fighting, Domestic Violence, Theft	Housing , Repaying Debts

**2.2.3A Analysis of service provision in ward 2**

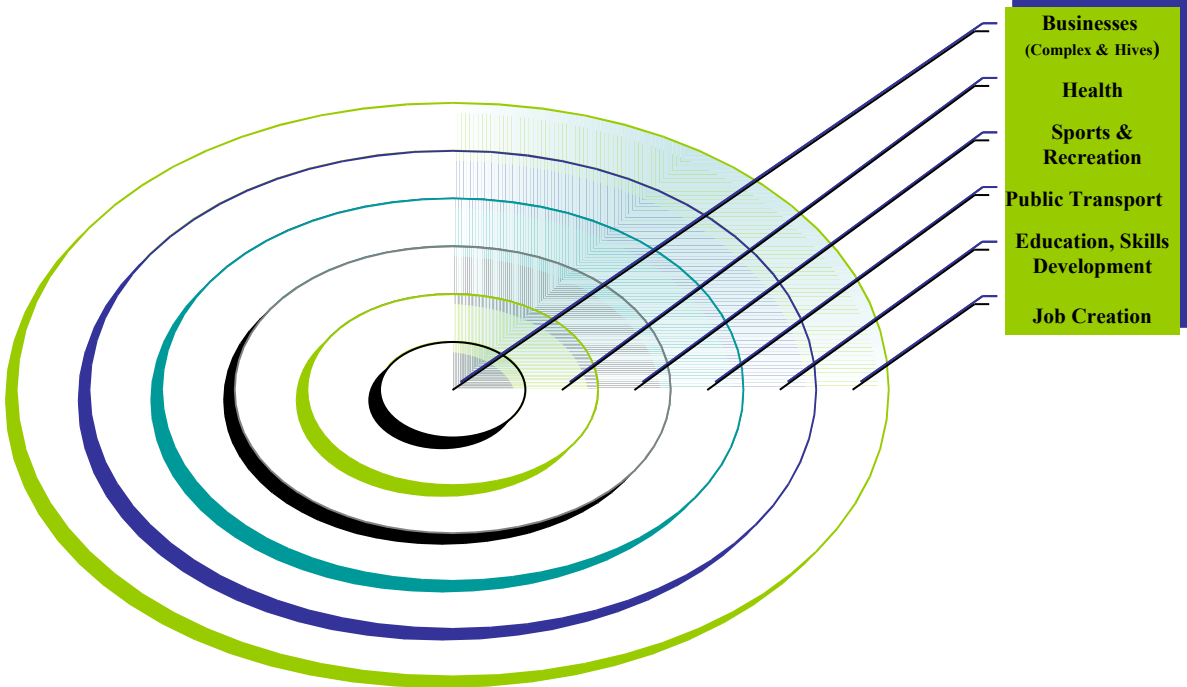
Organisation	Importance (from 0- 5)	Accessibility (from 0-5)	Comments
<b>Social</b>			
Social Workers	5	1	People were confused about their role
Old Age Home	3	4	For aged who have no-one to look after them.
Centre for disabled	5	3	The people from Bergsig don't participate
Church groups	3	2	A lot of churches is popping up in Laingsburg
Range of shops <sup>1</sup>	5	2	Few shops in area
Shebeens/taverns	2	0	No licenses
School for disabled	5	0	Children have to go Worcester and further
Crèches	4	2	Only one and the one not up to standard
<b>Health</b>			
Health (clinic)	5	5	Waiting period to long
Health inspector	4	1	Supplied by district, subject to availability
Caretakers	3	1	Need more support
HIV/AIDS Support Group	5	0	
Doctors Surgery	5	3	Need more than one doctor
Hospital	5	3	Staff & Specialty shortage
EMS	5	3	Reaction Time & To little vehicles
<b>Infrastructure</b>			
Municipality	4	2	Water service felt to be good but sanitation poor -blocks up often due to trees
Halls of municipality	3	2	Available but expensive and don't have all the equipment
Sports Club	3	0	Busy building it
Business Complex & Hives	5	0	None
Telkom	5	3	Need more pay phones in residential areas
Post Office	4	3	Only open one Saturday per months
Police	5	3	Violent to the community and have no respect have a problem with picking up of the drunk
Housing	5	3	Building of Houses very slow, build housing every five years

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Playgrounds	4	2	2 in Laingsburg but the one is ripped off
Recreational Facilities	3	3	Only one sports facility and no recreation facility
Swimming Pool	3	0	Use the Acacia Swimming pool, but too small and the summer is very hot
<b>Economic and private sector</b>			
Business Centre	5	2	Only one big shop and very expensive, no competition Needs a business Hive
Public Transport	5	0	None, Municipality not seeing the need, while elderly been over charged, Lack of Municipal Assistance
Skills Development & Training Institution	5	0	None
De Wit Burial Services	5	3	Only one in town
Small Business Assistance	5	3	Needs help, business collapse because of lack of business skills

**2.2.3B**

**Venn**



## 2.3 Activities and services in the community

### 2.3.1 What are the main activities and projects in the community?

The picture on the previous page shows the Venn Diagram we produced. The table below lists the organisations and services in the community. Specific interviews were had with Business Owners, Shebeen Owners, the local Police Station, Laingsburg High school, Acacia Primary School, Child Welfare, Dept. of Agriculture, Provincial Traffic and the clinic as well as Ms Anita Rickett for home-based care.

The services people felt were missing were shops in general, particularly clothing and chemist, and the lack of a real shopping centre. Other facilities required were a swimming pool and youth centre as well as public transport. Groups receiving services by different groups are shown below.

Group	Services received from Government Departments
Mixed youth	School Education
Unemployed people	None, Social Services, food parcels
Self-employed	None
Employed	None
Disabled	MPCC, clinic
Elderly	Karoo Lellies Club, Social Services, clinic
Single women with children	None in Bergsig

## 2.4 Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats

Strengths	Weaknesses
People are thinkers and inquisitive, they have ideas and capacity	Not every one is a entrepreneur
Youth are involved in sports and they have energy	Many youth are addicted to drugs. Many children suffer from hunger and lack of education.
There are technical skills	Poor business skills, e.g. shop starts today and is gone tomorrow
Community building (2 Halls, MPCC) and Sports Complex (1)	Halls are underused, need sport facilities (Problematic, more than 1 sport code wants to use facilities at one time)
Relative peace	Crime is too high and police are slow to respond, and there is lack of discipline and the language problem
Residential areas not too far from town area, Train Station	No Public Transport like Taxi's / Buses,
Hospital, clinic, and police station are close	Lack of discipline in the hospital, service is slow in the clinic, there are staff shortages and there is a poor attitude from clinic staff, They don't treat certain issues with the necessarily confidential codes
Good social networks	Support Groups
Hospital, people relate to one another	People are afraid to be tested for HIV and we need to change the way people with HIV are viewed
	High unemployment
Opportunities	Threats
Improving accountability of staff such as police and clinic to the community	Crime
River bank could be part of a park & Swimming pool	Danger from river, Kids swimming during Summer
Develop satellite library on Farms	Children can't read
Use historical places for tourism	HIV/AIDS
Use training to convert problems into opportunities	Poverty leading to prostitution
Use underused facilities such as halls, e.g. could convert part into offices for Youth Centre	Women, child and husband abuse
Use writing skills, e.g. Competitions	The old people won't live forever to tell the stories of town
Use fact we have people as volunteers, strengthening	Locals don't get the job opportunities, even when they

capacity of services and giving people work experience in possible careers and process	volunteer, People from other places are being employed
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## 2.5 Crosscutting issues

### 2.5.1 Poverty and gender

The tables in section 2.3 show some of the strengths and weaknesses of different groups in our community. The most vulnerable groups were the unemployed and single mothers.

Affected problem group	Locations	Type of problems (including quantities where applicable)	Background/ wider context/ related issues
<b>A. Poverty</b>			
Unemployed	Everywhere	No income, insufficient food, malnourished children	Lack of income opportunities
Unemployed with HIV/AIDS affected family members	Everywhere	Families cannot even afford to provide sick members with enough food	Rapidly increasing
<b>B. Gender</b>			
Young teenage mothers	Everywhere	Mothers discontinue education, but cannot find jobs. Babies malnourished	Child support grant
All women	Everywhere	Much time spent caring for sick relatives	

### 3.4.3 Environment

Factor	Location	People affected	How significant	Causes
<b>Strengths</b>				
N1 National Road	Through town	All People	Income into town	
<b>Local problems</b>				
Dangerous riverbank	Wilgerriver / Buffelsriver	Children	Some people have died	Don't have a public Swimming Pool, The school swimming pool too expensive
Air pollution in township in winter	Whole area	All people	Significant in winter when people use coal fires / Wood fires	Too cold, to warm themselves, electricity too expensive
<b>External threats/risks</b>				
Crime at bridges over rivers	Wilgerriver / Buffels rivers bridges	Those crossing	Many people get mugged when walking across, Early Mornings and in the Evening	The road is dark
Floods	Wilger, Buffalo rivers and Stormwater area	All people	Flood of January 1981	
Drought	Whole Area, Farms	All people, Farmers and workers	Unemployment	
<b>Opportunities</b>				
Improve Rivers and green areas as recreational area	Buffalo & Wilger river, Karoo Garden Start of Van Riebeeck Street, JJ	All people	No, recreational Area in Laingsburg	Youth don't have anything to do, except drinking and doing crime

Factor	Location	People affected	How significant	Causes
	Ellis Sports Ground			

### 3 What is important about the situation in our community

Unemployment, Lack of Recreational Facilities, Housing problem and the economic growth

### 4 What do we want to achieve

#### 4.1 A vision for Laingsburg

**By 2012, Laingsburg is an attractive and safe place, recognised as full of history, with enough good housing, well served by shops, facilities such as youth centre, business support centre, people are healthy, skilled and self-reliant, and generating a viable income from a strong economic base. The area is well-maintained and services are sustained.**

#### Afrikaans

Laingsburg moet by die jaar 2012 'n aantreklike en veilige plek met 'n erkende, vol geskiedenis wees, 'n goeie behuising skema hê, met die nodige winkels en fasiliteite soos 'n jeug sentrum en besigheids ondersteuning sentrum. Die mense moet gesond, geskool en self-onderhouded wees. Die dorp moet 'n inkomste generende, sterk ekonomiese basis hê. Die area moet goed instandhoudende dienste hê en dit moet volhoubaar wees,

#### 4.2 What are our objectives?

The objectives in order of priority are, by 2012, with the shaded objectives those focused on in this plan:

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| <b>1</b> | <b>Laingsburg is economically dynamic, the people are skilled, self-reliant and have access to sustainable income-generating.</b>                        |
| <b>2</b> | <b>We have decreased the infection rate of HIV/AIDS and those infected have access to good care and support.</b>   |
| <b>2</b> | <b>Every community member in Laingsburg has access to, and owns their own permanent house with services.</b>   |
| <b>4</b> | <b>Unemployed people in Laingsburg have acquired a range of skills to assist in employment, and employed people will have had their skills upgraded.</b> |
| <b>5</b> | <b>Laingsburg is a safe and secure area for all residents and crime hot spots have been eliminated.</b>  |
| <b>6</b> | <b>Residents are confident in their ability to manage development in the area.</b>   |
| 7        | Clean environment  |
| 8        | Improving services at hospital/clinic  |
| 9        | Improving education for children, children with disabilities, youth, unemployed and Elderly  |
| 10       | Improving River, Recreational  |
| 11       | Child malnutrition decrease with 4%  |
| 12       | No Problems with poor sanitation especially on farms   |
| 13       | Shopping centre  |
| 14       | Abuse of women/elderly/children decrease with 2%   |

Additional practical points that were made which were not developed into objectives were:

- Decentralised paypoints for Municipal services
- Excellent Economic Environment

It was recognised that the prioritisation would have been influenced by who was present at that meeting. However, it was decided to concentrate on the shaded objectives in this first round of planning. Next year when this plan is rolled, some of the other priorities may have become more important.

The strategies we are proposing to achieve our objectives are shown on the next pages, with each page a different objective and how we will implement it.

### 4.3 What strategies shall we adopt to achieve our objectives?

#### 4.3.1 Objective 1 Income and employment

Income generation was the top priority for single women, the unemployed, the elderly, the disabled, and for the employed there was the fear of retrenchment. There is a major lack of information on opportunities, lack of support for business plans. There were a wide range of skills amongst those interviewed, but people have poor business skills. Laingsburg in particular is known worldwide for the 1981 flood has a significant possibility of tourism, especially if the area is restored and conserved. There is the possibility of training people to serve tourism ventures, e.g. as guides. There is also the reservoir of experience amongst older people. A problem that was raised is nepotism in the awarding of contracts, and there needs to be an improvement in this.

**Objective 1 By 2012 Laingsburg is economically dynamic, the people are skilled, self-reliant and have access to sustainable income-generating activities**

The strategies proposed are:

- 1.1 Raise awareness of potential income-generating opportunities
- 1.2 Promote the image of Laingsburg for investment
- 1.3 Build economic capacity of people through business and technical skills training
- 1.4 Establish business support capacity in Laingsburg
- 1.5 Establish job centre

Projects proposed are:

Project/activity	What the Area will do	Support needed from Municipality	Support from others
<b>Strategy 1.1 Awareness</b>			
1.1.1 Expand current SWOT analysis	Participate	Planners assist	
1.1.2 Disseminate information through campaigns, media and community meetings	Participate	Assistance	Tourism
1.1.3 Establish an information desk	Participate	Establish	
<b>Strategy 1.2 Improved image</b>			
1.2.1 Identify and list historic buildings	Participate	Keep Data base	CDWS
1.2.2 Identify condition and cost renovations		Costing	Tourism
1.2.3 Establish scheme to support renovation of historical buildings	Participate	Fund in IDP	Tourism and Public Works
1.2.4 Write history of the area	Participate	Link to PRO in Municipality	Schools
1.2.5 Clean up campaign	Participate	Work together	DEAT
1.2.6 Upgrade the Rivers for recreational area		IDP	Tourism and private sector
1.2.7 Disseminate promotional material	Participate	Assistance	Radio Gamka
<b>Strategy 1.3 Training</b>			
1.3.1 Skills Development	Participate	Organise	Labour
1.3.2 ABET	Participate	Assist	Education
<b>Strategy 1.4 Establish business support centre</b>			
1.4.1 Identify premises	Participate	Identify	Businesses
1.4.2 Identify and house local business advisors	Participate	Provide premises.	DTEEA pay for running costs

### 4.3.2 Objective 2 - HIV/AIDS

HIV/AIDS has reached dramatic levels in the town. There is still a problem of it being a taboo subject, but there are local initiatives to address this, including the home-care givers. This was raised as a major threat by all groups. There is no service for those with HIV/AIDS at the local clinic and people are referred to another clinic. The elderly complained of a security risk, and one of the problems suggested was a risk of rape as young men saw older women as not being an AIDS risk.

**Objective 2 by 2012 we have decreased infection rate for HIV/AIDS and those infected have access to good care and support**

The main strategies we propose to address this are:

1. Ensure proper care for HIV/AIDS infected and affected people, including voluntary counseling and testing (VCT), medical care and support and start support group
2. Developing culture of openness and awareness by providing appropriate information about HIV/AIDS
3. Developing and mobilising care-givers and a volunteers
4. Ensure a community who cares as specially those who are infected and affected

Projects and activities that are proposed include:

Project/activity	What the Area will do	Support needed from Municipality	Support from others
<b>Strategy 2.1 Proper care for HIV/AIDS</b>			
2.1.1 Ensure policy in place for training all clinic staff on VCT			MOH to develop policy
2.1.2 Provide basic medicine such as vitamins in clinic and hospital			Heath
2.1.3 More Caretakers	Avail themselves	Assistance	Health
2.1.4 Clinic to be involved in support groups in collaboration with community and Area committees	Community members to avail themselves		Clinic to supply 1 nurse and room
<b>Strategy 2.2 Culture of openness</b>			
2.2.1 Marry Laingsburg strategy on HIV/AIDS with all other strategies from NGOs and department	Attend workshop and agree	Attend workshop and agree	Attend workshop and agree
2.2.2 Ensure availability of basic medication	Monthly meeting with councilor to inform on needs	Sit with clinic and discuss issues around medication e.g. stock	Provide medication and other equipment
2.2.3 Councilor and Area committee members to ensure that HIV/AIDS is a standing item on the agenda of committee meetings	Speaker must commit to ensure	Inform Council of all meetings	Include HIV/AIDS in agenda/ speeches
2.2.4 Revise strategy yearly	Ensure workshop takes place	Ensure workshop takes place	Attend workshop
<b>Strategy 2.3 Mobilise care-givers</b>			
2.3.1 Campaign for more people to join as volunteers (door-to-door, media, meetings)	Do the Campaign. Utilise R50 000 for meals	Provide free transport. Provide pamphlets	Health to provide pamphlets
2.3.2 Train volunteers in care-giving	CDKM to provide training. Use R50/h for meals	Provide transport to collect trainees. Provide training facility	Hospice/ATTIC/PPAS A to provide training
2.3.3 Network with business and private sector for sponsorship	Write requests	Support requests	Private sector to sponsor
2.3.4 As part of developing care-	Inform municipality of	Advocate for incentives	Give incentives to

Project/activity	What the Area will do	Support needed from Municipality	Support from others
givers/ volunteers advocate for incentives	work schedule and costs involved		volunteers
2.3.5 Fund Laingsburg business plan		Include in IDP	Welfare to fund

#### 4.3.3 Objective 3 – Housing

Many people are living in Shacks in the back yards of people, and even those employed often do not own their own houses. Owning their own house was specifically raised by the employed and the disabled. There is confusion about who owns RDP houses, people have very little information about the options available to the community, and a major problem in the area is redlining, so that it is impossible to get loans. There is also a problem of people occupying land, perhaps with PTOs, but no title deeds. There is a challenge to integrate the suburb with “white”, which it adjoins, separated by a railway line and rivers.

**Objective 3 By 2012 every community member in Laingsburg should have access to, and own a permanent house with services**

The main strategies we propose to address this are:

1. Establish a housing advice centre
2. Provide sufficient and adequate information
3. Ensure occupiers get title deeds
4. Promote the People’s Housing Process (self-build)

Projects and activities that are proposed include:

Project/activity	What the ward will do	Support needed from Municipality	Support from others
<b>Strategy 3.1 Housing advice centre</b>			
3.1.1 Visit Worcester HAC	Visit – use R50 000 to pay		
3.1.2 Develop proposal for HAC		Assistance	Worcester HAC provide advice as well as PHP
3.1.3 Identify premises		Municipality to identify and provide	
3.1.4 Identify funders		Assistance	DLGH
3.1.5 Establish centre	Participate	Provide support	Funders
<b>Strategy 3.2 Provide information</b>			
<b>3.2.1 Provide adequate information</b>			HAC Provides
<b>Strategy 3.3 Title deeds</b>			
3.3.1 Identify site owners and permit holders		X	
3.3.2 Determine status of land		X	
3.3.3 Do legal transfer			DLGH
<b>Strategy 3.4 People’s housing process</b>			
3.4.1 Workshops on PHP	Participate – use R50k for meals	Can they fund	DLGH provides training
3.4.2 Identify qualified beneficiaries and sites	Ward committee	MLM housing div	
3.4.3 Establish legal entity (HAC?)	X	Support	Support from DLGH
3.4.4 Set up housing support committees	X		
3.4.5 Develop housing proposal	Legal entity (HAC)		
3.4.6 Train people to construct	Participate	Co-ordinate	DLGH
3.4.7 Fund and build	Participate and	Administrate	Fund

Project/activity	What the ward will do	Support needed from Municipality	Support from others
	build		

#### 4.3.4 Objective 4 Adult education

The need for training was mentioned by many people from two perspectives: the need for the unemployed to obtain the skills to help them find employment and by the employed to improve their careers. One suggestion that was made related to obtaining experience through volunteering.

**Objective 3 by 2011 unemployed people in Laingsburg have acquired a range of skills to assist in employment, and employed people will have had their skills upgraded**

The main strategies we propose to address this are:

1. Ensure that unemployed people in Laingsburg have access to affordable training that is available in the Central Karoo Area
2. Promote the use of volunteers and local Trainers
3. Promote use of skills levy so employers are retraining their staff

Projects and activities that are proposed include:

Project/activity	What the area will do	Support needed from Municipality	Support from others
<b>Strategy 4.1 Access to training for unemployed</b>			
4.1.1 Identify service providers	Participate	Selection & Assistance	Labour & Education
4.1.2 Publicise the information on service providers		Media	
<b>Strategy 4.2 Promote use of volunteers &amp; Local Trainers</b>		Include in IDP	
4.2.1 Creating a Data Base & Support local Trainers with accreditation	Participate	Data Capturing & Assistance	CDW's
<b>Strategy 4.3 Promote retraining</b>			
4.3.1 Work with employers in Area and support them in giving workers accreditation	Participate	Include in IDP	

#### 4.3.5 Objective 5 Reduce crime

Some parts of Laingsburg are peaceful, others less so. Some specific hotspots were identified, a crossing over the river, a footpath underneath the Railway near Göldnerville and scepticism over the operation of a youth centre. The service from the Police was not seen as good, and they were seen to have a poor attitude to residents, and not be well disciplined (occasions where police hitting the community members). There was also reported to be no police women dealing with rape cases. They are not well-resourced, and there were complaints that resources were unequally distributed between "white" suburbs and the townships.

**Objective 5 By 2011 Laingsburg is a safe and secure area for all residents and crime hot spots have been eliminated**

The main strategies we propose to address this are:

1. Community takes more responsibility for safety

2. Ensure police are better resourced
3. Retrain police on rape issues
4. Target crime hotspots
5. Implement Local Crime Prevention Strategy

Projects and activities that are proposed include:

Project/activity	What the Area will do	Support needed from Municipality	Support from others
<b>Strategy 5.1 Community responsible</b>			
5.1.1 CPF to educate community	Mass meetings in different places		
5.1.2 Area Committee members to be part of CPF	Area committee to write to CPF		
<b>Strategy 5.2 Ensure police resourced</b>			
5.2.1 Equitable distribution of resources between "white" areas and township	Area Committee meet with CPF		
5.2.2 Establish satellite police station		Provide existing buildings	
<b>Strategy 5.3 Retrain police on rape issues</b>			
5.3.1 Workshop police officers on rape issues			SAPS
<b>Strategy 5.4 Eliminate crime hot spots</b>			
5.4.1 Provide lighting at crossing on river and clean up	Clean the river	Install lights Transport and bags for rubbish	
5.4.2 Utilise building not being used for a Youth Centre	Youth to Participate		Social Dev. To inspect and recommend
5.4.3 The footpath underneath the Railway close to Göldnerville	Inform public and put notice explaining		Church and school to act
<b>Strategy 5.5 Implement Local Crime Prevention Strategy</b>			
5.45.1 Structuring a Forum and Implement	Form part of Structure	Manage the Programmes	Community Safety

#### 4.3.6 Improving governance

A range of governance issues were raised including those around building people's confidence in their own ability to take forward their development:

- In general people do have skills but are demotivated, especially in relation to government. This is reinforced by the arrogant attitude of some service providers (see below) and a lack of recognition of their own strengths and that of the area. It is essential that, as in developing this plan, the municipality and other service providers seek to strengthen people's confidence in their own abilities
- There is a particular problem of low self-esteem for the disabled, and the promoting of a union for the disabled was suggested
- The need for improved information flow and access
- Development of decentralised payments systems for Council services
- Addressing the problems with disabled people whereby new legislation had resulted in their grants being cut off
- Overcoming poor attitudes amongst some government service providers (the clinic and police were mentioned), perhaps by improving their accountability to local residents

## 5 Implementing the plan

### 5.1 Financing the plan

The projects can have 4 ways of being implemented:

- Actions by the community
- Actions by the community supported by the R50 000 being provided by the Municipality immediately
- Actions required by the Municipality (which may be funding or other actions)
- Actions required by other stakeholders

These are shown on the projects/activities tables above.

#### 5.1.1 Budget for the R50 000 process funds

A proposed budget at this stage for actions within the R50 000 is shown below.

Objective	Project/activity	Funds required for	Amount required
<b>1. Income</b>	1.2.2 List building of historical or architectural interest	Surveyor to assess	R10000
	1.2.4 Write history of Laingsburg	Pay author, photographs etc Competition at Schools	R1500
	1.2.5 Clean-up campaign	Meals for volunteers	R5200
	<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>R16 700</b>
<b>2. HIV</b>	2.2.1 Workshop to merge strategies from Area/NGOs etc	400 people @ R25= R1000 + R100 for materials	R1100
	2.3.1 Campaign for volunteers	4 x 3 hour meetings of 30 people @ R10	R1200
	2.3.2 Train 40 volunteers	40 people x 10 days x R25	R10 000
	<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>R12 300</b>
<b>3. Housing</b>	3.1.1 Visit Worcester Housing Advice Centre	Bus for 1 day = R2000, meal for 70 people @ R25	R3750
	3.1.1 Visit Khyalititha	Same	R3750
	3.4.1 Workshops for potential participants/beneficiaries	100 people @ R25	R2500
	<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>R10 000</b>
<b>Other</b>	Youth Centre	Building (Hire) & Furniture, Training and Programmes	<b>R10 000</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>R49 000</b>

### 5.1.3 Summary of submissions to IDP

Objective	Project name	Location	Relevant municipal section	Funding scale (1-5)	Financed by who	Time frame
<b>1 Income</b>	1.2 Develop tourism potential of ward 2	Area	LED	3	Municipality	2007/8
	1.3 Grant scheme for renovations	Municipality	LED	4	Tourism & Public	2007/8
	1.4 Establish Business Support Centre	Laingsburg	LED	3	Economic affairs for advisor and running costs	2007/8
<b>2 HIV</b>	2.1 Fund a business plan on HIV/AIDS	Whole Area	ATICC	2	Social Development	June 2007
	2.2 Establishing a Support Group	Whole Area	Health	2	Health Department	June 2007
<b>3 Housing</b>	3.1 Establish Housing Advice Centre	Laingsburg	Housing		Provincial Dept of Housing	2007/8
	3.3 Ensure occupiers get title	Laingsburg	Housing	may not cost in itself		December 2008
<b>4 Crime</b>	6.4.1 Install lights at crossing on river bank	Wilgeriver	Electricity			2007/8

### 5.2 Plan of things we need to do in the community to take forward our plan

This action plan was drawn up and will be revised at a Area Committee meeting on 20 November 2006. This meeting will also decide on working groups which are needed to drive each of these objectives and to bring in outside support.

Action	By who	By when
<b>General</b>		
1. Typed plan submitted	Fransina Hermanus	21 November '06
2. Allocate Area Committee portfolios and organise convening of working committees for each objective, to include external stakeholders	Area Committee	20 November '06
3. Mass meeting to publicise the plan	Area Committee	25 November '06
4. Submit Area plan to Municipality	Area Councilor	21 November '06
5. Confirm/appraise response time and when R50k to be released	MM	21 November '06
6. MM appraises plan	MM	21 November '06
7. Produce monthly report format, including by objective	Fransina Hermanus	21 November '06
8. Produce monthly report	AREA Committee	End Nov onwards
9. Mass meeting once plan approved	Area Committee	20 November '06
10. Feedback on approval in IDP	MLM	March 2002
<b>Objective 1. Income/Employment</b>	Decide on 20th	
1.1 Develop working group on income and tourism – plan a programme to take forward – include stakeholders	WC portfolio person	
1.2 Identify and list historical buildings	Commission	
<b>Objective 2. HIV/AIDS</b>		
2.1 Establish working group	WC, Kgauhelo, ATTIC etc	
2.2 Finalise funding of Kgauhelo business plan	Social Dev., Ward Comm., Kgauhelo	12010.2001
2.3 Kgauhelo negotiates for accommodation at clinic	Kgauhelo	25.09.2001
2.4 Convene workshop to align strategies – meet ATTIC and plan	ATTIC, Kgauhelo, Ward Committee	25.09.2001
<b>Objective 3. Housing</b>		

Action	By who	By when
3.1 Develop working group	Ward Committee portfolio person	
3.2 Organise visit to Bothaville/Kimberly	Ward Committee working group	
3.3 After visit Ward Committee working group plans way forward		
<b>Objective 4. Crime</b>		
4.1 Develop working group	WC portfolio person	Decide on 24th
4.2 Identify volunteers to clean spruit	Ward Committee	
4.3 Liaise with MLM about street lights on crossing	Ward Committee	
4.4 Confirm with SAPS about idea of Satellite Police Station	Ward Committee <sup>2</sup>	
4.5 Confirm with MLM about availability of buildings		
<b>Objective 5. Adult Education</b>		
5.1 Convene working group		Decide on 24th
<b>Objective 6. Roads</b>		
6.1 Ward Committee confirms priority roads and submit to MLM	Ward Committee	15.12001
<b>7. Miscellaneous</b>		
7.1 Negotiate with Social Dev. about decentralized pay point for pension	Ward Committee	
7.2 Negotiate with Munic. about decentralised paypoint for services	Ward Committee	
7.3 Feedback to Police and Health dissatisfaction with attitude of staff	Ward Committee <sup>3</sup>	

#### Annexes: Project concept sheets for Projects in IDP

- 1.2 Develop tourism potential of ward 2
- 1.2.3 Grant scheme for renovation
- 1.4 Establish Business Support Centre
- 2.3.5 Fund Kgauhelo business plan on HIV/AIDS
- 3.1 Establish Housing Advice Centre
- 3.3 Ensure occupiers get title
- 6.4.1 Install lights at crossing on spruit
- 6.2.2 Satellite police station

<sup>2</sup> Note the support of the Portfolio Chair on Public Safety and Security could be used here.

<sup>3</sup> Note the support of the Portfolio Chairs on Health and Public Safety and Security could be used here.

***Example of project concept sheet***