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The Speaker

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Dear Cllr M.E. Mnguni

ADJOURNMENT OF COUNCIL MEETING- NQUTHU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

Telephonic discussion with Departmental Official refers.

It is advised that the scheduled council meeting should be postponed for the following reasons:

- a) It is understood that approximately 150 individuals have occupied the Council Chamber, to proceed with a meeting under such circumstances would be in direct contravention of the measures announced by his Excellency, the President in terms of the Declaration of a National Disaster. This would further be in contravention of the directions published by the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs on 25 March 2020. Section 6.7.2. (e) directs that all ordinary council meetings must be suspended. Section 7 provides that effective date of the directions is the date of signature, which was 25 March 2020.

- b) Secondly, the meeting was scheduled to commence at 09h00. In terms of item 8.1 of the Rules and Orders of Nquthu Municipality, if a quorate meeting has not commenced within 20 minutes of the scheduled commencement time, the meeting must be adjourned.
- c) Thirdly, the Notice convening the meeting must, in terms of item 4.1, include place (venue) of the meeting. This venue cannot summarily be changed without a proper Notice.

Accordingly, the Speaker is called upon to respect the Rule of Law and to adjourn any unlawful meeting, failing which further action would be considered.

Yours Sincerely,



MR. T.A MDADANE

DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL- LOCAL GOVERNMENT BRANCH

DATE: 26-3-20

CC: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

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