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Briefing note from the Mayor

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Dear Residents of the Cederberg,

I hope you are doing better than you did in January. February is now also past and we are into month number 3 of the new year. Time simply marches on. I wish to provide you with a brief update on matters.

1. **NEW MUNICIPAL MANAGER** - I am happy to announce that the new Municipal Manager, Dawie Adonis, started work today (1 March). I look forward to working with him and I am sure you will appreciate him also.
2. **HISTORIC COUNCIL MEETING** - Yesterday (28 Feb) we held a historic Council meeting in Wupperthal. I tabled my monthly report which you can download from the website of the municipality. It contains a lot of detail which I think you will find useful and helpful.
3. **WATER CRISIS** – Unfortunately, during February the taps in Clanwilliam ran dry. But because of the great support of residents who worked together with our technical and administrative teams of the municipality we managed to stabilise the problem in record time. We are still busy putting in place a more permanent solution to the water supply for Clanwilliam. Let's be reminded that Clanwilliam has existed for centuries but was formally founded in 1732 and ranked as one of the oldest towns in South Africa.
4. **THE DAM WALL** – The Minister of Finance announced last week that two billion rand will be allocated to the upgrading of the Clanwilliam Dam wall. This means that the project is on the move. This is good news not only for Clanwilliam but also the entire Cederberg region. The dam was built in 1935, a wall upgraded in 1964 and now again in 2022. Because we are an old town it means that we must maintain our infrastructure regularly and sometimes replace things. Unfortunately, the municipality has not done this. So I apologise again for the inconvenience caused by water crisis.

Sincerely

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