

WARD COMMITTEE FEEDBACK: Meeting held 12 June 2014

Irrigation of market square:

All construction is completed and the municipality is awaiting the delivery of the water cannon.

Reed management policy

The municipality has in principle received the go-ahead from the Department of Environmental Affairs that the reeds may be harvested, but are still awaiting the written approval thereof. Once this has been received a plan of action will be put in place.

Waterborne sewerage update

Sewerage pipes will be laid in Longmarket Street (Queen Victoria to King Street), with the subsequent disruption of traffic flow. So far Burmar Civils has done an excellent job in keeping disruption to the minimum. The resident engineer, Richard, is always on site and any queries/ requests/ complaints should be taken up with him directly.

Pavement in Dreyer Street

R150 000 was approved in the 2014/15 budget for the completion of the sidewalk in Dreyer street. This is done via a budget allocated for ward-specific projects (i.e. needs identified by the people who represent Stanford on the ward committee).

Riverfront development

Funds have been approved for the environmental impact assessment (EIA) for the facilities (boardwalk, slipway, jetty etc) intended to make the riverfront more user-friendly (another ward-specific initiative). This includes a pedestrian walkway over the Willem Appel Dam on the north-western side of Bezuidenhout Street. The EIA will be based on a precinct plan almost completed by Bernard Oberholzer and funded by Stanford's Tourism Bureau, Conservation Trust and Ratepayers Association (all collectively working for the community!)

Sidewalk in Bezuidenhout Street

Bezuidenhout Street probably carries the heaviest pedestrian traffic in Stanford. As part of the vision to improve the area around the Community Centre and have a continuous pedestrian link throughout town (another Bernard Oberholzer precinct plan funded by the 3 organisations mentioned above), the funds allocated to Stanford because of the Overstrand winning the Department of Environmental Affairs' Greenest Municipality Competition in 2011 and 2012 will be used for a sidewalk from Mathilda May Street to the walkway over the Willem Appel Dam (planned as part of the EIA mentioned earlier). This is another example of how the ward committee works with the municipality to see how various funds could be used to improve Stanford in ways that would not be possible via the normal municipal (capital budget) funding.