

**Ward Committee Launch** 

The Speaker of uMzimkhulu Municipality Gugulethu Mavuma and the public participation Office launched Ward Committees establishment program at Clydesdale Community Hall for the Political Term. Cllr, Kleinbooi Chief Whip, Mr. Mgcwaba, Cllr. J Msiya Mayor, Z.S Sikhosana Municipal Manager, Cllr. Mdunge Harry Gwala District Speaker and Communications team were present.

The uMzimkhulu Municipality Consist of 22 Wards with 10 Ward Committees in each ward, Z Sikhosana quoted the ward committee regulations that 'members should strive to serve the best interest of the community, by recommending municipal programmes that are community centered, driven and implemented, recognising any diversity in the ward. To improperly benefit any third party'. Further added that the Channel of communication should start with the Community ward, ward Councilor, Public Participation Office to Speaker'.

The mayor further stated that the Ward Committee must attend to all matters that affect and benefit the community. Act in the best interest of the community and ensuring active participation of the community in the municipality's budgetary process. 'You are now officially stating your Duties as Ward Committees, Be the face of the community' said Mayor J. Msiya.

Message of support from the District Speaker 'thank you for coming forward and work for the community', encouraged members to engage community on regulatory meetings, attend all matters affecting the Community report to the Councilor, give time for feedback. Worthwhile hold Councilor accountable for the fulfilment. The launch was successful even though ward 19 was not available for the launch due to some community dispute which are to be resolve as soon as possible.