Mayor prioritises job creation

Merriam Kibi emphasises need to work with Salga to improve the economy of the Pixley Ka Seme district

JOB creation remains a top priority for Pixley Ka Seme district mayor Merriam Kibi's five year vision.

Kibi said the creation of sustainable job opportunities had always been a priority for the government in ensuring that it changed the lives of the people, especially the youth.

"We need to ensure the necessary and conducive environment for the creation of sustainable job opportunities," Kibi said.

"We need to be innovative and plan beyond the R1m extended public works programme grant. Our local economic development strategies must be of such a nature that attracts and retains sustainable investment from the private sector.'

Kibi said they needed to work together with the South African Local Government Association (Salga) to improve the economy of the district, which would enhance more investment in the area.

"While we have the solar companies around the district, we need to ensure that we look at other economic opportunities which can be supported, that we look at other economic opportunities which can be supported by them.

"This will contribute towards the improvement of the lives of the poor and unemployed in the district."

Kibi said the district had a vast range of opportunities with the multibillionrand Square Kilometre Array project being built in the region in Carnarvon.

"It is worth noting that we cannot undo the lifetime of deliberate and unjust planning but we have made great progress and we will continue to work towards the realisation of this



SUSTAINABLE JOBS: The mayor says job creation has always been a priority for the government. PCINCTINATE HORSE

commitment.

"It is our collective responsibility to ensure that we reduce the high levels of unemployment, inequality and poverty in the district. To this end, we will continue engaging all the solar companies in the district in an effort to boost the economic viability of the district."

The mayor said her administration, which had been in the office for more the clock to ensure that they brought

about rapid change to the communities and lives of ordinary people.

She said the commitment shown by her team was enough to prove that they got what it took to take the district for-

the education of our children," Kibi said.

Meanwhile, Kibi said healthcare facilities in the area were also being fast-tracked to ensure that the system was running smoothly.

"The construction of the new hospital has been finalised and the process "Education remains the only perma- of migration is under way. Both the a high degree of open-mindedness nent and sustainable solution to escape administrative part and the hospital unemployment, poverty and inequality. section will relocate to the new building do really improve the quality of the The power to improve education lies and this will assist the department to than a year now, was working around with us. We must actively participate in streamline administrative and health said.

Kibi said it was important that all stakeholders worked together and approached the fourth administration with great hopes of ensuring lives were changed for the better.

"We must lead the municipality with and as a team let us ensure that we lives of the people of the district," Kibi

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