

Bhisho advertises tender for construction work

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sequences of defying a monarch and creating anarchy among the people one leads. I can just say we are watching him," Bokleni said.

Zamdola said he had stuck to process in identifying the clinic's location. He confirmed the fight over the location of the clinic had begun in 2004.

"The king is my king. I respect him, but when he is wrong I must correct him. Correcting him does not mean I disrespect him. But I believe that he has been misled by the four young men who are tenderpreneurs and are in Mqeqe.

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"They say they are leaders of a certain development forum, which I am not even aware of and was never introduced to me.

"Like [President Cyril] Ramaphosa and myself, the king is not above the authority of the people. The king should listen to the community," he said, adding he had called a meeting on Wednesday to discuss the matter.

Zamdola said there had been no traditional leader in Cwele following Nobonke's death last year.

This was dismissed by Nobonke's eldest son, Letlaka Vuliphiko Ndamase, who said,

"my younger brother Zolani took over the reins on my behalf and in the past two weeks he was duly appointed as the head of the area".

Letlaka said: "The chief understands the people of Cwele want the clinic to be built in Tinarha, but he is becoming a bully and wants to have it built somewhere else."

Vuliphiko said they were not aware of Wednesday's meeting.

Cwele community development forum deputy chair, Mphuthumi Maqubela, said: "It is the people of that area who should decide where the clinic should be. The chief is just a

stumbling block to the construction of the clinic ... This has nothing to do with tenders and businesses."

Maqubela said they had not been invited to Wednesday's meeting.

Provincial health spokesperson, Lwandile Sicwetsha, said: "The delay was due to the impasse between the two institutions [chiefdom and headmanship] and needed the king to intervene.

"But we heard that public works is starting processes to built in Tinarha.

"We hope Cogta will take it further and unite the feuding institutions."

Co-operative governance & traditional affairs (Cogta) provincial spokesperson Mamkeli Ngam said: "Our regional officials are providing the necessary support to the traditional councils in question and the Nyandeni great place.

"Cogta regrets the recent developments on this important service delivery project and encourages all interested parties to work together and find a good-natured solution to the impasse."

Nyandeni mayor Mesuli Ngqondwana agreed, saying the fight over the clinic's location had severely affected service delivery.