

## MAYOR SPELLS OUT NEW BUDGET



**Straight Talk:** The community raised their concerns about electricity maintenance, electricity theft, potholes and job creation, among others.

### ***Limakatso Khalianyane***

The mayor of Maluti-A-Phofung, Sarah Moleleki, along with her council this week met the local community of Phuthaditjhaba to explain the draft budget of 2013-14 and 2015-16 financial years.

Kedibone Sentle, the municipality's communication officer, said the draft budget explained how income and expenditure would be managed to ensure sustainability and viability of services in the municipality. Paving roads, electricity maintenance, RDP houses, projects funding learnerships and job creation were highlighted as the key priorities.

Sentle said the total revenue for the current financial year amounts to R1.461bn.

The municipality plans to make allocation to projects from the Municipal Infrastructure Grant. The allocations will be divided into various categories, being electricity, roads, water, waste management and sport and recreation.

Projects that will benefit from the allocations are high-mast lights, rural paved roads in QwaQwa, paved roads in Tshiame and Phuthaditjhaba, the Makholokweng reservoir as well as various water networks throughout the municipality, including the Makholokweng and Mandela Park sewerage systems, VIP toilets and the fencing of cemeteries.

The total assets from the grant amounts to nearly R200m.

The community of Phuthaditjhaba was also given the opportunity to voice their concerns. The issues that they said were bothering them included electricity maintenance, illegal electricity connections, potholes, job creation as well as bursaries and learnerships for the youth.