

MHLONTLO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY



HAIL TO THE KING

On behalf of the Mhlontlo local municipality I would like to welcome the decision of the Mthatha High Court to reinstate the kingship of the AmaMpondomise after a 114-year battle to get our kingship back.

The decision of judge Richard Brooks in the Mthatha High Court on Thursday the 16th May 2019 will surely go down as a historic decision in the history of the AmaMpondomise nation and the history of South Africa King Mhlontlo who our municipality was named after was in his own way a gallant freedom fighter who contributed to the abolishment of colonialism and the story of King Mhlontlo is indeed the story of the struggle of humanity. The AmaMpondomise nation was stripped of their kingship by the British colonial government in 1904 after King Mhlontlo was accused of killing a resident magistrate Hamilton Hope and two white police officers in Qumbu during the Mpondomise Revolt of 1880-81. The Story of King Mhlontlo needs to be added to the history books and our children must learn about this gallant warrior in schools not only in the Mhlontlo local but across South Africa. It is a history we dare not forget as these were all stages that contributed to the struggle against colonialism and apartheid.

These are the struggles that give meaning to our quest as we continue to call for land expropriation without compensation and amplify the need for the land issue in South Africa to be a national agenda that is dealt with considerably taking into account the emotion and feeling of the black people of South Africa who were brutally displaced from their land.

This declaration comes at a time when the Mhlontlo Local Municipality is in the Process of changing its logo to depict the AmaMpondomise nation and its environment bearing in mind that the name of the municipality needs to reflect the great King of the AmaMpondomise, King Mhlontlo. Last but not least on behalf of the Mhlontlo Local municipality I further commend those who worked throughout this process, they have surely been vindicated through their tireless work going back and forth to court. Once again I congratulate the AmaMpondomise nation on the reinstatement of their kingship and wish them well filled with hope and prosperity to be the great nation it once was and restore the dignity of the AmaMpondomise nation.



Thank you

Your Mayor

Cllr Nompumelelo Dywili