

MID-YEAR REPORT BACK. FEBRUARY 2019

Portfolio name : **Communications**

Leader : **Chris Edwards**

Mandate: Manage various streams of Communications

Significant achievements

- 1. Consistent improvement using various forms of communication mediums.**
- 2. Bigger, Brighter, Worldwide 'Chatter'**
- 3. Sound and vision enhancement using what equipment we have.**

Plans for the next half year:

1. Improve sound to gym and movie activities:

I am investigating using **Sound Bars** in Gym and Movie locations. They will be superior to the existing systems and more versatile so that various inputs may be used including bluetooth, USB, TV HDMI, and digital audio. Also, we can use bluetooth headsets with them for both instruction and presentations.

2. Encourage and Increase Whatsapp usage

There has been an uptick in Whatsapp usage and residents are asking if more groups can be formed for various specialist interests. This is encouraging and maybe a sign of the times where more residents are using smarter phones. 'Chatting' has also been reduced to a minimum and helps with people's perceptions of what Groups are used for.

3. Advise and implement use of Village based DSTV bouquets.

Multichoice has launched the STAY bouquet of three alternatives which will be administered by Evergreen but give residents a lower cost choice using their existing equipment. I will be coordinating this, along with the Village Manager.