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Mossel Bay major welcomes Colin Puren with Thys Giliomee in the middle. Photo: Nickey le Roux.

MOSSEL BAY NEWS - The ACDP welcomes the reappointment of Colin Puren to the Mossel Bay Municipality. This appointment, to some degree, attempts to rectify the damage that was done to him personally as well as his good reputation through the rushed and unfair manner in which he was dismissed.

Puren was dismissed after the findings of a hearing in which he was not present nor at which evidence or testimony was presented on his behalf as his request for a postponement had been denied.

Legal and other costs have been incurred in defending this position and the ACDP is of the opinion that these costs to the ratepayers

should be seen as fruitless and wasteful expenditure and that those responsible should be held accountable in their personal capacity

The ACDP, on several occasions in council, objected to the post of director: community services being filled as we were of the opinion that as this dismissal was being disputed, the post could not reasonably be seen as vacant.

Unfortunately, the then municipal manager, Dr Gratz, as well as the DA councillors, disagreed and filled the position regardless.