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We are puppets - councillor

THE ATTERIDGEVILLE Town Council meeting took a dramatic turn yesterday when one of the councillors declared: "We are real puppets who do nothing except evict residents who do not qualify to stay or work in an urban area."

Mr Lucas Mosuma, who usually keeps quiet during meetings, caused a stir during the debate over the lack of progress in the township. He also said: "We are councillors for nothing. That is why organisations such as the UDF rightfully call us puppets. We just sit here with agendas, talk and do nothing."

The councillors also lashed out at certain senior white officials" and ac-

used them of retarding progress in the townships. The attack, led by Councillor Matthew Mahlangu, followed a "shocking" report by the director of community services, Mr J J Pienaar, that out of a total 1249 residents who applied for the 99-year leasehold only 147 had been issued with certificates since 1981.

Councillors also lashed out at white officials who delayed the development of residential sites in the townships. The attack followed a report that a contractor who was supposed to start building a block of flats near Masupha Street to alleviate the housing shortage, had now informed the council that the erections will only start in October or November.

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