

**Minutes of meeting of Umma wa Wapanda Baisikeli Dar es Salaam
2nd February 2008**

Attendance

Aseli Wilison
Bushira Yahaya Rashidi
Dominata Rwechungura
Elaine Baker
Filbert Mbecha
Juma Ali Salehe Jongo
Jumanne Idd Selemani
Paulo Atibu Hatibu
Rashidi Saidi Karanji
Yusufu Juma

Meeting with Ministry of Infrastructure

Mejah, Elaine, Juma and Rashid went to meet the road safety department of the Ministry of Infrastructure on 14th January but were given only 15 minutes instead of one hour as agreed in the appointment and were not listened to or treated in a respectful way by the people we met with, who said that because we had not studied law or engineering we were not capable of contributing ideas. After the meeting Elaine wrote a report and Juma gave delivered a copy to the road safety department secretary.

National Institute for Transport (NIT)

The road safety seminar on 19th January went very well and the 21 members who attended enjoyed it and learnt from it. During the meeting members emphasised the importance of implementing what we had learnt. We hope to continue cooperating with the National Institute of Transport. Elaine wrote a report and Juma delivered it to Mr Wemba. The NIT also gave us a calender for our office.

Morogoro Road

We discussed the plans and drawings for Morogoro road. The members made the following observations :

- overall the design of the road gives high priority to cyclists, with dedicated cycle lanes on almost all stretches
- in stretch 2 and stretch 10 (Msimbazi Street) there is no cycle lane due to lack of space. For these stretches we need clarification on whether cycles should use the roads for private motorized vehicles or buses or share the pedestrian area.
- On all stretches we should emphasise that cycle lanes should be accessible to gutas and disabled cycles as well as ordinary bicycles. Obstacles such as bollards designed to exclude motorized vehicles from the lane should be designed so that they are wide enough to allow gutas and disabled cycles through

- In stretches 4 and 5 there appears to be a physical separation in the form of a drain and trees between the cycle lane and the road for motorized vehicles. However in many other stretches (3, 6, 7, 8, 9) it is not clear if there is any physical separation. In these cases it is likely motorized vehicles will use the cycle lane for parking and skipping the queue so we recommend there be physical barriers to prevent this.
- We need clarification on how vehicles will access plots along the road, and whether these access points will also allow them to enter the cycle lane or whether there will be barriers to prevent this
- We need clarification on which Government authority is responsible for amenities such as street lighting and trees
- We recommend that clear signs and road markings be used to show people exactly where cycles should go and in which direction

Elaine will write this in a letter for the City Council.

Guta, office and finances

Ally Saidi Mwishehe brought Tsh 7,000 to the meeting this week and also the previous weeks.

It was decided that we should aim to have an official opening of the office in March. For this, Ally Saidi Mohammed needs to finish the notice boards and Elaine should print more materials for the office. Juma also suggested we have an extra plank in the shelves to help the papers to stand up straight. Aseli suggested we think of ways to prevent dust accumulating in the office.

It was agreed that we buy the helmets, reflective jackets and make the t-shirts so that they can be used and presented to members at the official opening. Money will be withdrawn from the bank this week for this and Mejah and Juma will buy the helmets together on Friday.

At the moment Juma and Elaine have Tsh 36,000 of UWABA money – they had change after withdrawing Tsh 50,000 for the road safety seminar stationary and refreshments plus the guta money for the last few weeks minus Juma's monthly allowance for January.

Branch

It was agreed that UWABA try to open a branch in Temeke. When Elaine returns from traveling we will plan how to do this.

Traffic police and rules of road

The copies of the Road Traffic Act and its amendments are now on the office shelves. We have still not got the regulations or by-laws.

Other business

Jumanne and Bushira were in an accident while riding a motor bike and injured their legs and arms, but they are getting better. The dala dala which was at fault did not stop to help them or report to the police. Jumanne said that because he was wearing a helmet his head was not injured but otherwise it would have been badly injured and emphasised to the members the importance of wearing helmets when riding ordinary cycles also.

Responses still not received : City Council, Traffic Police, European Union