

**Minutes of meeting of Umma wa Wapanda Baisikeli Dar es Salaam
6 September 2008**

Attendance

Aseli Wilison
Bashiri Rashidi
Edgar R Paulo
Elaine Baker
Filbert Mbecha
Husein Hamza Hamisi
Hussein Idda Mkopi
Juma Ali Salehe Jongo
Mohamedi Saidi
Mussa Alex
Paulo Atibu Hatibu
Pendo January
Ramadhani Rajabu Nyengo
Shamte J Kigoma
Sosthenes C Amlima

Office

The painting of the office name on the outside of the office was finished several weeks ago. Benches have been made for the office at a cost of Tsh 50,000.

Wamba Memorial Fund – Road Safety Project

Two weeks ago we filmed a road safety video, with Amar shooting using his video camera. He has left the country and will edit it and sent it to us over the internet.

Due to the work involved in organising the cycle caravan, we decided to postpone further work on the Wamba project until the cycle caravan is over.

Kibwana

Juma gave Kibwana Tsh 35,000 for fixing his arm-cycle. Kibwana got married and Juma attended the celebration.

Monthly forum

Last week we had a meeting dedicated to the monthly forum issue. Elaine contacted Councillor Lupilya to ask his advice and he said he would phone back. We have also included request for advice in our letter to Azzan Zungu MP.

President

Juma delivered our letter to President Kikwete.

European Union

Elaine contacted her Irish MEPs to follow up on why we have not got an answer to our letter to the EU here in Tanzania. A staff member of one MEP followed up on the issue and managed to get a response from the EU office in Tanzania which she forwarded to us. Elaine will print this and bring to the next meeting.

One thing again suggested is that we ensure UWABA is on the list of stakeholders at the Ministry of Infrastructure. We agreed we would try once again to communicate with the Ministry despite the rude way we were treated when we last approached the road safety department of the Ministry.

Cycle Caravan

Amar followed up on sponsorship from Vodacom but they said while in principle they would like to support, their budget for this year for that type of sponsorship is already used up.

So far we have approached the Irish Embassy, the Dutch Embassy, CRDB, NMB, Bakhresa, Ultimate Security and the guta company, and Juma has made follow up visits to some of these again. Elaine will follow up by phone this week.

Elaine drafted a letter requesting Azan Zungu MP to be our special guest.

gTKP Governance meeting in Cameroon

Elaine submitted three applications for funding to attend the Africa Transport Governance meeting in Cameroon – for Mejah, Sosthenes and Filbert. The gTKP selected Mejah and have made reservations for him to travel. Elaine and Mejah will prepare a draft presentation this week and discuss at the meeting next week.

Traffic Police

Elaine drafted a letter to the traffic police asking about the operation to stop vehicles parking on service roads and requesting it be publicised in the media. Sosthenes made some corrections to the letter.

Kigamboni Bridge

Elaine drafted a letter to NSSF requesting information about how we can submit our ideas for the design of Kigamboni Bridge, which they are funding. Sosthenes made some corrections to the letter.

Finances

Elaine and Juma withdrew Tsh 120,000 from the bank. Tsh 50,000 was spent on benches, Tsh 35,000 was given to Kibwana, Tsh 10,000 was used last week for food and sodas for the guests, Tsh 750 was spent on envelopes, Tsh 500 on a broom for cleaning the office and Tsh 200 on pumping Juma's bicycle. Tsh 20,000 was cut for Juma's allowance for September. Juma now remains with Tsh 41,700 of UWABA money.

Other business

It was discussed that it is better to share the work more widely between members. Paulo and Edgar both said they would volunteer to assist Juma in the work of distributing and following up on letters. Elaine said she would look for an opportunity to teach some computer skills to other members so they can type letters.