

**Minutes of meeting of Umma wa Wapanda Baisikeli Dar es Salaam
14th July 2007**

Attendance

Ally Saidi Mohamedi
Ally Saidi Mwishekh
Ally Salum
Bakari Dafa
Elaine Baker
Faustin Gessabo
Filbert Mbecha
Hamadi Hatibu Bwaja
Iddi Salehe
Ismaili Saidi
Juma Ali Salehe Jongo
Jumanne Idd Selemani
Kassim Bakari
Kelvin Mbawala
Kibwana Mohammad Msiga
Paulo Atibu Hatibu
Rashidi Saidi Karanji
Shabani Ramadhani
Sudi Saidi
William Samweli

Bank account

Ali Saidi Mohamedi reported that he had liaised with the local Government of Jitegemee street to get a letter of introduction for UWABA to NMB bank. On Thursday Mejah, Elaine and Juma went to the bank and succeeded in opening a bank account, to which Elaine deposited Tsh 11,000 as an opening deposit. The account number is 2052300909. We have a bank ID card with three photos on it and any two signatories are required to withdraw money.

Roads planned for construction

Mejah, Elaine, Juma, Abdallah and Shukuru went to visit Carl Bro Associates, the consultants responsible for Nelson Mandela Road, on Thursday. Notes of this meeting are in a separate document. Out of 45m width, only 6m is devoted to pedestrians, cyclists and other non-motorized transport together through a service road, and this is also accessible to vehicles. The road is 100% funded by the European Union.

UWABA received a reply to our letter from CPC, the consultants responsible for Kilwa Road. The letter says that there is a 3m service road on either side and this will be used by both pedestrians and cyclists. The members expressed concern about this especially due to the fact that Kilwa Road has very high volumes of pedestrians and cyclists.

TANROADS have not yet replied to our letters. Next steps are to write our comments to TANROADS and also to the EU in the case of Nelson Mandela Road.

Cycle Caravan

Elaine reported that during the week Godfrey of CHABADA had called to the AALOCOM office twice but had not met anyone there. Elaine phoned them on Friday but none of them were available to come to the caravan sub-committee meeting arranged for today, so it was cancelled.

Now that we have a bank account it is hoped it will be easier to follow up getting donations for the cycle caravan.

Member of Parliament cycling to parliament

During the week the member of parliament of Ilala had his photo on the first page of Mtanzania newspaper cycling a bicycle. The caption says that the MP said that cycling is a good way of transport and is used by leaders in developed countries. The members decided to send him a letter congratulating him on cycling and asking him to be the special guest for the cycle caravan.

Post office box

Mejah managed to check the PO Box during the week and the only letter was that from CPC. He said he would liaise with Juma to make a copy of the key especially for UWABA.

Dar es Salaam Transport Master Plan

We have not yet received any reply from Dar es Salaam City Council, Japan International Cooperation Agency or Dar es Salaam Institute of Transportation to our letters requesting we be included as stakeholders in the writing of the Dar es Salaam Transport Master Plan.

Office

Members made more contributions to the cost of setting up an office / information centre, so that their total contributions now amount to Tsh 20,000 which are recorded in Juma's account book. Elaine announced that Mathew Cogan has agreed to donate \$100 which is about Tsh 120,000. The members expressed their happiness at receiving this very generous donation. Together with the donation of Tsh 50,000 from Joseph Lake last week and Tsh 50,000 from Elaine, we now have Tsh 240,000 required for the first year's rent. We have to continue getting contributions for the costs of painting and furniture and to buying a guta to fund future year's office rent.

Jumane said that another person was also looking for the same office so we should pay this rent as soon as possible to Sofia, the owner. He said he would make sure to get a receipt acknowledging this as rent for one year for the office.

Other business

More members collected their ID cards and contributed the Tsh 500 towards lamination costs. Jumanne kept a list of these contributions.

There was discussion about the “three lanes in one direction, one lane in the other” policy on some roads leading into the city centre which continues to be chaotic and is causing more and more accidents and deaths of pedestrians and cyclists every week.