

**Minutes of meeting of Umma wa Wapanda Baisikeli Dar es Salaam  
17 May 2008**

**Attendance**

Ally Athuman Jumbe  
Ally Saidi Mohamedi  
Ally Saidi Mwishehe  
Aseli Wilison  
Edgar R Paulo  
Elaine Baker  
Filbert Mbecha  
Hamadi Hatibu Bwaja  
Husein Hamza Hamisi  
Juma Ali Salehe Jongo  
Kibwana Mohammad Msiga  
Mussa Omari  
Paulo Atibu Hatibu  
Ramadhani Rajabu Nyengo  
Rashidi Saidi Karanji  
Sange

**Office**

The landlord for our office dropped in a letter during the week saying that she wishes us to leave by the 1 August 2008, which is when our year's contract finishes. We phoned her but she said that she and her family wish to knock the row of kiosks down and build again. This caused a lot of worry among the members. Jumanne whose fundi guta kiosk is next door must also leave.

Members agreed that it would be good to stay in the same area as it is already well known that UWABA has an office in Mabibo. Jumanne said one neighbour is willing for us to build a kiosk on his land in exchange for free rent for a specified number of years, but this may require more than a million shillings which UWABA does not have. Ally Saidi Mohammed said he would look for a suitable room in the same area to rent. We can move our shelves and notice boards but the money spent on painting the office will be lost.

**Road safety project - Wamba Memorial Fund**

On Friday Juma checked at the bank and the first installment of money (Tsh 3,575,000) has arrived from Wamba Memorial fund. Elaine will email to thank them.

Husein Hamisi said there is another school in Kigamboni called Kidete Secondary School where students are cycling to school. He suggested that we write a generic letter of introduction and explanation of the proposed cooperation on the project which can be used for any schools as otherwise it is difficult for the head teacher to know what it is about. Elaine agreed to draft this letter.

Markus visited HUWATA during the week and they said they would like to go searching for schools but need some money for transport as they do not cycle. There is Tsh 50,000 in the budget for HUWATA administrative expenses so we can give them this for use in their administration.

Andrew from Ben Bikes said he may be able to come in July. Elaine will email him to make arrangements.

We planned our trip to Mbondole Secondary School for next Saturday. Approximately 10 members said they would come. Ally Athman knows the way and Hussein Hamisi will bring cycle repair tools in case of problems on the way. It was agreed we meet at 6am next Saturday at the UWABA office.

### **Traffic police**

Elaine, Juma and Markus went to visit Mr Balele the head of road safety at the traffic police on Tuesday. However although he had said on the phone that he would be in the office that day, he was at a meeting all morning and after waiting for several hours we asked to see someone else. We talked to the head of that police station.

We asked about parking on service roads and he said it is not allowed. He gave us a leaflet with phone numbers of various traffic police station which we should call to report offenses. Markus made two copies of this, but Elaine forgot to bring them to the meeting – she will bring another week. He was not clear on the issue of whether regulations and by-laws which are more detailed than the road traffic act exist and if so where we might get them. When we asked for more clarity on where different types of cycles should go on different roads he said this depends on the road signs. However we pointed out that most roads do not have any sign indicating whether cyclists should go on the main road or the service road.

Members gave many examples of cases of parking on service roads and discussed them.

### **Finances**

Juma received guta money of Tsh 7,000 at the meeting. He spent Tsh 3,500 on a small helmet for Mussa Alex. He now has Tsh 32,500 of UWABA money.

### **New Ministers for Infrastructure**

Ally Athman said that the newly appointed Minister of Infrastructure is Shukuru Kawambwa and his newly appointed deputy is Ezekiel Chibulunje. The previous Ministry of Infrastructure Andrew Chenge was sacked due to corruption charges.

### **Other business**

We gave a small helmet to Mussa Alex and encouraged him to wear it when he cycles.

Mr Wemba of National Institute of Transport passed by our office during the week and read some of our materials.

Markus bought large maps of Dar es Salaam region during the week.

Elaine prepared the extra ID cards.

Elaine should print photos of the office opening ceremony.