

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

Attendance

Ally Athuman Jumbe
Ally Saidi Mwishehe
Ally Salum
Aseli Wilison
Elaine Baker
Filbert Mbecha
Hamadi Hatibu Bwaja
Husein Hamza Hamisi
Juma Ali Salehe Jongo
Jumanne Idd Selemani
Markus Weise
Mussa Omari
Paulo Atibu Hatibu
Sudi Saidi Ramadhan

Road safety project - Wamba Memorial Fund

Elaine drafted a letter to give to schools explaining about the project.

During the week Elaine tried to contact the head teacher of Mbondole Secondary School but could not get through so she sent messages to members canceling our planned cycle there. However, Juma and Ally Athman went there on Thursday. They cycled there and it took more than three hours each way. They delivered the letter. They talked to teacher Abdallah Kilonda who was enthusiastic about the project. He said however that the headmasters (Ngulangwa in the primary school and Huysen Zuberi in the secondary school) were very busy at the moment as exams are underway so it would be better to contact them again in about two weeks. The school has about 15 primary school students who cycle to school and about 70 secondary school students who cycle to school. The teacher said that it would be good to include even teachers and other local cyclists in the training.

Husein Hamisi gave a copy of a letter to a pupil at Kidete Secondary School, Kigamboni who delivered it to the teacher. We should follow up further on this.

Markus and Juma went to Kigamboni Secondary School and delivered a letter. They said they would first count the students who cycle to school before answering us.

Elaine and Juma withdrew Tsh 100,000 from the bank and Markus and Juma visited HUWATA and gave them Tsh 50,000 out of the Wamba budget to be used in administrative expenses in finding schools. They visited eight schools. Five of them said they do not have students who cycle to school (Benjamin Mkapa High School, Msimbazi Mseto Primary School, Diamond Primary School, Upanga Primary School, Olympia Primary School). Shaban Robert school in Upanga showed an interest, as well as Mzizima Secondary School, and it was an idea to combine these into one training group as they are close together. Mbagala Secondary School but possibly they have about 30 students cycling but they were too late to meet the head master the day they went.

Markus had the idea that we could invite some of the teachers from schools to the training of trainers also to involve them more in the project..

Andrew from Ben Bikes and Elaine agreed over email that he should come on 21st July. We now have to make travel arrangements with his travel agent. It was suggested that we inform NIT of these dates.

Office

Ally Saidi Mohammad found a place to rent but the room is along a corridor and not easily seen from outside. Juma got an estimate from a fundi that building a frame would cost approximately Tsh 700,000 including labour and materials but not including gate/door. This estimate is based on 300 bricks. Hamadi Hatibu Bwaja who has experience in building said that this is an underestimate of bricks. We measure our existing office and estimated it would take approximately 700 bricks to build two frames with a shared wall (one for UWABA and one for Jumanne's workshop) so divided by two that is 350 bricks each.

Jumanne said he would first negotiate the rent with the landlord and this would then help determine the number of years free rent we would get in exchange for building the frames.

Questions for Traffic police, City Council

We made a list of questions which still need to be cleared up:

- are there any written sources of information on the rules or guidelines on the use of service roads besides the Road Traffic Act (which does not deal with service roads specifically)? For example, by-laws, regulations, resolutions, highway code, training materials.
- If parking on the service roads is not allowed, why is this rule not enforced? (There are usually parked cars on all the service roads and no action ever seems to be taken).
- Who within the Government is responsible for putting up and maintaining road signs? Does it depend on which road (i.e. some roads under responsibility of TANROADS, some under local governments)?

It was agreed that Markus and Juma would follow up getting answers to these questions from the traffic police (including Mr Balele) and the city council (including Mrs Mlamba, the city engineer and the city lawyer).

Elaine and Markus forgot to bring the leaflet we got from traffic police again. Paulo said he would drop by Elaine's house to take down the phone numbers in the leaflet.

TANROADS

TANROADS previously promised us (in writing) that both Sam Nujoma Road and Kilwa Road would have cycle lanes. These roads are now under construction but it is not yet clear where the cycle lane is. It was agreed Markus would take photos of the roads as built so far and we would show these to TANROADS and ask for clarification.

It was agreed that we should write a thank you letter to TANROADS for fixing the problems on Jangwani section of Morogoro Road.

Finances

Elaine and Juma withdrew Tsh 100,000 from the bank and Juma gave Tsh 50,000 to HUWATA as per the Wamba project budget. Juma received guta money of Tsh 7,000 at the meeting. He and Ally Athman spent Tsh 3,000 on food for the day they went to the Mbondole school. Juma spent Tsh 500 on photocopying the letters for the schools. He now has Tsh 86,000 of UWABA money at home.