

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

Attendance

Ally Athuman Jumbe
Ally Saidi Mwishehe
Aseli Wilison
Dominata Rwechungura
Edgar R Paulo
Elaine Baker
Filbert Mbecha
Husein Hamza Hamisi
Juma Ali Salehe Jongu
Juma Hassan Chibaya
Kibwana Mohammad Msiga
Markus Weise
Mussa Alex
Paulo Atibu Hatibu
Rahma Ali

Road safety project - Wamba Memorial Fund

During the week Juma and Markus visited Mahenge English Medium school and Tungi school, both in Kigamboni. Tungi has only four cyclists while Mahenge has 15. Juma also visited Shaban Robert School in Upanga again.

It was agreed that we contact HUWATA again to see which schools they have been in communication with.

Paulo requested a copy of the schools letter in English so he can given to English medium schools and Elaine agreed to draft this.

Arrangements are being made for Andrew from Ben Bikes to come on 21 July for one week. Markus can use his credit card to pay for Andrew's flights and UWABA will refund him.

It was agreed we ask Andrew to send us copies of the materials he intends to use for the training of trainers so we can review them and translate into Swahili.

Office

Jumanne reported that the owner of the land we could build a new office on is requesting Tsh 40,000 per month, against which we will offset our building costs, so our building costs would cover only two years rent at this rate. Other options available are the room found by Ally Saidi Mohammed (which is not easily seen from outside) and another office nearby found by Dominata which unfortunately has already been let. During the week Juma found an office in Manzese. The owner, Juma Hassan Chibaya, joined UWABA and cycles and would like to help our organization. He is willing to rent it to us at Tsh 20,000 per month, and rent payments not to start until 1 August 2008 which is when our rent payments for the present office end. The room is twice the size of our present office and has a window as well as a large door and is easily seen from the road it is on. Disadvantages were that it is in another area Manzese when people are used to the UWABA office in Mabibo, but Manzese is very close to Mabibo so the members from Mabibo said this would be fine. The office is very close to where Juma lives so he can supervise and open the office every day. One worry was that it would be knocked down in the renovations planned for Morogoro Road but we were reassured it is not within the area marked for demolition. The roof needs some repair work but Juma Hassan Chibaya said he would do this as soon as he received rent. The office is not occupied and we can use the next two months to paint and prepare it.

After a discussion the members agreed that this was the best option. We drafted a contract together which Elaine agreed to type. It was agreed that Juma pay Juma Hassan Chibaya Tsh 40,000 during the week as a first rent payment so he can repair the roof.

Traffic police

Markus brought the booklets we had received from the traffic police some weeks ago. Numbers to be used for reporting traffic offenses or problems are 0784 304158 (Ilala), 0755 624243 (Kinondoni) and 0754 262636 (Temeke).

During the week Markus met with Mr Balele of the traffic police. He said it is not allowed for cars to park on the service road but that there are difficulties enforcing this. He said the only relevant written law is the Road Traffic Act 1973. He suggested we write a proposal with our ideas for how problems can be addressed.

TANROADS and new roads

During the week Markus and Juma delivered a thank you letter to TANROADS Dar es Salaam to thank them for fixing the problems in Jangwani. They talked to the manager of TANROADS Dar es Salaam Engineer Nyabakari who was pleased to receive the letter. He suggested that UWABA write a proposal for how the environment for cyclists can be improved.

Markus and Juma took photos of Sam Nujoma and Kilwa Road. On Sam Nujoma road there are three separate parts being built in some places but not in others. It is not clear whether the two extra places are for pedestrians, cyclists, or vehicles to access plots. Kilwa Road has one separate lane to the main road to the side. It was agreed that Markus would print out these photos and go to TANROADS to discuss how these relate to the letters we were given about cycle lanes. After this clarification we can then write a proposal.

City Council

Markus arranged to meet Mrs Mlamba but she was not in the office at the agreed time (possibly due to a mix up over the time agreed). Markus talked to the city engineer. He assured us that measures would be taken to protect the cycle lanes on Morogoro road from the main road using raised kerbs. He was not clear on the issue of bollards but said it would be looked into.

Proposal

We brainstormed on ideas for the proposal for TANROADS and the traffic police. Ideas included:

- for large roads with side service roads
 - o having clear rules on when and in what circumstances vehicles are allowed to use them (e.g. to access plots, in emergencies, for parking, to skip queue)
 - o having clear rules on permissible speeds, rights of way, side of road to use
 - o having clear road signs and road markings indicating these rules
- for roads with dedicated cycle lanes
 - o ensuring vehicles cannot access cycle lanes through protection along the sides (drains, trees, kerbs) and protection at potential entrance points for vehicles (using bollards)
 - o Bollard widths be wide enough for disabled cycles and gutas but not wide enough for cars
- For more minor roads
 - o Ramps to reduce speeds of vehicles
- General
 - o Street lighting
 - o Trees
- Enforcement
 - o Awareness week on non-motorized transport safety with announcements by Government about the rules and emphasis on enforcing rules during the week

Finances

Juma spent Tsh 3,000 on visiting schools and Tsh 500 on photocopies. Juma received guta money of Tsh 7,000 at the meeting. He now has Tsh 89,500 of UWABA money at home.