Minutes of meeting of Umma wa Wapanda Baisikeli Dar es Salaam 13 December 2008

Attendance

Ally Athuman Jumbe

Bashiri Rashidi

Beda John Mkusu

Canon Mallicia

Edgar R Paulo

Elaine Baker

Filbert Mbecha

Frank Peter Rwechungura

Hamadi Hatibu Bwaja

Idrisa Kessi Zongo

Juma Ali Salehe Jongo

Kibwana Mohammad Msiga

Mohamedi Saidi

Shamte J Kigoma

Solomon Mihoyo

Sudi Saidi Ramadhan

Guests

Johannes Warn - TASEA

Olive Lyimo - TASEA

TASEA

The guests from TASEA explained that TASEA Tanzania Solar Energy Association is an NGO set up in 2001 with 250 members who are people interested in renewable energy. Its members include individuals, businesses and researchers. The German Government has a volunteer scheme for young people and at the moment Johannes is volunteering with TASEA under the scheme. UWABA said we would like to have a volunteer – some of the things they could be involved in include lobbying the Government on cycling issues, helping to organize UWABA events, capacity building for members such as teaching basic computer skills and helping to set up a bicycle courier cooperative in Dar es Salaam.

Cycle caravan report

Elaine printed out some more copies of the caravan report. Filbert will deliver a copy to the Guta company this week.

Wamba project

Elaine typed the report which Filbert has written and Filbert made corrections to it. Elaine will translate it and put reports and photos on the website and send to the Wamba memorial fund.

Road safety video

Elaine did not get a chance to burn the video on DVDs – she will do so this week.

Proposed meeting with City Council

Filbert delivered the letter asking for a meeting to the city council on Wednesday. He was sent around to different offices and told to come back on Friday. On Friday the letter had not been forwarded to the relevant person from the administration office so he had to follow it up. He will follow up again on Monday.

Proposed meeting with Foundation for Civil Society

Elaine emailed the Foundation for Civil Society to make an appointment for UWABA to meet them, but they did not reply. She will phone them this week.

Ministry of Infrastructure

Elaine drafted a letter to the Ministry of Infrastructure asking for us to be put on the official list of stakeholders. Idrisi will deliver it this week.

Other business

Bashiri apologised for a text message he had sent to Elaine giving the unintended impression that he always needed allowance to do UWABA activities.

Juma reported that guta money owed is not Tsh 35,000.

Hamadi Bwaja requested a new ID card.