

**Minutes of meeting of Umma wa Wapanda Baisikeli Dar es Salaam
12th January 2008**

Attendance

Ally Saidi Mohamedi
Ally Saidi Mwishehe
Aseli Wilison
Dominata Rwechungura
Elaine Baker
Filbert Mbecha
Juma Ali Salehe Jonggo
Jumanne Idd Selemani
Kibwana Mohammad Msiga
Musa Athumani Lahi
Rashidi Saidi Karanji
Yusufu Juma

Meeting with Ministry of Infrastructure

Elaine had sent a letter to the Ministry of Infrastructure Road Safety Department to request a meeting and they have agreed to meet us a group of five of us this Monday at 10am. She adjusted our presentation and the other members passed through it and made corrections. The members chose Mejah, Elaine, Juma, Rashid and Yusufu to attend the meeting.

National Institute for Transportation (NIT)

Elaine visited Mr Wemba. He said it would be a good idea for the seminar participants to have mid morning snacks at the canteen which would be Tsh 800 each. It was agreed to withdraw some UWABA money for this.

Filbert enquired as to whether participants should bring pens and paper. Elaine said she would enquire whether these are being supplied or not and let the others know by text message.

Members requested Elaine to bring her camera so we can remember the day.

So far 21 members have registered for the seminar and the maximum allowed is 50.

Juma said he has a list of cyclists from Pwani region who regularly cycle to Dar es Salaam who may be interested in the seminar. He will ask them if they are interested and compile a list of names.

It was agreed that all participants should meet at UWABA office at 7am sharp next Saturday and we can go to the seminar together.

Wamba Memorial Fund

Elaine said she had received an email from Wamba Memorial Fund saying our application for a grant for our road safety project had been approved. The members were very happy to hear this and are looking forward to the project. Wamba Memorial Fund said they would send us a contract and arrangements for the payment. Elaine also informed HUWATA and Ben Bikes.

TANROADS

We received a reply to our letter from TANROADS which was dated November but we only received it in January by following it up and picking it up from their office – it appears it was not sent to us in the post. The letter confirms that there will be separate cycle lanes on Sam Nujoma and Kilwa roads. However, in the parts of these roads which have been constructed it is not clear where the cycle lane is. Elaine visited TANROADS and talked to a lady in the road safety department and she said she will find the drawings for us.

European Union

Elaine called in to see a roads engineer in the European Union. She then drafted a letter asking for information on their policies for consultation of road users for the roads they fund and for provisions for non-motorized transport for the roads they fund. Juma will deliver this letter this week.

Morogoro Road

Ally Saidi Mohammed photocopied the plans for Morogoro Road and this is now in the shelf in the office. It was agreed the members should read through it and write down their comments and suggestions.

Guta

Ally Saidi Mwishehe brought Tsh 7,000 to the meeting last week and another Tsh 7,000 to the meeting this week.

Traffic police and rules of road

Elaine printed copies of the Road Traffic Act and amendments to it. She will go through it and highlight the parts relevant to cyclists.

Juma delivered the letter to the traffic police but they said we should ask them to a meeting rather than meeting at their offices. Elaine will call to their offices to clarify the way forward.

Bike Nouveau Fabrique

Elaine brought a thank you card and the other members all signed it. When Mejah has made the T-shirts she will post it to them together with a T-Shirt.

P O Box

Elaine and Juma withdrew Tsh 23,000 from the bank last week and together with the Tsh 7,000 from the guta paid the Tsh 30,000 post office box rent for 2008.

Pending business

Work still not done : compiling of materials for office (Elaine), making of remaining notice boards (Ally Saidi Mohammed), purchasing of helmets and making of T-Shirts (Mejah).

Responses still not received : City Council, Traffic Police