REPUBLIC OF KENYA

MIGORI COUNTY GOVERNMENT

MINISTRY OF LANDS, HOUSING, PHYSICAL PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

KEHANCHA MUNICIPALITY

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MINUTES OF KEHANCHA MUNICIPAL SECOND

QUARTER CITIZEN FORUM HELD ON 6TH OCTOBER 2023 AT KEHANCHA MUNICIPAL OFFICES GRAOUNDS FROM 2.12 PM.

PRESENT

Representatives and Members of the Following Invited Groups:

i) Kehancha Fresh Produce Market Committee
ii) Matatu Association
iii) Boda Boda Association
iv) Chamber of Commerce and Industry
v) Landlords Association
vi) Mining Association
vii) Kiosk Owners
viii) Mining Association
ix) Business Owners
x) Business community

Officials in attendance

a) Hon. Matiko Bohoko - Kehancha Municipal Board Chairperson
b) Hon. Mathews Chacha -Bukira East (area MCA) member of county Assembly
c) Mr. Taruru -The Area Chief

AGENDA:

i) Municipal manager's opening remarks
ii) Municipal Board Chairperson opening remarks
iii) Development issues within Kehancha Central Business District (CBD)
iv) Illegal structures/kiosks
v) Plenary
vi) Closing remarks

MIN 1/KMCF/6/10/2023: MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S OPENING REMARKS

The municipal manager expressed gratitude to the municipal board chairperson, the area member of Migori County Assembly, representative of associations, and members of the public for attending the second quarter Citizen Forum. The word of prayer was offered by Mr. Gesondo. The municipal manager requested the leaders of the team to introduce their groups. He informed the audience that the meeting was called to address the development issues in Kehancha CBD including the illegal structures/kiosks built on the road reserve.

MIN 2/KMCF/6/10/2023: CHAIRPERSON'S OPENNING REMARKS

The Chairperson of the Kehancha Municipal Board provided an overview of the proposed development initiatives. He informed the attendees that the initiatives aim was to create a better flow of traffic, reduce congestion, and improve pedestrian safety in the CBD. He emphasized on the need to create space for proper drainage, utility line distribution, and pedestrian walkways. He asked the members of the public to cooperate with Kehancha Municipal Management to make this possible.

MIN 3/KMCF/6/10/2023: ISSUES RAISED BY THE COMMUNITY

During the forum, several issues were raised by the community regarding the current state of Kehancha Central Business District (CBD). The primary concerns were as follows:

a) **Ownership of Municipal Stalls**:

Community members expressed dissatisfaction that many of the municipal stalls in Kehancha are owned by individuals from outside the municipality. These owners often rent out the stalls at inflated prices, making it difficult for local business people to afford them.

b) **Insufficient Space and Number of Stalls:**

There is a significant demand for kiosks in the CBD, but the number of available stalls is limited. This shortage has led to the construction of illegal kiosks on road reserves, contributing to congestion and disorganization in the area.

MIN 4/KMCF/6/10/2023: RESOLUTIONS AND WAY FORWARD

Following the discussions, the meeting reached the following resolutions to address the issues raised:

a) **Removal of Illegal Kiosks:**

The meeting resolved that owners of illegal kiosks would be given a grace period of three months to find alternative spaces for their businesses. This move is aimed at clearing the road reserves and ensuring proper planning within the CBD.

b) Reallocation of Kiosks:

It was decided that the reallocation of kiosks would be carried out with a focus on ensuring that only legitimate business persons are given the opportunity to operate in these stalls. This measure is intended to prioritize local entrepreneurs and bring order to the CBD, creating a more organized and business-friendly environment.

These resolutions aim to improve the conditions in Kehancha CBD by addressing the congestion and disorganization caused by illegal structures while supporting local businesses.

MIN 5 /KMCF/4/7/2023: PRESENTATION OF THE KEHANCHA INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Chairperson of the Planning and Implementation Committee presented the draft Integrated Development Plan (IDP) for Kehancha Municipality to the public for feedback. During the plenary session, members of the public were invited to share their views, which will be incorporated into the plan before it is submitted to the assembly for approval.

MIN 6 /KMCF/4/7/2023: CLOSING REMARKS

The secretary read through the draft report/minutes, they were th[illegible] proposed by Mr John Muhingira (a shop owner) and seconded by Mr Omari (the chairperson of Kehancha Lorries Association) as true deliberation of the meeting.

There being no any other issue, the meeting was adjourned at 3.46pm with a word of prayer from Mr. John Muhingira.

Minutes prepared by: ..... 9/10/2023.....

Maroa Simon Nokwi — Date

Board Secretary

Minutes confirmed by: ....

Matiko Bohoko Samson — Date

Board chairperson