

MINUTES OF KEHANCHA MUNICIPALITY'S FIRST QUARTER CITIZEN FORUM
HELD ON 4TH JULY 2023 AT KEHANCHA BUS PARK FROM 10:11 AM.

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) The General Public
- xi) Business community

Officials in attendance

- a) Kehancha Municipal Board Members
- b) The Sub-County Administrator
- c) Section heads
- d) The Area Chief
- e) Bukira East Area Member of County Assembly representative.

AGENDA

- i) Municipal manager's opening remarks
- ii) Municipal board chairperson's opening remarks
- iii) Kehancha Municipal development issues/challenges.
- iv) Fiscal Year 2023/2024 infrastructural project proposals
- v) Plenary
- vi) Closing remarks

MIN 1/KMCF/4/7/2023: MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S OPENING REMARKS

The municipal manager in his opening remarks welcomed the municipal board chairperson, municipal board members, and members of the public present, to the first quarter Citizen Forum and thanked them for finding time to attend the meeting. The word of prayer was offered by Rev Samwel Kerioba Moseti. He asked leaders of the various groups to introduce themselves and the members they represent. He then informed those in attendance that Kehancha Municipality has a Board, dully constituted in accordance with the Urban Areas and Cities Act, 2011 (Amendment 2019), to steer the affairs of the municipality. He indicated that the Board is ready to start an intensive exercise of providing services to the residents within the municipal jurisdiction.

MIN 2/KMCF/4/7/2023: OPENING REMARKS BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE MUNICIPAL BOARD

The municipal board chairperson, welcomed members of the public to the first quarter citizen forum. He took the opportunity to introduce the board members highlighting their roles. He drew their attention to the importance of the forum and urged them to participate and contribute constructively.

He informed members that the municipality was created with an intention of providing better services to residents within the municipal jurisdiction. He reiterated that Kehancha Municipal Board will organize regular meetings with the members of the public as a means of increasing their participation in the municipal development process. He invited the members of the public to support the new municipality execute its mandate.

MIN 3/KMCF/4/7/2023: KEHANCHA MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENTAL ISSUES/CHALLENGES.

The table below shows the development issues/challenges raised, causes and proposed infrastructural projects by the members of the public.

SECTION	DEVELOPMENT ISSUE/CHALLENGE	CAUSES
ROADS	Inadequate connectivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encroachment into the road reserve. • Lack of bridges connecting a number of roads.
	Inadequate accessibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unopened roads • Low road maintenance. • Depletion of road materials especially at the CBD due to improper parking of the heavy commercial vehicles.
	Increased accident cases.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narrow road due to heavy commercial vehicles causing depletion of the road pavement. • Over speeding within the town. • Poor road visibility. • Lack of adherence to traffic rules/untrained boda boda riders.
	Low bitumen road coverage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequate funds
	Congestion/high traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of illegal structures/kiosks along the highway within the CBD.
PUBLIC WORKS MANAGEMENT.	Noncompliance with infrastructural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor supervision • Construction by use of unapproved plans.

	quality and standards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of low/substandard quality materials in construction works.
ENERGY NETWORK	Low electricity connectivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequate distribution of power supply infrastructure/ lines due to encroachment within the town. • Non-functional security lights
TRADE	Inadequate Market infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of prioritization • Inadequate funds
	Low access to sanitation services in the markets.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unfavorable water table rendering onsite waste treatment unfunctional. • Low waste holding capacity of existing facilities.
	Poor space and facility management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dilution of the municipal mandate by the parent county's trade department.
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	Poor waste management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequate waste infrastructure/facilities/machines/equipment • Lack of land to establish liquid waste treatment facility.
CBD	Neglected streets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No drainages • Depleted road sides • Storage of construction material at the non-motorable space.
LAND	Uncontrolled development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequate staff for enforcement • Low supervision
	Over sub-division of land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of the Bi-Laws to govern land subdivision
	Grabbing of public land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor enforcement

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration by government officers with the members of public in grabbing of public land
	Uncontrolled mining	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of mining policy in the municipality. • Inadequate staff.

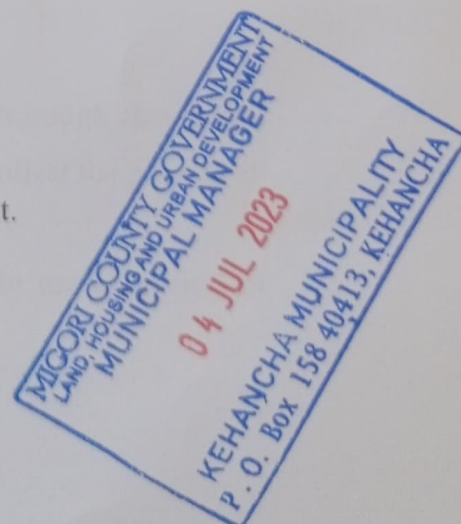
The municipal surveyor informed the participants that the backstreet road from Cooperative Bank ATM through Haki na Jasho to Mosaro road has been reduced from 9 meters to 5 meters in some places. He indicated that there is need for the shop owners who had extended their buildings to the road reserve to remove the buildings.

The Kehancha Municipal Physical Planner asked members of the public to observe building codes when constructing commercial buildings. He informed them that the space for constructing utility infrastructure lines for power supply, water supply and drainage construction should remain intact.

MIN 4 /KMCF/4/7/2023: FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 INFRASTRUCTURAL PROJECT PROPOSALS

The following project proposals were given by the members of the public in order of priority

- a) Upgrading the non-motorable transport between Kehancha Chini and Igena.
- b) Purchase of solid waste collection vehicles such as Backhoe, garbage truck and garbage tractor.
- c) Construction of the Kehancha Fresh Produce Market.
- d) Construction of Kehancha Lorry Park.
- e) Rehabilitation and preservation of Orarwa Dam.
- f) Opening, grading, and muramming of roads within the CBD.
- g) Construction of a recreational park in Kehancha.
- h) Construction of Cattle Loading Lump at the Kehancha Auction Market.
- i) Installation of street lights



MIN 5 /KMCF/4/7/2023: PLENARY

ISSUES RAISED

The participants were given an opportunity to air their views in a session chaired by Mr Samson Matiko Bohoko the Kehancha Municipal Board chairperson. The following issues were raised.

- 1) Members of the public requested an extension of the notice to be issued for them to remove part of their buildings in the road reserve.
- 2) A participant informed the meeting that the public toilets at the Bus Park were nonfunctional.
- 3) A participant requested the management to move heavy commercial vehicles/lorries from the municipal CBD.
- 4) The management was requested to take charge of the non-motorable pavements along the roads within the CBD.
- 5) Another participant reported an increased level of insecurity at Kehancha Fresh Produce Market.
- 6) A trader requested the completion of the Kehancha Fresh Produce markets security wall and lights.
- 7) A participant requested increased security lighting within Kehancha town.
- 8) A participant raised concern about the ownership of Kehancha Municipal Bus Park Stalls, indicating that some people own more than one stall, denying other traders' space to do business.
- 9) Another participant raised the need to do proper planning for social amenities such as recreational facilities, cemeteries, and sports facilities among others.
- 10) One participant sought to know the boundaries of the municipality.
- 11) Another participant appreciated the new Kehancha Municipality for thorough cleaning of the streets within the CBD. However, they asked the management to collect the garbage in time.
- 12) A member suggested the consideration of persons with disability in the allocation of Kiosks.

RESOLUTIONS

The Kehancha Municipal Board took the members through the resolutions and this were the recommendations.

- 1) The members of the public resolved to remove the extension/part of their structures that had been built in the road reserve.
- 2) Members resolved that every person that had built on the road reserve to remove the structures to allow road construction in order to increase road connectivity and accessibility within the municipality.
- 3) Notices will be issued for the demolition of illegal structures/kiosks along the highways within the CBD.
- 4) Renovation of non-functional public toilets at the Bus Park would commence in two weeks' time.
- 5) The management will communicate and ask the traders to apply for municipal stalls/kiosks for fresh registration and allocation.
- 6) The participants were informed that the current municipal boundaries are provisional. There will be public participation when delineating the official Kehancha Municipal boundary.

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

The secretary read through the draft report/minutes, they were then 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.

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(CHAIRPERSON)