

**MINUTES OF CITIZEN FORUM MEETING FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF
HOMABAY HELD ON 29TH JUNE 2023 AT THE HOMA BAY MUNICIPALITY
OFFICE**

MEMBERS PRESENT

SECTOR

1. DR. PETER OGOLLA	CECM LANDS
2. MR. CHARLES OBONDO	CHIEF OFFICER LANDS
3. MR. THOMAS ODIPO	MUNICIPAL MANAGER
4. COM. ANTIPAS NYAMBOK	BOARD CHAIR
5. MR. JACKTONE OLIELO	NGAO
6. Mr. JOSHUA OCHOGO	NGAO
7. MR TOM M. ONDIEK	NGAO
8. MRS. NORSEA BAYER	PHYSICAL PLANNING
9. MR GILBERT ONYANGO	PHYSICAL PLANNING
10. MR ISAAC OPIYO	PHYSICAL PLANNING
11. MR NYAKWAMBA HENRY	PHYSICAL PLANNING
12. MR OLIVER OMOETH	H/B G TASS
13. MR MANOAH OCHIENG	M.C.A. REP
14. MR JARED OUMA	BUSPARK ORG
15. MR BERNAD OTIENO	BUSPARK V/C
16. MR MARY JUMA	PHYSICAL PLANNING
17. MR JARED OCHIENG OTIENO	PHYSICAL PLANNING
18. MR VINCENT OTIENO	PHYSICAL PLANNING
19. MR ALOYCE A. OKUMU	BODABODA
20. MR RICHARD OPIYO	BODABODA
21. MR ESTHER AKINYI	HB/G/TASO
22. MADAM. JECINTER OTIENO	MUNICIPALITY
23. MADAM. EUNICE AWINO	HB/G/TASO
24. MR. KENNETH O. BWANA	BODABODA SECTOR
25. MR. MICHAEL OYWA	BODABODA G.
26. MR. AKINYI FLORAH MITCHEL	HBCG ENVIRONMENT
27. MR. OPIYO IRINE	HBCG ENVIRONMENT
28. MADAM. IDAH PENDO	HBCG GENDER
29. MR. BRIAN OTIENO	PHYSICAL PLANNING
30. BATIM AUS OMONDI	MUNICIPALITY
31. GEORGE ADOYO	MUNICIPALITY
32. PAUL ONDIANY	H.B.G.T.A
33. PAUL ODOYO	TRANSPORT SECTOR
34. THOMAS MBOYA OJEMA	H/B GIANT TRADERS
35. LEONARD OJENGE	H//B GIANT TRADERS
36. JACKSON NYAMBEGA	H/BAY GIANT TRADERS
37. VICTORIA ACHIENG	LANDS

PRELIMINARY

The meeting came to order at 11:00am, lead by a word of prayer from Mr.Oliver Omoth.

MINUTE 1/06/2023; WELCOMING

The Chief Officer Mr. Charles Obondo welcomed all the Members, he then welcomed the Municipal Manager to introduce his team, He invited the Municipal Chair who introduced the Municipality Board members, and thanked all for coming

The Chief Officer introduced a team of staffs from the Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development including the Facilitators

He then stated that the main reason for involving the public was for the stakeholders to discuss the matters affecting their Municipality and the Way forward.

CECM REMARKS

The CECM Dr.Peter Ogolla said that the Municipality worked together with the government and their most activities were being funded by the World Bank.

The CECM also emphasised on team work and finding ways on how to solve the problems within the Market without offending anyone.

The CECM also said that during the swearing in ceremony, at the Governor's Office, a task was given to the five Municipalities to work hard and the Homabay Municipality promised to be on the forefront as other Municipalities follows.

On the issue of livestock, the CECM advised that no livestock should be found loitering in Town and instead the owners should take charge or they be Zero grazed.

MINUTE 2/06/2023: MATTERS ARISING ON SOFIA MARKET

The Chief Officer suggested that while planning the town, there was a need to find an alternative ground for Sofia Market.

Mr Jacktone Olielo the Ass. Chief for Arujo Location while reacting to the issue of Sofia Market said that there was a total congestion at the market and even at the Road side which was so risky. He added that despite the effort to find a land it has not been easy on their side. He therefore asked the Municipality Officials if they can find a land to lease so as to relocate some traders.

MINUTE 3/06/2023: HOMABAY MUNICIPALITY IDEP

On his presentation, Mr Mohamed from the Budget and Economic planning department started by stating some functions of the Municipality as

- Fostering Economic growth and create job opportunities
- Good health and lifestyle
- Transport-street lights, bumps, and green space
- Regulations-Management of towns

- Collaboration with other development partners
- Resource Mobilization
- Environment sustainability
- Transform service delivery
- Disaster Management

While preparing the draft, the committee considered the following;

- Health and safety
- Infrastructural
- Energy Lighting
- Green Mobility
- Social development
- Human capital e.g Education
- Livelihood development

They had some estimates concerning the projects proposed during the previous public participation as follows,

- ✓ Dumpsite-5M
- ✓ Lake front development-10M
- ✓ Morden Market-350M
- ✓ Sofia to Pier walk- way-70M
- ✓ Beautification of Roads-9M
- ✓ Street Lighting-35M
- ✓ Modern toilet-2.5M
- ✓ Homabay risk management-4M

REACTION FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Samuel Odoyo from the transport sector had a concern in security, whereas he said that there was no lights at the market since the power bill had not yet been settled

Another concern was double collection in the traffic department, he also emphasised a sticker to be given to the drivers to avoid double taxation

Mr. Leonard Ojenge from the Market sector also raised an alarm regarding the issues affecting the traders. No drainage system, no lights and parking Zones.

MUNICIPAL MANAGER REACTION

- ✓ Concerning the lighting at the market the manager said that the traders were advised to apply for their own meter, and each was advised to pay their own bill.
- ✓ Concerning the drainage system, the Manager informed them that some parts will be repaired as they have received some amount from KUSP.
- ✓ The issue concerning double collection in traffic department, which happened at Rodi, he said it was left to the Lands department to tackle as it is outside the Municipality jurisdiction.
- ✓ Concerning the parking zones, the manager said that the County government was working on the rehabilitation of the bus park, he also informed them that, the

contractor had requested for the extension of time to 30 days so as to complete the work.

MINUTE 04/06/2023: URBAN AREA SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT POLICY & HOMABAY MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Mission-to minimize waste generation

A survey was done in Homabay and Mbita Municipality and the findings were as follows

The Homabay Municipality produces 40tonnes of solid waste due to growth in population

OBJECTIVES

- Provide adequate solid waste handling equipment.
- Develop one dumpsite at each sub county to maintain waste sorting, establish and improve waste management infrastructure
- Adequate financing for solid waste imposing fines to waste disposers
- Formulation of adequate policy to develop action plans
- Scaling up the waste generation
- Enhancing technical and capacity to handle solid waste management
- Mainstreaming prostrating issues,

REACTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Wilson inquired whether there was public participation engaging the public on the subject.

[Mr. Paul Ondiany also inquired to know whether the NEMA office was only dealing with the Solid waste and omitting the liquid waste.

Mr. Omoth raised a concern on the completing of fencing of the market which is increasing insecurity, hence forced the traders to dig deep into their pockets to hire a security guard, he therefore requested the Municipality Office to deploy some Enforcement officers to guard their property.

Mr. Benard Otieno reacted by saying that only other counties were benefiting from the garbage collection and asked if there was any plan for the municipality to recycle the garbage within the County so as to encourage more Industries.

Mr Richard Opiyo requested to know whether the Bodaboda sector was involved in the waste management project, he continued by saying that other sectors had been considered in the allocation but bodaboda sector was forgotten

While reacting to question raised regarding environment, Madam Florah Akinyi said that some cleaners had been trained within the two Municipalities which is Homabay and Mbita and a certificate was issued to them, hence they were expected to disseminate the information to the public.

She also proposed for a drainage system to be constructed in a manner that would benefit all, and that activities such as unlocking the drainage be integrated so as the actors involved can advise the technical department to design it in a way it doesn't affect water

The director Budget Mr, Bolo also enlighten the public on industrialization saying that there was a proposal for all the industries be relocated to RIWA, And as the stakeholder we should look at what we can do to improve our economy.

MIN 05/06/2023: REVIEW OF THE HOMABAY MUNICIPAL LOCAL PHYSICAL & LAND USE DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2019-2029

Madam Norsea facilitated on some matters regarding the Local physical and Land use plan 2019-2029 and some were the highlights

- Municipality population is Approximately 82,414.
- Most lands are under free hold
- The municipality can acquire its own land for development
- In the proposal given, the IDEP generated, they mentioned the hospitals and schools were also captured in the plan.
- How to improve the tourism, hotels
- Maintaining and opening new roads
- Shortage of housing was also captured

REACTION FROM THE PUBLIC

The Market chairperson asked whether there was other revenue collection from the Municipality apart from the County Government

He continued by saying that there was scarcity of land, and most houses were mabati structures and there was a need to upgrade them to a better one

Mr Bolo reacted to the question regarding the revenue collection raised by the Market chairperson that the Municipality charter will tell the jurisdiction concerning the revenue collection

Concerning the slums and mabati structures, the Municipality will come up with a required Housing plan.

The land lease within the CBD has expired but consultation is going on how to renew it.

The Municipality will have different programmes enacted to empower the youths and women e.g. both the youths and women were nominated to be as Municipal Board Members.

Being no any other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm led by a word of prayer from one member Mr. Oliver Omoth.

Confirmed by

Signature

Seconded by

Signature