

MINUTES OF CITIZEN FORUM MEETING ON 11TH SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 11:00AM-HELD AT BOMET TOWN – BHAKITA HALL BY BOMET MUNICIPALITY

Attendance

Ward Administrator,
Representatives from Bomet Town Neighbourhood Association,
Business Community Representatives,
Youth and Women Leaders,
Civil Society Representatives and Members of the Public

Facilitators

Municipal Manager,
Municipal Board Members,
Municipal Staff

Agenda:

1. Municipality Plans – IDeP Review
2. Development Projects
3. A.O.B

Min 1/24-25: WELCOMING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting commenced with an opening prayer followed by welcoming remarks from the Ward Administrator Mr Bii. Participants were thanked for attending the forum and encouraged to actively contribute to discussions aimed at improving service delivery within the Municipality. The participants introduced themselves too.

MIN 2/24-25: MUNICIPALITY PLANS – INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDEP) REVIEW

The Municipal Manager briefed participants on the importance of the Municipality Integrated Development Plan (IDeP) as a strategic document that guides development priorities and implementation of projects within the Municipality.

The Manager explained that the review process provides an opportunity for residents and stakeholders to give their views and proposals on development priorities.

Key areas discussed included:

1. Infrastructure development within Bomet Town.
2. Improvement of drainage systems to address flooding in some areas.
3. Solid waste management and environmental cleanliness.
4. Strengthening collaboration between the Municipality and neighbourhood associations.

Participants emphasized the need for inclusive planning that captures the needs of all residents including women, youth and persons living with disabilities.

Members recommended that the Municipality prioritize improvement of access roads within Bomet Town area.

Participants also requested enhanced waste collection services and more public awareness on environmental conservation. Also Views and recommendations from the forum will be incorporated in the IDeP review process.

The Municipality assured the forum that public views would be incorporated during the review of the IDeP.

MIN 3/24-25. BOMET MUNICIPALITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

The Municipal Manager highlighted several development projects that the Municipality intends to undertake within Bomet Town as part of improving service delivery and enhancing economic growth.

Projects highlighted included:

1. Upgrading and maintenance of municipal roads.
2. Installation and maintenance of street lighting to improve security.
3. Non-Motorized Transport – Walk Ways
4. Development of Parking areas to ease congestion.
5. Development and improvement of market infrastructure.
6. Enhancement of drainage systems to prevent flooding.
7. Beautification and environmental management initiatives within the Municipality.

Participants welcomed the proposed development projects and emphasized the need for equitable distribution across neighbourhoods.

Citizens requested prioritization of drainage improvement in Bomet area to address frequent water stagnation.

Youth representatives requested involvement of local youth groups in implementation of some community projects.

Participants encouraged transparency and regular updates on project implementation.

Participants requested more frequent citizen engagement forums to enhance communication between residents and the Municipality.

Concerns were raised about illegal dumping of waste in some sections of the town.

Citizen participation forums will continue to be organized to promote inclusive governance

CLOSING REMARKS & ADJOURNMENT

The Manager thanked the participants for their valuable input and emphasized the importance of continued public participation in shaping the municipality's plans. It was noted that the discussions and action items outlined in the meeting will be incorporated into ongoing efforts to improve service delivery, promote gender equality, and attract investment to the area.

The Municipality encouraged residents to report such cases and work closely with neighbourhood associations to promote cleanliness and environmental conservation.

The Municipality will continue implementing development projects aimed at improving infrastructure and service delivery.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40PM

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