

MINUTES OF CITIZEN FORUM MEETING ON 15TH NOVEMBER 2024 AT 10:00AM-HELD AT SILIBWET MARKET BY BOMET MUNICIPALITY

Attendance

(List of attendees Attached)

Facilitators

Municipality Staff

Agenda:

1. Municipality Service Delivery
2. Municipality Policies - Gender Mainstreaming
3. Municipal Investment Plan and Budget FY 2024-25
4. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Min 4/24-25: WELCOMING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order by the Board Member Flavian Kenduiywo at 10:30am and a prayer was said by Maryline Cheruiyot. Introduction was done by Board, staff and participants.

MIN 5/24-25. MUNICIPALITY SERVICE DELIVERY

Mr. Richard Kirui Municipal Manager presented an overview of the current municipality service delivery framework, focusing on essential services such as Revenue collection, water, sanitation, waste management, road infrastructure, and public health services. The municipality's efforts to improve service delivery to the community were outlined, alongside ongoing projects aimed at addressing gaps and enhancing efficiency.

Key discussion areas:-

- **Revenue Collection:** Concerns raising revenue collection by coming up with more revenue avenues
- **Water Supply and Sanitation:** Concerns were raised regarding unreliable water supply in some areas, with community members requesting more frequent updates on maintenance schedules. The municipality reassured the public that ongoing water infrastructure upgrades are planned.
- **Road Maintenance:** Attendees emphasized the need for better road maintenance in rural areas and requested faster action on pothole repairs.
- **Waste Management:** Some residents suggested improvements to waste collection schedules, particularly in the high-density areas.
- **Public Health Services:** There were calls for better access to health facilities, especially in outlying areas.

MIN 6/24-25. MUNICIPALITY POLICIES - GENDER MAINSTREAMING

Municipality Social Welfare officer – Miss Judith Chelule provided an overview of the municipality's Gender Mainstreaming Policy, which aims to promote gender equality in municipal decision-making, service delivery, and employment practices. The policy focuses on ensuring that both women and men benefit equally from municipal programs, and that gender considerations are integrated into all municipal operations and services.

She emphasized on the following points:-

- (1) Inclusion of Women in Leadership
- (2) Equal Access to Services
- (3) Domestic Violence and Support Services

It was agreed that

- (a) A strategy to increase women's participation in local government will be developed and promoted.
- (b) Gender-sensitive service delivery guidelines will be reviewed and updated to ensure more inclusive municipal services.
- (c) The municipality will collaborate with local organizations to create more support networks for survivors of domestic violence.

MIN 7/24-25. MUNICIPAL INVESTMENT PLAN & BUDGET FY 2024/25

The Deputy Manager presented and discussed the municipality's investment plan and Budget, outlining priorities for attracting investment into the local economy. These includes strategies to improve infrastructure, support local businesses, and attract external investors to boost job creation and economic growth. He further informed the public that through investment plan a number of benefits are:- Business Environment, Job Creation and Public-Private Partnerships

The participants agreed on regular updates on water infrastructure improvements will be shared with the community. A roadmap for road repair and maintenance will be provided to local residents.

CLOSING REMARKS & ADJOURNMENT

The Vice Chair thanked the attendees 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 meeting was adjourned at 12:40PM

*Minutes Prepared by Francisca Kirui
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