

BOMET MUNICIPALITY MINUTES OF CITIZEN FORUM MEETING ON 21ST FEBRUARY 2025 AT 2:30PM-HELD AT KAPKWEN MARKET – LIBERTY CHURCH

Members Present

1. Ward Administrator,
2. Representatives from Kapkwen Neighbourhood Association,
3. Business Community Representatives,
4. Youth and Women Leaders,
5. Civil Society Representatives and
6. Members of the Public.

Facilitators

Bomet Municipality Leadership.

Agenda:

1. Neighbourhood Association
2. Solid Waste Management
3. Security Issues

Min 8/24-25: WELCOMING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting commenced with an opening prayer by Alice Ngetich of Kabewor followed by welcoming remarks from the Chairman Kapkwen Neighbourhood Association. He welcomed participants and gave time for self-introduction

MIN 9/24-25. NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

The Municipal Legal Counsel briefed participants on the role of Neighbourhood Associations in promoting community participation in governance and development at the local level. He informed them that neighbourhood associations act as a link between the Municipality and residents in identifying community priorities and addressing local challenges.

Participants emphasized the need to strengthen the Kapkwen Neighbourhood Association to improve coordination and communication with residents. Members encouraged more residents to join the association in order to enhance collective participation in development matters and form sector leaderships

Women and youth representatives requested inclusion in leadership structures of the association.

The Municipality encouraged regular meetings of the association and promised continued support in capacity building and coordination since strengthening of the Kapkwen Neighbourhood Association is to improve citizen participation

MIN 10/24-25. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

The Municipality Team Leader Mrs Kirui highlighted the importance of proper waste management in maintaining a clean and healthy environment within the Municipality. Participants were informed about the Municipality's efforts to improve waste collection services since Kapkwen is one of the biggest markets centre within the municipality

During the discussions, Residents raised concerns about irregular garbage collection in some areas of Kapkwen. They requested placement of waste bins / receptacles at strategic locations within the neighbourhood and emphasized the need for public awareness on proper waste disposal.

The Municipality urged residents to avoid illegal dumping of waste and to collaborate with municipal officers in maintaining cleanliness.

Improvement of waste management through increased garbage collection and public awareness.

MIN 11/24-25. SECURITY ISSUES IN KAPKWEN

Security concerns within Kapkwen area were discussed with participants sharing various challenges experienced within the neighbourhood.

The residents raised concerns about cases of

1. Petty theft and insecurity in certain areas.
2. Killings within the town center and its neighbourhoods

The Participants requested increased street lighting to enhance security during the night. They also emphasized the importance of community policing and cooperation with security agencies.

The Municipality encouraged residents to work closely with local administration and security agencies to improve safety in the area since collaboration between residents, local administration and security agencies enhance security.

CLOSING REMARKS & ADJOURNMENT

The officers thanked the participants for a good turnout and informed Participants that there will be more forums to discuss community issues and development priorities.

Members encouraged stronger collaboration between the Municipality, neighbourhood associations and the community

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20PM

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