

**BOMET MUNICIPALITY MINUTES OF CITIZENS FORUM MEETING HELD ON
16TH MAY 2025 AT LONGISA MARKET BY BOMET AT 10:00AM**

Members Present:

Municipality Staff, Ward Administrators,
Representatives from Business Community,
Neighbourhood Associations,
Civil Society Organizations,
Youth and Women Representatives, and Members of the Public.

Apologies:

Municipal Manager,

Agenda

1. Transferred Functions
2. Development Control
3. Municipality Budget
4. AOB

MIN 1/24-25. OPENING PRAYER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting commenced with a word of prayer by Dennis Rotich followed by introductions from the Municipality Staff and participants present. The Municipal Manager welcomed members and thanked citizens for honoring the invitation to participate in the forum, emphasizing the importance of citizen engagement in improving service delivery within the Municipality.

MIN 2/24-25. TRANSFERRED FUNCTIONS

The Deputy Municipal Manager informed the participants that the Municipality had received several functions transferred from the County Government in line with the provisions of the Urban Areas and Cities Act. These functions aim at enhancing efficiency and improving service delivery at the municipal level.

Key transferred functions highlighted included:

1. Solid waste management within the Municipality.
2. Maintenance of municipal roads, street lighting, and drainage systems.
3. Regulation and management of public markets and trading spaces.
4. Enforcement of municipal bylaws.
5. Environmental management and beautification of the Municipality.

The participants welcomed the transfer of functions noting that it would bring services closer to the people. Members emphasized the need for adequate funding and staffing to effectively execute the functions. Citizens requested improved garbage collection services and maintenance of streetlights.

The Municipality assured residents that measures were underway to strengthen service delivery. The Municipality will strengthen service delivery under the transferred functions.

MIN 3/24-25. DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

The Municipality Physical Planning Officer briefed the forum on the importance of development control in ensuring orderly growth of the Municipality.

Key issues discussed included:

1. Requirement for all developers to obtain development approval before construction.
2. Compliance with zoning regulations and approved physical development plans.
3. Regulation of structures along road reserves and public spaces.
4. Need to address illegal developments and encroachments.

Citizens expressed concern over increasing cases of unplanned structures and encroachment on public land. The Municipality urged developers to follow the required approval procedures.

Participants proposed increased public awareness on development approval processes. The Municipality committed to strengthen enforcement and regular inspections. Enforcement of development control regulations will be enhanced.

MIN 4/24-25: MUNICIPALITY BUDGET

The Deputy Municipal Manager presented an overview of the Municipality's budget focusing on key priority areas.

Budget priorities included:

1. Improvement of roads and drainage systems.
2. Enhancement of solid waste management services.
3. Installation and maintenance of street lighting.
4. Market infrastructure improvement.
5. Support to neighbourhood associations and citizen engagement programs.

Participants appreciated the transparency in sharing budget information. Citizens requested prioritization of waste management and road maintenance. Women and youth representatives proposed allocation of funds for empowerment initiatives and public sanitation facilities.

The Municipality noted all recommendations for consideration during budget implementation and Citizen proposals will be considered in budget implementation

MIN 5/24-25 : ANY OTHER BUSINESS (AOB)

Participants emphasized the need for continuous citizen engagement forums. Concerns were raised about illegal dumping of waste and the need for strict enforcement of bylaws.

The Municipality encouraged residents to collaborate with neighbourhood associations to enhance community participation.

There being no other business he called the meeting to an end at 1600hrs and welcomed Charlotte who concluded with a Word of Prayer.