



Kono District Development Association UK

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MINUTES OF KDDA GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY 26/03/2016

The meeting was started with an opening Muslim prayer by Mr. Ahmed S Bah at 19:27 hours. This was followed by a Christian prayer by Mrs. Finda Ngegba. The agenda was amended to include introductions which followed after the opening prayers. The minutes of the General Meeting held on 30/01/2016 was circulated and read by the Secretary Mr. Aiah Yornie Sodengbe. On matters arising from the minutes, Mr. Tamba Gborie requested that the General Meeting scheduled for 5th March 2016 but cancelled due to lack of quorum be included in the minutes, and this was noted. In the absence of any other matters arising from the minutes, Mrs. Mariama Mafinda moved that the minutes be accepted and this motion was seconded by Mr. Ahmed S Bah.

The KDDA Chairman welcomed all at the meeting and informed members that the cancelled General Meeting scheduled for 05/03/2016 was affected by the participation of members at the birthday celebration of Mrs. A. Fasuluku. The Chairman stated that the issues in Kono District can be resolved through dialogue and peace should be the way forward. He informed members that he has spoken to Ms. Diana Konomanyi and Mayor Saa Emerson Lamina. He stressed that peace effort were ongoing. He opined that the Politicians involved in the crisis in Kono District were victims themselves and appealed for calm to seek the way forward. It was agreed that irrespective of Mayor Lamina's suspension from office, his legal suit against OCTEA mining for failing to honour its corporate social responsibilities must be supported.

The current activities of the Hon. Torto Funeral Committee were narrated by Mrs. Sia Nyandemo. She confirmed that the committee had fixed the date for the service as 30th April 2016, agenda for the church service and a fund raising letter to be circulated were all ready. However, after all the arrangements, she received a request from Mrs. Torto for the occasion to be deferred to 9th October 2016 and the service be held in a catholic church. Despite concerns about the widow's request, it was agreed that her presence will be relevant and that the occasion be deferred. Ongoing discussion on the matter are to continue to reach a consensus.

The Chairman of the Kono Conference Committee, Mr. Dingiswayo Nyandemo, told the audience that arrangements are ongoing. He stated that the theme for the conference will be confirmed soonest and there will be update on

the logo and other requirements. He stressed the need to encourage the kids to be active in the process being our future leaders. Mr. Nyandemo appealed for support from everyone. It was suggested by members that all organisations be encouraged to participate with specific donation but details to be discussed. In a bid to encourage youth participation in Kono District, Mr. Aiah Yornie Sodengbe pledged £50.00 towards organising a literature competition for youth, focusing on the theme of the conference.

Under any other business, Mr. Adimoinjae Mafinda suggested that KDDA should engage with residents in Koidu city by initiating a business project buying electricity meters for hire. In his opinion, this process will help those unable to purchase these meters to afford them easily and repay the loans at an affordable rate. IT was agreed that the project be researched to investigate the feasibility. It was also agreed that enquiries be made to acquire a storage facility for the organisation. Mr. Aiah B Tondoneh informed members that the Social department intend to organise a barbecue in a park and details to follow later. Mr. Tondoneh also stated that Cranfield Trust has cited concerns about the impact the KDDA Business plan has on our communities, and they have agreed to help with our Business plan, and enhance our capacity building. Mr. Sahr Fasuluku to explore the possibility of a UK Law firm working in cooperation with lawyer Abdulai Saffa for further action on the mining crisis in Kono District. Mr. Fasuluku was also urged to promote the London Kono Conference during his pending trip to Sierra Leone.

The following subscriptions were collected; Dr. Kai Ngegba £10, Mrs. Finda Ngegba £10, Mr. Sahr Fasuluku £10, Mrs. Dian Fasuluku £10, Mr. Dingis D Nyandemo £10 and Mrs. Sia Nyandemo £10. A total cash of £60 was collected and retained by the KDDA UK Assistant Treasurer Mrs. Elizabeth Tondoneh for safe keeping in the KDDA Bank account.

Mr. Adimoinjae Mafinda moved that the meeting be closed. This motion was seconded by Mr. Dingis D Nyandemo. The closing prayer was delivered by Mrs. Mariama Mafinda at 23:14 hours.

There were seventeen (17) people in attendance.

Thanks for your attention.



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