

MINUTES OF KONO DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (KDDA) GENERAL MEETING HELD ON  
SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY 2011.

VENUE: Actra Tenant Hall, 375 Old Kent Road, London SE1 5JQ

AGENDA

1. Prayers
2. Introduction by members
3. Minutes of the General Meeting held on Saturday 23/04/2011
4. Interim Chairman's annual report by Dr. Kai Ngegba
5. Annual Financial report by the Interim Financial Secretary Mrs. Patricia Bondu Saffa
6. KDDA annual outing by the Interim Social Secretary Mr. Aiah Bondowa Tondoneh
7. Court verdict in the case: KDDA Vs OPEL
8. KDDA election process
9. A. O. B

The meeting started with a christian prayer lead by Mr. Sahr Gandi-Capio. He started by urging members to observe a minute silence for the death of Mr. Sahr Saffea Sam Sumana. This was followed by a muslim prayer lead by Mr. Mohamed Sourbah. After the prayers, Mr Aiah Albert Dugba apologised to members in his own words "My behaviour was not reasonable at the last General Meeting". He told members that he wants to reaffirm his commitment to KDDA. This was accepted by the Interim Secretary General Mr. Aiah Yornie Sodengbe on behalf of the association.

Introductions were made by each member present and the minutes were read by the Interim Secretary General Mr. Aiah Yornie Sodengbe.

On matters arising from the minutes, Councillor Mackie Sheik suggested that in future the Interim Secretary General should expand more on details regarding the letter to the Council of Chiefs in Kono District about Koidu Kimberlite Mining Project. His suggestion was noted. The Interim Secretary General told members that the Council of Chiefs has basically referred our concerns of the Kimberlite Mining to the Ministry of Mines. KDDA would commence contact with the Ministry as soon as possible. In the absence of any other issues, Mr. Kai Kpakima moved that the minutes be accepted. This was seconded by Mr. Sahr Adimoenjae Mafinda.

The Interim Chairman Dr. Kai Ngegba started his address by expressing sympathy for the sudden death of Mr. Sahr Saffea Sam Sumana before welcoming members to the General Meeting. He then appointed Madam Sia Komba as Whip for the meeting. He told the audience that the Interim team would continue to carry out their duties as mandated. He told members that all ventures undertaken so far have been successful. He thanked God for the guidance and members for their support. He reminded members that the Interim executive has created a website for our association, organised a fund raising dance, seaside outing to Margate and Brighton, two thanksgiving services, and proceeded with a court case as mandated by the General membership. He also informed members that the Interim Secretary General Mr. Aiah Bondowa Tondoneh and his wife Mrs Elizabeth Nganga Tondoneh visited Kono District

Government Hospital on a fact finding mission. As a direct result of their visit, KDDA has now purchased medical equipments which are to be sent to Kono as soon as possible. He also informed members that modalities are being worked out for smooth and transparent elections. At this point Mr. Sahr Sinah asked whether the term of office of the Chairman has ended. He was reminded that the term of office of the Interim team had been extended to December 2011.

In a robust manner, the Interim Secretary General Mrs Patricia Bondu Saffa told members that she is not happy because members are not paying their contributions. She said "a penny accumulates" and urged members to kindly contribute. She gave a summary of the KDDA account. She told members that out of a liquid cash of one thousand and three hundred pounds, six hundred pounds have been spent towards the court action. The Interim Financial Secretary told members that a detailed report would be available later due to ongoing expenditure.

The Interim Social Secretary Mr. Aiah Bondowa Tondoneh informed members that Brighton would be the destination. He then explained why the changes from Ramsgate; restriction on musical sets. He informed members of the active participation of the youths in all arrangements. He commended Sidikie Mafinda, Junior Mafinda, and Sahr Sam for their effort in designing and printing tickets and flyers for the seaside outing. He also thanked members for their support and urged all to invite friends and families. Four coaches were ordered and the tickets were priced as follows: Adults Twenty Pounds and kids Ten Pounds. Details were circulated at the meeting.

The Interim Secretary General Mr. Aiah Yornie Sodengbe reminded members about the reasons for the court action and informed members that a Court Order has been issued. He reiterated that it was inappropriate to discuss the case as it is pending at Lambeth County Court. The Interim Social Secretary Mr. Aiah Bondowa Tondoneh read the Court Order to the audience. Mr. Samuel Torto suggested we go along the spirit of the Court Order. Mr. Tamba Opel Sumana then said we must follow the Court Order. Mr. Sumana informed the audience that he contacted the Sierra Leone Deputy High Commissioner His Excellency Mr. Tamba Mansa Ngegba and asked him to mediate on the matter but there was no response from Dr. Ngegba to follow up the mediation. Mr Tamba Opel Sumana also confirmed that he received an invitation from the Interim Chairman Dr. Kai Ngegba via text to attend a meeting with the Interim Executive but could not attend as scheduled. He suggested that elections be conducted. In response Dr. Kai Ngegba reminded Mr Tamba Opel Sumana that he has failed to provide access to all KDDA documents and properties as ordered by the Court. He said this was a key element of the Court Order which he has treated with contemptuous disregard. He then said it was not appropriate to discuss the issue. Chief Saa Y. O Lebbie reminded the house that it was a compromise Court Order and all sides must obey the order.

The Interim Secretary General Mr. Aiah Yornie Sodengbe then gave the election framework as follows

Three monthly contribution of thirty pounds plus membership card, a total of forty pounds should be paid by each member. Deadline for payments is 10<sup>th</sup> August 2011. Election to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2011. Various contributions were made in support of the framework. Councillor Mackie Sheik urged members to follow the lead of the Interim Executive. Pastor Komba Mbawa also urged members to put

politics aside and move on citing Philippians 3:12-16 from the holy bible. Mr Tamba Opel Sumana confirmed that he endorses the forty pounds registration and that he would be at the meeting to pay up.

Mrs. Brown urged members to show love for Kono . Mr. Sahr Kabba suggested we take legal action for the illegal use of the KDDA letterhead. Mr Tamba Gborie asked why Mr. Tamba Gbamoï used the KDDA letterhead. To this question Mr. Gbamoï replied "No comment". Mrs Aminata Gborie appealed to members to support the Interim team for their credible plan. At 2005 hours Mr. Kai Kpakima moved that the meeting be closed. This was seconded by Mr. Aiah Bondowa Tondoneh.

There were 42 people in attendance.

Thanks for the audience.

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