

MINUTES OF KDDA UK GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 22ND APRIL 2017.

The meeting started with a Christian prayer offered by Madam Edith Sebba at 18:30 hours. This was followed by self introduction by attendees.

The minutes the KDDA UK General Meeting held on 25th March 2017 was read by the KDDA UK Secretary, Mr. Aiah Yornie Sodengbe. On matters arising from the minutes, Mr. Aiah Tondoneh stated that it was suggested that a committee be set up to review our constitution and this was noted. In the absence of any other amendment, it was adopted by the house after Mrs. Elizabeth Nganga Tondoneh moved for its adoption and was seconded by Mrs. Sia Evelyn Nyandemo.

The KDDA UK Chairman, Mr. Aiah Bondowa Tondoneh, welcomed members to the meeting and reminded attendees that KDDA UK is a registered charity in UK and apolitical. He expressed his appreciation for the attendance of Chief Paul Ngaba Saquee (V). He urged members to perused the Bereavement policy and thoroughly scrutinised it to suite the purpose of our charity. The chairman also advised all to be professional in the use of all KDDA UK forums.

After the Chairman's address, Dr. Kai Ngegba warmly welcomed Chief Saquee and expressed his dissatisfaction of not been briefed on the arrival of PC Paul Ngaba Saquee. The Secretary Mr. Aiah Dunstan Sodengbe then assured Dr. Ngegba that he will always be updated on any prescheduled visit of stakeholders of Kono district. The Secretary also informed Dr. Ngegba that Chief Saquee's attendance was confirmed few hours ago. The KDDA UK Chairman, Mr. Aiah Bondowa, thanked Dr. Ngegba for laying the foundation for success and confirmed that all outstanding KDDA UK projects are included in the KDDA UK Business Plan. Chief Saquee was then welcomed by various members in attendance. Chief Tamba Opel Sam Sumana made £100.00 payment to cover the ticket cost for himself and wife for the pending KDDA UK Independence Dinner & Dance scheduled for 28/04/17.

The Social, Events and Publicity Officer, Mr. Tamba Gborie updated attendees on the planning status of the occasion on 28/04/17. Mr. Gborie confirmed that £3,600.00 has been paid for the venue with a capacity of 100 people. He appealed to members to support the venture.

The dates for the Kono Conference in USA are 3rd and 4th August 2017.

In his 42 minutes address, PC Saquee (V) thanked members for giving him the opportunity to address our association. He stated that he was on a private visit for medical reasons, and had only contacted KDDA UK today after been declared medically fit. In his words "To be very honest, I know over 90% of people present and I'm uplifted". He highlighted progress in the the road network system in Kono district, the electricity supply, the government hospital and indicated that most of the progress has been due to the lobby efforts by some stakeholders. Irrespective of the progress, he confirmed that there is not much to show for our diamonds. He opined that progress can only be achieved when we come together. He said he does not have a primitive loyalty and that people should be mindful in their criticisms as they are facing serious challenges at home. He urged us to improve communication with the stakeholders in Sierra Leone. He also pleaded to us not to rely on

conspiracy theories. Chief Saquee also spoke about the sale of the 709 carats which is in the care of the government, to be sold via public tender.

There were many questions after his speech and all were answered.

On the issue of unity, PC Saquee (V) stated that people can count on him if there is sincerity.

On the issue of property tax with OCTEA Mining, the company affirmed that in accordance with their contract, they are exempted from paying such taxes. On the issue of benefits from the OCTEA mining company, Chief Saquee was convinced that the company was doing fine but may be not matching our expectations. According to him, benefits include; training Medical doctors, lawyers, a school in Bayama and assisting other students. He expressed his support for thorough environmental protection as he may be a victim if there are very serious consequences being on the ground. He informed the meeting that OCTEA was now conducting vertical blasting thereby minimising risk. The chief was prepared for further discussion in all areas of concern, and hope to revisit London in early June 2017.

The following were collected:

Hall hire contribution £25.40

Dr. Kai Ngegba £20 monthly dues

Mrs. Finda Ngegba £20 monthly dues

Mr. & Mrs. Tamba Opel Sam Sumana £100.00 for two Independence Dinner & Dance tickets.

There were 23 people in attendance .

The meeting ended at 21:10 hours.

Thanks.

Mr. Aiah Yornie Sodengbe

Secretary

- Mr Kabba said there lots of omissions/
- Mr Sahr Adul karim KAmamda-VERTICAL BLASTING decommissioning
- Mr Tamba lamina—questions asked and answered not minuted