



MINUTES OF KDDA UK GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY 22ND JULY 2017

The meeting started with a Muslim prayer led by Mr. Komba Kellie at 19:35 hours, followed by a Christian prayer led by Mrs. Dian Fasuluku. Then followed by self-introduction by attendees.

The previous minutes dated 27/05/2017 was incomplete and never read.

The Chairman, Mr. Aiah Bondowa Tondoneh, welcomed members and new attendees to the meeting and thanked them for coming. He reiterated the importance of his key policy – Bridging the Gap. He said it focuses on the concept of Trust, Sincerity and Respect for “Peace Building”.

Notwithstanding the risks and challenges of peace building, KDDA UK has successfully engaged with most stakeholders in Kono District. The priority of Bridging the Gap is peace making and putting the development goals of Kono District first and foremost. He highlighted the KDDA UK Radio programmes which has immensely improved our engagement with the Kono people. He also reminded members of our strives in putting policies and procedures in place. He also informed members that the KDDA UK Women’s wing and the Youth wing have been revived and the progress is ongoing.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the application for funding for scholarship projects for the Ebola affected children in Kono District was unsuccessful.

The Medical Pack project is now at the final phase as all documentation have been completed. There will be 14 packs to cover all the chiefdoms in Kono District. Each pack contains 2 boxes, over 800 treatments, will cost KDDA UK £450.00 and the real value per pack is £3905.99. A committee has been set up to work out the modalities to ensure the medical items reach their intended targets. Members of this committee are as follows; Dr. Kai Ngegba, Mr. Tamba Lamina and Mrs. Dian Fasuluku.

The Chairman confirmed that Dr. Kai Ngegba and Mrs. Finda Ngegba will oversee the KDDA UK Kono Language school.

The Chairman urged members to pay their dues to the organisation and take advantage of the benefits of the UK Gift Aid programme.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Presidential candidate for the Sierra Leone National Democratic Party, Mr. Mohamed C. Bah, had audience with KDDA UK members on the 15th July 2017 at the Women's wing barbecue event at Burgess park in London.

The Social, Events and Publicity Officer Mr. Tamba Gborie confirmed that two buses have been hired for the KDDA UK outing to Ramsgate. Spaces to be allocated on first come first serve basis. One bus to be stationed at Elephant & Castle train station and the other at Kilburn Park train station.

The report on the women's wing barbecue in Burgess park was deferred to later date due to the absence of the Women's Leader Madam Mary Sumana.

It was agreed that the Kono District Religious Leaders must oversee the KDDA UK annual Thanksgiving service. The Secretary was mandated to liaise with the team and update them of this resolve. The plan including date, time and venue to be decided by the Religious team.

The Chairman confirmed that he will be attending the Kono Conference 2017 in USA. He suggested the use of KDDA UK t-shirt or polos at the conference but cost issues were raised. The Chairman informed the meeting that he has received a message from Hon. Diana Konomanyi stating that £4000.00 has been debited into the KDDA UK bank account as her contribution towards the Kono Conference 2017 in USA. The former Chairman of Kono Conference 2016, Mr. Dingiswayo Nyandemo,

commented that the Kono Conference was growing and encouraging. Mr. Nyandemo gave a brief background of the project and stressed that all stakeholders must participate in this conference. Mr. Komba Kellie also gave a brief update about the activities of his committee – EIWI Committee, who are exploring hydroelectric project in Kono District. He stressed the need for local cooperation to ensure a successful outcome. Mr. David Sandi opined that no major project can be implemented without political consent.

The KDDA UK Bereavement policy was adopted and signed at the meeting.

The Member of Parliament for Constituency 25 in Kono District, Hon. Tom Tucker, was the guest of honour at our meeting. He was introduced by the KDDA UK Chairman Mr. Aiah Bondowa Tondoneh. Hon Tom Tucker was invited to address the meeting.

In his speech, Hon. Tucker praised the effort of KDDA UK for reaching out to them and emphasised that it was a positive development. He stressed the need for us all to give back to Kono District and stated that he was always available to create time for KDDA. He urged all Sierra Leoneans to be law abiding and assured all that the forthcoming elections in Sierra Leone will be free and fair. When questioned on the conflict in Kono District, Hon Tucker confirmed that there is peace in the District and his priority is to maintain stability.

Hon. Tom Tucker was commended by the KDDA UK Secretary Mr. Aiah Yornie Sodengbe for being the only Member of Parliament in Kono District, who openly handed over the Constituency development fund to his people to be used for the intended purpose.

The KDDA UK Award Committee was set up at the meeting. The members nominated and approved are as follows;

1. Mrs Mamie Torto
2. Mrs. Dian Fasuluku
3. Mrs. Evelyn Nyandemo
4. Mr. Aiah Sodengbe
5. Mrs. Aminata Browne

This committee is mandated to provide the guidelines for future awards.

The KDDA UK Youth progress report was delivered by the KDDA UK Vice Chairperson Mrs. Aminata Gborie. She confirmed that a barbecue was organised on the 9th July 2017 and the new youth Leader is Mr. Tamba Emanuel Kongormanyi. The Youth Leader declared their intention to make Kono video shows, organise trips to Kono, dances and support moral values.

Mr. Tamba Gborie gave a brief report on the KDDA UK calendar sales. Out of 100 produced, 44 sold, 38 unsold and 18 outstanding payments.

Under any other business, Mr. David Komba Sandi thanked the executive for what has been done and presented a concept paper to the organisation. The document contained project ideas.

Mr. Aiah Bondowa Tondoneh thanked Mr. Komba Kellie, Secretary for Kono Progressive Union (KPU) Holland for his active service to KDDA UK. Mr. Dingiswayo Nyandemo urged trustees to take a lead on KDDA UK projects.

The following were collected:

1. Hall hire contribution £18.00
2. Theresa Willems £30.00 monthly dues
3. Mr. John Ndomaina £10 monthly dues
4. Mr. David Komba Sandi £10 for registration.
5. Mr. John Ndomaina £10 for registration

6. Mr. Steven Gbekie £10 for registration
There were 27 people in attendance.

The meeting ended with Christian and Muslim prayers at 23:00 hours.

Thanks.



Mr. Aiah Yornie Sodengbe
Secretary
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