



# KONO DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION UK

## KDDAUK

### GENERAL MEETING -- UPDATE SUMMARY REPORT

Saturday, 28 February 2026 | Meeting commenced 8:00 PM

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<b>Chair</b>	Mr. Aiah Yornie Sodengbe, BSc (Hons), MA -- Interim Chairman
<b>Minute Taker</b>	Mrs. Mariama Mafinda (Safeguarding Lead Trustee)
<b>Opening Prayers</b>	Muslim prayer -- Haja Saaditu Asine; Christian prayer -- Mrs. Mariama Mafinda
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Mr. Aiah Tondoneh
<b>Minutes Adopted</b>	31 January 2026 minutes -- adopted by Mrs. F. Ngegba, seconded by Mr. Tondoneh
<b>Registered Charity</b>	No. 1160673   E: info@kdda.co.uk   www.kdda.co.uk

## 1. MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

- Mr. Aiah Sodengbe (Interim Chairman)
- Mrs. Mariama Mafinda
- Dr. Kai Ngegba
- Ms. Mary Boima
- Petma
- Mr. Komba Tondoneh
- Sahr
- Mrs. Magdalene Yei Mani Bayoh
- Far James
- Mrs. Christiana Sodengbe
- Mr. Finda Ngegba
- Mrs. Elizabeth Nganga Tondoneh
- Ms. Kalay
- Mr. Desmond Bokarie
- Mr. Aiah B. Tondoneh

Total participants: 13. Votes counted and recorded by Mrs. Mariama Mafinda. Abstentions permitted.

## 2. CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS -- KEY HIGHLIGHTS

**Delivered by:** Mr. Aiah Yornie Sodengbe, BSc (Hons), MA -- Interim Chairman

The Interim Chairman opened by welcoming all members and trustees, acknowledging their continued commitment to KDDAUK's mission. He delivered updates across six key areas:

Area	Chairman's Update	Status
<b>Educational Support</b>	Most educational materials for Kono District students successfully delivered. Package bags awaited; full consignment will then be prepared for shipment.	<b>IN PROGRESS</b>
<b>Legal -- Court Ruling</b>	Court ruled in KDDAUK's favour against Mr. Sahr Stephen Kabba's challenge. All court costs (GBP3,142.50) to be refunded to the charity in full.	<b>RESOLVED</b>



<b>Legal -- GBP28,000 Recovery</b>	Legal proceedings initiated to recover GBP28,000 withdrawn without authorisation by Mr. Sahr Stephen Kabba and Mr. Tamba Theophilus Gborie.	<b>ACTIVE</b>
<b>2026 Constitution</b>	Constitutional Review Committee completed the 2026 draft. Engagement and 2-month public consultation window approved by members.	<b>COMPLETE</b>
<b>Asset Management</b>	Comprehensive asset management programme initiated. Members requested to liaise with trustees regarding any relevant asset information.	<b>INITIATED</b>
<b>Trustee Expansion</b>	Consideration underway to add 1-2 additional trustees to strengthen leadership structure, continuity, and long-term stability.	<b>UNDER REVIEW</b>

*“Together, we continue to build an organisation rooted in service, integrity, and community upliftment. Thank you all for your unwavering support, your patience, and your commitment to the values of KDDAUK.”*

### 3. 2026 DRAFT CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

**Presented by:** Mr. Aiah B. Tondoneh -- Constitution Review Chairman

The draft 2026 KDDAUK Constitution and Bylaws (updated 27 February 2026) was presented and approved for circulation. Reviewed by a three-person committee; all documents stored in multiple formats for redundancy.

#### Key Changes and Improvements

- **Removed** repetition and ambiguity from 2015 text; name, purpose, and objectives unchanged.
- **Membership:** Four categories -- Active (voting, eligible for office); Dormant (no voting until reinstated); Associate (events only); Youth (under 18, no voting). Good standing requires up-to-date fees, attendance at 3+ meetings per year, and compliant conduct. Lifetime unique membership numbers used for all elections.
- **Governance:** Trustees as elected governing body; must publish redacted minutes and monthly financial reports; no election-rule changes within 6 months of an election; general elections last Saturday in August; quorum 10 (general) / 15 (special or emergency).
- **Financial controls:** Spending thresholds -- up to GBP50 petty cash; GBP51-200 Chair and Treasurer; GBP200-500 two trustees and Chair; over GBP500 full trustee approval plus general meeting resolution. Two bank accounts and two-factor authentication required. Transfers from personal accounts classified as misconduct.
- **Disciplinary:** Mediation first, defined timelines, fair hearing guaranteed. Vote-of-no-confidence requires 25 members' signatures.
- **Safeguarding:** Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) established as a trustee role with authority to stop activities, require DBS checks, and maintain confidential records.
- **Amendments:** Two-thirds majority for Part I; simple majority for Part II; Charity Commission notification required.

**Consultation Decision:** After debate -- including a proposal to restrict review to paid-up members only (later withdrawn by the proposer as not constitutionally grounded) -- the meeting agreed to circulate the draft to the **general public** with an open **2-month consultation window**.

### 4. LEGAL ACTION & COURT UPDATE



#### 4.1 Court Ruling -- 20 February 2026

- Court ordered AC GILAS Solicitors to pay defendant costs in full.
- KDDAUK and Barclays to receive **GBP3,142.50** in refunded costs.
- KDDAUK bears no injunction costs liability.
- This outcome affirms KDDAUK's legal legitimacy and governance integrity.

#### 4.2 Recovery of GBP28,000 -- Proceedings Initiated

- Evidence supplied to Community Legal Centre (CLC): withdrawal of **GBP20,000** by Mr. Kabba and **GBP8,000** by Mr. Tamba Theophilus Gborie. Witness names provided; police reference number pending.
- CLC acknowledged concerns about barrister performance at June 2025 injunction hearing and agreed to appoint specialist counsel with charity-law expertise.
- CLC proposed retainer of **GBP2,000** (applied toward estimated total costs of GBP2,400-GBP6,500). Court fee for a GBP28,000 claim = 5% (GBP1,400).
- Membership approved release of the GBP2,000 retainer at this meeting.
- Next steps: CLC to shortlist counsel, arrange meeting, send witness templates, issue pre-action letter, then file claim at Central London County Court if unresolved.

**Resolution passed: Membership authorised the GBP2,000 retainer to CLC to pursue full recovery of GBP28,000.**

### 5. SAFEGUARDING & DIGITAL / WHATSAPP POLICY

A new WhatsApp and digital safeguarding policy was presented to protect KDDAUK digital spaces and align with UK safeguarding expectations. Applies to all trustees, volunteers, members, and beneficiaries using official KDDAUK digital platforms.

#### Core Principles and Rules

- Safety first; treat all with respect and dignity. Zero tolerance for bullying, harassment, discrimination, or abuse.
- All members must use their real identity on official platforms. New members must receive and read the policy before joining.
- Content must remain KDDAUK-related. Two trained administrators required on all official WhatsApp groups.
- Parental presence required for under-18s; no one-to-one messaging with children or adults at risk.
- **Prohibited:** Harassment, hate speech, sexual/violent content, sharing private information, misuse for personal fundraising or politics.
- Concerns reported privately to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) with screenshots as evidence. Serious incidents may be referred to trustees or external authorities.

### 6. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS & MEMBERSHIP

#### Appointments Confirmed at This Meeting

Role	Appointee	Process	Result
Interim Secretary	Mr. Desmond Bukhari	Nominated and seconded by members	<b>APPOINTED</b>

<b>Interim Project Coordinator</b>	Ms. Kalay	Nominated by Mr. A. Tondoneh; seconded by Mrs. C. Sodengbe; voted by members	<b>9 of 13 VOTES</b>
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## 7. FINANCE UPDATE

Item	Detail
<b>Current Bank Balance</b>	<b>GBP8,663.97</b>
<b>School Items Paid</b>	GBP2,906.71 paid; GBP100 for exercise-book labels pending collection (Monday)
<b>Court Costs Refund Due</b>	GBP3,142.50 to be received from AC GILAS Solicitors following court ruling
<b>Legal Retainer Approved</b>	GBP2,000 approved for release to CLC to pursue recovery of GBP28,000
<b>Membership Contributions</b>	3 members fully paid for 2 years; 9 members paying GBP10/month. All urged to maintain regular payments.

## 8. KEY DECISIONS & ACTION POINTS

Responsible	Action	Deadline
<b>Trustees / CLC</b>	Release GBP2,000 retainer to CLC; shortlist specialist counsel, issue pre-action letter, file claim at Central London County Court if unresolved.	<b>Immediate</b>
<b>Mr. A. B. Tondoneh &amp; Committee</b>	Circulate 2026 draft Constitution to the general public; open 2-month consultation window.	<b>Immediately / 2-month window</b>
<b>Mrs. Mariama Mafinda (DSL)</b>	Implement and enforce digital safeguarding and WhatsApp policy across all KDDAUK platforms.	<b>Ongoing</b>
<b>Social Secretary</b>	Provide update on planned summer events; coordinate early planning for community activities.	<b>Next Meeting</b>
<b>All Members</b>	Liaise with trustees regarding asset management information. Maintain GBP10/month direct debit.	<b>Ongoing</b>
<b>Trustees</b>	Progress consideration of adding 1-2 additional trustees to strengthen leadership capacity.	<b>Next Meeting</b>

## 9. MEETING OVERVIEW -- KEY RESOLUTIONS

- **Court victory confirmed:** Ruling in KDDAUK's favour; all costs (GBP3,142.50) to be fully refunded.
- **Legal action authorised:** GBP2,000 retainer approved for CLC to pursue recovery of GBP28,000 misappropriated funds.
- **2026 Constitution completed** and approved for 2-month public consultation.
- **Digital safeguarding and WhatsApp policy** presented and adopted.



- **Appointments confirmed:** Mr. Desmond Bukhari (Interim Secretary); Ms. Kalay (Interim Project Coordinator -- 9 of 13 votes).
- **Finance:** Bank balance GBP8,663.97; GBP2,906.71 spent on school items; members urged to maintain GBP10/month payments.
- **Constitution consultation:** Open 2-month window agreed; to be circulated to the general public.
- Meeting closed with a prayer of thanksgiving led by Mr. Aiah Tondoneh.

**Prepared by:**

**Approved by:**

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Mrs. Mariama Mafinda

*Safeguarding Lead Trustee & Minute Taker*

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Mr. Aiah Yornie Sodengbe, BSc (Hons), MA

*Interim Chairman, KDDAUK*