

MALABA MUNICIPALITY

MINUTES FOR 1ST QUARTER CITIZEN FORUM MEETING FY 2023/24 HELD ON 13TH JULY, 2023 AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICES GROUNDS

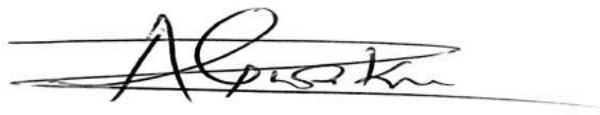
During the meeting the following key cross-cutting issues, strategies and conclusions were advanced:-

That;

1. Malaba Municipality is a semi-autonomous Government agency (SAGA) of the County Government of Busia, and therefore there is need to foster more and leverage on this principal-agency relationship which is complimentary in nature. In that all Municipality operations, policies and development programs are duly aligned to the County Government development agenda as outlined in the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP).
2. Business opportunities in Malaba Municipality should adhere to the provisions of the Public Procurement and Disposal Act, 2015 which requires that thirty (30) percent of contracts are reserved for Youth, women and People-Living-with-Disabilities (PLWDs). The various sectors were grouping and formally registering as Community-Based-Organizations (CBOs) so that they tap and compete for these contracts.
3. The municipality should sensitize the public and as a matter of policy deliberately promote and advocate for accessible architectural practices that provide access ramps for PLWDs and mainstream equity and equality in all programs.
4. Solid waste management is an income earning opportunity that local entrepreneurs should tap into and leverage on the recycling value-chain.
5. Connectivity in the town to be enhanced through opening and upgrading of the bypasses from Malaba OSBP-Osasame-Ikapolok areas and also deliberately expand roads to prescribed sizes.
6. The Police department shall enhance patrols and the Citizens from Kamolo to formally make an application through the OCS Malaba Police Station requesting for a complete and functional Police station whereas all developers with long-standing-incomplete-buildings that act as hideouts for criminals have been called out to complete the structures.

7. The Contractor undertaking the Malaba Water and Sewer Project is almost done with the works (90%) and shall soon hand over the project to BUWASSCO to effect individual connections. However, the sanitation facilities shall be handed over in a few days' time for use by Kocholia, Okima and Amoni market users.
8. The Contractor undertaking the project for erecting two (2) high mast lights at Kocholia market and Malaba Primary has already had his dues settled and should therefore complete and operationalize the lights to enhance security and promote more business operating hours.
9. The Municipality has commenced documentation of all public land and therefore all stakeholders and members of the public with relevant information to aid in the process are welcome on board to assist in the process. Amoni market issue shall be adequately addressed through the relevant departments and agencies and therefore traders should proceed, operate and pay relevant taxes to the County Government as usual. Site planning process for Kocholia market should also be fast-tracked.
10. All staff recruitment in the Municipality is undertaken through the County Public Service Board which is an equal-opportunity-employer and therefore residents are encouraged to be on the look-out for advertisements and opportunities in their areas of interest and expertise. However, consideration for contracted cleaning services and menial work shall be reserved for local CBOs.
11. The Malaba Municipality shall commence, in a few days' time, implementation of development projects through its FY 2022/23 Budget as follows:
 - i. Construction of an Ablution Block at the Malaba OSBP in attempt to provide sanitation facility to the long-distance truck drivers.
 - ii. Construction and lining of drainage from Winkers Hotel area towards Malaba Railways station.
 - iii. Connection of the ablution block at Malaba Bus Park to Sewer system and water connection.
12. It is the desire of all citizens to see Malaba turn into a leading Municipality, a competitive investment hub and a globally-acclaimed glory in providing opportunities for income and better living standards for its inhabitants.

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