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**REPORT OF THE MEETING OF NDUNYU NJERU COMMUNITY GROUP AND
OFFICIALS OF ENGINEER MUNICIPALITY**

VENUE: NDUNYU NJERU TOWN'S SOCIAL HALL

DATE: THURSDAY 10TH JULY 2025

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The meeting was convened by the leaders of the community group as a follow up to a complaint letter addressed to the County Government regarding the challenges that the community of North Kinangop Ward are currently facing. These challenges hinder development of Ndunyu Njeru town and the ward at large and affect economic growth of the residents.

The participants were drawn from all persons with interests in the town namely: traders, transporters, social group leaders, village elders, farmers and artisans. Municipality officials included, the Municipality Manager- Ms. Njoki Gatuhi, Revenue officers and collectors, public health representative, County Trade office representative, Enforcement officer as shown in the attached attendance register.

The Municipality Manager remarked that North Kinangop is one of the four (4) wards that are within the Municipality. She advised the participants that in future they can channel their issues to her office since she is better placed to co-ordinate with all the relevant offices within the County Government.

2.0 HIGHLIGHT OF THE CHALLENGES/ PROBLEMS

In summary the main difficulties in need of redress within North Kinangop ward as presented in the letter are:

- i) The main stage for matatu
- ii) Water
- iii) Institution (Kiambariki Polytechnique)
- iv) Green grocer market
- v) Environment for trade
- vi) Health sector

vii) Security

3.0 DELIBERATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

a) Ndunyu Njeru Bus/Matatu Stage

The County Government has a well-developed stage within the town, however, it is underutilized since matatu and buses use the main road (highway) as the picking and dropping stage. This has affected business within the designated stage. It is also inconveniencing to the passengers since they have to pay more transport costs to get to the center of the town. The boda boda riders also face harassment due lack of proper order.

Resolution;

It was unanimously resolve by participants that henceforth all public transport vehicles to use the main stage for dropping and picking of passengers. The County Revenue officials to set out the modalities of enforcing the resolution by first holding a meeting with affected saccos and transporters.

b) Water and Sanitation

The community is grappling with water shortage despite a sum of Kshs. 2 million being earmarked for its development. Sanitation and drainage systems have remained unattended. The public toilets in the town are in poor conditions, moreover, some are managed by individuals at a fee who put the collections to personal use. Participants called for audit of the water supplier.

There was a complaint of a poorly done drainage channel adjacent to the social hall.

Resolution;

The Manager will follow up the complaint with the area water company.

The County Government is in the process of placing all public toilets and latrines under Public-Private Partnership (PPP) management. Therefore, there shall be a public participation on the same through the Department of Trade.

About the poorly done drainage channel, the Municipality Engineer and the contractor in the presence of the community officials will visit the site and assess the works done against the BOQ.

C) Markets

Farmers within the community have the challenge of selling their produce in designated areas. Individuals allocated themselves market stalls which they rent out to traders. Unable to pay the rents, the traders have moved away from the designated market and are found selling their wares in different areas of the town. The County is also losing on this revenue source. To attract traders from other regions and towns, there is need to set a market day for the town preferably Friday.

Resolution

The Revenue Officer in-charge to ensure all persons owning the market stalls have paid the appropriate licenses within the week. Thereafter, there shall consultation with stakeholders and all stalls that will not be paid for will be re-allocated giving priority to those who are currently operating in them.

d) Environment for Trade/ Traders

Traders Association have been subjected to challenges of unconducive environment. The community has been presenting these problems to the county and not much has been done. The traders are doing business under challenging environment in all areas.

e) Health sector

there is need for a health center within the ward. Currently the residents rely on a dispensary yet the population has grown. There are no specialized personnel like laboratory personnel. There is need to employ more.

Resolution;

The Municipality Manager will escalate the matter to the County Department of Health and thereafter do a follow up

f) Sports

Residents raised an issue with how the construction in the stadium has been done noting that there are no tracks for athletics. They expressed concern that the decisions on development should not be left to an individual.

Resolution;

Any development should be in the interest of the community. Leaders of community to present the specific areas of dissatisfaction to the Manager.

g) Security

The flood lights that were elected by the County Government are not functional. This has affected businesses since traders close their businesses at nightfall. The free movement of people in the community is curtailed due to insecurity.

Resolution;

Manager will consult with the County Department of Energy and Public Works and y to ensure the lighting is re-installed.

h) Social hall

The hall has not been attended to and does not serve the purpose for which its intended to in full. It requires renovation

Manager to consider it in future budgets.

i) Parking

With the development of the tarmac road, it is very important to consider parking spaces next to businesses. Traders complained that they cannot load or download their wares outside their premises. They do it on the road due to lack of parking areas outside their shops.

The contractor who was in the meeting was tasked to ensure construction can allow vehicles to access business premises for parking and offloading of loading goods

j) Cemetery

The Municipality is currently sourcing for land for the following;

- i) Cemetery
- ii) Waste disposal
- iii) Sewer line

4.0 OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

- i) There shall be regular civic education and citizen fora to the communities living within the Municipality to enlighten them on its operations.
- ii) Any funds earmarked for the development of the community shall be subjected to public participation where the community will give their priorities and follow up on implementation to ensure accountability.
- iii) Residents to take advantage of contractual works advertised by the County Government so that works are done by the locals, rather than allowing outsiders to take up contracts.
- iv) All contractual works in the area should involve local labour. If not the community to raise complaints to the manager, this will ensure local residents get jobs.
- v) The issue of issuing of title deeds to colonial villages is underway through the Department of Lands and Physical Planning.

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