

2nd Quarter

## COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI



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### MINISTRY OF LANDS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT KITUI MUNICIPALITY

#### MINUTES OF THE CITIZEN FORUM MEETING

**Date: 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

**Venue: Kitui Premier Resort**

**Time: 10.00 AM**

**Mobilizer/MC-Juliet Mwendwa**

#### **Present (Attendance list Annexed)**

The meeting was attended by;

1. Kitui Municipality Board members
2. County Government staff/Kitui Municipality staff
3. National Government representative –Area Senior Chief
4. Representative of the Area Member of County Assembly
5. Sector representatives from;
  - i. Ward Development Committee Members within Kitui Municipality
  - ii. Mama Mboga
  - iii. Matatu
  - iv. Boda Boda
  - v. Chamber of Commerce
  - vi. Non-Governmental Organizations-ADSE
  - vii. Civil Society Organizations
  - viii. Religious leaders –IMAM and Pastors/Bishop
  - ix. Kalundu Market Leadership
  - x. Representative National persons with Special Needs
  - xi. Teaching fraternity
  - xii. Representative from Children’s home
  - xiii. Women and Youth leadership

## **Agenda**

1. Opening remarks and Board Chairperson's opening and welcome remarks
2. Reading and confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting/overview of the previous citizen fora
3. Matter arising from previous meeting/plenary session
4. Municipality projects progress
5. Proposed Urban Development Grant (UDG) projects
6. Kitui Municipality Integrated Development Plan Review 2024/25
7. Closing remarks

### **MIN. 1/5/12/2025: Preliminaries and Board Chairperson's opening and welcome remarks**

Mc called the meeting to order at 10.25 Am and requested Spiritual leaders (IMAM and Pastor) to open the meeting with a word of prayer. This was followed by a self- introduction session starting with sector representatives invited, National and County/ Municipality staff and lastly Municipal Board members led by the Board chairperson.

Board chair welcomed all the participants and thanked them for honoring the invitation. He emphasized the importance of the citizen participation in decision making in local development planning. Board Chair added that citizen participation is a constitutional right that gives members of the public chance to contribute, challenge and participate in development planning aimed at achieving sustainable development. Chair appreciated the participants present and welcomed them for a fruitful and active engagement to review, get implementation update of the issues raised during the previous public forum and also get new ideas from the members of the public in regards to service delivery by the Municipality. Chair declared meeting officially opened and invited Deputy Municipal Manager (on behalf of Ag. Municipal Manager) to give an update of the proposals/challenges raised by the members of the public during the previous public forums held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May and 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025.



***Municipal Board Chair Addressing the Stakeholders***

**MIN 2/5/12/2025: Reading and confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting/overview of the previous citizen fora**

Deputy Municipal Manager, appreciated members for honoring the invitation to the citizen forum in order to fulfil their constitutional rights reminding them discussion of the previous forum held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025 where valuable issues were raised and recorded for incorporation in Municipality planning. Deputy Manager added that most of the issues raised have been acted upon and some are in the pipeline. The report was as follows;

No.	Issue raised	Action Taken	By Who
1.	Excess noise emanating from churches especially Kavalula area	The matter was taken up by the Church leadership in Kenya-Kitui County representatives	Bishop Nganda
2.	Ginner-behind Kitui Resort road with a sharp corner because of encroachment of a building that need to be removed and also need to install security lights for residents and also most of KMTC students reside in the area	The matter regarding sharp corner and encroachment was referred/escalated to the Ministry of Land to address  A section of the area was served with security lights, upscaling of the same will be done in subsequent financial years	Ministry of lands  Kitui Municipality
3.	Need to install security lights at the far end of Majengo Market	Kitui Municipality working in collaboration with other county ministries to have the security lights installed- Ministry of Energy	Kitui Municipality and Ministry of Energy
4.	Sighted disorder and congestion in Kitui town especially during market days –urged enforcement team to take charge and ensure order during market days	Municipal Manager directed head of enforcement team to take up the matter and ensure order is restored in the market and general operations in the town	Head enforcement
5.	Incomplete Kithomboani market has caused a lot of congestion of traders at the CBD who to be operating from the market. A lot of public money was spent and it's losing its value since the market is not in use	Governor constitutes inter-ministerial committee to FastTrack resumption of construction works to completion-Municipal Manager is a member of the committee	Municipal Manager
6.	Disorder and congestion in mjini estate –access roads have been occupied by vegetable vendors on	Municipal Manager directed head of enforcement team to take up the matter and	Head of trade section and Head enforcement

	one side and on the other side by carpenters-worried in case of fire outbreak rescue operation will be difficult	ensure order is restored in the market and general operations in the town	
7.	Need to upgrade feeder road connecting Kitui School-Majengo road and The high way	Municipal Manager presented need for upgrading the road during Multi-agency committee meetings held during preparation for Mashujaa Day Celebrations and it is worth noting that the request was considered and the road upgraded	Nation and County government
8.	Reported Bars/club joints operating throughout /24/7 in Majengo market	His Excellency the Governor constituted a County Liquor committee to manage most of the operations of liquor industry	The county Liquor committee to work in collaboration with local leaders in managing issues related to bars and clubs
9.	Urged that there is need for regular maintenance of the busy Kitui town to Museve Shrine road	Municipal Manager reported the case to KURA for consideration in planning	KURA
10.	Requested for skip bins in estates at Kalundu area cited – King'ang'ato area to better manage volumes of waste produced	The area mentioned and others will benefit from the 9 skips that will be procured in the current FY's budget – procurement process in progress	Kitui Municipality
11.	Proposed need to facelift Kalundu market urging that it doesn't give the picture of a market at the County Headquarter	Kitui Municipality – Kalundu Market considered to benefit from National Government Country wide market projects	National Government
..	Cited need to improve access roads in Kalundu Market and its environs –estates	One of the access roads in Kalundu Market will be upgraded in the Current FY budget	Kitui Municipality
13.	Trucks delivering material at the hardware in the banana section of the market risking people's lives in addition to occupying a big space that ought to be occupied by traders –these problems are worse during market days -	Enforcement enhanced during market days to manage the situation	Kitui Municipality safety and order task force

14.	There is need for cabros in the market –during rainy season the market is usually very muddy making operations in the market difficult	This will be part of the project by the Nation Government	National Government
15.	Urged Municipal Board to consider extending cabro works from Univision SACCO to Kalundu bridge in the next financial year	This was factored in the current FY budget 2025/2026	Kitui Municipality

**MIN 3/23/5/2025: Matters arising/Plenary session**

This section was led by County Social Safeguards Officer/ master of ceremony. In her remarks underscored the statement by the board chairperson that we the citizen need to be custodians of the projects in our area for them to offer the intended service Social safeguards officer/meeting moderator invited members of the public present for a plenary session to discuss matters arising from previous meeting and also input new ideas/comments and suggestions to be incorporated in future Municipal plans and programs

**Below are comments and issues raised;**

No.	Issue raised	By Who and Sector Represented
1.	Appreciated all that has been done by the Municipality though he identified the following gaps; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Some areas that have been cabro paved but have been occupied by traders and garages degrading the value of the cabros. <b>Proposed solutions</b> – Municipality to develop area near SEKU and also consider first floor at Kithomboani to accommodate some traders hence decongesting the town</li> <li>ii. <b>Enforcement;</b> Control of most of the operations in town is still weak. Some of the enforcement officers not performing as expected</li> <li>iii. <b>Installed metallic bars at the entrance and exit of bus terminals</b> –the quality is wanting some of the bars have been hit by vehicles and not operational hence not serving members of the public</li> <li>iv. <b>Waiting bays at Main bus park</b> –Still occupied by hawkers at the expense of the passengers</li> <li>v. <b>Expired leases of the county stalls</b> –Nothing has been done</li> </ul>	<b>Kimanzi Musili</b> National Chamber of Commerce and Industry 0721634287
2.	Most of the Municipality projects are concentrated in Kitui town at the expense of other wards. During the next public forum, Municipal board to present to the members of the public fair distribution of projects across all Municipal wards	<b>Kalungu Nzau</b> Chairperson Mulango Ward Development Committee 0725705276
3.	Commended Kitui Municipality for improvement of feeder road from Sanmarino Hotel to Jubilee road with cabros.	<b>Fredrik Kisuva</b>

	Urged Municipal board to enhance street lighting in town to minimize vandalism Kalundu market section of bananas need for upgrading to enhance business environment	Ward Development Committee chair – Township 0726148399
4.	Need to repair High mast security light at Mjini Congestion at Mjini market and estate-stated that Musicality staff have failed to manage the situation citing her own example that she operates in a road reserve and no one has approached her on the same	<b>Nzilani Mwikya</b> Business Lady (cereals) 0708181212
5.	Commended Municipal board and management for the good work done. Pointed out the following gaps; i. Urged for enhanced cleanliness in town –requested for a skip bin at Kunda Kindu market ii. Need to improve drainage at Kalundu market and its environ. Reported that during rainy season localized flooding takes place due to inadequate drainage infrastructure affecting some businesses iii. Reported encroachment along kunda kindu riparian zone	<b>Dickson Kitheka</b> Chairperson Kunda Kindu Market 0710741585
6.	Complaint- Most of the shopping centers are in darkness, no security lights yet that's the entrance point to Kitui town/County headquarter	<b>Paul Kasimu</b> Chairperson Kithumula/Kwa Mutonga Ward Development Committee 0757861265
7.	<b>Concern</b> –Animals roaming in town risking the lives of motorists	<b>Elija Ndonye</b> Representative- Education Sector 0710425909
8.	Supported the proposed world bank projects in Kitui town since they are an incentive to investors Urged Municipal board and management to adopt multi –agency approach in addressing most of the issues/concerns related Municipal service delivery <b>Concerns-</b> i. No security lights along ginnery to Nzeeu road ii. Mentioned an area at Mutendea whose road need to be upgraded and security lights installed. Cited insecurity cases that have taken place in the area as a result of poor state of the road in addition to lack of security lights	<b>Benedict M. Makuthu</b> Township Location Senior Chief 0722955120
9.	<b>Concerns over stalled Kithomboani Market-</b> i. During meetings that have been taking place, there has been no representation of the affected traders ii. No activities have been taking place since the project was handed over to the county government	<b>Margaret Musili</b> Chairperson mama mboga traders Kitui town 0721978454
10.	<b>Complaint-</b> No cleaner at Kathukini shopping center	<b>Kathukini Business Community Rep</b> <b>No name and contact</b>

11.	<p><b>Concerns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Tiva shopping center has a meeting hall but no public toilet forcing members of the public to seek help from private toilets</li> <li>ii. No security lights –cited a murder incidence that recently occurred- a life lost</li> </ul>	<p>Tiva area representative <b>No name and contact</b></p>
12.	<p><b>Concerns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Vandalism of the non-operational sewer system especially the man holes</li> <li>ii. Poor drainage of slaughter house effluent –drained at Kalundu stream causing pollution</li> <li>iii. Cited a disagreement between some religious leaders and Municipality management over use of bus park for crusades</li> <li>iv. Road to Governor’s officer need proper cleaning and maintenance</li> <li>v. Need for alternative sources of water in town –Masinga water supply system not reliable</li> </ul>	<p><b>Joseph Nganda</b> Religious Leader 0722263199</p>
13.	<p><b>Complaint</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Vandalized security lights –a lot of darkness in the shopping center. <b>Advise/Proposal-</b> Municipality advised to develop security strategy of the lighting infrastructure after installation</li> <li>ii. Need for market cleaners</li> </ul>	<p><b>Itoleka Market</b> <b>representative</b></p>
14.	<p><b>Concern</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Risky road –Tanath, AIC Baby home, Pastoral centre to Nzeeu stream road. Many accidents have occurred along that stretch of the road</li> </ul>	<p><b>Eunice Syuki</b> AIC Baby Home 0726492501</p>
15.	<p><b>Concern</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Inadequate public toilets in Kitui town</li> </ul>	<p><b>David Nzue</b> Ward Development Committee chairperson –Matinyani 0721809446</p>
16.	<p><b>Concerns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Need for enhanced cleanliness at Kalundu Market – requested cleansing section of the Municipality to consider replacement of the currently placed skip bin whose leachate from decomposed market waste leaks polluting air in addition to making the environment unconducive for business</li> <li>ii. Requested for multi-agency efforts in maintaining order in most of the operations at the market</li> </ul>	<p><b>Rodgers Wambua</b> Chairperson Kalundu market 0115062231</p>
17.	<p><b>Proposals</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Integration of urban greening aspect in development programs in our shopping centers to enhance aesthetic value in addition to mitigating effects of climate change</li> <li>ii. Consider provisions for persons with special needs especially in public utilities like toilets</li> </ul>	<p><b>John Kilonzo</b> Representative Persons with special needs 072248596 –not complete</p>



### *Plenary Session*

#### **MIN 4/5/12/2025 Presentation of the current FY projects 2025/2026**

Senior Economist (Mr Mbathi) presented to the members of the public projects planned for the current Financial 2025/2026 as indicated below;

1. Installation, Repair & Maintenance of Street/Security lights within Kitui Municipality
2. Construction of Car parking area from Univision Sacco to Kalundu Bridge
3. Improvement of access road from Kalundu dump site 300M
4. Construction of pedestrian walkways from Kalundu Best Mart Supermarket to Kalundu River Bridge-0.25KM
5. Construction of a Box Culvert along Access Road from Kitui Resort to Lower Site Area-1 NO.
6. Drainage Works at Slaughter House-0.11KM
7. Road opening from Delta to SEKU town campus with drift construction
8. Installation of Fabricated Modern Market Stalls within Kitui Municipality
9. Renovation and Reinforcement of Kitui Slaughter House Perimeter Wall
10. Drilling and Casing of Borehole at Kitui Slaughter House
11. Fabricate 9 (Number) skip bins (@ Ksh. 500,000)

#### **MIN 5/5/12/2025 Proposed Urban Development Grant (UDG) projects**

Deputy Municipal Manager informed members of the public that Kitui Municipality went through a successful assessment process based on previous performance and was considered to benefit in KUSP 2 UIG and UDG grants. She added that subsequently assessment by the World Bank are scheduled for during project implementation. Deputy Manager reminded members of the public the importance of citizen fora in the program adding that it is mandatory requirement by the world

Bank and also an inevitable platform to get the input of the citizens in the program planning and implementation

Deputy Municipal Manager presented to the members of the public the proposed UDG projects for their inputs as indicated below;

1. Proposed cabro paved walkway installation
2. Proposed Car parking
3. Proposed installation of security/streetlights

Having presented this to the members of the public, Deputy Municipal Manager sought their views on the proposals adding that Kitui Municipality expected to benefit from 26 M allocation for UDG from World Bank to undertake the above proposed projects planned to be implemented in Kitui town urging that there are sections that were done with County funds and left incomplete and as a resulting Kitui Municipality want to take advantage of the grant to have the sections completed.

There was a lengthy discussion on the above issue members of the public and especially those from other markets as to why Kitui town and yet it benefited in the first Phase of KUSP projects. To address these concerns, board chair other local leaders intervened acknowledge the valid concerns raised and promised to considered other markets in other wards within the Municipality not only in KUSP/ World Bank projects but also Kitui Municipality projects. After a lengthy discussion among the participants on the matter, members of the public agreed to the proposed projects.



*Deputy Municipal Manager presenting Proposed UDG Investments to the Stakeholders*



*Members of the public agreed to the proposed UDG project by show of hands*

**MIN 6/5/12/2025 Kitui Municipality Integrated Development Plan Review 2024/25**

Economist Daniel Mbathi took participants through Kitui Municipality Integrated Development plan review 2024/25. He highlighted the main achievements of Kitui Municipality as: Installation of sixty two (62) integrated solar streetlights with 124 lamps, Acquisition of Ninety Six(96) waste receptacles, Construction of 1,740m<sup>2</sup> Cabros paved walkways, Construction of 448m of storm water drainage, Grading and gravelling of 2.945km of road ,30.6m<sup>3</sup> potholes patching and road maintenance, marking of 377 parking slots, Installation of four(4) Boom Barriers at Entry and Exit Points in Kitui CBD Bus park and Kunda Kindu Bus , Fabrication and Installation of Four(4) Fibre Glass Revenue Booths at Kitui Central Business District, Construction of four(4) door pit latrine and renovation of various offices at Kitui Municipal managers office block.

**Closing Remarks**

Board chairperson appreciated members of the public for their active participation, the views and concerns raised promising that they will be incorporated in the Municipal plans and programs for implementation

Board chair also urged different stakeholders to directly work closely with different heads of specific sections in addressing most of the challenges that may arise


Ward development committee chairpersons urged to push for allocation of resources/projects to their wards from other leaders like Members of the Parliament (MPs), Members of the County Assembly (MCAs) and other development agencies


Board Chairperson informed members of the public that the board members and the technical staff will finalize on Municipal by-laws and FastTrack operationalization of the County Court

Chair of the board also promised members of the public that board and Municipal management will ensure equity and fairness in distribution of Municipal projects and programs

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 1:15PM with a word of prayer led by Bishop Joseph Nganda.

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