

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KIRINYAGA



KERUGOYA/KUTUS MUNICIPAL BOARD

REPORT ON THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR THE KERUGOYA KUTUS MUNICIPALITY DEVELOPMENT CONTROL BILL AND REGULATIONS.

VENUE: BECKAM HOTEL, KERUGOYA.

DATE: 24TH JULY 2024.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

1. Lucy K. Munyi – Board Member
2. Erick Muthii Kinyua – Board Member
3. Dickson K. Ngari – Board Member
4. Fredrick Bundi- Board Member
5. Mary Muthoni Cooper – Board Member
6. Paul Muchira – Municipal Manager
7. Rev.Samuel Kanjobe - Board Member
8. Timothy Njeru – Board Member
9. Rev. Grace Wambui Kamwagire – Board Member
1. Paul Muchira – Municipal Manager (Chairperson)
2. Brian Gitei – Economic Specialist
3. James Njiru – County Roads Inspector
4. Gerald Njuki Muriithi – Ward Administrator, Kangai
5. Milka Chomba – Ward Administrator, Kanyekine
6. Edward Gatitu – Ward Administrator, Nyangati
7. Magondu Edward Nyamu – Ward Administrator, Kabare
8. Edwin Gathogo – Ward Administrator, Inoi
9. Anthony Mugo – Ward Administrator, Kerugoya

10. Kaara Muriithi – County Environmental Specialist
11. Jemimah Mugo – Municipal Strategy and Communications Officer
12. Naphtary M. Muikia – Municipal Budget Specialist
13. Antonio Gikonyo – Municipal Environmental Safeguard Officer
14. Ian Gakunyi – KUSP Urban Planning Officer(Secretary)
15. Christine Wangeci – Municipal Social Safeguard Office
16. George Macharia – County Social Safeguard Officer
17. William Mutegi – Municipal Urban Planner
18. Sub-County Administrator, Kirinyaga Central
19. Sub-County Administrator, Mwea
20. Isaiah Mwangi – Municipal ICT Officer
21. Kori Gichobi – Sub-County Administrator, Kirinyaga East
22. Geoffrey Mugo Maina – Municipal Engineer
23. Fredrick maina - Municipality Community Representatives.
24. Rachael njeri Kinyua- “
25. Jackline kabui- “
26. Muchira Macharia-
27. Lawrence wambu-
28. Antony muriuki kibuchi
29. Peter Muriithi
30. Jeremiah karimi
31. Justin wambugu
32. Martha wakuthii

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Preliminaries
2. Development Control
4. Any Other Business (A.O.B.)

MIN. 1/MUN/SEC/8/10/24: Preliminaries

The meeting commenced at 9:45 a.m., with quorum established by the board chair. Milka Chomba led the opening prayers. Afterward, members self introduced themselves.

MIN. 2/MUN/SEC/8/10/24: Development Control Bill and Regulation.

The deliberation session on the stated Development Control tools was led by the County Director of Planning, who provided an extensive overview of the development control process, the bill and regulations. Key points discussed were as follows:

1. Introduction

The Director outlined the importance of development control in ensuring sustainable and orderly urban growth in accordance with set regulations.

2. Definition of Development Control

Development control was defined as the process of regulating land use, building standards, and urban development according to approved physical development plans and policies. Its core objective is to promote organized growth and environmental protection.

3. Legal Framework

The key legislation governing development control in Kenya includes:

- The Physical and Land Use Planning Act, 2019
- The Environmental Management and Coordination Act (EMCA), 1999
- County government by-laws

The responsibility for enforcement rests with planning authorities, particularly county governments.

4. Development Application Process

The Director outlined the steps required for submitting development applications to county governments or planning authorities. These include:

- Submission of building plans
- Land subdivision requests
- Environmental impact assessments (EIA), where applicable

Authorities review these proposals based on zoning laws, public interest, and environmental considerations.

5. Role of County Governments

Kirinyaga County is responsible for regulating and approving developments within its jurisdiction. Collaboration with developers and other stakeholders is essential to ensuring compliance with both county and national regulations.

6. Challenges in Development Control

The Director noted several challenges faced in development control, including:

- Limited enforcement capacity due to insufficient staff and resources
- Prevalence of illegal developments and land encroachments
- Public ignorance regarding planning regulations

7. Public Participation

Public involvement in development control was emphasized as a constitutional requirement under Kenyan law. The public is encouraged to engage in planning processes to promote transparency and accountability.

8. Innovations in Development Control

Innovative tools such as Geographic Information Systems (GIS) are now being used for land use mapping and monitoring. Additionally, digital platforms have been introduced for the submission and tracking of development applications.

9. Way Forward

The Director proposed several measures to improve development control processes, including:

- Strengthening enforcement mechanisms and building the capacity of county and municipal officials
- Enhancing public awareness of development regulations
- Improving collaboration with national agencies to streamline approval processes

10. Conclusion

The Director concluded by underscoring the importance of development control in fostering sustainable, inclusive urban growth within Kirinyaga County. He urged continued stakeholder

consultations, monitoring of ongoing projects to ensure compliance, and capacity building for planning officers.

Responses from Participants:

Anthony Mugo, Ward Administrator for Kerugoya, suggested that the building inspection process should be simplified for the general public, many of whom lack technical knowledge about development procedures.

Edward Gatitu, Ward Administrator for Nyangati, raised concerns about encroachments on access roads in Kutus Mjini, which are hindering movement in the area.

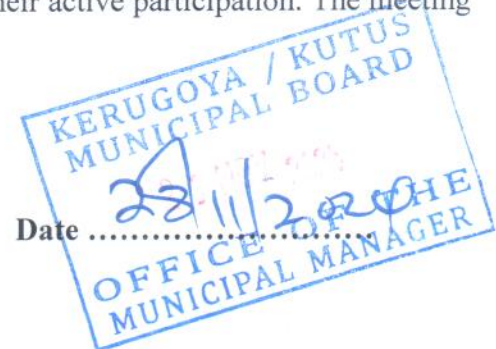
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MIN. 3/MUN/SEC/8/10/24: Any Other Business (A.O.B.)

The Municipal Manager, Paul Muchira thanked all the partipants for their inputs. The board chair adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m., thanking members for their active participation. The meeting was closed with a prayer by Jemimah Mugo.

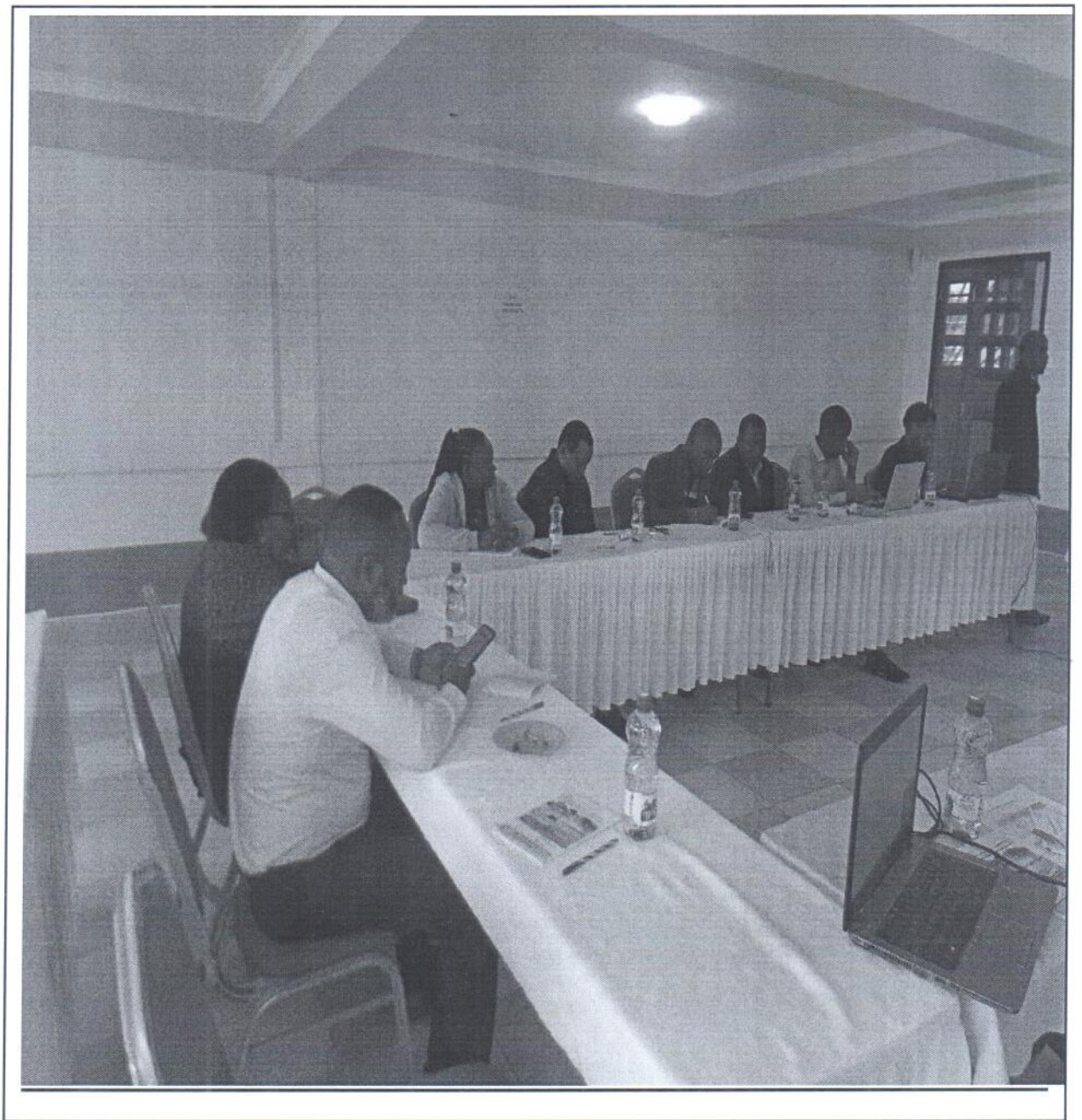
Paul M Muchira

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