MINUTES OF THE SECOND ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19TH JULY, 2025 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTER AT 11:37 HOURS.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

Lemmy .N. Masiye	:	Council Chairperson
Kellys Kulaunda	:	Deputy Council Chairperson :
Langson Mwansa	:	Councillor
Edwin Saini	:	Councillor
Vincent Maseka	:	Councillor
Moses Mangisha	:	Councillor
Isaac Kibunda	:	Councillor
Isuu Like	:	Councillor
Kelvin Mwenda	:	Councillor
Martin Nguvulu	:	Councilor
Danny Mponda	:	Councilor
George Hachilimwene	:	Councilor
Kenya Haggai	:	Councilor
Gibson Solochi	:	Councilor
Racheal Kayoya	:	Councilor
Wigan Kisulo	:	Councilor
Fred Mukelebai	:	Councilor
Fred Kabiki	:	Councillor

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Robbie Chitambo	:	Council Secretary
Mary Chiponge	:	Director Human Resource and Administration
Reuben .D. Mwandunga	:	Director Finance
Dr. Assan Tembo	:	Director of Livestock and Fisheries
Peter Maseka	:	District Agriculture Coordinator Officer
Patricia Ngoma	:	Chief Accountant
Lungowe Silishebo	:	Chief Administrative and Committee Officer
Hikomo Silubwa	:	Senior Legal Advisor
Amore Chilindi	:	Senior Legal Advisor
Edwin Banda	:	District AIDS Coordination Advisor
Evaristo Chungu	:	Community Development Officer
Vanessa Banda	:	Social Economic Planner
Chisambo Luzhendu	:	Social Economic Planner
Cynthia Chibwe	:	Environmental Planner
Hastings Kalolu	:	Architect
Granary Sikazwe	:	Internal Auditor
Gloria Chilapu	:	Administrative Officer
Lutangu Walusiku	:	Human Resource Officer
Darius Moono	:	Assistant Community Development Officer

	Brian Tembo	:	Fire Officer
	Mwanza S Fungameli	:	Data Entry Clerk
	Franklin Chanda	:	Fire Fighter Driver
	Nelson Ngimu	:	Council Police
	Natota Kaonga	:	Committee Clerk
	Previous Mwiinde	:	Assistant Committee clerk
COMMUNITY MEMBERS:			
	Kenny Kimena	:	Public
	Samuel Zulu	:	Pastor
	Patrick Kamongulu	:	Public

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, a national anthem was sung and a prayer was given By Councillor Langson Mwansa.

MTC/COUN/22/07/25: NOTICE OF MEETING

The Council Secretary read the Notice for the Ordinary Council Meeting in accordance with the Local Government Act No.2 of 2019 of the Laws of Zambia.

MTC/COUN/23/07/25: APOLOGIES

1. Mr. Masumba- Community Development

MTC/COUN/24/07/25: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On a proposal by Councillor Moses Mangisha and duly seconded by Councillor Vincent Maseka, it was **RESOLVED** that the agenda be **ADOPTED** with amendments if any.

MTC/COUN/25/07/25: DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The following members declared interest.

1. Councillor Kulaunda Kellys declared interest on Minute No. **MTC/PEDARE//07/25:**
2. Lemmy .N. Masiye declared interest on Minute No. MTC/PEDARE//07/25
3. Dr. Assan Tembo declared interest on Minute No. **MTC/PEDARE//07/25**

MTC/COUN/26/07/25: COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON COMMUNICATION

The Council Chairperson warmly welcomed all Heads of Government, representatives of Non-Governmental Organizations,

and members of the public to the Ordinary Council Meeting. He emphasized the significance of this gathering, as it serves as a platform to discuss the development agenda of Mufumbwe District. He expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Councillors who travelled long distances to attend, acknowledging their dedication to the district's progress.

The Chairperson extended sincere appreciation to the New Dawn Government for its continued commitment and consistency in disbursing funds under the *Cash for Work* program. He noted that this initiative has played a pivotal role in accelerating development and improving the quality of life in Mufumbwe District.

He further announced that the 2025 Constituency Development Funds (CDF) have been successfully disbursed. Projects under this funding have already commenced, with contractors having taken over their respective sites. The Chairperson acknowledged the significant impact of the CDF in transforming the district.

He also thanked the Government for the consistent release of the Equalization Fund, emphasizing that since the current administration took office, the Local Authority has received these funds without interruption. Moreover, he praised the Government's commitment to actualizing the decentralization policy, which has resulted in the devolution of key departments to the Local Authority. This has empowered the district to take ownership of its development agenda—a gesture for which he expressed deep appreciation.

Among the projects earmarked under the 2025 CDF is the maintenance and rehabilitation of all feeder roads in the district—a directive from the President himself. The Chairperson reported that approximately K3.2 million has been allocated for road works, including the rehabilitation of the Kalengwa–Kabipupu Road.

The Chairperson also commended the Government’s collaboration with cooperating partners, which has enabled Mufumbwe and other Local Authorities to benefit from the Zambia Devolution Support Program. Referring to a resolution from the previous Ordinary Council Meeting, he reminded management that the Devolution Support Grant was designated for the rehabilitation of the Mushima–Shingulu Road. He further noted that part of the 2024 Devolution Grant is being used to upgrade township roads, including those in Zone C, Chizela Ward, and the newly upgraded Kyawama Settlement. He extended gratitude to the Local

Authority for engaging the Zambia National Service (ZNS) to carry out these road works.

The Chairperson lauded the collaborative efforts between Council Management and Councillors, which enabled Mufumbwe Council to qualify for the Devolution Support Program under the World Bank. He proudly announced that Mufumbwe Town Council is set to receive K17 million, a substantial investment that will significantly boost the district's development.

Addressing infrastructure challenges, he acknowledged the long-standing issue of the construction of the district bus station. Although the Ministry of Local Government had disbursed K5 million for this project, its implementation faced several challenges. The Chairperson stressed the need for proper stakeholder engagement to resolve such delays and revealed that a new contractor had been appointed to complete the project. He expressed hope that the bus station would be completed before the end of the year.

Turning to matters of law and order, the Chairperson reiterated that illegal mining would not be tolerated in the district. He thanked the President of the Republic, Mr Hakainde Hichilema, for his leadership and emphasis on the importance of organized, legal mining practices aimed at protecting lives and livelihoods. He appealed to the police and the Ministry of Home Affairs and Internal Security to enforce the law and maintain order in the district.

He also raised concern over the sharp increase in commodity prices attributed to the ongoing gold rush. He urged the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission to intervene and protect local consumers, pointing out that not all residents were benefiting from the gold-related activities.

In conclusion, the Council Chairperson reminded all Honourable Councillors to observe the standing orders during council proceedings. He reiterated that no Councillor is permitted to debate more than three times on a single item. With these remarks, he officially declared the Ordinary Council Meeting open at **12:04 hours**.

MTC/COUN/27/07/25: **BREAK INTO A SPECIAL PLANS, ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT, AGRICULTURE AND REAL ESTATES COMMITTEE MEETING AT 12:48.**

Councillor Edwin Saini raised a concern on why his motion was not handled in the plans, Engineering, Development, Agriculture and Real Estates Committee Meeting when it was resolved in the previous ordinary council meeting that the motion be deferred to the next plans, Engineering, Development, Agriculture and Real Estates Committee Meeting.

On a proposal by Councillor Cassinda Kabondo and dully Seconded by Councillor Moses Mangisha it was resolved that;

PLANS, ENGINEERING, DEVELOPMENT, AGRICULTURE AND REAL ESTATES COMMITTEE MEETING BE HELD.

MTC/COUN/28/07/25: **REVERTS BACK TO THE ORDINARY COUNCIL AT 13:30 HOURS.**

On a proposal by Councillor Fred Mukelebai and dully Seconded by Councillor Vincent Maseka it was resolved that the House reverts back to the Ordinary Council.

MTC/COUN/29/07/25: **CONFIRMATION OF THE FIRST ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 31ST MARCH, 2025 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS CIVIC CENTER AT 10:49 HOURS.**

On a proposal by Councillor Edwin Saini and duly seconded by Councilor Wigan Kisulo it was;

RESOLVED

that the minutes of the First Ordinary Council Meeting held on Friday 31st March, 2025 minute no. **MTC/COUN/01/03/25-MTC/COUN/21/03/25** be confirmed and signed as a correct record of the First

Ordinary Council meeting proceedings.

At this juncture the council resolved itself into committees of the whole council in accordance with standing order number 13 on a proposal by Councillor Langson Mwansa and duly seconded by Councillor Gibson Solochi to allow the standing committees, to confirm their minutes. On a proposal by Councillor Wigan Kisulo and duly seconded by Councillor Moses Mangisha that the committee of the Council resolved back into the Council.

MTC/COUN/30/03/25: **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE FIRST ENVIRONMENTAL, HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 04TH JUNE,2025 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS CIVIC CENTER AT 10:40 HOURS.**

On a proposal by Councillor Rachel Kayoya and duly seconded by Councillor Cassinda Kabondo, it was;

RESOLVED

that the minutes of the first Environmental, Health and Social Services Committee Meeting held on 04th June, 2025 minute no. **MTC/EHSS//56/04/25 - MTC/EHSS/92/04/25** be confirmed, adopted and signed as a correct record of the Environmental Health and Social Services Committee Meeting.

MTC/COUN/31/07/25: **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SECOND AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16TH JULY, 2025 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS CIVIC CENTER AT 10:53 HOURS.**

On a proposal by Councilor Nguvulu Martin and duly seconded by Councillor Kibunda Isaac it was;

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Second Audit Committee Meeting Held On 16TH July, 2025 in the Council Boardroom Civic Center At 10:53 Hours. Minute no. **MTC/AUD/11/07/25- MTC/AUD/21/07/25** be confirmed and signed as true and correct record of the Second Audit Committee Meeting.

MTC/COUN/32/07/25: **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SECOND FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING**

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16TH JULY, 2025 IN THE COUNCIL BOARDROOM CIVIC CENTER AT 15:22 HOURS.

On a proposal by councilor Edwin Saini and duly seconded by Fred Kabiki it was;

RESOLVED

that the minutes of the Second Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 16th July,2025 in the Council Boardroom Civic Center minute no. **MTC/FGP/08/07/25- MTC/FGP/12/07/25** be confirmed and signed as true and correct record of the Second Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting.

MTC/COUN/33/07/25: **ADOPTION MINUTES OF THE SECOND PLANS, ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT, AGRICULTURE AND REAL ESTATES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 17THJULY, 2025 IN THE BOARDROOM AT 11:30 HOURS.**

On a proposal by councilor Gibson Solochi and duly seconded by Langson Mwansa it was;

RESOLVED

that the minutes of second Plans, Engineering Development, Agriculture and Real Estates Committee Meeting held on 17th July,2025 in the Civic Center Board Room no. **MTC/PEDARE/30/07/25-MTC/PEDARE/63/07/25** be confirmed and signed as a correct record of the minutes of the Second Plans, Engineering Development, Agriculture and Real Estates Committee Meeting.

MTC/COUN/34/07/25: **STAFF MATTERS**

a. TRANSFER IN

The Council Secretary informed the Council that the Local Government Service Commission had transferred the under listed officer from Mwandi Town Council as indicated in the table below;

S/N	NAME	POSITION	LOCAL AUTHORITY	SCALE	COMMENT
1	Silishebo Lungowe	Chief Administrative and Committee Officer	Transferred from Mwandi T own Council	LGSS/6	Same Capacity

b. PROMOTIONS

The Council Secretary informed the Council that, the Local Government Service Commission had appointed the following Officers to act on higher positions with the view of substantively promoting them.

S/N	NAME	POSITION	SCALE	COMMENT
1	Chisala John	Senior Human Resource Officer	LGSS/07	Previously held the Human Resource Officer position LGSS/08
2	Mwambazi Gilead	Chief Procurement and Supply Officer	LGSS/06	Up scaled with the new structure and previously held the Procurement Officer LGSS/07

c. APPOINTMENTS

The Council Secretary informed the Council that, the Local Government Service Commission had sent officers on the first appointment as indicated in the table below;

S/N	NAME	POSITION	SCALE	COMMENT

1	Ernest Samakayi	Civil Engineer	LGSS/07	First Appointment
2	Vanessa Banda	Socio Economic Planner	LGSS/07	First Appointment
3	Evaristo Chungu	Community Development Officer	LGSS/07	First appointment

It was resolved by the Council that; the report on Staff Matters be **NOTED.**

MTC/COUN/35/07/25: **IMPACT OF GOLD RUSH IN MUFUMBWE DISTRICT AND PROPOSED LOCAL AUTHORITY INTERVENTIONS**

The Council Secretary informed the Council that, the recent surge in gold mining activities in Mufumbwe District, particularly in areas like Kikonge, presented both opportunities and significant challenges. While the gold rush had brought some economic activity and potential for livelihoods, it had also led to a rise in unregulated artisanal mining, resulting in considerable social and environmental strain.

Impacts observed included:

- Increased illegal mining and associated risks: Reports of fatalities, lawlessness, and conflicts over mining sites were
- Growing, posing a significant threat to public safety and order.
- Environmental degradation: Uncontrolled mining practices often lead to deforestation, soil erosion, and potential water contamination due to the indiscriminate use of chemicals like mercury.
- Strain on local services: The influx of miners can overwhelm existing infrastructure and social services, including health facilities and housing.
- Loss of traditional livelihoods: Farmland and natural resources may be displaced or degraded, impacting local communities dependent on agriculture and other traditional activities.

Local Authority Interventions:

Mufumbwe Town Council management would want to adopt a multi-faceted approach to manage this phenomenon effectively. Key strategies included:

- ***Formalization and Regulation***: Work closely with the Ministry of Mines and Minerals Development to expedite the formalization of artisanal and small-scale miners through cooperatives. This would enable licensing, provide access to legal protections, and ensure adherence to safety and environmental standards.
- ***Community Engagement***: Establish a framework for equitable benefit-sharing with local communities. These included ensuring transparent processes for granting mining rights and empowering communities to participate in decision-making.
- ***Enhanced Security and Law Enforcement***: Collaborate with law enforcement agencies to curb illegal mining activities and maintain peace and order, while avoiding excessive force.
- ***Capacity Building***: Provide training for artisanal miners on responsible mining practices, occupational safety and health, and environmental protection.
- ***Diversification of Livelihoods***: Promote alternative economic activities to reduce over-reliance on mining and build more resilient local economies.

By implementing these measures, the Council can mitigate the negative impacts of the gold rush and harness its potential for sustainable development in Mufumbwe**.**

On a proposal by Councillor Langson Mwansa and dully seconded by Councillor Moses Mangisha it was;

RESOLVED

MANAGEMENT TO DO AN IMPACT ASSESSMENT ON HOW BEST THE GOLD MINE IN KIKONGE WILL BE APPROACHED AND LATER CALL FOR A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING.

MTC/COUN/36/07/25: **PARTICIPATION IN THE 62ND AGRICULTURAL AND COMMERCIAL SHOW IN SOLWEZI**

The Council Secretary informed the Council that, on Mufumbwe Town Council's participation in the 62nd Agricultural and Commercial Show held in Solwezi from July 11th to 13th, 2025. The Council's delegation attended the event with the primary objectives of showcasing local investment opportunities, promoting agricultural potential, fostering partnerships, and learning best practices. This year's agricultural and commercial show was under the theme "ADAPTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE."

The Council's involvement in the Solwezi Show aimed to:

- Promote Investment: Highlight the various investment opportunities available within Mufumbwe District, particularly in agriculture, mining, and tourism.
- Showcase Local Produce: Display Mufumbwe
- Agricultural strengths, including staple crops, livestock, and value-added products.
- Network and Collaborate: Engage with potential investors, government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and other local authorities to explore collaborative ventures.
- Learn and Adapt: Observe successful agricultural and commercial practices from other districts and learn innovative approaches applicable to Mufumbwe.

The Mufumbwe Town Council had a dedicated stand at the show, which served as a focal point for interaction. The stand displayed information on land availability, investment incentives, and showcased samples of local agricultural produce. Members of the delegation engaged in discussions with various stakeholders, including representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture, the Zambia National Farmers' Union, and private sector entities interested in rural development.

Key observations from the show included the strong emphasis on agricultural mechanization, value addition to raw materials, and the growing interest in sustainable farming practices. Several discussions revolved around the potential for joint ventures in agricultural processing and the development of local supply chains.

Mufumbwe Town Council's participation was largely successful in raising the profile of our district and initiating crucial dialogues.

It was recommended that the Council:

- Follows up diligently with all contacts made, particularly the potential investors.
- Integrate learned best practices into local agricultural development strategies.
- Explore opportunities for similar future participations in such shows to sustain promotional efforts.

  The Solwezi Agricultural and Commercial Show provided an excellent platform for Mufumbwe Town Council to market the district's potential and forge beneficial relationships. The insights gained and connections established will be instrumental in driving economic growth and development in Mufumbwe.

It was;

RESOLVED

The report on Participation In the 62nd Agricultural and Commercial Show in Solwezi be **NOTED**

MTC/COUN/38/07/25: MEETING ON DOCUMENT SECURITY EDUCATION IN LOCAL AUTHORITIES

The Council Secretary informed the Council that, a team from the Provincial Local Government Office held a successful meeting on "Document Security Education in Local Authorities in Northwestern Province" with Mufumbwe Town Council held on June 25, 2025, herein the Chamber. Various Heads of Departments were present, aimed at enhancing the security and integrity of official documentation across the Departments.

The primary objectives were to:

- Raise awareness about the critical importance of document security.
- Share best practices for protecting sensitive information.
- Discuss strategies for preventing data breaches, theft, and unauthorized access to official records.
- Equip participants with practical knowledge on secure document handling, storage, and disposal.

Key topics covered included physical document security, digital document protection (including basic cyber security principles), classification of sensitive information, and the legal implications of document mismanagement. Case studies of successful security implementations and common vulnerabilities were also presented.

The meeting was highly informative and well-received. Participants gained valuable insights into robust document security protocols, emphasizing the need for a systematic approach to information governance.

It is recommended that Mufumbwe Town Council:

- Conduct an internal assessment of its current document security practices.
- Develop and implement a comprehensive document security policy, incorporating principles learned from the meeting.
- Organize internal training sessions for all relevant staff to reinforce secure document handling procedures.

That proactive approach would significantly bolster the Council's ability to safeguard sensitive information, ensuring transparency, accountability, and compliance with data protection regulations.

It was;

RESOLVED

The report on Meeting on Document Security Education in Local Authorities Be **NOTED**

MTC/COUN/39/07/25: **CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON ALIGNMENT OF SUB-DISTRICT STRUCTURES FOR DEVOLVED ENVIRONMENT**

The Council Secretary informed the Council that, a selected number of Senior Management Offices attended the consultative meeting called upon by the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development held at G-Greens Lodge in Solwezi from June 23rd to 27th, 2025. The meeting focused on the crucial alignment of sub-district structures to facilitate an effective devolved environment within Northwestern Province. Mufumbwe Town Council was well-represented by key departmental officers.

The attendees included

The following officers from Mufumbwe Town Council attended:

- Community Focal Person (Department of Health Services)
- Social Welfare Officer (Department of Community Development)
- Livestock Assistant
- Senior Agriculture Officer
- Community Development Officer

The core objective of the meeting was to harmonize the operational frameworks of various line ministries at the sub-district level with the decentralized functions of local authorities. Discussions centered on improving coordination, streamlining service delivery, and empowering local communities in the context of devolution. Participants engaged in reviewing current structures, identifying bottlenecks, and proposing integrated approaches to ensure efficiency and responsiveness.

The meeting successfully fostered a shared understanding of the need for integrated service delivery and clarified roles within the devolved system. Key outcomes included recommendations for improved inter-departmental communication, joint planning, and resource sharing at the local level.

It was recommended that Mufumbwe Town Council:

- Establish an inter-departmental working group to implement the proposed alignment strategies.
- Conduct internal sensitization workshops for all relevant staff on the principles of devolution and integrated service delivery.
- Advocate for necessary policy adjustments to facilitate seamless integration of sub-district structures.

That would enhance the Council's capacity to deliver services more effectively under the devolved system.

It was;

RESOLVED

The report On Consultative Meeting on Alignment of Sub-District Structures for Devolved Environment Be **NOTED**

MTC/COUN/40/07/25: **MUFUMBWE TOWN COUNCIL QUALIFIES FOR ZDSP FUNDS (K17 MILLION)**

The Council Secretary informed the Council that, Mufumbwe Town Council had successfully qualified to receive funds amounting to approximately K17 million under the Zambia Devolution Support Programme (ZDSP). This significant achievement underscores the Council's commitment to decentralization and effective local governance.

The Zambia Devolution Support Programme was

A crucial government initiative, supported by the World Bank, aimed at strengthening the financial and institutional capacities of local authorities across Zambia. The qualification for these funds indicates that Mufumbwe Town Council had met the stringent eligibility criteria set by the programme, which often include sound financial management, transparency in operations, timely auditing, and a commitment to citizen participation.

The allocation of K17 million represents a substantial injection of resources that will directly support the Council's capital investment projects and enhance service delivery. This funding would enable Mufumbwe to address critical infrastructure gaps, implement community-driven development initiatives, and further empower local communities.

The receipt of these funds was a testament to the hard work and dedication of the Council staff. It is imperative that we now:

- Develop a robust plan for the judicious utilization of these funds, aligning with the ZDSP objectives and local development priorities.
- Ensure strict adherence to financial regulations and transparent reporting mechanisms.
- Communicate this success to our residents, outlining the planned projects and fostering community involvement.

This funding marks a pivotal moment for Mufumbwe, enhancing our capacity to drive sustainable development and improve the lives of our citizens.

It was;

RESOLVED

That the report on Mufumbwe Town Council

Qualifies for ZDSP Funds (K17 Million) Be **NOTED**

MTC/COUN/41/07/25: POLICY ON INFORMATION CIRCULATION AND AUTHENTICITY

The Council Secretary informed the Council on the critical importance of ensuring the authenticity and controlled circulation of official information originating from Mufumbwe Town Council. It clarifies the designated channels for releasing valid Council information to both internal and external stakeholders, aiming to prevent the dissemination of inaccurate or misleading communications.

That had been noted from members of the general public circulating information generated using AI dejecting certain services offered by the Local Authority to the general public in the case of CASH FOR WORK PROGRAM.

To maintain the integrity and credibility of all information released by Mufumbwe Town Council, it is hereby reaffirmed that only information disseminated by the following designated officers will be considered valid and official:

- Council Secretary
- Public Relations Officer
- Senior Management Officers

Any information not released directly by these specified individuals or their officially delegated representatives was to be considered

unofficial and potentially false. That policy was crucial for upholding transparency, preventing miscommunication, and safeguarding the Council's reputation.

That directive was critical for ensuring that residents, partners, and employees received accurate and consistent information. It minimizes the risk of rumors, misinformation, and unauthorized statements that could undermine the Council's operations or public trust.

All staff members are hereby advised to strictly adhere to that policy. Internal communication channels will be established to facilitate the efficient flow of verified information from the designated officers. The Council Management will take appropriate action against any individual found to be deliberately circulating unauthorized or false information.

It was;

RESOLVED

That the report on Policy on Information Circulation and Authenticity **Be NOTED**

MTC/COUN/42/07/25: **FINANCIAL LITERACY**

The Council Secretary informed the Council details of the successful financial literacy program conducted for all successful 2025 Constituency Development Fund (CDF) loan applicants. The program was held at Sante Comfort Lodge and facilitated by the Zambia National Building Society (ZNBS) in collaboration with the Planning Department.

The initiative aimed to equip beneficiaries with essential financial management skills, ensuring the prudent utilization and timely repayment of CDF loans. Key topics covered included budgeting, savings, debt management, and understanding loan terms and conditions. ZNBS representatives provided practical insights and answered individual queries, fostering a clear understanding of financial responsibilities.

Feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing increased confidence in managing their finances and investing their loans wisely. The program's interactive nature encouraged active participation and addressed specific concerns of the loan recipients. This financial literacy intervention is crucial for the sustainable impact of CDF projects in Mufumbwe and significantly contributes to the economic empowerment of our

community members. We believe this proactive approach will lead to higher loan repayment rates and ultimately enhance the overall success of the CDF program in Mufumbwe.

It was;

RESOLVED

That the report on Financial Literacy **Be NOTED**

MTC/COUN/43/07/25: MATTERS ARAISING

1) The Councillors were concerned that the number of recognized satellites by the Government in Mufumbwe District were not enough as equivalent to the number of farmers. Hence, making it difficult for the farmers to have where to sell their maize produce.
Response: In response the District Agriculture Coordinator Officer advised the Councillors that they could pass a resolution requesting Government to allow farmers to use mobile satellites to sale their maize in areas with no satellites.

After a lengthy discussion and on a proposal by Councillor Langson Mwansa and dully Seconded by Councillor Kenya Haggai it was resolved that;
A REQUEST BE MADE TO GOVERNMENT TO ALLOW MUFUMBWE TO USE MOBILE SATELLITES TO ALLOW FARMERS TO SALE THEIR MAIZE IN AREAS WITH NO SATELLITES SUCH AS NYANSOSO, MUSONWEJI, KAYUNDO, MISELELE, CHIZELA PALACE (NTONGO ARENA), SHUKWE, KAMAZOVU, LALAFUTA, KALAMBO AREA, SHIPANDANGA, MILUJI, LUMWE EAST AND KATOKA.

2. **MOSES MANGISHA**
Councillor Moses Mangisha raised concerns on the increase of illegal sell of fuel in Mufumbwe District which is a danger to the environment, people's cars and might cause fire to people's properties. He further added that the planning department should ensure that this is regulated as it is against the law to smuggle fuel.

3. In response: The Council Secretary responded by saying that, the local Authority with other stakeholders will engage with Mt Meru to advise them to stop selling Fuel to the black market instead they should prioritize motorists. He further added that notices will be published informing the public that illegal fuel being sold on the market will be confiscated.

4. **EDWIN SAINI**

   Councillor Edwin Saini raised concerns on the increase of illegal bars causing nuisance to the community in Matushi. He added that the office of the Health Inspector should do a patrol as most of these bars do not meet the criteria to operate.

5. **MTC/PEDARE/56/07/25 CULVERT CONSTRUCTION AND GRAVELING OF 15KM TOWNSHIP ROADS**.

The Councillors raised concerns on why the roads in the same area were picked and some other important roads were left out.

In response: The Architect guided that the funding came with guidelines to only work on the roads that were leading to public Government Facilities.

1. Kaodi to Chief Chizela's palace.
2. FRA road 1, road 2, road 3 and road 4.
3. Kalende to Kaodi via kafwebu road, and
4. Kiosiki No. 4 to Mufumbwe boarding secondary school via Mini hospital.

Furthermore, he stated that management had resolved to award the construction of started roads to Zambia National Service (ZNS). All the necessary processes had been done and the project is now at procurement stage.

On a proposal by Councillor Langson Mwansa and duly Seconded by Councillor Gibson Solochi it was;

RESOLVED

THAT ITEM 2 BE REPLACED WITH M8 TO KASHWILA ROAD.

MTC/COUN/44/07/25: **RECEIPT OF MOTIONS**

The Council Secretary informed the Council that he had received Motions from three (3) Councillors;

1. Edwin Saini- Matushi ward
2. Moses Mangisha- Kikonge Ward

He therefore asked the Councillors to move their motions.

1. COUNCILLOR EDWIN SAINI

It has been Observed that Access bank has not been helpful to the community members hence CDF applicants have been forced to go and open accounts with ZNBS, FNB and other banks in Solwezi. Some members have failed to access CDF programs because of failure to acquire bank accounts.

From the above reason that I raise my motion to suggest that our building being rented by Access bank be offered to other banks that may be effective in offering services to the community and enhance CDF programs.

On a proposal by Councillor Edwin Saini and duly seconded by Councillor by Councillor Langson Mwansa it was;

RESOLVED

THAT LET ACCESS BANK BE EVACUATED AND THE BUILDING BE GIVEN TO ANOTHER BANK.

A counter proposal by Councillor Moses Mangisha and duly seconded by Councillor Wigan Kisulo it was;

RESOLVED

THAT MANAGEMENT SHOULD ARRANGE A MEETING WITH THE BRANCH MANAGER OF ACCESS BANK REQUESTING THE BANK MANAGER FROM SOLWEZI TO BE IN ATTENDANCE SO THAT A SOLUTION CAN BE SOUGHT THAT WILL BENEFIT BOTH THE BANK

AND COMMUNITY BY 24TH JULY, 2025.

2. MOSES MANGISHA

I. The people of Kikonge ward through the WDC submitted a request through the office of the Council Secretary in September last year requesting for the electrifications of the market, unfortunately no response has been given.

II. The WDC through CDFC recommended for the construction of a maternity annex for Kikonge Health Post as for directive from the vice president that every center must have this facility, but it was short down by the committee. May I know why it was turned down?

On a proposal by Councillor Moses Mangisha and duly Seconded by Councillor Edwin Saini it was;

RESOLVED

THAT THE MOTION BE DEFERRED TO THE CDF COMMITTEE FOR FUNDING.

MTC/COUN/45/07/25: CLOSING REMARKS

The Council Chairperson expressed his sincere gratitude to everyone who attended the meeting, despite the challenges that were encountered. He extended special thanks to all the officers who remained present until the end of the meeting and emphasized the importance of maintaining unity and collaboration among all stakeholders.

With no further business to discuss, he wished everyone safe travels and officially declared the meeting closed at **19:23 hours**.

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COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON **DATE**