MPIKA DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE STAKEHOLDERS MEETING ON BUDGET REVIEW OF 2023 AND THE PERFOMANCE OF 2024 PROJECTION HELD ON 2ND DECEMBER 2023 AT NORTHEN ROCK HOTEL, MPIKA AT 09: 35 HOURS

Members Present;	Sydney Mwamulima	-	WDC Member Nachikufu Ward
	Makinsa Makusa	-	WDC Mutamba Ward
	Mwila James	-	WDC Member Nachikufu Ward
	Manda Charles	-	WDC Member Mukungwa
	Mwandila Justine	-	WDC Member Mukangwa
	Mwanga Geofrey	-	WDC Member Muchinga Ward
	Mutale Patricia	-	WDC Member Mutekwe Ward
	Bwalya Regina	-	WDC Member Lubambala
	Mukaka Geofrey	-	WDC Member Lubambala
	Mpepo Kelly	-	WDC Member Musakanya
	Malama Ernest	-	WDC Member Mutekwe Ward
	Kabwe Stephen	-	Mpika Town Council
	Chanda Marvelous	-	Mpika Town Council
	Kabwe Nicholas	-	Zambia Police
	Chanda Geoffrey	-	WDC Treasurer Mutamba Ward
	Mwamba Dominic	-	WDC Chishibesonde Ward
	Shephard Kangwa	-	WDC Member Chshibesonde
	Charles Mwape	-	ZNBS Manager
	Rodgers Ntumayo	-	DEBS
	Anelly Sakala	-	Social Welfare Officer

Ng'andu Mate	-	WDC **Member** Lwitikila Ward
Petronella Kalyoti	-	WDC **Member** Musakanya
Charles Chikoti	-	WDC **Member** Kapamba Ward
Simbaya Willard	-	WDC Member Mutamba Ward
Chibesa Chola	-	WDC **Member** Lwitikila Ward
Chikwanda Leviticus	-	WDC **Chairperson** Musakanya
Decca Sinyangwe	-	Mpika **Town Council**
Reuben Mukonde	-	Mpika **Town Council**
Lawrence Ngoma	-	Mpika Town Council
Martha Chikwanda	-	Mpika **Town** Council
Lushinga Chibuta	-	Council Treasurer
Mulenga Paul	-	WDC **Member** Musakanya
Mwape Richard	-	Mpika **Town Council**
Nanyangwe Chisha	-	WDC **Member** Musakanya
Allan Dumingo	-	Mpika FM
Beauty Kampamba	-(Recorder)	**Mpika** Town Council
Samuel Musenga	-	Council **Secretary**

- **OPENING PRAYER:**

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, a prayer was given by Mr Nicolas Kabwe from **Zambia** Police.

- **INTRODUCTIONS:**

Self-introductions were done accordingly

SHM/01/12/23: WELCOMING REMARKS

The Council Secretary welcomed everyone to the meeting and mentioned that as a Local Authority, they were required to invite the stakeholders to review the 2023

Budget performance and 2024 Budget projection so that they get inputs from them. He then encouraged everyone to participate freely and actively so that they could agree on things to implement in the year 2024.

SHM/02/12/23: PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET 2023

The Council Treasurer presented the review of the 2023 Budget and the 2024 Budget projection accordingly as **attached hereto**;

The following were the concerns:

- Mr Leviticus Chikwanda the Musakanya Ward development Committee Chairperson enquired whether the copies of the budget would be given to the members.

  The Council Secretary responded that the copies of the 2023 Budget review were available but the 2024 budget projection could not be distributed until approval by the ministry.

- Mr Willard also gave a concern about the bicycles which were to be distributed to the wards stating that council needed to make sure that they give out good standard bicycles unlike the ones they distributed last time.

  The Council Secretary noted the concern.

- Mr Leviticus Chikwanda further enquired if the council would involve the WDCs in the collection of revenue

  Mr Council Treasurer responded that the engagement of the WDCs was immediate because they were the ones closer to the community.

- The District Education Board Secretary also added that it was worrying that there were difficulties in the collection of revenue. He stated that there was need for the community to cooperate otherwise Council would not have the capacity to

empower the community. He further asked if there was any mechanism of making sure that the community was engaged.

He also gave a concern about the increment of charging fees on truck park from 20 to 30, he enquired if Council manages to collect from every truck seeing the number which park comparing to the money collected. He further enquired if they were maximising the collection.

The Council Treasurer responded that there was lack of man power and reliable transport for patrols nevertheless, a write up was done to engage the WDCs.

- Mr Wamulima, the WDC secretary from Nachikufu ward suggested that Council should contract people to help in the collection of revenue in far places where they could not manage to reach.
  He also suggested that the WDCs should be empowered with offices to make their work easier and professional

  The Council Secretary responded that WDCs should help identify agents in their areas to be engaged on commission basis.
  Further the Council Secretary promised that the offices for the WDCs would be constructed. He added that they were discussing with cooperating partners to help out in the construction of the offices.

- Further, Mr Mwandila gave a suggestion about the challenges with transport in the district stating that Council should take advantage and buy vehicles for public transport and raise funds to add up on revenue base for the Council.
  The Council Treasurer welcomed the idea and promised to discus with management and see the way forward.

- Mr Mwape the Zambia National Building Society Manager enquired if Council had some plans of extending the truck park seeing that the space was not enough to occupy larger number of trucks Mpika being a transit town.
  Mr Mwape also added that even though the fees were adjusted from K20 to K30, he thought the price was low so he suggested that they put it at K40 per truck.
  The Council Secretary responded that they had plans of extending the truck parking space and they have identified the area at weighbridge but the challenge was that it was sitting in the forest so they had engaged the government over the issue.
  For the truck parking fee, the Council Secretary conquered with Mr Mwape and suggested that it should be proposed to adjust the price of truck parking from K30 to K40 per truck.

- Mr Dumingo from Mpika FM also enquired if the trading licences were adjusted also in 2024.
  The Council Treasurer responded that as a Local Authority, they could not change the price of the trading licence because the charges are regulated by the government.

Mr Allan Dumingo also enquired on what measures had been put in place in terms of sanity at Tafique Truck Park.
In addition, Mr Nicholas Kabwe from Zambia Police suggested that Council should differentiate the fees of truck parking from the station and Tafique area being the undesignated place, the parking fees should be on a higher side so that it could act as a penalty for the drivers to stop parking there.

The Council Secretary welcomed the idea and suggested that the Truck parking fees at Tafique should be at K50.

The Council Secretary responded that at the moment, nothing was being done just waiting for the new truck park to be

operational and for the sanity part, he appealed to the stakeholders to just bear with them for the moment.

- Mr Willard WDC member Chishibesonde appealed to Council that they should be involving the WDCs in the sensitisation of the public on things concerning CDF and revenue collection. He also appealed for the identification Cards so that they are protected and identified by the members of the public.
  Mr Richard Mwape the environmental planner responded that they had taken note and promised to involve them in the activities concerning the community.

- On Rates, Mr Leviticus Chikwanda further appealed to council that before involving the bailiffs in the collection of rates, they should first inform the WDCs so that they help sensitising the community because he felt that council was being too hard on the people.

  The Council Treasurer agreed with the suggestion stating that WDCs were better placed because they were closer to the community.

- Mr Mwamba Dominic, gave a concern that they are not involved in the activities happening in their communities even when contractors are engaged in their area, they are not given any information so it becomes difficult for them to answer the questions asked by people in their communities.
  In response, the Council secretary assured the WDCs that they would be engaged going forward and the letters of introduction would be given to the contractors to present to the WDCs when engaged in their community.

CLOSING REMARKS

The Council secretary thanked all the members present and appreciated all their contributions. He assured them that all the issues discussed would be worked upon. Further, the Council secretary encouraged the house to work as a team so that they provide services to the people. He rendered the gratitude to the cooperating partner Local Impact for the support given and urged them to continue with the same spirit.

SIGNED BY: _____ **DATE:** _____ **DATE:** 08/12/23

CHAIRPERSON