



**MINUTES OF THE STAKEHOLDERS' (GENERAL PUBLIC) CONSULTATION MEETING ON A PROPOSED CANE LEVY BY-LAW HELD AT LUSUMPUKO HALL, MAZABUKA, ON THURSDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2024 AT 14:00 HOURS**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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| 1. Mr. Mweemba Falantino  | - | Chairperson                 |
| 2. Mr. Kambulu Japhet     | - | Vice Chairperson            |
| 3. Ms. Lindunda Ireen     | - | Member                      |
| 4. Mr. Mphande Samuel     | - | Member                      |
| 5. Ms. Mwase Lennia       | - | Member                      |
| 6. Ms. Choongo Rachael    | - | Member                      |
| 7. Mr. Namalongo Brian    | - | Member                      |
| 8. Mr. Tezelele Jonah     | - | Member                      |
| 9. Ms. Nzazi Ruth         | - | Member                      |
| 10. Mr. Nthele Limbikani  | - | Member                      |
| 11. Mr. Habwacha Shadreck | - | Member ( <b>Secretary</b> ) |

**IN ATTENDANCE**

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| 1. Ms Mazunda Edwina | - | Director of Legal, Sitting for the Town Clerk/ <b>Ex Officio</b> |
| 2. Mr Phiri Shadreck | - | Legal Assistant  |

**STAKEHOLDERS' ATTENDANCE LIST**

The attendance list of the stakeholders is herewith attached as appendix "A"

**AGENDA**

- Opening prayer
- Introduction
- Welcoming remarks
- Brief background of Business Regulatory Review Agency (BRRA)
- Presentation
- Concerns by the Stakeholders
- Closing remarks
- Closing prayer

**OPENING PRAYER**

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting, Mr. Msusa Thomas, the community member gave an opening prayer.

## INTRODUCTION

Self - introductions were conducted in accordance with the Meeting Agenda.

## WELCOMING REMARKS BY THE ACTING TOWN CLERK

The Acting Town Clerk welcomed everyone to the Meeting; she informed the stakeholders that, the Meeting was called to consult them as the Council was in the process of revising the Cane levy.

The Council was engaging stakeholders in line with the Business Regulatory Act which guided that, whenever the public body wished to formulate or revise a law, the stakeholders were to be consulted.

She advised members to participate freely as it was their Meeting. She promised them that all their concerns, views, proposals and questions were going to be considered and addressed.

She thereafter requested the presenter to give a briefly background on the Business Regulatory Review Agency.

**MMC/RIA/ADHOC/16/07/24:**

### **BRIEF BACKGROUND OF BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW AGENCY**

The presenter explained that, the Business Regulatory Review Agency (BRRRA) was established under the Business Regulatory Act No. 3 of 2014 and operated under the Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry. Its mandate was to create conducive business environment that looked at various economic activities and also to approve Regulatory Impact Assessment Reports (RIA) on proposed policies, laws and regulatory frameworks. He informed the stakeholders that, any formation or review of the law was supposed to be approved by the BRRRA before implementation.

Thereafter;

The brief background of Business Regulatory Review Agency (BRRRA) was **NOTED**.

**MMC/RIA/ADHOC/17/07/24:**

### **MAIN PRESENTATION**

The main Presentation which formed part of these minutes is attached as Appendix "B"

The presentation was as follows;

- i. Problem definition and baseline
- ii. Setting objectives
- iii. Identification of options
- iv. Comparisons of cost and benefits of options

v. Recommendation of best option

The stakeholders also heard that, during an economic Regulatory Impact Assessment, it was discovered that growth and development for Mazabuka District was through Cane out Growers within the district. It was also mentioned that Cane was the main economic activity that Mazabuka was proudly known.

**After a presentation,**

The stakeholders raised the following concerns to the Council to put into consideration that;

There should be someone monitoring the tonnages,

The money to be collected should cause impact to Mazabuka District

It was an unfortunate situation that, the Local Authority had gone to sleep and continued collecting a 30 Ngwee for that long, mean time had an alternative of improve its revenue, among the upwards adjustment of Cane levy.

It was at that point when the stakeholders had subsequent proposal of K200, K300 and K1, 000, and thereafter a voting, K200 was **APPROVED**.

**CLOSING REMARKS**

The Acting Town Clerk appreciated the concerns raised by the stakeholders and more sincerely that they have heard the proposal of the Local Authority which was eager to take developments to all parts of the District.

There being no any other business to transact, the Meeting was declared closed with a prayer given by Mr Namalongo Brian, the Chief Housing Officer, at 16:40 hours



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Mweemba Falantino (Mr)  
**CHAIRPERSON**



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**DATE**