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United Scrap Metal Dealers & Waste Reclaimers

NAKURU COUNTY

NOTICE FOR A MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the United Scrap Metal Dealers & Waste Reclaimers will be held on 5th March, 2025 at Rift Valley Sports Club - Nakuru City.

The meeting will commence at 10:30 a.m.

All members are requested to attend and be punctual.


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MINUTES OF THE NAKURU CITY MANAGEMENT MEETING WITH NAKURU UNITED SCRAP METAL DEALERS AND WASTE RECLAIMERS, HELD ON 5TH MARCH 2025 AT 10:30 AM AT THE RIFT VALLEY SPORTS CLUB IN NAKURU

MEMBERS PRESENT

[List of Attendees of The Meeting is Attached Below].

AGENDA

1. Reading and confirmation of the previous meeting
2. Matters arising
 - Vandalization of Public Infrastructure
 - Proposed Actions
 - Questions & Answers
3. A.O.B
4. Conclusion

Minute 1: Reading and Confirmation of the Previous Meeting	
Opening Remarks	The meeting kicked off with brief introductions from the members. Kiogora Muriithi, City Environment Director introduced the meeting and the agenda on the issue of vandalism of public infrastructure and critical public assets. He welcomed the City Manager, as well as the new members to the meeting.
Minute 2: Matters Arising	
i. Vandalization of Public Infrastructures	

The City Manager pointed out that public infrastructure theft has grown progressively worse as manhole covers and street lights, road signage, guardrails alongside other assets are stolen. The vandalism creates safety risks while delaying development work since it interrupts vital infrastructure services and stops important construction activities within the county at large.

He emphasized the role of scrap metal dealers, who are often the first point of contact for those attempting to sell stolen items. It is crucial for dealers to be vigilant in identifying and rejecting stolen goods to prevent further damage to public infrastructure and support the city's ongoing development. The meeting serves not only to identify instances of illegal vandalism but also to reinforce compliance with existing laws and discuss practical measures to prevent the trafficking of stolen public infrastructure.

The placement of the guardrail at the medical pedestrian overpass by United Scrap Dealers and Nakuru Waste Collectors was noted as a commendable action, demonstrating a positive example of collaboration in safeguarding public infrastructure.

- **Unlicensed Traders and Compliance Issues**

The Association's Discipline Master highlighted lack of proper licensing for some traders in the market has increased illegal trading and vandalism, leaving genuine traders unfairly blamed when vandalism occurs. This situation damages the image of the association.

Additionally, the high initial cost of license fees places a strain on compliance, making it difficult for some dealers to meet regulatory requirements while remaining in business. These issues underscore the need for more balanced licensing practices to ensure fairness for legitimate traders.

- **Insufficient Enforcement and Corruption in the Justice System**

It was added, the existing protective measures have proved ineffective to stop people holding stolen or illegal metal assets. Too many offenders who face conviction fail to suffer appropriate punishment after their release. The ineffective handling of prosecutions serves as another problem due to suspected coordination between officials of authority and corrupt law offices that obstructs the legal system. The lack of accountability for offenders has two negative effects: it continues the pattern of criminal metal theft while at the same time it damages public confidence in both legal institutions and their ability to secure essential public assets.

- **Regulatory Violations**

There have been instances of scrap metal traders failing to comply with signage regulations meant to distinguish licensed operators. These violations make it harder to identify legitimate traders, complicating enforcement efforts and enabling illegal activities to persist within the industry

- **Involvement of Some Welders**

It was reported that some welders are complicit in these activities, with stolen items, such as window frames from a house in Barnabas, being sold in the market. This highlights the role of certain individuals in fueling the cycle of theft and vandalism.

ii. PROPOSED ACTIONS

Members proposed multiple essential steps to handle the continuing issue of public property vandalism during their meeting. The action include:

i. Manhole Design Modification

The scrap dealers proposed the revise manhole designs to incorporate unique identifiers, making it easier to trace stolen covers when presented to dealers. The identification would easily distinguish genuine items from those acquire by illegal acts. Either by number imprints on metals or special unremovable color coating or use of fiber man-holes which are not sellable to market.

The Manager highlighted that the city is already moving towards the use of concrete manholes, with new design modification aimed at enhancing the identification of public assets and preventing further theft. The changes will help ensure better security and traceability of manhole covers.

ii. Registered Trader Listing and Monitoring

It was proposed for the industry to have a thorough database of official dealers for tracking. Creating a registry, would improve the ability to track stolen metals by allowing officials to monitor only authorized businesses operating as scrap metal dealers. A strict monitoring during registration ensures legal compliance through the vetting process while enhancing transparency to decrease illegal trading activities.

iii. Installation of Streets Lights and CCTV surveillance

It was noted the lack of street lights and CCTV in some areas would increase the cases.

It was agreed identification of dark posts around the city so quick measure to be taken towards installations of streetlights even within the neighborhoods in the city, to encourage security and smooth operation of businesses.

iv. Public Awareness Campaign and Hotline Reporting

It was proposed to launch a public awareness campaign aimed at educating the public about the illegality of removing metals from public infrastructure, highlight the importance of public infrastructure, safety risks, legal consequences, and the negative impact on community development caused by such actions.

In addition to the campaign, there will be direct hotline service established for reporting violations, providing a direct and anonymous way for citizens to report suspicious activities related to metal theft. Encourage community participation in safeguarding public assets and support law enforcement in taking swift action against offenders.

The City Manager added that there would be collaboration on creating advertisements through posters and billboards to raise awareness. Additionally, a dedicated phone line will be set up, providing an easy and direct way for the public to report violations

iii. QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

• Handling of Reporting Cases at Police Stations:

A question was raised regarding the practice of police officers requesting individuals to write their names when reporting a case at the police station. Concerns were raised about how this might affect the seriousness of the case, as it could appear less significant when the report is made by an individual rather than the government.

In response, the City Manager clarified that, to address this issue, reports should be written as though the government is officially reporting the case. This approach ensures that the case is taken more seriously and handled with the appropriate level of attention by authorities.

- **Handling Threats of Abuse or Arrest by Enforcement Officers:**

A question was raised about how to handle situations where an individual faces threats of abuse or arrest by enforcement officers, especially when they believe the accusations are unjust or they are being wrongly targeted.

In response, the City Manager advised that in such cases, the individual should immediately contact the Manager if they are not guilty of the charges being imposed. The Manager emphasized that the matter would be addressed promptly, ensuring that any wrongful treatment or abuse by enforcement officers is investigated and rectified.

Minute 3: Any Other Business (AOB)/Way Forward

The Manager highlighted the importance of identifying damaged or inoperable vehicles for proper disposal as scrap. This initiative aims to free up space and provide other advantages by ensuring that such vehicles are correctly processed and removed in accordance with regulations.

- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU): A draft MOU for association will be shared between the County Assembly and Nakuru City Board
- Members agreed on planning, allocating date and forwarding of letters to representatives for a joint meeting with all stakeholders, waste collectors, government agencies and the scrap metal association to foster collaboration in addressing the issue and way forward.

Minute 4: Conclusion

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:42 PM with a word of prayer.

For Confirmation

Chairman:

Sign

Date

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12/3/25

Secretary:

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12.3.2025

Action Points Summary:

1. Revise manhole designs.
2. Compile a list of licensed scrap metal dealers.
3. Launch public awareness campaigns
4. Set up a dedicated hotline for reporting violations.
5. Install CCTV in strategic locations.
6. Enhance street lighting in dark spot/vulnerable areas.
7. Finalize and distribute the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
8. Organize a comprehensive stakeholder meeting with dealers, waste collectors, and relevant stakeholders.
9. Implement a labeling system for public infrastructure metals.



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ATTENDANCE SHEET FOR NAKURU CITY BOARD AND NAKURU SCRAP METAL DEALERS ASSOCIATION

DATE: 5th MARCH 2024

VENUE: RIFT VALLEY SPORTS CLUB

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