**SPEECH DELIVERED BY THE PRESIDENT**

**ASSOCIATION OF RESIDENTS OF FCDA OWNER OCCUPIERS HOUSING ESTATE, KUBWA SATURDAY, 5TH OCTOBER, 2024.**

Fellow Residents,

I am delighted to stand before you today and address you after 2½years of service, the Service that we all know in our constitution as selfless.

I will like to express our sincere appreciation to the entire residents for their unwavering support. You gave us the wings to fly and we say thank you.

It's highly imperative to recognise the resilience of this present EXCO members who have undoubtedly exhibited strong doggedness and commitment towards the development of this estate. They have shown good exemplary qualities of leadership that cumulated in the progress we have seen.

We made sure before every kobo is spent, memo must be initiated, checked and approved. We have documented all our spendings right from inception to date. Equally, all our correspondences are fully compiled and will be handed over to the incoming EXCO for continuity.

The high sense of prudency and accountability exhibited cannot be quantified or measured with the immediate past administration. We have enough evidence to show on how monies were withdrawn without due process. Printed copy of statement of account from the Bank within the period of their tenure showed an indiscriminate withdrawals without backup reasons.

The general house has every right to ask questions on what was done with their money. For example, one hundred thousand naira (N100,000) was withdrawn a day to our election which was not accounted and several others more.

Immediate past EXCO were lavishly conducting meetings with pepper soup and drinks from the Association's account.

During our tenure, we made sure that trend is not only rebuffed but cancelled. We encouraged EXCO meetings refreshment to be sponsored by any member hosting the meeting from his private purse if necessary.

This spirit was upheld due to our belief that we would be held accountable before our creator for every penny entrusted on us.

It will interest you to know that no single document was handed over to us except residents list and cheque book, and even that was after about 3months of much persuasions. We had to source for money elsewhere to run the estate.

Fellow residents, despite all odds, we are proud to have achieved lots within our 2½ year tenure which we can all testify.

Few amongst others were repair of one of our transformers, recovery of more feeder lines which enhanced the electricity current and stabilized fluctuating voltage.

Improvement in the area of security by branding our security guards, introducing access control, installation of CCTV surveillance cameras at all the exit gates and some locations. Every flat is numbered for easy identification.

We have constructed speed bumps to control reckless driving in and outside the estate for the safety of our residents.

It was during our time, the Association got registered with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC). Provision of optic fiber cable network where residents have access to high speed and unlimited internet connection. Provision of solar street light at the three main exit points of the estate. Banning of scavengers and trade by butter from the estate who hitherto poses security threat to residents. Screening and limiting access to artisan (tailors/shoe shiners). Establishment and maintenance of badminton court and children football pitch. Weekly evacuation of refuse by waste management company. Periodic trimming/maintenance of grass and flowers within and outside estate. Snake fumigation of the entire estate which resulted in catching of about 70 snakes.

Construction of befitting security gate house and demolition of the old batcher. Construction of security barrier and pedestrian slide to control movement of visitors and secure residents property. Creating of website for the estate. Creating resident’s database and centralised WhatsApp group for effective communication and harmonious relationship between residents. Renovation of the estate perimeter fence and installation of barbe wire. We have established cordial relationship within our community particularly Dutse Alhaji police Division, FCDA primary/junior secondary school and unfenced estate.

We have constantly been cleaning the gutter and streets within and outside the estate.

The estate’s two (2) main gates were an eyesore but with your full support, we are happy to have constructed gates that befit the estate.

Finally, the court case instituted by Joe Odoh against the Association and myself is ongoing and we strongly believe the judgement will be in our favour.

Thank you and God bless.

**Aminu Ahmed**

*President*

**MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON THE 14TH SEPTEMBER, 2024 AT FCDA OWNER OCCUPIER HOUSING ESTATE PHASE 1 KUBWA, ABUJA.**

**AGENDA**

* **REVIEW OF THE ESTATE’S CONSTITUTION.**

The meeting started at 9.30am with opening prayer by Mohd Namir of C3A flat 1.

The President who presided the meeting emphasized on the main reason which is to review the constitution and to be adopted by the members present for the meeting. He further read the previous Constitution line by line. Some Clauses was removed and while new one was also added which form part of the decisions agreed upon. Some were as follows:

1. Replacement of zones, areas to be replaced and address as Block A, B and C.
2. The Aims and Objectives of the Association was increased to Ten (10) as against the ones stated in the old Association Constitution.
3. The Association shall hold its meeting Three (3) times in a year so as to foster more familiarity among members of the Residents.
4. Members present for the meeting also agreed that Ad-hoc Committee members should be constituted by the General House (Resident) not the Exco.
5. There shall be no Zonal meetings expect one General Meeting in the Estate.
6. The quorum for emergency or general meetings shall be Twenty (20) Person not 40% as stated in the old Constitution
7. The quorum for Ad-hoc Committee shall be 1/4 of the appointed members not 2/3 as previously stated.
8. For the purpose of any election in the estate, the appointment of one (1) person each shall be selected from Block A, B and C respectively as electoral officer.
9. The President shall represent the Association at any meetings and any other engagement outside the Estate
10. It was also agreed by members present for the meeting that the tenure of office of elected Officer shall hold office for a period of 4years not 3years as previously stated in the drafted Constitution.
11. Where an office is vacant as a result of death, resignation or pass of vote of no confidence a meeting shall be held within a reasonable time to elect a person to the vacant position.
12. Service charge can be paid Monthly, Quarterly, Biannually or Annually.
13. The Residents has the right on Civil matter to seek for redress in the court
14. The Board of Trustees shall hold the Office for Four (4) years and can be re-elected for another period at the general meeting
15. Members present for meeting also agreed that the duties and functions of the Board of Trustees shall be stated in the Constitution
16. It was also agreed that members of the Board of Trustees shall be:
17. The President,
18. The Secretary and
19. Any three (3) members elected from of Block A, B and C.

Finally, Mr. John Akpoga moved the motion for the adoption of constitution and was seconded by Alh Rilwanu Halliru Wala.

Closing prayer by Chief Vitalis Egemba.

The meeting ended by 11.00am.

**APOLOGY**

1. Monye Anita
2. Nkiru C. Osisioma
3. Shola Aina
4. Vincent
5. Lucy Gordon – Mmeo
6. Chief Emeka Ozioko

**ATTENDANCE**

1. Aminu Ahmed
2. Timothy. O. Akano
3. Ahmad Abdullahi.A
4. Nwafor S. C
5. Shehu Aminu
6. Chigbo Fortune N
7. Ahmed D. Saleh
8. Muhammad Nameer Rabin
9. John Odepe
10. Abdulyayib Sheidu
11. Jakon
12. Chike Uwakolwam
13. Egemba Vitalis
14. Nseobong Bassey
15. Dare Ogungbamiwa
16. Mustapha Yakasi
17. Rilwan Haliru Wala
18. Isah Mustapha Alkali
19. Orakwe Eucharia
20. Steve
21. Oluoha B E
22. Joseph A. Adjoh
23. Timothy Mato
24. Christopher Ameh
25. Edo J. Akpoga
26. S. B Lawal
27. Stephen Omaafi
28. Ifeanyi Abraham