

# RESTORE-A-ROAD LAUNCH

## NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH, 12 April, 2018

### Quick facts:

- The attendance register recorded 138 attendees
- Distinguished guests included Eng. J Juma, Technical Director, Zinara and Eng. I Chawatama, Director of Works, City of Harare.
- A number of candidates standing for election as councillors and members of parliament, attended, representing MDC, POVVO, ZANU-PF and as independents.

**Pastor Sean Mullens** opened the meeting with a prayer at 6pm.

### **Councillor Rusty Markham (Ward 18):**

- Welcomed distinguished guests from Zinara, City of Harare, and others
- Advised the meeting there will be a Q&A session after presentations

### Opening remarks from **Sean Quinlan of Road Users Association:**

For the benefit of those who had not heard of RUA, Mr Quinlan explained that RUA was made up of volunteers, and formed to protect motorists and engage ZRP during the roadblocks-era. He stated as the roadblocks ended on 15 November, 2017, RUA now has two areas of focus, namely a) bad driving, particularly by unregulated and out of control public transport operators, and b) the state of the countries road networks.

Mr Quinlan outlined the purpose of the public meeting is for residents to understand:

- The roles of the key player's in the cities road infrastructure, namely Zinara and City of Harare.
- How to upgrade their local roads, with the support of RUA, Zinara and City of Harare.

**Jacque Anderson of Miracle Missions**, presented her concept of "Communities Working Together":

Using a Powerpoint presentation, Mrs Anderson explained the process of repairing potholes, using the experience gained working with residents in Chisipite.

### **Presentation by Zinara representative:**

Eng. Juma explained that Zinara is a corporate body and its core business, in consultations with the Minister of Transport, Communication and Infrastructural Development is fixing road user charges and collect such charges or any other revenue of the road fund. They don't fix roads themselves but get support from local councils. Zinara is also responsible for maintaining roads in the rural areas. Vehicle license fees and toll gates are the main source of funding.

Eng. Juma listed the principal roads in Harare that are scheduled to be repaired. With COH they have goals for 2018. \$18 million was given for new equipment by government.

### **Presentation by CoH representative:**

Eng. Chawatama detailed CoH's budgets and constraints, as well as plans to reduce unnecessary wear and tear of the cities roads. He emphasised the close working relationship with Zinara, and the city's reliance on funding from Zinara.

Jacque Anderson thanked Messrs Juma and Chawatama, and summarised the RUA, Zinara and City of Harare's positions.

Mrs Anderson confirmed the meeting action points, and the commitments made by Zinara and CoH, and share communication methods - reference to [www.rua.org.zw](http://www.rua.org.zw) and contact numbers.

**Q&A Session**, chaired by Cllr Markham.

Sean Quinlan closed the meeting, by adding his thanks to Messrs Juma and Chawatama, noting it is refreshing to have representatives of the State honour their acoomitment, and attend this public forum.

Road champions are reminded to register their interest, stating which road/area they will be restoring. A personalised RUA Restore-a-Road logo will be provided by Pastor Mullens.

The final message from Mr Quinlan is that City of Harare is administered by councillors. If residents feel service delivery can be improved by City of Harare and all councils across the country, we should all pay close attention to the candidates standing for election in 2018, in our wards.

The meeting closed at 7:40pm.