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COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

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The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 2.30 p.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Patrick Waigwa) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

STATEMENTS

TENTATIVE HOUSE BUSINESS

Hon. Peter Matunge: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. According to Standing Order No.45 (2) (a), I wish to read the notice paper.

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order Paper for Tuesday (afternoon) 9th March, 2021.

a. PAPERS- Report of the Auditor General on the financial statements of the County Executive of Laikipia for the year ended 30th June, 2017 laid on 27th February, 2019 by the Public Accounts and Investments Committee.

b. NOTICES OF MOTIONS- Report of the Auditor General on the financial statements of the County Executive of Laikipia for the year ended 30th June, 2017 laid on 27th February, 2019 by the Public Accounts and Investments Committee.

c. MOTION- Report of the Auditor General on the financial statements of the County Executive of Laikipia for the year ended 30th June, 2016 laid on 17th November, 2018 by the Public Accounts and Investments Committee.

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order Paper for Wednesday (Morning) 10th March, 2021.

a. Response statement No. 015/2020 to the Chairperson Public Accounts and Investments Committee (Hon. Stephen Ndiritu) from the Nominated Member of the County Assembly (Hon. Peter Matunge) raised on the 5th August, 2020 pertaining to 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 financial year pending bills.

b. BILL- Second Reading of the Laikipia County Finance

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order Paper for Wednesday (afternoon) 10th March, 2021.

a. Response Statement No. 018/2020 to the Chairperson Finance and County Planning Committee (Hon. Joseph Kiguru,) from the Member of the County Assembly

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representing Marmanet Ward (Hon. Simon Kanyutu,) raised on 17th June, 2020 pertaining to grabbed public land in Maili saba Area, Thiru Trading Centre.

b. MOTION- Report of the Auditor general on the financial statements of the County Executive of Laikipia for the year ended 30th June, 2017 laid on 27th February, 2019 by the Public Accounts and Investments Committee.

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order Paper for Thursday (afternoon) 11th March, 2021.

a. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE- the Laikipia County Finance Bill, 2020 by the Finance and County planning Committee.

b. BILL- The Laikipia County Finance Bill, 2020 by the Finance and County Planning Committee (Third Reading).

So Mr. Speaker, those are the tentative businesses for next week and I hope that the responsible committees and Chairpersons have taken note of that. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Peter Matunge. It is important for the Members to note that so that if you have got any business that is coming up on those dates then it is important either as Chair or a Committee Member to ensure that the business is dispensed in this House. If you have requested for a statement here, for example the statement which was been raised by Hon. George Karuiru and the Chair for Trade responded a week ago and yet we are not yet finished with that simply because at times some of us are not present. Therefore, it is important to make sure that we note that so that we are available in those days.

MOTION

STATUS OF STADIA AND PLAYING FIELDS REPORT

Hon. George Karuiru through Hon. Chris Mark: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Before I proceed, I wish to commend the HBC for coming up with such tentative information. We had asked for this in 2018 and 2019 because it always guides us and now people are prepared for next week. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move the following motion;

THAT this Assembly adopts the status of stadia and playing fields in the County Report by the Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services Committee dated 25th February, 2021.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Chairperson of this committee Hon. George Karuiru I wish to go through this report briefly because we all have it on the tables and I believe that the Members have got this information. The Committee is comprised of the following members;

- Hon. George Karuiru - Chairperson
- Hon. Christopher Mark - Vice Chairperson
- Hon. Joseph Suge - Member
- Hon. Irene Wachuka - Member

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- Hon. Stephen Ndiritu - Member

Therefore, I will just go directly to the committee's observations because most of the other things are usually known to the Members like the mandate of the committee. On Nyahururu, the Nyahururu Stadium as you can see there is located in Nyahururu Town and it is accessed for public functions, friendly tournaments and matches. During the visit the Members observed several friendly tournaments taking place until daybreak. Some of the matches included athletics, volleyball and basketball. The committee made the following observations;

1. The main gate leading to stadium is in poor condition.
2. There was no security guard to man the main gate thus posing a great security risk to the existing players.
3. At the entrance there is a tree that is dangerously hanging on the electricity lines that needs to be uprooted.
4. The current chain link fence is incomplete and it promotes hooliganism during any event within the stadium.
5. At the back end of the stadium there is an emergency exit point that has been completely sealed off by a trader who has put up a shop. The shop should be demolished to pave way for a proper exit point in the event of an emergency.
6. The players changing room, stores and the toilets are all in poor condition and need to be redone.
7. The volleyball tracks are worn out and need to be refurbished.
8. There is need to purchase field equipment and accessories for the players as they carry their own e.g. volleyball balls, discus, shot put, javelin, basket balls and field nets.
9. The existing football posts need to be replaced as they are old and worn out.
10. Floodlights should be installed to provide lighting within the stadium.
11. The public shades are dilapidated and need to be redone.
12. Proper drainage channels need to be done to prevent flooding that occurs in the event of a heavy downpour. The zonal games competition are usually held in this stadium but they did not kick off as most parts of the field had flooded. This also led to loss of revenue as the participating teams usually pay a fee to the county.

In short, what we are trying to say is that a stadium is a place where good and healthy environment is needed because if there are no toilets or working toilets then it means that even the payers lack good environment. Nyahururu has got a lot of athletic tourists who usually come there to train and if this stadium is in good condition, then I believe that even the revenue

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can be increased because they want to feel safe when they come there. Some of them are even international athletes who come with very expensive gears and tracksuits and there is nobody to man the gates.

You can see the picture on number 7 on the main gate. It needs to be replaced because it has even rusted. There is also a tree there and you can see how it is hanging dangerously and can lead to a very hazardous environment. I think that the last time the dais was painted was in 1997 during a KANU meeting because as you can see it is very old. You can see the place where people are supposed to be watching the game from because it is not even conducive.

On page 9, what is painted pink there is supposed to be a changing room and you can imagine if we are hosting a serious tournament, the embarrassment that can befall a big county like ours. You can see the youth engaging in a volleyball tournament. Those people who play volleyball like Hon. Kiguru, I'm sure that he would not be comfortable playing here because that is not the standard of a volleyball playing area. The same goes on like you can see on some section of the stadia, there is even mud. I think that is supposed to be a long jump practicing area which looks like a swamp and can even lead to injury to those people who are practicing there. The grass is uncut and unkempt.

Finally, in number 11 you can see part of the ablution block which requires a complete overhaul. In fact, the sewage line there was in poor condition and there was no proper working sewerage. We then came to Nanyuki stadium which is located in Nanyuki town and covers approximately 20 acres, though it has been encroached by private developers.

There was a time when one of our Members here who is also a colleague in this Committee was put in remand because he was fighting for this same stadium. You can see that there was serious encroachment of the 20 acres. In fact, when we were told where the track ends and where there used to be space, we could see a lot of buildings that need to be checked because people have grabbed that land.

The changing room has five rooms which are all placed behind the visitors' dais. Construction of a septic tank is ongoing. The second dais does not have an exit gate at the back because grass has encroached.

On page 13 we found that one ongoing. That was the new changing rooms, toilets and what have you. But we found the windows were already vandalized and people were already stealing them. We, however, thought it was good progress. At least something was being done for people to have a changing place.

You can see number 14. That building there with five floors is a residential area, a flat and is built on the stadium. We can ascertain this because a map was brought to us and we could see where the stadium used to be. That is a private developer. The area MCA was doing a good job and I wish he can continue because if he can reclaim the space for this recreational facility it would be very important.

We went to Rumuruti Stadium; that is in page 15. The Rumuruti Stadium is located within the town centre and covers approximately seven acres of the land. The stadium is home

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to most ball games including football, netball and volleyball. On Sunday if you pass by that route you will always find a lot of people engaging in such activities in Rumuruti.

The Committee made these observations; a chain link fence had been put around the stadium, which is a good thing. There is no dais until today. For important matches and any function that needs a stadium, a dais is usually one of the standards for a proper and professional stadium. The existing toilets are dilapidated and there is no basketball and volleyball pitch in the stadium so most of the players are limited to playing football only.

In number 16, those are the Members of the Committee and down there were youth in practice. In number 17, that shed there is supposed to be the main dais and it's not even in proper standards. We then went ahead to Marmanet playing field which is located in Marmanet town and sits on 2.5 acres of land. The major games played there are usually volleyball and football. Players who usually use the field have regularly maintained it by planting grass on some of the bare patches of the field. They have also dug some small trenches that drain off excess water to avoid flooding.

The Committee observed that the stadium has no fence which means that even when a serious game is ongoing someone can come with a herd of cattle and pass across. I don't know what is happening. There is no dais. You can see the picture there; what is behind the Members is supposed to be a goalpost, which is not even in proper football standards. The stadium has no toilets for use by people who patronise the field. That means the surrounding bushes happen to be the loos for these people, which is very wrong. There are no changing rooms, so the same bushes provide changing rooms. There's overgrown bushes inside the stadium which poses a security risk even when there are late games ongoing in the evening.

In number 19 you can see that part of the field has been washed away by rain. In fact, if you tell someone that this is a field they won't believe it. There is a footpath that has encroached part of the field, people actually just pass through the field to carry out their business. I pity the Hon. Member for Marmanet because I wonder what kind of answers he provides to the football teams there because that stadium is not in good standards.

We went ahead to Sipili playing field which is located in Sipili town and is approximately five acres. Some of the games are played there; I was even surprised because apart from the usual basketball, volleyball and football, there is rugby. If we have rugby in Laikipia then we are a very advanced County. One of the observations was; have access to the original map demarcating the playing field as there are some purported land grabbers, the same issue that we saw in Nanyuki.

The original map and what is there on the ground is funny. There is an existing chain link fence which I think was put up by the late senator, G.G. Kariuki through personal funds and contributions from the youth. It is in poor condition and requires serious rehabilitation. There was a temporal toilet put up by well-wishers but it was also demolished when the tarmac bitumen road was being constructed.

There are no changing rooms, no dais and no fitted pipe water. One of the volleyball goalposts had been damaged by one of the school teams that had come to participate in the

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games. The players requested that if they could own the field and charge affordable user fees at the entrance for the public who want to view the games the money collected will be used for self-sustenance and maintenance of the stadium. These are private people who have seen that the County is not taking care of the field so they are offering, as teams from there, to take over the management of the field. Even by law, that is not acceptable but I think it was a desperate call that the stadium is not in good condition. They requested for introduction of the Governor's Cup so as to create a competitive tournament to encourage more players to participate in the same games.

In page 21 is Olmoran playing field located in Olmoran Town. It's approximately five acres. Some of the games played there are football and volleyball. This is what we observed: the field is unlabelled and unkempt with overgrown bushes scattered across the grass. No fence, toilet or dais, changing rooms are also not there. When the public has games there they have nowhere to help themselves. There is an open pit at the end of the field which is a serious hazard. It was done by an EPZ contractor and mapping of the field was done by a County surveyor.

The pit poses a great health hazard and is incomplete and water is collecting in the pit. All the games should be centralized in one location. Netball and volleyball resources are located in the school and hospital grounds respectively. An allocation of funds should be set aside to cater for the players' injuries during the active sessions. They requested for introduction of the Governor's Cup so as to create competitive tournaments that will encourage more players to participate in the same games. Also, games should be held regularly. In number 21 is the open pit that we are talking about which is very deep and can pause danger to young people playing around that area.

In page 23 is our observation on the Doldol playing field which is in Doldol town and is approximately three acres. Games played there are volleyball and football. Most of the schools in the area patronize the field for regular match tournaments and sessions. Some of the sections of the field have been washed away by rain water causing deep gulley's. Some bushes have encroached the field thus causing a great security risk. The field does not have a dais, public sitting area, ablution block and watering points. There is no fence so it is not irregular to see cows grazing there when there is supposed to be a game the next day. Page 24 shows that gulley which is there. That is serious erosion yet that is supposed to be a playing field. A lot needs to be done there.

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS

The Committee's general observations of all this that we have gone through is that:

1. There were no field equipment and accessories for players e.g. football, volleyball, netball, basketball and field nets. Also accessories such as shot put, discus and javelin are not available and that's why earlier on we had seen in the observations that in Nyahururu players came with their own things.

2. In the stadia the main dais is either dilapidated or not constructed at all.

3. There are no public shades in the playing field.

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4. The ablution blocks in the stadia are in poor condition. The playing fields have no toilets.
5. There are no proper delineated exit and emergency points within the stadia. It happens a lot during chaotic football matches or even rallies when there is a stampede. It means people would experience a lot of stampede because either the exit points are narrow or not well placed.
6. The changing rooms for the players in the stadia are in poor condition.
7. There is poor drainage in some of the stadia. That's why you saw that when it rained some fields were unusable because they are flooded with water, for example the one in Nanyuki. We also saw erosion in the one for Doldol.
8. There is encroachment of grass within the stadia lanes and patches of outgrown bushes in the playing fields.
9. All playing fields have not been fenced. You know playing fields and market fields have always been a prime target for private developers and land grabbers. So when someone sees that something is not fenced they come with their own fence and help themselves to a piece. Trying to get back the land with a lot of court orders is usually an issue.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee's recommendations would be:

1. That the Department of Sports should purchase field equipment, accessories for players and also the Governor's Tournament/ County leagues should be reintroduced so as to engage the youth because the youth feel that the tournaments are limited and they need more tournaments to make sure that they are engaged actively even for competitions beyond the County.
2. The main dais in the stadia should be rehabilitated.
3. Public shades in the playing fields should be constructed.
4. Ablution blocks in the stadia should be properly rehabilitated.
5. Toilets should be constructed in the existing playing fields.
6. Entry and emergency points should be delineated especially in the stadia.
7. The player's changing rooms should be constructed especially in Nyahururu Stadium. It's good that one of the Members is in this Committee, Hon. Wachuka was there before. I'll ask her a lot of questions after this because she was the Deputy Mayor. I wonder whether it was better than now or in the same condition.
8. Proper drainage facilities should be put in place to prevent erosion which takes place on the grounds.

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9. All the bushes surrounding the stadia and playing fields should be uprooted. The stadia field lanes should be properly maintained.

10. All the playing fields should be fenced with robust material so as to avoid encroachment of buildings and pathways.

The conclusion, Mr. Speaker, Sir, is that this House adopts the Report of the Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services Committee on the status of the playing fields in this County. As I have read I won't add more because I've captured all.

One of the things that sports brings is cohesion and unity in a County and engages our youth so that they are not idle is usually sports. In fact, even in the previous budget, that amount which was allocated, almost Kshs.20 million, it only catered for the inter-county games. One game and the money is depleted. In fact, it was not Kshs.20 million but around 7 to 10 million. That is not enough. I don't know whether we should really have a stakeholders meeting and see what we can do sports because until now it's one of the most neglected.

If you go around these stadiums, and I know some of you have attended national functions like Madaraka Day and Mashujaa Day, they are usually held in these stadiums. If you can see the conditions, and then this is the place we are supposed to produce talent from, it is very sad. Nyahururu produces serious athletes and people from around the country come to practice there. If those things can be put in place we can even earn more revenue. With this said, I urge Members to support and I call upon Hon. Irene John Wachuka to second it. Thank you.

(Hon. Irene Wachuka seconded the Motion)

(Question proposed)

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support this report by the Committee on Labour and Sports. They have been able to capture a lot. Though the mover had just stated that we have a stadium in Oljabet, we only have a playing field. When he was making his contribution he had stated that. I would wish to make it well known that we don't have a stadium in Oljabet but a playing field. It is only the young people from that area who have been able to organise a place whereby they can be able to be playing. If possible I am sure if the county can give it the first priority as one of the stadiums that should be made into existence that should be the better. I wholly support that report.

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika, kwa hii nafasi. Yangu pia ni kushukuru Kamati ya Utenda Kazi kwa vile wametembea Laikipia nzima kuangalia maslahi ya wanarika.

Wakati nilikuwa mdogo nilikuwa mchezaji hodari wa mpira wa pete (*netball*). Wakati kikingi ilikuwa inaanguka ninakumbuka tulikuwa sisi wote tunaenda wasichana kwa wavulana na tunasaidiana kurekebisha. Ni huzuni kubwa ya kwamba sisi wana Laikipia hatutilii maanani michezo. Nikiangalia wakati tunataka maendeleo ni lazima tutake maendeleo yote kwa jumla.

Nakumbuka wakati tulikuwa tunatengeneza uwanja huu, vijana wetu wa huu mtaa walikuwa wanachezea mpira wa wavu (*volleball*). Wakati huo vijana wetu hapa mtaa kwa

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muda wa miaka miwili wameteseka vilivyo hadi nikawaambia badala ya kuenda nyumbani waje wachezee hapa kwetu nyuma. Baada ya hiyo tumeng'ang'ana sana ili waweze kurudi pale.

Michezo sio kitu tu cha kuchukuliwa kama mzaha. Kwa maana kama vile Mheshimiwa Chris Mark amesema; kwanza inaleta umoja. Pili inazuia vijana wetu kujiingiza katika madawa za kulevya. Hilo ni jambo linalosumbua wanarika katika nchi hii yetu ya Kenya kwa sababu hakuna nafasi za kazi. Wakati mtu ako nyumbani tu amemaliza kufanya kazi za nyumbani, akipata nafasi ya kutokea kwa mtaa basi atokee kwa kiwanja ambacho kimewekwa tayari kwa michezo.

Bwana Spika, nikipita kwa njia nikienda Maasai Mara nilikuta kiwanja cha Narok. Mheshimiwa Spika, kwa hicho kiwanja wameweka pesa bila mchezo. Serikali kuu iliingilia kati na hicho kiwanja kiko vizuri kabisa. Nimeenda hapa Kisii na kiwanja cha Kisii ni kiwanja maridadi kabisa.

Hapa Laikipia tuko na kiwanja kimoja tu ya mfadhili mmoja anayeitwa Bwana Etoo. Hicho kiwanja kimesaidia vijana. Hata wale watoto wa mitaa wametolewa huko na wafadhili wengine na wamepelekwa kwa hiyo kiwanja. Inatuonyesha ya kwamba vijana wengi wa mitaa walipungua wakati hicho kiwanja kilitengenezwa na huo mfadhili.

Kwa hivyo tusichukulie kama jambo la kawaida kwa kusema tu wacheni tulinde mali ya Kaunti. Tuangalie hicho kiwanja ya Nanyuki, kiwanja ya Nyahururu, kiwanja ya Rumuruti na pia kiwanja ya Doldol, ndiposa tuweke vijana wetu pamoja. Tunapoweka vijana wetu pamoja ukabila utaisha. Wakicheza huu mchezo sijawahi sikia wakiitana ya kwamba wewe ni Mkalenjin au wewe ni Mkikuyu. Hawa vijana huwa nasikia wakiitana yale majina ya kushangilia. Na kwa hivyo tuungane pamoja kama Laikipia kuweka hili jambo la michezo kipao mbele. Mimi ningeomba pia tunapotengeneza ile bajeti tujaribu kuangalia kama tunaweza pia idhinisha basi moja ama mbili. Basi moja linagharamu milioni kumi ama milioni kumi na tano.

Bwana Spika, tukichagua tutaweka milioni thelathini na tano kwa basi la Laikipia Mashariki, Laikipia Magharibi na Laikipia Kusini. Vijana wetu wakitaka kwenda kucheza Makueni au Nakuru basi wataweza kusafiri na itakuwa jambo la kawaida. Kwa hivyo naunga hii ripoti mkono na nishukuru kamati kwa sababu pia kwa jambo la dharura tumeona pia mambo mingi. Kwa hayo mengi au machache ni vizuri pia sisi kama viongozi tuwezee kuiunga mkono kama ni hio kamati. Kamati pia ikileta ile bajeti tuwaunge mkono kwa sababu ni masilahi ya watu wetu.

Hon. Peter Matunge: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let me take this chance to thank the Committee on Labour and Social Services for taking time to move around Laikipia in our major stadia and playing fields all across our sub counties. I have seen that they moved in the three sub-counties and they were able to see what was happening on the ground. Sports have purpose, sports promote cohesion, promotes issues of talent development and if I look at the observations of the committee one to nine all are negative, meaning we are doing little in investing in our sports. Mr. Speaker if again I go down to 6.0 on recommendations and just allow me to read;

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1. The department of sports should purchase. That requires a budget line.
2. The main dais in the stadia should be rehabilitated, that one also requires a budget line.
3. Public shades in the playing fields should be constructed that one again requires money.
4. The ablution blocks in the stadia should be properly rehabilitated. Toilets should be constructed in the existing playing fields. Some of them don't even have ablution blocks and water and we call them playing fields and stadia and that one requires some budget.
5. Exit/ emergency points should be delineated especially in the stadia
6. The players changing rooms should be reconstructed especially in Nyahururu stadium. I think all across the county in all the three stadia and the playing fields don't have changing rooms
7. proper drainage facilities and I think this is reference to Doldol playing field because I think Doldol don't even exist because it is full of gullies, the ground has not been levelled for some time.
8. All the bushes surrounding the stadia and playing fields should be uprooted. The stadia field lanes should be regularly maintained.
9. All the playing fields should be fenced with robust material so as to avoid encroachment of buildings and pathways. All of them have not been fenced and they are exposed to the threat of grabbing.

Mr. Speaker, I have taken time to read the nine recommendations of the committee because we should understand whenever we make recommendations in this House, they should be implemented. Mr. Speaker, I have been in this House for some time and I have seen us passing budget. The Department of Education and Sports, we have been giving a budget of Kshs.78 million and out of the Kshs.78 million, Kshs.50 million is for bursaries. We again want to do an ECD classroom of Kshs.1.5 million in every ward. This is another Kshs.40 million going to classrooms.

Mr. Speaker, what is left for sports is zero. I think this should be an eye opener for some time. Laikipia has not been allocating any funds to the budget for sports. We should not lie to Laikipians. Budget for sports is zero and all those things we wish to do this House should take up a challenge that in the next coming budget we put about Kshs.100 million for sports.

We cannot be referring to Narok and Meru County but our neighbours Nyeri County and Nakuru County are doing good stadiums. We cannot have the support of the National Government if we are not showing any concern by allocating funds for it. I am worried about the public holidays because I don't think we can have one in Laikipia because we do not have a place to hold them.

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Mr. Speaker, this is the high time we should be serious on the issues of sports because sports is not only supporting the youth. Most people mistake when we talk of sports, they relate sports to youth. The children who are taking sports as a talent and a source of the income, are supporting families. Those families support many needy people and generate a lot of money into this country. The ball is on our hands as Hon. Members of this County Assembly.

Let us show a sign by putting money on sports budget so that all these things we have said can be implemented. Mr. Speaker, we should not do recommendations and finally these recommendations will not be implemented because there is no budget for it. I support the report of the committee.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support and make my contributions on this report. I wish to thank the committee for doing the little they were able to do. Mr. Speaker, it is always important to give out your observations and as I made my contributions because I have read the report, I wish to register my disappointed in this committee. The report reads the status of stadia and playing fields in the county. Mr. Speaker, I was surprised to see that there is no field in Umande but I know there are ten fields. There is a stadia in Umande which is Kalalu Stadium and I didn't see them going to Umande.

Mr. Speaker, when I was going deep in to the report, I observed that the Hon. Members were able to go to Sipili where the Chairperson of the Committee comes from. I went ahead and I was able to see that they went to Nyahururu where one of the Member, Hon. Wachuka comes from. Mr. Speaker, I observed that they went to Rumuruti where Hon. Suge is a Member and comes from. They went to Doldol where Hon. Christopher Mark comes from and he is a Member.

Lastly Mr. Speaker, they were able to go to Nanyuki which is neighbouring Hon. Ndiritu. So the committee went to where they come from…

Speaker: Hon. Daniel, the Nanyuki Stadium is in Thingithu Ward.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That confirms they went to Thingithu because one of the Hon. Members who is Hon. Ndiritu comes from Thingithu. Mr. Speaker, so the stadiums they went to are specifically where the Members of the committee come from. So that is the only place I am disappointed because as a House we cannot work like that.

It is very important when we have a committee in this Assembly, it should serve the purpose of the whole county or rather the title be; the status of stadia in Nyahururu, Nanyuki etc. specifically those stadia instead of saying county fields and stadia but on the other hand we find that they only went where the members of the committee come from. That has surprised me and found that we are in problems because the only field they went…

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker, I am standing on a point of clarification. The Hon. Member has mentioned his area and in my ward I have over five stadia and they were able to capture only one. I don't know whether they were to capture…

Speaker: Which one was captured?

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Hon. Simon Kanyutu: They just captured Ol Jabet and they never captured Gatundia, Muhoteto…

Speaker: Is Ol Jabet in the report?

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Yes it is in the report. I am also not a Member so I want clarification because he has pinned them down. I need that clarification because they have just captured one in my ward but they are many.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Hon. Member for Marmanet should appreciate and celebrate that they went to Marmanet and he is not a member. That was just an extension and that is why I am saying that out of 15 wards they went to the wards that are represented in the committee. Probably on their way to Rumuruti from Nyahururu they passed through Ol Jabet. They probably had to stand there because Marmanet is on the way and the field is along the road.

Mr. Speaker, having said that this is a wakeup call because we need all committees in this House to work for the benefit of Laikipia. In future I want to hear them in Umande, Mukogodo East, Ngobit, Nanyuki and Mukogodo West where we have many fields. Mr. Speaker, having said that they have a good report which I believe when implementing it will work for all the wards in Laikipia because I believe the same recommendations could have been recommended in Nanyuki, Umande and every other ward.

Another thing I have noted that is very clear to everyone is that we invest very little in sports. It is very unfortunate and we need to wake up and in the next budget we should increase the budget because the fields we have in this county, if you look at the recommendations is that all the bushes that are surrounding the stadia and playing fields should be uprooted. When there are bushes in the field it means that there is no field so we need to invest highly on sports.

Mr. Speaker, when we say that the players changing rooms should be reconstructed that means there are no changing rooms. So we cannot expect players to play in the expected way because if they have not changed then there will be no good game we should expect from them. It means we do not have playing fields. If you look at recommendation number 3 is that public shades in the playing fields should be constructed.

Mr. Speaker, there is one that has surprised me about erosion and gullies in the field and fencing. All playing fields should be fenced with robust materials so as to avoid encroachment of building pathways and proper drainage to prevent erosion. We might be talking about playing fields which we do not have because when we say there are gullies in the field automatically it means there are no fields.

We need to invest much in sports. Mr. Speaker, having said that we need to invest much in the Department of Education, this county has a lot of money if only we have the goodwill for the sports. Mr. Speaker, we may not invest much in sports only to find ourselves affecting the education. We cannot invest on sports at the expense of bursaries and classrooms. We are able to do classrooms, we are able to give out bursaries and the same time we are also able to invest on sports.

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Mr. Speaker, the recommendation number one that I want to end with that the department of sports should purchase field equipment and accessories for the players. Also, the Governors' cup tournament/county leagues should be re-introduced so as to engage the youth. It is good to have the Governors' cup tournament but we need to devolve it to have every ward having a tournament and the Hon. Members or County Assemblies tournament to be introduced.

The Governors' cup should be at finals and before we go to that we should have the Assemblies where all the 15 wards will be having a tournament so as to go to the finals. Having said that all what we are saying needs a lot of money. We need to invest in sports and not only increasing because we have been having a zero budget for sports. We need to have a budget for sports as we have a budget for bursaries and classrooms. None should work better at the expense of the other. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support and also recommend the committee for going to those areas hoping that in future they will visit Umande and other wards they did not visit. Thank you.

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Nashukuru hii kamati ambao walitembea kuanzia Nyahururu, Olmoran na Nanyuki kuona vile viwanja vya michezo zinakaa. Nachangia kwa kusema upande wa serikali tekelezi, Gavana anajua nasumbuka. Nikianzia Nyahururu karibu tukose viwanja kwa sababu nusu yake ni soko.

Ukikumbuka Kenya mzima wanariadha hodari kama mwenda zake Samuel Wanjiru hufanyia mazoezi yake pale Nyahururu. Na wa leo wengine hufanyia mazoezi mahali pale. Wakati huu hakuna mahali pa kuchezea. Juzi uliona zile nyumba za wakati wa manispaa.

Speaker: Hon. Member for Igwamiti, Hon. Kiguru.

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Hon. Speaker, I want Hon. Wachuka to clarify because he said that even today the late Samuel Wanjiru is practicing in the same Stadium. I need clarification on how a deceased be practicing?

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Asante, Mheshimiwa. Hiyo ni kuteleza na kuteleza sio kuanguka. Nilikuwa nasema kwamba ukienda Nyahururu, ni uwanja ambao unajulikana Kenya mzima. Sijui kama ni vile pesa za ufadhili wa karo ndio walitoa za kutengeneza viwanja vyote? Kama tunataka vijana wetu wasitumie madawa lazima waende kwa zile viwanja.

Juzi waziri wa Elimu alisema hakuna shule zitakuwa zinafanyiwa michezo. Nataka niseme tushikane kama viongozi kwa sababu wodi ni zetu. Michezo ambayo inachezwa sio tu ya wanafunzi mbali hata sisi tulikuwa tunaenda kucheza mpira wa wavu kama akina mama. Wacha tuunge mkono. Juzi tulikuwa na waziri ambaye tulikuwa tunaenda kuuliza kuhusu hizi viwanja. Sijui kama ni pesa alipewa akaenda nazo? Sijui. Kama kuna pesa ilitolewa ya kutengeza viwanja vyote lazima irudishwe kwa sababu tungetaka kuona viwanja vyote vimetengenezwa.

Pia zile vyumba vya kubadilisha nguo. Kwetu tunatumia ile nyumba ya kitambo ambayo imepigwa picha na kuwekwa kwa mitandao. Naeleza Waheshimiwa tusaidiane. Mambo ya michezo sio tu ya Kamati hii ya Wafanyakazi bali sisi wote. Hata kama ni Gavana

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tuone kama tutamuita watuelezee ni nini wanafanya kuhusu viwanja vyetu zote. Kwa hayo machache nasema asante.

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Asante, Bwana Spika. Nasimama kuunga mkono ripoti hii ya kamati. Pia nataka niwape hongera. Niko na mambo mawili. Hii ripoti haijakamilika kabisa hata kama wamefanya kazi mzuri. Hii ripoti naamini haikuletwa hapa tu kwa Bunge lakini ni ripoti tungeitumia kuuliza maswali mengi.

Ukiangalia kiwanja cha Nyahururu bajeti ya 2018/2019, utakuta ya kwamba Bunge lilipitisha takriban milioni tano kuona tumebadilisha huo uwanja. Mwaka uliofuatilia pia tukatoa milioni zingine mbili. Naonelea kwamba kama kamati wangeandamana na wale ambao wamechaguliwa katika wadi hizo. Ingekuwa vizuri katika mapendekezo ya kamati kama wangeandamana na Wabunge wa ile wadi na ndio tuweze kujua kwa nini hizi kazi hazikufanyika.

Langu tu ni kuunga mkono ripoti kamati. Kama ingeongezea maneno ya bajeti ingekuwa bora kuliko kulete ripoti ambayo pengine tutamalizia kwa kuunga mkono. Kwa kufuatilia ingekuwa na uzito zaidi kama bajeti ilivyotumika. Hiyo nyumba ya kubadilishia nguo ilipewa milioni mbili na hadi wa leo hakuna kilichofanyika. Asante kwa kamati kwa kufanya kazi mzuri hata kama ina upungufu kidogo. Asante.

Speaker: I wish to call the mover to make a reply.

Hon. Chris Mark: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wish to thank all the Members who have supported both through contribution and silence. It is good that the Hon. Member mentioned the Narok Stadium and another one said it is the high time we put a serious budget into this so that we don't admire other stadiums.

The other issue was the issue of funds. If it can be increased it can sort some of these issues. The Hon. Member said at times funds are allocated and not used for the intended purpose. That is something that should be checked. I would like to clarify that it was not by design rather by default maybe, that we missed some stadiums. That is the reason why Members are allowed to make contributions and point out.

We are not only an extensive Committee but also intensive. This time we were doing more of intensive; next time it will be more of extensive. We will make sure that each ward with a stadium in Laikipia or a playing field is covered. I urge Members to support this and support the report. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

(Question put and agreed to)

CONSIDERED RULING

Speaker: Hon. Member for Igwamiti is raising an important question as far as the budget implementation is concerned. I think the Committee can still go ahead and do an oversight report on implementation on oversight so that in case there was any money that was allocated for those stadiums and has not done what was intended they can bring back the report on whether the money has done something or a commitment done with a contractor or the money has been committed and the contractor is not in the field. That one you do also for all

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other wards. It is possible; it is important that Members are raising concerns that we also go to other stadiums so that we get to know what is happening in every sub-county and wards.

We were in a meeting this morning somewhere and the appropriation we have is that for people aged between 15 - 34 carry almost 26% of the population in Laikipia. That is a huge population and it's important when we talk issues to do with sports. The people who benefit are not in this House but are represented.

It is important for us to pray our role. If you have a role in funds, those stadiums are important and as better as how much you can allocate to them in the five years of our term. If you allocate too little money you cannot expect them to be better than that. They can only be done as per the allocation we make.

A number of times we have stated in this House that, that department is a huge department. It carries Education, ICT and Stadiums issues. Any time you remove the money to go to the bursary, I have heard here sometimes it is very little. Even where you want three classrooms, children are learning under trees yet you have some two classrooms.

It is us to see how we can lobby for more. We cannot achieve that development we are looking forward to achieve if we are not outing money proportionate to what we are intending to have. We have that responsibility as a County Assembly then that's what we should do. Therefore, when each one plays their role then we can change lives and develop as far as this county of Laikipia is concerned. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: The House is now adjourned until next week Tuesday, 9th March, 2021 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 3.34 p.m.

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