

19th February: The meeting convened by chief

Subject Matter: The question of the car and the decision taken.

Car hystory outlined by Chief:

Chief: When he came here in Harare to take up his appointment as a Chief Representative, Cde Kabelo was still driving the car in question. At some stage Kabelo approached him to hand the car over to the organisation. It was said that the car was handed over by the owner who was leaving as a donation to the organisation through Kabelo. Since there was no other licenced driver, Cde Kuzwayo decided to leave the car in his hands for organisational duties. Everything went smooth without problems. The problem started when Comrade Kingsley came in the area because the car got entirely under his control for his DIP work. Then one day it was Flint, Chief and June when Kabelo came to the office demanding the car and the car was already been officialised by the Head Quarters as the property of the organisation. Cde Kuzwayo told him that he can not play around with the organisation "Today you hand the car over, and tomorrow you want it back being the person who approached the office concerning it," Cde Kuzwayo commented. Cde Kabelo withdrew for a while, everything was back to normal and Cde Kingsley continued using it. It was taken to the garage for repairs and the colour was changed from brown to yellow. It was on Friday 8.2.85. when Kabelo approached Kingsley borrowing the car and he promised to return it the same day of which he never did. Days went by and Kabelo was nowhere to be found until Cde Kingsley went to his place for the car. That is when he told him that he decided to reposses it without the Chief Rep's knowledge, hence he never came to the office until when he came for meat which he did not get per instructions from the Chief Rep. The comrades were not impressed about the comrade's behaviour which was construed as defiance and lack of respect to the office and the organisation entirely. Therefore, Chief decided to call the committee comprising all members of the office staff to discuss the issue and what measures to be taken.

PRESENT

1. Cde Kuzwayo
2. " Flint
3. " June
4. " Joyce
5. " Skory
6. " Ralph
7. " Kabelo
8. " Charlotte
9. " Kingsley

Ralph: What are the reasons behind the repossession of the car by cde Kabelo?

Charlotte: Since Kabelo has taken the car, does it mean that my child and I are going to suffer?

June: You and the child will be given food, but not your husband.

Chief: Question - When Kabelo got married to you, who was supporting you? your support comes because of Kabelo.

Kingsley: The solution of the problem, his misbehaviour etc should be solved today.

June: Kabelo should give us the details of the car.

Kabelo: Let me give my side of the story - When Chief came in the area, I was with the car, one day in the office among other things I wrote a letter to the Head Quarters, I took it to the Chief and he read it - I see, he said. Later on I requested cde Chief to buy me tires. I wanted to give the car to the organisation but there was no response from the HQ. Subsequently, chief raised the question, Kabelo are you ready to give the car to the organisation? You must take a decision and the conditions are:

You will be provided with transport for whatever, I said I'll think about it. One day going to the airport taking Manto, In the car Chief asked about the car then I said I've decided to take the car. Flint was there. Chief bombarded me - How many people are suffering in the struggle, and yet I want to take the car which I did not pay for. How less revolutionary it is for me or reactionary. He said all kinds of threats. I dropped at home and I persuaded him again in the office. He repeated the same words and Flint intervened, He told me that I want the car for nice time but not for organisational work. I kept quite. On the next occasion I approached Chief, he said he had already approached cde SG that the office has another car but I said no I want my car, then he said no, I have taken a decision this car belongs to the organisation, he said if

you like you can write a letter to TG,SG and so I did. All went into a lull. Saturday I took the car from Kingsley, I took the car as I was driving I said, there's no need for me to take the car, everything is out of order in the car, the next time I raise this issue there would be no car for me. When I went to Kingsley he was at Marondera.

Chief: Kabelo, when you came to me you said the person who handed the car, was not to you but to the African National Congress.

Kabelo: The lady who gave the car said, you can write the letter to officiate the car to the movement.

June: The owner gave the car to Kabelo during Pila Pola's time. I want the whole story from the time the girl was here.

Kabelo: The car was given to me by that woman. She wanted money Pila gave me ~~an sum~~ of 100 dollars to give to the lady. I was staying with Tshidi at Avondale by then when she left the car with me.

June: Have you ever complained about the fridge?

Kabelo: Since the money was from Pila for the fridge I could not.

June: One day you were refusing about the fridge and Pila gave us mandate to go and fetch the fridge with Flint.

Flint: There is a lot of dishonesty, when the fridge was bought, it was for \$80.00 when we were supposed to fetch it you refused, you said the fridge was donated to you by the lady, Pila said we must come and fetch the fridge.

Chief: There are two versions, did you ever refund the money to the office? no you did not. either these two are lying or you. It is not true that when we were going to the airport, Flint and I were querying your donation letter, the car was not donated to you but to the organisation. The query, you can't play with the organisation, today you give the car and tomorrow you don't.

Kabelo: It's not true.

Chief: Let's get Flint's version.

Flint: If I remember well, I got there when the matter was discussed, the next thing was that the matter will be dealt with in the office. When it was discussed, you said you want to repossess your car without any reason. I don't remember any vulgar or intimidation but chief said you are playing with the movement, you emphasised that you want the car without reasons. Chief said you have to rethink about the issue and then we had a discussion with him but you still maintained that you want the car.

Kingsley: You came back and said you want the car??

Kabelo: No I never gave the car to anybody.

Chief: Kabelo is the one who came to me to hand the car over. I even wrote a letter to the person, this is to certify that the car was handed over to the movement. When I wanted to post the letter he said no I'll do it. You agreed upon that you were even worried why do these people dont respond.

Ralph: Ive been thinking about the question of the car, let it not be the anc against Kabelo, we are all members of the movement, discipline, orders should be carried out. whatever happens it shouldnt be defiance - HQ made a decision - Chief Rep in the area should be respected he is the head of the area. He has a right to decide. You must subject yourself to the decision. Cde took the car, thats the other thing the cdes are queing. Those are two points to be taken into consideration. When we reach the conclusion it should be comradely.

Skory: All of us we are under the organisation, the comrade could have approached chief not Kingsley. I showed indiscipline. He is our cde, we must respect each other. Cde should have apologised for that He could have approached TG infront of us. TG asked about Kabelo's letter, I said I knew nothing about it, he even asked where the car was, I replied according to my knowledge. Please Cde Kabelo you must apologise, its not only you who does mistakes, everybody so. Cde Raphael was right to put things straight.

Kingsley: We must come to the conclusion . Cde Kabelo caused confusion. He communicated the letter to the HQ. I am not arguing about handing over ,. Since the car was not physically handed over to the organisation, you still considered it as yours. Now he comes back he wants to get the car back. Actions taken by the comrades in this office justified, as a member of the organisation you know the right channes. Let us leave the matter, the office committee will have to consider the issue, while we are looking into the food of the cde and the car.

Skory TG said the car belongs to the office he must bring the car to you and then you communicate with TG.

Kabelo: I feel I am not been given justice, I put my opinion, the whole thing is being confused. The car has not been given to anc.

Chief: Cde just be honest, you produced the letter. Why did you produce the car when I came there were two people who could drive. I

wrote a letter to Netherlands. Since there was no one who could drive I said the car remains with you. The trouble started when Kingsley came because he was going to have more time with the car. Before Kingsley came there was a standing decision. You denied. When I wanted to post the letter he said no I'll do it myself. You ~~agreed-upon-that-you-were-even-worried~~

What was the use of me writing letters to the Head Quarters.

Kabelo: The car broke and then Pila refused to repair it. I did it myself.

Chief: That is why I refused to talk to you about this matter alone.

June: Didn't Kabelo come to you with a letter.

Charlotte: From what I've been listening here, I'd rather go unless we find a conclusion about the car.

Chief: The car immediately it became the property of the office when cde came with a letter. Probably Pila took it and kept it.

When he produced the letter and honored it, then it became the property of the organisation, he phrased it, please bring the letter.

Charlotte: Let us not insulate each other.

June: I think what Kingsley said later it was correct. We all know what orders are. Let us not take the advantage of the area.

Flint: I second what the comrades said, by the time we leave here the cdes should know what the situation is since they want food. It simply means that there is no respect. The person who took the car without the chief's concern, they just want to benefit from the movement.

Kabelo: The two comrades are not being fair, the whole story is very much synchronised, the whole opinion is influential.

Chief: I would like now, because you feel the matter was a personal lie. I would like that one of the old members in the area give a clear picture of the cde.

Charlotte

Ralph: How relevant would June's opinion be in this matter?

Ralph: The committee decision send

1. The committee will have to decide on condition the cde will abide by the decision taken. On humanitarian grounds, Charlotte must eat. As for what MNC is, it doesn't want to starve people. Let's keep emotions and concentrate on facts. The facts of the story, the car belongs to the movement. Appealing him to abide by the decision of the movement. Let's take the conclusion.

Kabelo: I don't know the committee.

Chief : Why do you insist that you want to know the committee.

Kabelo: Am I not supposed to know it?

June: The whole thing is that I've been listening when Kabelo comes to the office, when the car came to the office, they were not in good terms with Pola but since chief came, he started to get everything from the office which he didn't get.

Chief: People will think that either me or Kabelo are liars. He doesn't want to apologise. He doesn't feel that he has done anything wrong.

Ralph: Committee should meet when the car is in the hands of the ANC. There is a word from the chief who represents the NEC. There was a word from TG. We must reach the conclusion. There are channels to be followed which are known to all of us. He feels that he is not fully presented.

Kabelo: We are disputing the obvious thing.

Ralph: You know the channels to be followed especially as the member of the organisation and of Umkhonto in particular.

Joyce: I would suggest that Kabelo leaves the car with the office meanwhile we are waiting for Cde TG to come and before the decision is taken by the committee, and then of course cde Charlotte must eat during the process.

June: Do you think that the way you took the car was correct from Kingsley or chief?

Kabelo: I took it from Kingsley.

June: It means that you regard chief as a small boy?

Charlotte was given five dollars for her meat. Following the whole issue, it was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Monday 18th.