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ZPC Meeting

The meeting was held on the 13 April 1987. It was declared open at 7.50 p.m. by the chairman.

The Agenda:

1. Discussion on the Directorate.

Firstly comrade Maseko thought it better to clarify the house what exactly this directorate is,,he said the purpose of the directorate is to keep in contact with the Dakawa people in order they should be kept informed of the development in Mazimbu.

After the clarification the discussion continued, Cde Martin responded by saying he can't understand how can the ZPC discuss the directorate while there are Political Units who are supposed to discuss first then the report of different units can be brought together and be discussed by the ZPC.

Cde Herbert added on that he also found it difficult for the ZPC to discuss the directorate while the ZPC itself is not yet in good shape, he then suggested that this should be put on vote **if the majority is for discussion then it can be discussed.**

Cde Jimmy felt that there was no need for the vote, the discussion can continue though what the Cdes had said was quite true.

In addition to that Cde Maseko said the discussion can continue and this can always be explained to the political units.

In respond to that Cde Mopathi said we can only hide our weak points to the enemy, if we behave as if all is right , he further said at the present moment the political units do not hold meetings the ZPC itself does not exist.

Cde Jimmy responded by saying it is true that political units do not hold meetings but not all of them, there are units which are very strong.

Cde Martin said it would be fair to try to give a chance to the political units to meet and discuss on the directorate if they fail at least the ZPC would have tried.

Cde Herbert pointed out the question of time, first the dead line was the 7th of April then due to the short given time it was extended to the 14April. Cde Maseko also added by saying he wasn't happy with the idea of not discussing the directorate now,because it would be embarassing for the ZPC not to hand in the report of the commission in time.

Cde Herbert said he wasn't sure that whether the units can be in a position to discuss the commission due to the poor attendance in the units.

Cde Sonny added that the commission is really under pressure, not long a telex was send inquiring how far is the discussion, he further said it would be better for the discussion to continue. Cde Martin said he is not against continuation but personally, wont be in a position to defend this before the political units.

Cde Maseko again stressed that the discussion should take place. Since it is the 13th today and the last date is only tomorrow, then this can always be explained to the people later.

Cde Herbert again suggested that people should vote on this and it will only depend on the majority but the house thought it better to continue the discussion without voting.

Cde Mbali pointed out that it would be a bit difficult to discuss this without knowing the composition of the directorate,, then Cde Maseko said the directorate is composed of the following stuctures:

1. Central Admin
2. School
3. Treasury
4. Project Manager
5. Political Commissar
6. ZPC
7. Youth
8. Women
9. Health
10. Culture
11. Works Committee
12. Ex officio members Chief Rep and NEC special rep.

The first question is the directorate representative?

Cde Aubrey responded by saying the house should first be high lighted of the job description of the different structures in the directorate because for the commission to be discussed for sure there must be a problem somewhere. So this should be seriously discussed. He further stressed that for the people to discuss especially the first question they should know the job description of different structures.

Cde Martin thought that the directorate is representing well, but the problem is the structures are all working at the same level.

Cde Maseko contributed by saying that Dakawa is developing gradually but it will soon be on its own, now there is Dakawa regional committee which is taking care of everything. The finance committee has also being formed, he further said there are small problems which can be solved within Mazimbu nit to be taken straight to the Head Quarters.

Cde Jimmy said it seems Political problems are treated in an isolated manner. Youth and Women are also having connections with the Head Quarters, by reducing structures we would have some short comings. He said political problems should be discussed through different structures and the resolutions be implemented.

Cde Maseko added that he fully share the views of cde Jimmy, there is still bit of unclarity about the RPC he said we all fall under the Political Commissar, ZPC, Youth, Women Cultture, Works committee. He further said we must have an input with the school that the community must have a say in the development of the school.

Cde Aubrey objected that the above mentioned structures be brought together for an example women do have their different task to fulfill as much as the youth. On that he need clarification .

Cde Jimmy responded by saying it is not said the youth, women should not do their specific tasks but they should be represented in the high level structures, but there should be the second structure where problems should be discussed and be exorsted then they can be taken to the high level.

Cde Amen came with a point that in order for the people to discuss of the division of the directorate firstly it would be better for the house to say whether the directorate is an implementing body or just a decision making body and whether the directorate is above the ZPC.

Cde Martin suggested that political structures be left as they are. He said ZPC can cover everything that women want, only if the women can be represented in the ZPC. He again said perhaps ZPC is irrelevant or works committee.

Cde Maseko disagreed with the view of cde Martin and said the works committee is hammering on the tasks which are given, it wouldn't be proper to say the ZPC or works committee are irrelevant.

Cde Pearl said the weakest point in the directorate is that the political sturctures are weaker than the administration and this appears in a very unbalanced way.

Cde Martin felt the ZPC is general and vague when it comes to activities the works committee is doing. Most of the work he further said there is a contradiction between the ZPC and works committee. Cde Maseko responded on the question of youth and women representing other structures in the ZPC, he said he is neither youth nor women how can he be covered in the ZPC. He said infact ZPC's duty is to see that people are committed workers.

Cde Martin pointed out that when one is a best worker automatical is politically clear. So that peson obviously attend every meeting.

The house disagreed on what the cde said. There are people who are the best workers but not attending meetings.

Second question should the directorate be as large as it is?

Cde Maseko responded by saying the structures in the directorate are dealing with different work so it would be difficult for the directorate to be cut down.

Coming to the third question Is the directorate an implementing body or a decision making body?

Again cde Maseko responded, he said the directorate is the decision making body .

Cde Herbert had a different view that the chairperson of the directorate is there to see whether decisions taken by other structures are just or unjust. He again said maybe the people feel that the ZPC is insensitive since it is closer to the people. He further said if appointment is right then automatically people like the person appointed.

But cde Aubrey pointed out that only if a person stays longer in the office the more people can understand him.

Cde Martin said that in his opinion this is a distorted image of the ZPC being liked by the people, the question here is that the ZPC is ineffective it does not do its work.

Cdes responded on the question of saying the ZPC is ineffective only that it does not get the feedback from the directorate.

He continued on saying that in reality is that we have got strong Admin and weak ZPC while they were suppose to work hand and hand.

Cde Maseko pointed out that this question should be looked from the roots of it. eg there is no problem in the attendance of the meetings in the works committee while the ZPC is having problems in the attendance of their meetings.

Cde Mbali said instead of people talking of the balancing of structures and weaknesses why can't they say the directorate should be obliterated.

Cde Maseko said it would be preferable if the house say that the chairperson of the RPC be appointed from the Headquarters for political mobilisation of the people.

Cde Mbali said when coming to this question of directorate the house has to be fair every individual in this community should that they are directorate themselves.

Cde Herbert pointed out that question 4, 5 and 6 have been already discussed while discussing other questions before. He said the question of decision making the chairperson should meet with the committee in order to take the decisions.

Cde Aubrey suggested that the directorate be changed to ZPC.

Cde Jimmy in response to that said this is like saying the government should be changed into a party. The only thing is for the structures to work together and it would be better for the ZPC to be appointed by the NEC .

Cde Martin followed up by saying the office work is the most important term of office and the mode structure . He said the HQ should be asked to send a person specially to do political work in order to put the innovation in people's lives. One can have all the knowledge but experience is needed.

It was disagreed on the question of the NEC appointing somebody for political work because it wouldn't be easy for that person firstly he has to know the problems of the area of which it would take quite a time to do that, an example was given of students who come from Europe with high moral but after sometime their moral comes to zero because of not understanding the environment of the area.

Cde Jimmy pointed out the Administration decisions are political decisions they both need each other presently political work seem to be part time thing. Political work should be infused work and politics should be done together not that political work should suffer.

Question 7 is been answered in question 4 and 5 also 8 and 9 had been already answered