



**BRITAIN-TANZANIA SOCIETY  
47th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

Wednesday 30th November 2022, 1pm GMT 4pm Tanzanian Time

In person at the Official Residence of H.E. David Concar, UK High Commissioner to Tanzania,  
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and by Zoom

**Present:**

Paul Harrison (Chair); David Gibbons (Minutes Taker); HE David Concar (UK High Commission); Odilo Fidelis (Tanzanian High Commission); John Woodcock, the Lord Walney (UK PM's Tanzania Trade Envoy); James Laizer; Peter Kaiza; Ann Brumfit; Dick Waller; Sue Mitchell; David Ackland; James Elsworth; Jacqueline Kweka; Kim Dhariwal; Pendo Bigambo; Susanna Grunsell; Boniface Kanemba; Christian Ignas; Philipo Malley; Maria Spink; Dan Cook; Ruth Edwards; Ann Brumfit; Deborah Bryceson; Rod Smith; Jonathan Pace; Elspeth Martin; Janet Chapman; Nura Masood; William Fulton; Boniface Kanemba; Rita Mkama; Phil Double; Jennifer Willison; Allister Carey; Colin Barnes; Janet Chapman; Elizabeth Taylor; James MacBain; Tony Dodds; Jeremy Lefroy; Brian Medcalf; Allister Carey; Stephen Jarvis; Hazel Gray; Genos Martin Siyovelwa; Jill Bowden; Hafiz Khandwala; Ruth Edwards; Svetlana Nyameyo; Joy Clancy; Valerie Leach; Tony Goodchild; Cuthbert Kimambo; Ocheck Msuva; Edward Rweyemamu; Fauziya Chilwani; Liberatu Haule; Danny Mwasandube; Elizabeth Mleli; Siya Rimoy; Michael Njumba; Lulu Ally and others who joined by Zoom that day.

**Apologies:**

HE Asha Rose Mgiro the Tanzanian High Commissioner to the UK; Julian Marcus ( Vice President); Ann Marcus; Jennifer Sharp

**Proceedings:**

**1. Welcome (Paul Harrison, Chair)**

Paul welcomed everybody to the 47<sup>th</sup> BTS AGM and thanked HE David Concar for hosting the meeting at his residence in Dar es salaam. Apologies given from HE Asha Rose Mgiro who was up country in Tanzania and unable to join the meeting . Odillo Fidelis was representing the Tanzanian High Commission from London.

**2. An address from H.E. David Concar, UK High Commissioner to Tanzania.**

Welcome to everyone in the room and on Zoom. Summary of points: \_

- Trade and Investment is key to long term development and jobs, alongside aid.
- Education and Shule Bora is a flagship programme along with the Tanzanian Government, the World Bank and other donors.
- Good progress in programmes, sponsoring anti human trafficking and child protection sponsoring a new centre in Dar.

- Funding programmes in Reproductive health and family planning and gender-based violence. Demographic challenges highlighted.
- Working with Trademark East Africa to bring down barriers to regional trade.
- Continue to support the Chevening Scholarship scheme.
- Ministerial visit from the previous Africa Minister in April.
- Good support from the government to action on climate change.
- Climate change and conflict in Ukraine and their impact on the area highlighted.

### **3. An address from Lord Walney Prime Minister's Trade Envoy to Tanzania.**

- Reinforced the encouragement from yesterday's joint trade and business partnership forum event.
- Shared vision to deepen trade links.
- Development goals are interwoven e.g., trade, business, climate change, poverty reduction are interwoven not segmented.
- Supportive of the society going forward where they can be.

### **Questions answered:**

David Concar:

- Education how to be involved and also to receive more information: David was willing to ask the team running the *shule bora* programme to run a bespoke presentation to the society and others who are interested and to answer these questions and others. Similarly, the child protection team as to whether sharing information or a joint presentation might be possible.
- Chevening: Will pass on the desire of BTS to be more involved in this and see what suggestions they have. A friendly point of contact in the UK is genuinely useful.
- Both speakers were thanked for their contributions and attendance.

**4. Approval of minutes** of the 46th AGM held on 30th October 2021 (see Annual Report)  
Approved

### **5. No Matters arising**

### **6. Obituaries.**

Paul remembered a number of members and significant figures who had passed away over the last year. Included in the BTS annual report.

### **7. Short Summary of the year 2021-22 and a look ahead to 2022-2023 in Annual report.**

**[BTS\\_Annual\\_Report\\_2021-2022.pdf \(britaintanzaniasociety.co.uk\)](https://britaintanzaniasociety.co.uk/BTS_Annual_Report_2021-2022.pdf)**

- Post covid in person events: reception to celebrate Mainland independence(60 years), Karume Day and 100 years since the birth of Mwalimu Julius Nyerere. HE Asha Rose Mwigiro was the main speaker and Lord Walney. Hoping to do more.
- Seminars covering a range of topics both BTS and TDT. Thanks to Janet for organising.
- Ongoing newsletters and Tanzanian affairs.

To come:-

- Positive discussions with the Tanzanian chapter of BTS with hopes to arrange more
- Talking to Asha Rose Migiro re another Muungano event in April 2023

- Possible event with Professor Gurnah, Nobel Prize winning author, hybrid event or online.
- Paul welcomes further suggestions from both Tanzania and the UK. More to come.

### 8. Update on Tanzania Affairs magazine.

An excellent editing job being done by Ben Taylor, and a good team of writers.

Also the BTS newsletter and TDT monthly updates.

Access to Tanzania Affairs is restricted to members for the first month of coming out.

Links [www.tzaffairs.org](http://www.tzaffairs.org)

[www.tanzdevtrust.org](http://www.tanzdevtrust.org) previously revamped

[www.britaintanzaniansociety.co.uk](http://www.britaintanzaniansociety.co.uk) revamped in March 2022

Online library of Tanzania Affairs goes back to the first copy in the 1970's

### 9. Update on Tanzania Development Trust

TDT AGM was able to take place in October.

Janet gave a summary of the rural regions TDT works in, and the key priorities of TDT

The newsletter gives a good update of activities you can sign up to.

Presently TDT is running the Big Give campaign hoping to fund clean water to 10 villages in Kasulu District. Please donate if you can. Link in chat.

Looking forward to the Conference at the University of Dar in January, State of the Map.

### Questions:

Professor Kimambo : Asked about monitoring and how BTS Tanzania might be able to help/collaborate.

Delighted to collaborate with BTS Tanzania on monitoring. TDT has a network of Local representatives. Monthly committee meetings on Zoom. and also If anyone can help with help in business, income generation, bookkeeping assistance, financial modelling. Also if anyone wishes to work in areas of Education.

BTS and Room members took a moment to introduce themselves:

In the room: Paul Harrison (Chair), Professor Cuthbert Kimambo, Acting Chair BTS Tanzania.

David Gibbons. BTS UK trustee. Danny Mwasandube, Jacqueline Kweka; Edward Rweyemamu; Boniface Kanemba; Fauziya Chilwani, Liberato Haule; Elizabeth Mleli; Siya Rimoy; Pendo Bigambo; Michale Numba; Lulu Ally; James Laizer

### 10. Report on status of BTS (Tanzania) given by Prof Cuthbert Kimambo, acting Chair.

BTS Tanzania has managed to maintain its presence in difficult times over the last 5 years.

Members still feel a part of BTS

It has participated in some social engagements.

While there have been no formal engagements,

New NGO regulations require BTS to be regulated to again, and they have prepared paperwork and are on track to complete this.

After recent positive meetings with Paul over future activities , BTS Tanzania envisages a brighter future, with increased engagement and the bringing back/reactivation of members

### 11. Election of officers:

Office	Nominee	Proposer	Second
Chair	Paul Harrison	Charlotte Pallangyo	Janet Chapman

Vice Chair	Godlisten Pallangyo	Janet Chapman	Paul Harrison
Secretary	Charlotte Pallangyo	Paul Harrison	Jeremy Lefroy
Treasurer	Jeremy Lefroy	Godlisten Pallangyo	Paul Harrison
Minutes Secretary	David Gibbons	Charlotte Pallangyo	Jeremy Lefroy
Editor, Tanzanian Affairs	Ben Taylor	Paul Harrison	Jeremy Lefroy
Independent Examiner for BTS	Brian East	Paul Harrison	Jeremy Lefroy
Independent Examiner for TDT	Clive Ashton	Jeremy Lefroy	Brian Medcalf

All above proposed and seconded and approved  
Independent examiners and Treasurers were thanked for their services and hard work.

### 12. Election of new members to serve on the BTS(UK) Executive Committee

A new member Phil Double to help with the BTS Website and Social media. Proposed and accepted.

Welcome and thank you Phil for the change you have already brought and bringing it up to date. Phil asked that if anyone has any news or anything specific they wish to share on the website, please contact him:

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### 13. Approval of Annual Report of BTS(UK) for the year ended 30 June 2022

Approved

### 14. Approval of the Annual Accounts of BTS(UK) for the year ended 30 June 2022 (see Annual Report link above)

Jeremy LeFroy gave a summary on the above:-

- Surplus of £625 for the year
- Main expenses are Tanzania Affairs and the Newsletter
- BTS has been able to pass a donation of £3000 to TDT which were thanked for .
- Private donations are automatically passed on the TDT.
- Further expenses on the Website and shared event
- £2000 in the bank.
- Propose to keep the subscriptions the same for the moment and review later in the year.
- The membership is steady
- The BTS Accounts were approved.

TDT Treasurer: Donations to TDT can gain gift aid if given directly to TDT and thank you to all BTS members who have standing orders which are an important part of TDT overall funding.

### 15. Submission of Annual Report of the Tanzania Development Trust (TDT) for the year ended 30 June 2022 (approved at TDT Trustees meeting 26th October 2022) already shared and approved.

### 16. Any other business.

Hazel Gray from Scotland; Director of Centre of African Studies In Edinburgh University, previously has also worked for ODI in Tanzania Invited to share.

Mentioned 2 meetings they had had:

1) Celebration of 100 years of the birth of Mwalimu Julius Nyerere, also an alumni at the University. Thank you to BTS members who attended. They had 2 Speakers:  
Vice Chair of the University of the University of Dar ( also an alumni of the university of Edinburgh). HE Asha Rose Mgiro. Tanzanian High Commissioner to the UK

2) Held an Arusha Declaration meeting well attended by BTS members.  
The Centre of African Studies operates the Julius Nyerere scholarship open to postgraduate Tanzanian Students to do a Masters Degree. 3 young women funded this year.  
These scholarships are privately funded. They are keen to link with people who can spread the word, consider making donations or being involved.  
Please contact Hazel at: [hazelgray@ed.ac.uk](mailto:hazelgray@ed.ac.uk)

**The meeting ended formally at 14.15.GMT/17.15 Tanzanian Time.**