

## **Summary of the Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Tsuen Wan District Council**

The 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC) was held on 28 May 2013. The major issues discussed were summarised as follows:

### **Visit of Director of Home Affairs to Tsuen Wan District Council**

2. The Director of Home Affairs visited TWDC and introduced the new measures on enhanced support to district administration including the implementation of Signature Projects Scheme, additional allocation of resources for promotion of district arts and culture and enhanced support to district minor works. She also briefed Members on the rationale of the community involvement activities and district minor works, together with the progress of the work carried out for district facilities management and building management. Members welcomed the new measures. Members further put forth their views and recommendations on district facilities and Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme. The Director of Home Affairs duly responded to Members' opinions and thanked TWDC for its support on government policies.

### **Stage 2 Public Engagement on Enhancing Land Supply Strategy**

3. The Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) introduced the Public Engagement on Enhancing Land Supply Strategy. Members raised concern over the serious noise nuisance to the residents in the reclamation area in the days ahead. Members also indicated that the fish culture zone and the livelihood of the fishermen in Ma Wan would be affected. Besides, the Chinese White Dolphin zones in Sunny Bay and Siu Ho Wan should be well protected. CEDD responded to Members' opinions on selection of site for reclamation works and the relocation of Sham Tseng Sewage Treatment Works in detail and assured to undertake the environmental and traffic impact assessments and maintain communication with the residents of the districts. The Chairman requested CEDD to take into account Members' views.

### **Work Plan of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) Regional Office (New Territories South West) 2013/14**

4. The ICAC introduced its work plan and responded to the incident of the former

Commissioner of ICAC. Members praised ICAC for its contribution to Hong Kong and would continue to support its work on prevention of corruption. Members further expressed their views on the incident, internal mechanism of ICAC, importance of public education, matters involved in the Operation Building Bright and duration of criminal investigation of anti-corruption cases. The ICAC duly responded to Members' enquiries and would convey Members' views to the headquarters.

**New Initiatives on Enhanced Efforts to Combat Black Spots of Illegal Extension of Business Area by Food Premises in Tsuen Wan District; Request the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and Relevant Departments to Report and Follow Up the Problem of Illegal Extension of Business Area by Restaurants**

5. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) introduced the new initiatives on combating the illegal extension of business area by restaurants in the district. Members welcomed the measures to be taken including the setting up of task force for enhanced law enforcement work. On the other hand, Members expressed their concern on the application for open air café and the subsequent hygienic and possible street obstruction problems. FEHD reiterated that the task force would carry out its duties according to the laws and regulations and would effect seizure of paraphernalia of the restaurants which had breached the laws as far as circumstances permitted. The Lands Department added that a study on amendment to the Land (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance was conducted with the Development Bureau in order to strengthen the effectiveness on law enforcement work against illegal occupation of government land. Moreover, FEHD and the Police would continue to conduct joint operations to carry out the enhanced law enforcement work to address the problem in question.

**Amendments to Tsuen Wan Outline Zoning Plan No. S/TW/29**

6. The Planning Department (PlanD) introduced the amendments to Tsuen Wan Outline Zoning Plan No. S/TW/29. Members put forth their views and recommendations on the amendments and the PlanD duly responded to Members' enquiries in detail. The Chairman stated that the PlanD had adopted Members' views on Lot 393 in the meeting held on 26 March including the area of the public open space increased to 14 000 square feet, the width of non-building area increased from 20 metres to 38 metres and the total plot ratio lowered to 7. The Chairman further remarked that the PlanD was urged to reflect all opinions from Members in the

meeting to the Town Planning Board and that the PlanD should follow up Members' concern on the number of parking spaces although Members did not put forth any views on item B of the amendments. The PlanD indicated that TWDC would be further consulted on the planning brief for Lot 393.

### **Strongly Request to Improve Dental Services for the Elderly**

7. Members expressed their concern on the insufficient provision of government dental services and unsuccessful application cases of Community Care Fund for subsidised denture for the elderly. The Department of Health responded that the government dental clinics mainly provided dental service for civil service and eligible persons and there was no room for extension of the existing emergency dental services free-of-charge. Besides, the government had increased the voucher amount from \$500 to \$1,000 for the eligible elder to use different medical services under the Health Care Voucher Scheme. Members' views would be conveyed to the Food and Health Bureau.

### **How the Marine Department to Effectively Improve Its Existing Method and Procedure of Vessel Inspection, With a View to Ensuring Safety of Vessels Accessing Along Fairways in Tsuen Wan District and Further Enhancing Safety Protection of Crew Members, Passengers and Residents along Coastline of Tsuen Wan District**

8. A Member raised enquiries on the existing method and procedure of vessel inspection. The opinions of the Member were recorded and his concern on the subject matter would be conveyed to the Marine Department for follow-up.

### **Address Recent Problem of Substantial Newly-built Unauthorised Squatters**

9. The Lands Department (LandsD) stated that a territory-wide Squatter Control Survey was conducted in 1982 and any illegal or unauthorised squatters built thereafter would be subject to enforcement action. The LandsD had also enhanced inspection in Tsuen Wan district where 35 squatters were demolished last year and all complaints would be handled immediately. Members urged the LandsD to clear the vacant squatters as well as those built on the slopes and address the hygienic and safety problems in the squatter area. The LandsD duly responded Members' opinions in detail and would arrange an on-site inspection for Members.

**Strongly Request to Resolve Noise and Vibration Problem at Cheung Shan Estate Incurred by Blasting Works of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link Ventilation Building at Shing Mun Valley**

10. A Member raised and discussed the noise and vibration problem in Cheung Shan Estate. The opinions of the Member were recorded and would be conveyed to the departments concerned.

**Concern about Government's Monitoring on Site Selection of Installation of Wireless Transmitter and Receiver; Issue about Installation of Antenna at Tsuen King Circuit Playground**

11. Members raised and discussed the installation of wireless transmitter and receiver in the district. The Office of the Communication Authority (OFCA) and Government Property Agency duly responded to Members' views. The motion of "objection to install the mobile telephone transmitters and receivers at Tsuen King Circuit Playground and request to remove and put them in an appropriate place" was endorsed with a vote of 10 in favour, 0 against and 1 abstention. The request of a Member on stipulation of a monitoring mechanism for base stations in the long run would be conveyed to OFCA.

**Comprehensively Optimise and Study Long Term Railway Planning in Tsuen Wan District**

12. The Chairman stated that the opinions of Members would be recorded and conveyed to the departments concerned. The Chairman added that Community Building, Planning and Development Committee (CBPDC) was mainly responsible for the planning on development of the district in the long term while the Traffic and Transport Committee was responsible for the planning on traffic and transport. Hence, it was agreed that the long term railway planning in Tsuen Wan district would be followed up by the CBPDC.

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