

## **Summary of the Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Sha Tin District Council (2012 Session)**

The 1st meeting of the Sha Tin District Council (STDC) (2012 session) was held on 4 January 2012. The major issues discussed are summarised below:

### **Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the STDC**

2. Mr HO Hau-cheung, BBS, MH and Mr PANG Cheung-wai, Thomas, BBS, JP were elected unopposed as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively.

### **Appointment of Secretary for the STDC**

3. The Council endorsed the appointment of Senior Executive Officer (District Council) as Secretary of the Council. It was agreed that the seating arrangements for the meetings of the previous Council would continue to be employed.

### **Matters Discussed**

#### **Standing Orders and Guidelines of the STDC**

4. It was agreed that the Council would operate in accordance with the current standing orders and guidelines before the new ones came into effect.

#### **Formation of Committees under the STDC**

5. A member suggested that the District Facilities Management Committee (DFMC) and the Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee (CSCDC), which were of a similar nature, should be merged to form a new Committee called the Recreation and Culture Committee. Another Member suggested that the resources of the DFMC and the Development and Housing Committee should be combined because both Committees were responsible for processing the funding applications for district minor works. Both suggestions did not win any support.

6. It was agreed that the second meeting of the STDC would be held on 13 January 2012 to approve the member lists of the STDC Committees, and that the enrolment deadline for each Committee was 12 January 2012. It was also agreed that all Committees would hold their first meetings after the second meeting of the STDC.

7. The Council endorsed the following arrangements:

- (a) the seven Committees of the previous Council would be retained and their respective terms of reference would remain unchanged;
- (b) the tenure of each Committee would start from 4 January 2012 until 31 December 2015;
- (c) the first meeting of each Committee would be held on the afternoon of 13 January 2012 to elect Chairman and Vice-Chairman; and
- (d) the Secretariat would submit the co-opted member nomination and appointment procedures, together with the revised standing orders for meetings, to the Council for consideration.

#### Schedule of Meetings of the STDC for 2012

8. The Council endorsed the updated schedule of meetings for 2012.

#### Financial Position of the STDC and Confirmation of the Community Involvement Projects to be Held from January to March 2012 as Approved by the STDC 2008/2011

9. The Council endorsed the community involvement projects mentioned in the paper.

#### Employment of Non-Civil Service Contract Staff by the STDC Secretariat

10. The Council endorsed the suggestions stated in paragraphs 4 and 6 as well as the funding application stated in Annex 3.

#### Meet-the-Public Scheme of the STDC

11. The Council endorsed the resumption of the Meet-the-Public Scheme in March 2012 as well as the administrative arrangements stated in paragraphs 3(a) to 3(c).

#### Funding Applications for the STDC

12. The Sha Tin District Officer said that information on the expenditure items of activities funded by the STDC would be available for inspection after the activities were completed.
13. The Chairman invited the members to vote for the six funding applications.

14. The Council endorsed the six funding applications.

#### 2011/2012 District Minor Works Proposals

15. Several members expressed concern over the landscaping works for the roundabout beside the MTRC Wu Kai Sha Station. Representative of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) explained that in view of the growing population of Wu Kai Sha and the fact that the location was a traffic interchange, the greening project was expected to have a beautifying effect on the environment. He added that the contractor would provide maintenance service for three months, after which the LCSD would take over the entire landscaping item.

16. A member expressed concern over the installation of interactive electronic whiteboards for three sporting venues. Representative of the LCSD explained that the number of people using the LCSD sporting venues in Sha Tin every year was estimated to be over 100,000, and that the purpose of installing electronic whiteboards was to provide higher quality facilities for venue users.

17. A member suggested that in support of national education, flag raising facilities should be provided in all LCSD venues, including sporting venues. Representative of the LCSD explained that flagpoles were not provided in indoor stadiums because of their relatively small size, but flag raising facilities were available upon request. He said that the LCSD would consider the provision of flagpoles in large indoor stadiums.

18. The Council endorsed the four district minor works proposals.

#### Any Other Business

19. The Chairman encouraged all members to attend the Home Affairs Department's briefing on the rules and guidelines of the District Council held on 12 January 2012 at Henry G. Leong Yaumatei Community Centre.

#### Date and Time of Next Meeting

20. The next meeting would be held at 2 pm on 13 January 2012.