

**Summary of the Minutes of  
the 1st Meeting of the Sha Tin District Council (2013 Session)**

The 1st meeting of the Sha Tin District Council (STDC) (2013 session) was held on 24 January 2013. The major issues discussed are summarised below:

**Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 22 November 2012**

2. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department proposed to amend paragraphs 32(a), 32(d), 55(a), 55(b), 55(f), 55(g), 55(i), 55(j) and 61(b).
3. Mr LEE Kam-ming proposed to amend paragraph 49.
4. Mr YUNG Ming-chau, Michael proposed to amend paragraph 34(d).
5. The amended minutes were confirmed unanimously.

**2013 Policy Address – Signature Projects Scheme**

6. District Officer (Sha Tin) briefed the members on the paper.
7. Response of the members to the Signature Projects Scheme was generally positive. Diverse proposals on the projects to be undertaken were put forward. Some members preferred projects that served to improve the livelihood of Sha Tin residents. A member maintained that only projects that were really necessary should be carried out. Major proposals on the projects to be undertaken included:
  - (i) developing Shing Mun River into a tourist attraction;
  - (ii) increasing land supply for community facilities by adding covers to the channels of the Tai Wai section of Shing Mun River;
  - (iii) developing artistic zones in Fo Tan;
  - (iv) improving the cycle network and increasing cycling facilities; and
  - (v) implementing the district improvement works projects and district minor works projects that were still outstanding.
8. A member hoped that mutual acceptance of different views would be achieved when discussing the projects to be undertaken. District Officer (Sha Tin) seconded his view, hoping that the discussion would be conducted in a harmonious and cohesive manner.

9. Some members hoped that the works departments would give advice on the type or scale of projects to be undertaken with a limited fund of \$100M. District Officer (Sha Tin) said that she would contact the works departments concerned and hoped that the estimated costs of projects proposed could be provided.

10. Some members wondered whether \$100M was sufficient for the implementation of large-scale signature projects, and asked if extra resources would be available. District Officer (Sha Tin) said that as mentioned in the paper, donation and sponsorship were allowed, and that the donated and sponsored amounts would be regarded as extra resources.

11. Some members found the guidelines on choice of partners unclear. District Officer (Sha Tin) said that the members could refer to the annex of the paper for details. She hoped the Council would consider whether a partner was really necessary, and expected that a clearer direction would be set during the brainstorming session.

12. Regarding the screening of proposals, a member suggested the consultation of academics and professionals as well as the local community. As a brainstorming session on the Signature Projects Scheme would be conducted by the Chairman on 1 February 2013, District Officer (Sha Tin) suggested the invitation of various stakeholders and representatives of relevant departments to participate in the brainstorming session.

13. The Chairman said that a brainstorming session on the Signature Projects Scheme would be held on 1 February 2013 and expected a more thorough discussion on the members' proposals during the session. He also hoped that STDC could agree on the proposal of signature projects at the next meeting.

### **STDC Matters**

#### **Establishment of a Tentative Ceiling for STDC Expenditure Heads and Estimates in 2013-2014**

14. The Council unanimously endorsed the above paper.

#### **Amendment to the Power of Approval for District Minor Works Disbursements Stipulated in STDC Budgetary Procedures**

15. The Council unanimously endorsed the above paper.

#### **Updated Member Lists of STDC Committees**

16. The Council unanimously endorsed the above paper.

#### Funding Application for Employment of Contract Staff by STDC Secretariat

17. The Council unanimously endorsed the above paper as well as the funding applications set out in the paper.

#### Reports of STDC Committees

18. The Council noted the reports of the District Facilities Management Committee, the Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee, the Education and Welfare Committee, the Development and Housing Committee, the Traffic and Transport Committee, the Health and Environment Committee, and the Finance and General Affairs Committee.

#### Financial Account of STDC as at 15 January 2013

19. The Council noted the above paper.

#### **Report of the District Management Committee**

20. Regarding illegal bicycle parking, District Officer (Sha Tin) said that the interdepartmental Working Group on Tackling Illegal Bicycle Parking would take appropriate action during the Lunar New Year period.

21. Regarding the provision of bicycle parking facilities at the pedestrian crossing linking Chui Tin Street and Greenview Garden, representative of the Transport Department said that they would take follow-up action after the meeting. District Officer (Sha Tin) urged the Transport Department to report the progress in writing to the District Management Committee.

#### **Long Term Housing Strategy Review Focus Group Study - STDC Representatives**

22. The Chairman announced that Ms LAM Chung-yan and Mr LI Sai-wing were elected unopposed as the two STDC representatives participating in the Focus Group Study.

#### **Next Meeting**

23. The next meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 21 March 2013.