

**Summary of Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of  
the Finance, Administration and Publicity Committee (2014-2015)**

**Meeting**

The Finance, Administration and Publicity Committee (“FAPC”) held its 7<sup>th</sup> meeting on 12 December 2014.

**Consultation on Naming of Streets in Tuen Mun District**

2. The FAPC endorsed the naming of the road connecting Fuk Hang Tsuen Road and Wong Kong Wai Road as “Man Chat Road”.

**Tuen Mun District Council (“TMDC”) Funds Applications (Projects to be Held or Commence between January and February 2015)**

3. The FAPC endorsed the allocation of \$74,041 to a total of three funding applications.

**TMDC Funds Applications (Projects to be Held or Commence between April and May 2015)**

4. Although the Home Affairs Department (“HAD”) had not yet announced the amount of the District Council (“DC”) funds for the next financial year (“FY”) 2015-2016, the FAPC discussed the funding applications for that FY before such announcement to allow time for project preparation, and endorsed the allocation of \$14,400 to two funding applications.

**TMDC Funds Applications (Projects to be Held or Commence between March 2015 and March 2016)**

5. According to the requirements of the HAD, the DCs should not commit items of expenditure extending beyond their existing term. However, it had been clarified with the HAD that under exceptional circumstances, projects endorsed by the current DCs which had started in their existing term but straddled the first three months of the new term were not subject to the endorsement of the new DCs. The FAPC endorsed the allocation of \$11,255,313 to a total of ten funding applications that had met the above requirements for three types of projects, namely the extension of opening hours of community halls/centres, the programmes organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, and the employment of dedicated staff to assist the TMDC to discharge its duties. Applications involving funding of \$100,000 or above would be subject to confirmation at the next TMDC meeting.

**Review on Rules on Appeals against Cancellation of Funding Reimbursement**

6. The FAPC endorsed the established practice that organisers would not be invited to its meetings to defend their cases. Whether the Members involved in such cases could speak at the meetings would be decided by the Chairman in accordance with the powers conferred by the Standing Orders.

### **Criteria for Submission of Discussion Papers by Members**

7. The FAPC agreed to follow the established rules and procedures in handling Members' submissions.

### **Position of TMDC Funds up to 1 December 2014**

8. As at 1 December 2014, the TMDC had allocated a total of \$28,226,616 for organising 1 263 community involvement projects.

### **Case on Cancellation of Reimbursement of TMDC Funds**

9. The FAPC noted that the activity "Cantonese Operatic Songs Concert" had not been reimbursed as the wordings "Sponsored by Tuen Mun District Council" had not been printed on its admission tickets.

### **Recess Arrangements**

10. The FAPC noted the recess arrangements by the end of 2015. The Chairman reminded Members that in view of the upcoming DC election, the operation of all DCs should be suspended under the District Councils Ordinance, the exact arrangements for which had yet to be announced by the HAD. However, based on the previous term's experience, no activity should be organised, or co-organised or co-hosted with other organisations by the DCs during their suspension. The Chairman asked Members to arrange activities for the next FY ahead to ensure completion by mid-September 2015.

Secretariat, Tuen Mun District Council

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