

Summary of Minutes of the 10th Meeting of Tuen Mun District Council
(2012-2015)

Meeting

The Tuen Mun District Council (TMDC) held its 10th meeting on 7 May 2013.

Meeting between Director of Buildings and Tuen Mun District Councillors

2. Mr AU Choi-kai, Director of Buildings (D of B) attended TMDC's meeting. He briefed Members on the work of Buildings Department (BD) and listened to the views of Members on items of concern of the local community.

3. Comments and enquiries made by several Members about BD's work in Tuen Mun included: (a) Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme and Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme; (b) the problem of unauthorised building works; (c) Operation Building Bright; (d) the water seepage problem; and (e) the request for the establishment of a buildings tribunal. D of B gave detailed response.

Strengthening the Collaboration between Women's Commission and District Councils

4. Representatives of the Women's Commission (WoC) and Labour and Welfare Bureau attended TMDC's meeting and briefed Members on the background of WoC and its work on Gender Mainstreaming. They also shared with Members the content of activities of the Funding Scheme For Women's Development and the Capacity Building Mileage Programme (CBMP).

5. At the meeting, several Members made enquires and comments about the above briefing contents to WoC, which included (a) the requirement on the male-to-female ratio of job positions; (b) venues of courses organised under the CBMP; (c) more studies on Gender Mainstreaming should be carried out; and (d) the concern about and understanding of the needs of grassroots women. Representatives of WoC responded to the comments and questions accordingly and exchanged views with Members.

Enhancing Land Supply Strategy

6. Representatives of Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) attended the meeting of TMDC and briefed Members on the Enhancing Land Supply Strategy and the activity programme of Stage 2 Public Engagement.

7. Several Members made comments and enquiries about the Enhancing Land Supply

Strategy, which included (a) the concern about the impact of the reclamation on the livelihood of the villagers of Lung Kwu Tan Village and the request for a direct consultation with the villagers by the Government; (b) the traffic and employment issues of Lung Kwu Tan should be reviewed; (c) the uses of land from the proposed reclamation at Lung Kwu Tan should be clarified; (d) the concern about the possible disturbance of the reclamation to the coastline and beaches near Lung Kwu Tan; (e) protection of Chinese white dolphins; (f) attention should be given to the relationship between population estimates and land demand; (g) optimum use of existing land resources and prevention of hoarding of land; (h) the Concept Plan for Lantau should be reconsidered by the Government; and (i) views on the consultation paper. Representatives of CEDD gave detailed response.

Calling upon the Government not to Conduct any New Land Resumption Exercise until the Completion of the Review on Land Resumption Policy

8. The Member who submitted the paper pointed out that the Development Bureau stated in the written reply that it would review the ex-gratia compensation and rehousing arrangements concerning land resumption and clearance and exchange views with the stakeholders. She asked the Bureau to clarify whether the stakeholders mentioned in its written reply included District Councils (DCs), Heung Yee Kuk and the Legislative Council. If DCs were one of the stakeholders, it was unconscionable and contradictory for the Bureau to decline the invitation to attend DCs' meetings. She also wished to take the opportunity to ask the Bureau to disclose the formulas recommended in the Kenneth Kan Report and consider relaxing the policy on compensation for land resumption. At the Member's request, the Chairman agreed to write to the Secretary for Development and would personally follow up with the matter.

Request for Expeditious Construction of a Complex and a Car Park

9. The Member who submitted the paper said that the Transport Department (TD) stated in the written reply that "TD had conducted a survey on the overall parking demand and supply of Tuen Mun Area 27 and found that the current number of parking spaces could meet the demand". He considered the assertion unreasonable and pointed out that TMDC was committed to revitalizing Castle Peak Bay and a memorial archway was finally constructed as the landmark in Sam Shing Estate after a great deal of effort by TMDC. As the economic development of the area nearby became more vibrant, the existing parking spaces could no longer cope with the demand. Moreover, since the site of the old wholesale fish market would be used for the development of facilities like parks and cycle tracks, the temporary car park situated there would be closed accordingly. While noting that TD would closely monitor the situation and consider taking improvement and mitigation measures in case of persistent and apparent shortage of parking spaces due to increase in demand, he hoped that TD could be prepared for

the problem and would actively consider the construction of a multi-purpose complex cum multi-storey car park at the lot after the hand-over of the site by China Harbour Engineering Company Limited (China Harbour).

10. Several Members agreed to the above suggestion and put forth their views as follows: (a) TD should examine the actual situation of the area before making the response and review the problem of insufficient parking spaces in Sam Shing Estate; (b) TD could consider the provision of a temporary car park at the site of China Harbour and carrying out a small-scale reclamation at the location of the existing temporary car park for the construction of a new complex with the lower floor serving as a car park and the upper floor as a seafood Dai Pai Dong; and (c) the request for improvement of the management of the vehicular flow to and from the car park at Sam Shing Estate. Representatives of TD, Planning Department, District Land Office (Tuen Mun) and Housing Department responded to the views respectively.

Annual Work Plan of Regional Office (New Territories North West), Community Relations Department, ICAC 2013-2014

11. Representatives of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) attended the meeting of TMDC. They responded to recent reports on ICAC and briefed Members on ICAC's annual work plan for 2013-2014.

12. The Chairman said that ICAC planned to invite TMDC and Tuen Mun District Office to co-organize a preventive education programme with the theme of "Joint Project with Tuen Mun District Council 2013/2014" in the year of 2013-14. Various forms of activities would be held to promote the message of integrity at community level and the collaboration between ICAC and the community in upholding the core value of integrity. A funding of \$60,000 for organizing this preventive education programme was endorsed by the Finance, Administration and Publicity Committee at the meeting held on 12 April this year. As in the past, the ICAC hoped to continue to report the progress of the plan to Members and listen to their views through the platform of the Social Services Committee. TMDC agreed to the arrangement.

Secretariat, Tuen Mun District Council
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