

Summary of Minutes of the 16th Meeting of Tuen Mun District Council
(2012-2015)

Meeting

The Tuen Mun District Council (“TMDC”) held its 16th meeting on 13 May 2014.

Meeting between Postmaster General and Tuen Mun District Councillors

2. The Postmaster General (“PMG”) and the representatives of the Post Office attended the meeting of TMDC to brief Members on the work of the Department with highlights on: (a) postal facility network; (b) Post Office Trading Fund; (c) development strategy; (d) service overview; (e) postal facilities in Tuen Mun District; and (f) Hong Kong Post’s partnership with the community of Tuen Mun District.

3. A number of Members put forward their views and questions on the district work of the Department which covered: (a) provision of additional post boxes; (b) expansion of post offices and increase in manpower resources; (c) focusing on postal services; (d) setting up more post offices in the district; (e) sending out the message of “successfully received”; (f) concerns over the postal services in rural areas; (g) provision of payment by Octopus Cards; (h) provision of access at Tuen Mun Town Hall leading to Tuen Mun Central Post Office; (i) development of diversified services; (j) provision of venue for permanent exhibition; (k) design and issue of stamps; (l) care for the disabled; and (m) concerns over mail security. PMG responded accordingly.

Meeting between Director of Fire Services and Tuen Mun District Councillors

4. The Director of Fire Services (“D of FS”) and the representatives of the Fire Services Department attended the meeting of TMDC to brief Members on the main functions and performance pledge of the Department, and to explain, with the aid of a short video, how the Department had done its best to enhance service quality and effectiveness.

5. A number of Members put forward their views and questions on the work of the Department which covered: (a) request for deploying fireboat to station at Castle Peak Bay, Tuen Mun; (b) hanging of festive lighting decorations; (c) it was suggested that the subject of fire safety should be included in the primary curriculum; (d) rescue

operations for major accidents; (e) it was suggested that fire break should be created at village zones located near mountains; (f) it was suggested that amendments to the Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance should be made known in advance; and (g) it was hoped that the Department could take an active interest in the operation of “dai pai dongs” in the district. D of FS responded accordingly.

Consultation on the Amendments to the Approved Tuen Mun Outline Zoning Plan No. S/TM/31

6. The representatives of the Planning Department (“PlanD”), Transport Department (“TD”), Leisure and Cultural Services Department and Housing Department attended the meeting of TMDC to brief Members on the amendments set out in the paper.

7. The representatives of the PlanD said that the amendments mainly involved 14 residential sites which included: (a) Tuen Mun North: four sites under the public housing development programme (Items A1 to A4) would be rezoned from “Government, Institution or Community” (“G/IC”) to “Residential” (“R”), and it was expected that about 2 790 domestic premises would be provided; (b) Tuen Mun Central: two sites (Items B1 and B2) would be rezoned from “G/IC” to “R”, and it was expected that about 860 domestic premises would be provided; and (c) Tuen Mun East: among the eight sites (Items C1 to C5 and C7 to C9), four of them involved increase in plot ratio for the production of more domestic premises while the other four would be rezoned from “G/IC” and “Green Belt” to residential use. It was expected that about 6 790 domestic premises would be provided. The paper also set out other amendments (Items D1, D2, E, F and G) in addition to those mentioned above. On 2 May 2014, the Town Planning Board (“TPB”) had, in accordance with section 5 of the Town Planning Ordinance, exhibited the draft Outline Zoning Plan incorporating the amendments for public inspection for a period of two months. Apart from putting forward their views at the meeting, Members could also make written representation to the Secretary of TPB on or before 2 July 2014.

8. A number of Members put forward their views and questions on the amendments which included: (a) it was opined that the Administration should not renumber the items mentioned in the paper; (b) it was hoped that PlanD could inform Members the length of the non-building area of “Item A3: north-east of Leung King Estate, Tuen Mun Area 29” and clarify whether the boundary and the egress of the one way road of Leung King Estate would be encroached; (c) objection to the proposed amendments of “Item B1: at the junction of Hang Fu Street and Hoi Wing Road in

Tuen Mun Area 16” and dissatisfaction with the Department’s failure in conducting a comprehensive resident consultation; (d) dissatisfaction with the Administration’s decision to split “Lung Tsai” (village) located near the power station into two parts; (e) it was opined that insufficient notice had been given on Tuen Mun East Consultation held on 22 February 2014, and it was also questioned that PlanD had not truly reflected the views of residents to TPB; (f) it was worried that Castle Peak Road could not accommodate the flow of private vehicles which might be brought along by the near 7 000 domestic premises under the amendments of “Item C”; (g) it was concerned that residents of So Kwun Wat and Kwun Tsing Road had to share one bus-stop; (h) it was questioned that the non-building area under the proposed amendments of “Item C3” would be allocated to real estate developers for profit making; and (i) clarification on the news regarding the proposed new residential development near “Item B1: at the junction of Hang Fu Street and Hoi Wing Road in Tuen Mun Area 16”. The representatives of PlanD and TD responded accordingly.

9. A Member had put forward a motion concerning a development project near Nerine Cove. In this regard, another Member had moved a motion to amend it. After discussion, TMDC resolved that the original motion be considered as invalid and the motion to amend the original motion be considered as void since the seconder had not signed the original motion.

10. The Chairman concluded that TMDC unanimously opined that PlanD should undertake fresh planning of the development near Nerine Cove and consider rectifying the design in respond to the views of the residents.

Annual Work Plan of Regional Office (New Territories North West), ICAC 2014-2015

11. The representatives of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (“ICAC”) attended the meeting of TMDC to brief Members on its annual work strategies and objectives, major areas of work as well as key work plans. Major areas of work of ICAC included: (a) broadening the corruption prevention networks and spreading the probity message in an all-round approach; (b) reinforcing the preventive education for young people; (c) support clean elections; (d) promotion of business ethics and clean building management; (e) consolidating the integrity culture among public officers; and (f) encouraging the reporting of corruption and providing advisory services. As 2014 marked the 40th anniversary of ICAC, the Commission would like to invite TMDC and Tuen Mun District Office to organise a preventive education project on the theme of “A Clean Future for Our Next Generation” in Tuen

Mun District. The project aimed to promote the positive values of honesty, fairness, etc among young people through parenting moral education activities and to sustain the probity culture for the next generation.

12. The Chairman said that TMDC had organised similar preventive education programmes jointly with ICAC during the past few years. The Finance, Administration and Publicity Committee had endorsed the allocation of \$30,000 for organising the project at its meeting held on 11 April 2014. As in the past, 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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