

**Summary of Minutes of the 21st Meeting
of Tuen Mun District Council (2012-2015)**

Meeting

The Tuen Mun District Council (“TMDC”) held its 21st meeting on 3 March 2015.

Consultation Document on the Method for Selecting the Chief Executive by Universal Suffrage

2. The Secretary for Justice (“SJ”) briefed Members on the Consultation Document on the Method for Selecting the Chief Executive by Universal Suffrage and explained the five reasons why the universal suffrage for the Chief Executive should be implemented in 2017. A number of Members put forward their views and questions on the issue and SJ responded accordingly.

3. TMDC passed the following motion with a vote of 23 in favour, zero against and zero abstention:

“In accordance with the Basic Law and relevant decisions of the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress, to implement as scheduled the long-awaited Chief Executive (“CE”) election in 2017. The Tuen Mun District Council calls on different sectors of the community to discuss and forge a consensus in a rational, pragmatic, and mutually respectful manner, so that five million eligible voters may elect the next CE by universal suffrage through ‘one person, one vote’ in 2017, and not to allow constitutional development to come to a standstill.”

Meeting between the Director of Lands and Tuen Mun District Councillors

4. The Director of Lands (“D of Lands”) attended the meeting of TMDC to brief Members on the work of the Lands Department (“LandsD”) and listen to the views of Members on items of concern of the local community. A number of Members put forward their views and questions which included: (a) LandsD should step up the efforts in combating illegal occupation of Government land and illegal disposal; (b) LandsD should pay close attention to the breach of land leases and step up the law enforcement efforts. The approach of re-entering the two industrial units in Tuen

Mun which had violated the land leases should be adopted to tackle and combat illegal columbaria in the district; (c) LandsD should increase manpower to enhance efficiency; (d) LandsD should consider providing compensation for villagers affected by the public housing development in Tuen Mun Area 54; (e) enquiry on the number of “brownfield sites” in Tuen Mun and request for considering giving priority to the development of these sites; and (f) though the re-entering of the two industrial units in Tuen Mun which had violated the land leases would achieve a significant deterrent effect, LandsD should provide sufficient warning and notice for the concerned owners in advance. It was also hoped that LandsD would explain the law enforcement procedures and grace period in future. D of Lands thanked Members for their views and gave a consolidated reply accordingly.

Development of External Traffic and Road Network of Tuen Mun and Tuen Mun Western Bypass

5. The Under Secretary for Transport and Housing (“USTH”) attended the meeting of TMDC jointly with the representatives of the Transport and Housing Bureau (“THB”), the Transport Department (“TD”) and the Highways Department to brief Members on the latest study and development of the Tuen Mun Western Bypass (“TMWB”) project as well as two newly revised proposals for the Tsun Wen Road/Tsing Tin Road Interchange. Members conveyed the views of residents on TMWB project which included: (a) since the site area and scale of the project mentioned in the two newly revised proposals were much smaller when compared with the original proposal, it was doubtful whether the estimated data on the vehicular flow was accurate, and a reassessment on the vehicular flow should therefore be conducted in this regard; (b) it was worried that vehicles would be diverted to Tuen Mun Road by the so-call enhanced proposals, leading to congestion on the northern section of the road, and that the problem of air pollution could not be improved; (c) as it was expected that the vehicular flow of Tsing Tin Road and Lam Tei Roundabout would increase with the rolling out of the housing development in Tuen Mun Area 54, THB should improve the traffic conditions of the whole district from a macro perspective and link up Tsang Tsui, Nim Wan and Lung Mun Road with Ha Tsuen Roundabout; (d) THB should consider the improvement proposal for the overall traffic conditions of Tuen Mun in a prudent manner so as to alleviate vehicular flow; and (e) THB should consider providing an access point at TMWB to connect the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Corridor to divert cross-boundary heavy vehicles heading for the airport and Zhuhai. It should also consider the implementation of the toll-free proposal for Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link in stages to reduce the impacts

on Tuen Mun Road. USTH responded accordingly.

6. THB was of the view that the construction of TMWB could improve the overall traffic conditions of Tuen Mun, in particular Tuen Mun Town Centre and Wong Chu Road. However, since TMDC still had reservation on the present revised alignment design, THB had to reconsider and follow up the issue. Notwithstanding this, THB would race against time to implement the project as soon as possible.

Proposed Logistics Development in Tuen Mun West

7. USTH attended the meeting of TMDC jointly with the representatives of THB, TD and the consultant to brief Members on the findings of the Traffic Impact Assessment (“TIA”) of the proposed logistics development in Tuen Mun Areas 38 and 49 and the proposed traffic improvement measures which included: (a) location of the sites for the proposed logistics development; (b) affected area; (c) estimated vehicular flow and its distribution; (d) traffic improvement measures recommended by TIA; and (e) road arrangement of the project. A number of Members put forward their views and questions on the issue and the representatives of the relevant policy bureaus and departments responded accordingly.

8. The Chairman suggested that a working group meeting on the traffic issues relating to the proposed logistics development in Tuen Mun West should be held to enhance the efficiency of the meeting. USTH expressed gratitude to TMDC for its in-principle support for the proposed logistics development and said that THB would be happy to discuss the traffic issues of Members’ concern at the working group meeting.

[Post-meeting note: The issue of “Proposed Logistics Development in Tuen Mun West” was arranged for discussion at the meeting of the Working Group on Development and Planning of Tuen Mun District to be held on 24 April 2015.]

Public Consultation on “Voluntary Health Insurance Scheme” and “Regulation of Private Healthcare Facilities”

9. Representatives of the Food and Health Bureau attended the meeting to brief Members on the “Voluntary Health Insurance Scheme” and the “Regulation of Private Healthcare Facilities”. A number of Members supported the proposed regulation of insurance system and private healthcare facilities, and opined that the Government

should pay close attention to the monitoring work in this aspect. Members also put forward their views and questions on the papers and the representatives of FHB responded accordingly.

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