

Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of  
the Finance, Administration and Publicity Committee (2018-2019) of  
the Tuen Mun District Council

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Date: 19 October 2018 (Friday)

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Venue: Tuen Mun District Council (TMDC) Conference Room

<u>Present</u>		<u>Time of Arrival</u>	<u>Time of Departure</u>
Mr AU Chi-yuen (Chairman)	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
The Hon HO Kwan-yiu, JP (Vice-chairman)	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr LEUNG Kin-man, BBS, MH, JP	TMDC Chairman	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr LEE Hung-sham, Lothar, BBS, MH	TMDC Vice-chairman	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr SO Shiu-shing	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr TO Shek-yuen, MH	TMDC Member	9:35 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms KONG Fung-yi	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms WONG Lai-sheung, Catherine	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms HO Hang-mui	TMDC Member	10:23 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms CHING Chi-hung	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms LUNG Shui-hing, MH	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHAN Man-wah, MH	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms CHU Shun-nga, Beatrice	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr TSANG Hin-hong	TMDC Member	9:31 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr KAM Man-fung	TMDC Member	9:35 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr MO Shing-fung	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr YIP Man-pan	TMDC Member	9:31 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr YEUNG Chi-hang	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr YAN Siu-nam	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr TAM Chun-yin	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms CHAN Ching-yee, Jackie (Secretary)	Executive Officer I (District Council) 2, Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department		

By invitation

Mr CHAN Kwong-choi Principal Survey Officer/Tuen Mun (District Survey Office,  
Tuen Mun), Lands Department

In Attendance

Mr CHEUNG Hang-fai TMDC Member  
Miss TSUI Man-ye, Joanna District Officer (Tuen Mun) (Acting),  
Home Affairs Department  
Mr CHAU Ka-nin, Eric Senior Liaison Officer (2), Tuen Mun District Office,  
Home Affairs Department  
Mr LAU Chun-fai, Lawrence Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Tuen Mun  
District Office, Home Affairs Department

Absent with Apologies

Mr CHAN Yau-hoi, BBS, MH, JP TMDC Member  
The Hon LAU IP-keung, Kenneth, TMDC Member  
BBS, MH, JP  
Ms SO Ka-man TMDC Member

**I. Opening Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed all present to the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance, Administration and Publicity Committee (“FAPC”) (2018-2019). On behalf of the FAPC, he welcomed Ms Jackie CHAN, who had taken over the post of Secretary.

2. The Chairman said Members should note that Members who were aware of their personal interests in any matters discussed at the meeting should declare the interests before the discussion. The Chairman would, in accordance with Order 39(12) of the Tuen Mun District Council (“TMDC”) Standing Orders (“Standing Orders”), decide whether the Members who had declared interests might speak or vote on the matters, might remain at the meeting as observers, or should withdraw from the meeting. All cases of declaration of interests would be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

**II. Absence from Meeting**

3. The Secretary reported that an application for sick leave had been received from Ms SO Ka-man.

[Post-meeting note: As Ms SO Ka-man subsequently submitted a medical certificate to the Secretariat in accordance with the Standing Orders, the FAPC accepted her application for leave.]

**III. Confirmation of Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting (2018-2019)**

4. As Members proposed no amendments to the minutes, the Chairman announced that the above minutes were confirmed.

**IV. Discussion Items**

**(A) Proposed Street Names in Tuen Mun District  
(FAPC Paper No. 27/2018)**

5. The Chairman welcomed Mr CHAN Kwong-choi, Principal Survey Officer/Tuen Mun (District Survey Office, Tuen Mun) of the Lands Department (“LandsD”), to the meeting.

6. Mr CHAN Kwong-choi of the LandsD gave a PowerPoint presentation (Annex 1\*) to briefly introduce the captioned matter to Members.

\*Only available in Chinese version.

7. A Member expressed no objection to the proposed name as the words “Ching Lai” sounded elegant. Yet, the Member wanted to know the original meaning of the name “Ching Lai”.

8. Mr CHAN Kwong-choi of the LandsD said in response that this road section had originally been unnamed and owners of a private housing estate on the road section had suggested earlier that it should be named “Tin Ching Road”. Yet, this name was already in use by another road section in Tin Shui Wai, and the word “Ching” in Chinese carried the meaning of “wave”, which was consistent with the small bay near the road section. Having regard to the suggestion of the owners, consistency with the surroundings and the need to avoid using the same road name, the words “Ching Lai” had been selected finally after a consultation that had revealed no objection from residents in that area. He hoped the FAPC would consider approving the proposed name.

9. As Members had no further comments, the Chairman announced that the content of the paper was endorsed.

**(B) TMDC Should Immediately Abolish System of Proxy Voting**  
**(FAPC Paper No. 28/2018)**

10. The first proposer of the paper, who had wished the captioned matter to be discussed at a TMDC meeting, expressed regret about the fact that it was being discussed at an FAPC meeting. He remarked that it was not desirable for elected district councillors, who were the voice of voters, to authorise other district councillors to vote for them, adding that nothing could be done against the authorised district councillors if they did not vote in accordance with the wishes of the authorising councillors. Therefore, he hoped that through discussion, it would finally be agreed that the system of proxy voting should be abolished.

11. Members made different comments on the captioned matter, which are summarised as follows:

- (i) A Member said it was not unreasonable for councillors to be absent in case of weddings or funerals. The Member took the abolition of the proxy voting system as a show of no confidence in councillors;
- (ii) Some Members held the view that the system of authorising another person

to vote as a proxy worked well and should be kept, and that councillors were exercising their responsibility as representatives of people if they authorised others to express opinions on their behalf at councils when they were unable to attend council meetings due to unexpected events (e.g. unexpected events in districts and scheduling clashes between meetings);

- (iii) Some Members held the view that the abolition of proxy voting would deprive councillors who took leave legitimately of their say, and since the TMDC did not accept motions moved without prior notice, it was unlikely for authorised persons to vote without knowing the authorising persons' wishes and thus, the system would not be abused. And presumably, councillors authorised reliable persons only, so there was no need to worry about the authorised persons acting contrary to the councillors' wishes. For some district councils that had abolished proxy voting, their practices could be taken as reference only in that they accepted motions moved without prior notice;
- (iv) A Member said that by the terms of reference of the FAPC, it was appropriate to discuss matters relating to or amendments to the Standing Orders at FAPC meetings;
- (v) A Member said there was no direct relationship between the number of times a councillor voted at council meetings and the councillor's devotion to the work of a district council ("DC") and district work;
- (vi) A Member said it took courage to submit the paper for discussion and opined that all matters were open for discussion in a fair council;
- (vii) A Member reckoned that district councils had a duty to review their standing orders or relevant systems from time to time. Besides, the Member noted that councillors might circumvent declaration of interests by authorising others to vote on their behalf;
- (viii) A Member said proxy voting was not frequently used at the TMDC, so it was not because of abuse that it should be abolished. Besides, the fact that elected councillors had the mandate of voters did not mean that they could authorise others to act on their behalf. As proxy voting had been

abolished in some other districts, there should be room for the TMDC's discussion about the pros and cons of the abolition of proxy voting;

- (ix) A Member did not agree that declaration of interests could be circumvented by authorisation because the chairman always reminded councillors to make relevant declarations at the beginning of each meeting;
- (x) A Member said she did not accept the content of the paper. She remarked that the spirit of fact-based discussion should prevail in the council and opined that the paper failed to take the circumstances of the TMDC into full account. Elected councillors should be accountable to voters; on the contrary, the abolition of proxy voting would deprive councillors of their right to express opinions for voters; and
- (xi) A Member reckoned the assumption that there was no consent from voters for councillors to authorise others to act on their behalf was not in line with the basis for the prevailing system of representation. The Member expressed no support for the abolition of the proxy voting system.

12. The Chairman said the motion moved in the paper was not seconded by other councillors, and Order 18 of the Standing Orders stated that unseconded motions were invalid and should not be discussed at TMDC meetings. But the Chairman might exercise discretion and put the matter to vote.

13. A Member opined that the Chairman should not set a precedent by accepting a motion not moved in accordance with the Standing Orders. The Member asked the Chairman to think twice.

14. The first proposer of the paper said this paper served to invite discussion and thus, review the Standing Orders. Understanding that there was no consensus among Members on this matter for the time being, he could withdraw the motion.

15. The Chairman further said it was not that a vote should be held because the paper was accepted but that, by reference to the approach to a relevant discussion in 2012, a vote was proposed to be held on the matter concerned, which would be recorded for future reference.

16. While agreeing that the Chairman might take this paper as a discussion paper, a Member reiterated that if the paper failed to meet the requirement of the Standing Orders, no vote should be held on the motion concerned. The Member invited the Secretariat to explain the relevant provision in the Standing Orders.

17. Mr Lawrence LAU, Senior Executive Officer (District Council) of the Tuen Mun District Office (“TMDO”) said that according to Orders 16 and 18 of the Standing Orders, motions should be moved in writing and signed by the councillors concerned, and unseconded motions were invalid. Yet, Members might still discuss the paper.

18. The Chairman said that actually the motion in the paper was invalid according to the Standing Orders, but there were both positive and negative views among Members on this matter, and this was why he proposed a vote on the matter for record purposes. A Member expressed understanding for the Chairman’s idea.

19. A number of Members said that as the motion in the paper was invalid, there was no need to vote on the above matter. Moreover, they did not agree with the approach of holding votes whenever there were both positive and negative views in discussions, and believed that minutes sufficed to make Members’ views known.

20. The Chairman concluded by saying that after thorough discussion among Members, the majority of Members did not agree with the abolition of the proxy voting system, so it was decided that the existing arrangements would be kept and written authorisation to vote would be preserved.

**(C) Deadlines for Application for DC Funds for Activities to be held from April 2019 to March 2020 under “Community Involvement Projects” of TMDC**  
**(FAPC Paper No. 29/2018)**

21. As Members had no comments on the deadlines for funding applications in the next financial year, the Chairman announced that the paper was endorsed. He asked the Secretariat to inform district organisations of the deadlines by letter.

**(D) DC Funds Applications (Projects to be Held from December 2018 to March 2019)**  
**(FAPC Paper No. 30/2018)**

22. The Chairman reminded Members that during the discussion on the applications for DC Funds, if Members found that their posts or capacity were related to any partner organisations or other district organisations of activities in the applications but the information concerned had not yet been stated in the Form for Declaration of Interests in Handling TMDC Funds or the Registration of DC Member's Interests, the Members were required to make declarations even if they did not intend to speak or vote on the matters concerned. Members should refrain from speaking on any matters in which they had interests. However, if they wished to speak or vote on the matters concerned, they should make a request beforehand. The Chairman would, in accordance with the Standing Orders, decide whether the Members might speak or vote on the matters concerned, might remain at the meeting as observers, or should withdraw from the meeting.

23. Ms KONG Fung-yi declared her interests as the chairperson of Tuen Mun Forth Viewers and Tuen Mun Elderly United Association, so she would not participate in the discussion.

24. The Chairman said that to facilitate discussion, the Secretariat had, in accordance with the TMDC Funding Guidelines, scrutinised beforehand the funding applications set out in the paper for Members' reference. Copies of the funding application forms were available on the conference table for inspection. Members were welcome to put forward for discussion any comments on the recommended funding amounts.

25. The Chairman pointed out that the Secretariat had recommended a total of \$2,934,752 to 304 funding applications.

26. As Members had no other comments, the Chairman announced that the contents of the paper were endorsed. Applications involving funding of \$100,000 or more would be submitted to the DC for endorsement and confirmation.

## V. Reporting Items

### (A) Position of TMDC Funds up to 3 October 2018 (FAPC Paper No. 31/2018)

27. The Chairman said that as at 3 October 2018, the DC had allocated a total of \$29,816,314 to subsidise 780 community involvement activities.



28. The Chairman added that the 2018-2019 financial year had reached its halfway stage and the TMDC was expected to use up the allocated funding because an audit of the current position showed that generally, most Members had organised activities in accordance with the funding amounts in the budget, and the total amount of the funding granted had exceeded the total approved amount for the current year after the almost \$3 million funding endorsed at this meeting was counted. Moreover, in view of the time limit on the settlement of accounts in the financial year, the Secretariat would set 8 March 2019 as the cut-off date. If district organisations failed to submit relevant bills and documents by the above date, the Secretariat and the TMDO might not be able to complete the processing of their applications for reimbursement of TMDC Funds within the current financial year. Members were asked to note the above message and pass it on to district organisations.

29. Members noted the contents of the report.

**VI. Any Other Business**

30. There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 10:40 a.m. The next meeting would be held at 9:30 a.m. on 14 December 2018 (Friday).

Tuen Mun District Council Secretariat

Date: 3 December 2018

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**屯門區議會**  
**2018 至 2019 年**  
**財務、行政及宣傳委員會**  
**第六次會議議程討論事項**

**有關街道命名諮詢事宜**

地政總署 測繪處  
屯門測量處



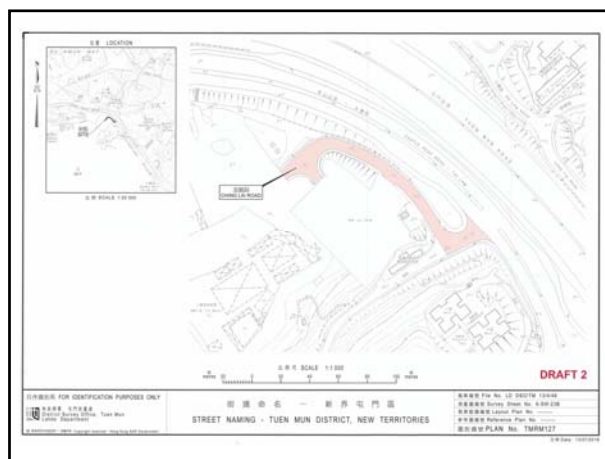
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**CHING LAI ROAD**



**背景**

地政總署屯門測量處現建議將現時從青山公路-大欖段通往小欖燒烤樂園方向的現有道路命名為澄麗路 ( CHING LAI ROAD ) 。

本署根據香港法例第132章公眾衛生及市政條例第111C條，提出為該道路命名和開展有關道路命名的程序。有關建議詳情請參閱附圖(編號：TMRM127)。





**前期工作**

在2018年6月20日本處首獲路政署回覆承擔路牌的豎立及保養責任。

隨後本處在確認該道路命名沒有抵觸現有道路名稱後，並繪製其位置地圖(TMRM127)提交相關部門以作諮詢。諮詢工作在2018年8月底完成，並沒有收到反對意見。



**跟進工作**

在得到屯門區議會同意上述街道命名後，新街道名稱會在憲報刊登作出宣布，及後路政署將安排上述路段安裝新街道牌及其後的保養事宜。

報告完畢



歡迎議員提出對此街道命名的意見