

## Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of Tai Po District Council in 2016

**Date:** 5 May 2016 (Thursday)  
**Time:** 9:35 a.m. to 12:17 p.m.  
**Venue:** Conference Room, Tai Po District Council

### Present:

		<u>Time of Arrival</u>	<u>Time of Withdrawal</u>
The Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, GBS,JP	Chairman	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Ms. WONG Pik-kiu, MH, JP	Vice-chairman	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. AU Chun-wah	Member	9:54 a.m.	End of the meeting
Mr. CHAN Cho-leung	Member	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. CHAN Siu-ken, MH	Member	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. CHENG Chun-ping, JP	Member	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. CHENG Chun-wo	Member	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. CHOW Yuen-wai	Member	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. KWAN Wing-yip	Member	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Dr. LAU Chee-sing	Member	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. LAU Yung-wai	Member	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. LI Kwok-ying, BBS, MH, JP	Member	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. LI Wah-kwong, Rex	Member	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. LI Yiu-ban, BBS, MH, JP	Member	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. LO Hiu-fung	Member	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. TAM Wing-fun, Eric	Member	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. TANG Ming-tai, Patrick	Member	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. WOO Kin-man, Clement	Member	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. YAM Kai-bong, Francis	Member	Beginning of the meeting	10:44 a.m.
Mr. YAM Man-chuen	Member	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. YU Chi-wing, Ken	Member	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. LEUNG Siu-keung	Secretary	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting

**In Attendance:**

Mr. SO Chek-leung, Bassanio, JP	District Officer (Tai Po)/Home Affairs Department
Ms. LEE Kai-ying, Iris	Assistant District Officer (Tai Po)/Home Affairs Department
Mr. Patrick LAIDLER	District Commander (Tai Po), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr. SOH Chun-kwok	District Planning Officer (Sha Tin, Tai Po and North), Planning Department
Mr. LUK Hing-chuen, Steve	Chief Manager/Management (Tai Po, North, Shatin & Sai Kung), Housing Department
Mr. LAM Chi-ming, James	District Social Welfare Officer (Tai Po & North District) (Atg.), Social Welfare Department
Mr. CHOY Ming-fai, Ryan	District Lands Officer/Tai Po, Lands Department
Ms. LAU So-mui, Rebecca	Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Tai Po), Lands Department
Mr. LAW Man-tim	Chief Engineer/NTE4, Civil Engineering and Development Department
Ms. YEUNG Min-jing, Anna	Chief Transport Officer/NT East, Transport Department
Mr. TAM Hung-kong	District Leisure Manager (Tai Po), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr. LEE Tze-wah	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Tai Po), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr. TSUI Tak-ming	Senior School Development Officer (TP)3, Education Bureau
Mr. CHAN Hoi-ming, Peter	Senior Liaison Officer (1), Tai Po District Office, Home Affairs Department
Mr. CHAN Yiu-kwok	Senior Liaison Officer (2) , Tai Po District Office, Home Affairs Department
Miss LEE Ho-ye, Trazy	Executive Officer I (District Council), Tai Po District Office, Home Affairs Department

**Announcements**

The Chairman welcomed Members and departmental representatives to the meeting. He announced that Ms. KWAN Ngok-ying, Chief School Development Officer (Tai Po) of the Education Bureau and Mr. YAM Mun-ho, District Social Welfare Officer (Tai Po & North District) of the Social Welfare Department were not available to attend the meeting due to other commitments, on whose behalf Mr. TSUI Tak-ming, Senior School Development Officer (TP)3 of the Education Bureau and Mr. James LAM, District Social Welfare Officer (Tai Po & North District) (Atg.) of the Social Welfare Department attended the meeting respectively.

## **I. Meeting with the Director of Home Affairs**

2. The Chairman welcomed Miss TSE Siu-wa, Janice, JP, Director of Home Affairs to the meeting.

3. Miss Janice TSE said that she had already met some TPDC Members at the Briefing by Secretary for Food and Health and Secretary for Labour and Welfare earlier. Upon assumption of office as Director of Home Affairs, she hoped that she could meet with DC Members as soon as possible to enhance communication and have a better understanding of their concerns as well as those of the District Councils. To make more time available for Members to voice their views and raise questions, she briefly introduced the work of the Home Affairs Department (“HAD”) as follows:

### **(I) District-led Actions Scheme**

The HAD and the districts had made enormous efforts in terms of district administration. The Government had launched a pilot scheme known as “District-led Actions Scheme” (“Actions Scheme”) earlier under the concept of “addressing district issues at the local level and capitalising on local opportunities”. In view of the satisfactory result, the said Scheme would be extended to all 18 districts. The HAD had already briefed the Panel on Home Affairs of Legislative Council (“LegCo”) on the Scheme in April this year. Under the said Scheme, the Government would allocate approximately \$60 million each year for the 18 districts to handle district matters that were more urgent. Tai Po District would make use of the extra resources granted under the Scheme to solve those long-standing, major and difficult problems in the district, including the improvement of environmental hygiene along the coast, stepping up of mosquito prevention efforts and removal of illegally parked bicycles.

### **(II) Signature Project Scheme**

There had so far been some 20 projects under the Signature Project Scheme (“SPS”) of which funding applications were approval by the Finance Committee (“FC”) of LegCo, whereas some other projects were pending LegCo’s approval, including two projects of Tai Po District. The HAD would make every effort to seek prompt approvals from LegCo for the funding applications of the projects concerned.

[Post-meeting note: As of 20 June 2016, funding applications of 21 SPS projects had been approved by LegCo’s FC, including the project “Establishment of an Arts Centre by Retrofitting Tai Po

Government Secondary School” of Tai Po District. Another project of Tai Po District, namely “Improvements on the tourist facilities at Lam Tsuen Wishing Square” had been approved by LegCo’s Public Works Subcommittee (“PWSC”) and was now pending FC’s approval.]

**(III) Community Participation**

Considerable work had been done by TPDC as far as community participation was concerned, including activities of a great variety. The Government would continue to provide additional funding for the DC to step up its efforts in promoting arts and culture in the district.

**(IV) District Minor Works Programme**

The Government was pleased to see that under District Minor Works (“DMW”) Programme, the DCs carried out in various places environmental optimisation and works for the convenience and benefit of the people. In the financial year 2016-17, the HAD would continue to pay the consultancy fees and expenditure on resident site staff of the works. Besides, to address Members’ concern over the consultancy fees of works, the HAD would explore further as to how more resources could be put into DMW projects effectively.

**(V) District Facilities Management**

There were a number of community centres and community halls in Tai Po District, and Tai Po District Office (“TPDO”) would keep in view if such facilities were in need of replacement or enhancement.

**(VI) Building Management**

The problem with “three nil” buildings in Tai Po District might be less severe than it was in urban district, however, renovation would be required as a result of ageing of buildings, in which case disputes within owners’ corporations (“OCs”) and concerns over bid-rigging might arise. The HAD planned to propose to LegCo that amendments be made to the Building Management Ordinance (“BMO”) (Cap. 344), such as raising the threshold for the passage of certain resolutions and tightening the requirements concerning the verification of proxy instruments.

**(VII) Youth Development**

All 18 districts, in particular Tai Po District, had launched a number of programmes tailored to meet developmental needs of young people.

4. Mr. LI Kwok-ying put forward the following views: Among the livelihood issues, housing problem, which included building management, renovation and maintenance, was the top concern. Prior to the meeting, he had handed a letter to the Director of Home Affairs in which he raised the maintenance issues of Luk Heung Village. The Director of Home Affairs responded that the title of the said buildings had already been transferred to their owners. The fact was that the Government had only transferred the title of the flats to the flat owners while the title of the common parts of the buildings had never been transferred to all the owners or OCs of the buildings (in fact there was no OC formed for Luk Heung Village), nor had it been stated in the deeds of mutual covenant to whom the management of common parts belonged. Under such circumstances, the Government - as the original developer of Luk Heung Village - should be responsible for the maintenance and repair works of the common parts of the said buildings. Besides, he said that small owners in the past had the possibility to get loans or seek assistance from the Hong Kong Housing Society (“Housing Society”), but now it was no longer possible, flat owners of the Luk Heung Village were therefore distressed.

[Post-meeting note: The TPDO had met with representatives of Luk Heung villagers on 20 May 2016 to explain to them that as set out in the Indenture, the responsibility for repairs of the common parts of Luk Heung Village was to be shared in proportion to the shares of ownership. As regards building maintenance and subsidies, Urban Renewal Authority (“URA”) might offer assistance. The TPDO had already invited representatives of the URA to brief representatives of Luk Heung Village Office on 17 June this year on URA’s service schemes in relation to building maintenance, including Common Area Repair Works Subsidy, Home Renovation Interest-free Loan and Owners' Corporation Formation Subsidy, in the hope that flat owners of Luk Heung Village could gain a better understanding of maintenance works arrangement.]

5. Mr. CHAN Cho-leung put forward the following views:
- (i) it would usually take three to four years for an application to install a street lamp in rural areas to be processed. Taking Lam Tsuen as an example, 180 applications for street lamp installation were currently in the queue. He hoped that the Director of Home Affairs would help relay the problem to the departments concerned.
  - (ii) there were over a hundred villages in Tai Po District. With rapid development of the villages, there was a big demand for rural minor works such as repair works of footpaths, erection of railings and improvement of drainage of channels. Despite the cost of each of such works’ being not high, they had to wait their turn for

implementation due to limited resources. In addition to rural minor works, TPDO Works Section was also responsible for some of TPDC district minor works and communicated with relevant departments in connection with the minor works, so its workload was very heavy. He hoped that the HAD would allocate additional resources to the Works Section.

- (iii) a village had applied for the laying of drainage pipes under a footpath. However, the works could not be carried out since private ownership was involved. As a result, villagers still needed to wade through water when accessing the village in rainy days. To tackle the problem, he suggested restarting the Rural Planning and Improvement Strategy (“RPIS”) Programme.

6. Mr. KWAN Wing-yip raised the following views and enquiries:

- (i) he had already commented at the TPDC meeting in March on the initiatives which Tai Po District opted to implement under the Actions Scheme, including anti-mosquito work, refuse scavenging at littoral areas and removal of illegally parked bicycles. He doubted if such duties had not been followed up on in the past by government departments, or the departments had been shirking their responsibilities among one another, or what they had done had been ineffective, such that additional resources provided by the HAD under the said Scheme would need to be put to use to enhance these efforts.
- (ii) he pointed out that under this Actions Scheme which the Chief Executive had proposed in the policy address and to which the Government attached great importance, only some trivial tasks were implemented in various districts. This might create a negative impression of the Government’s work on the public and the media. As regards the implementation of the Actions Scheme, he suggested that reference be made to the practice of DMW such that the restrictions of established policies could be overcome to attain the target of being district-led.
- (iii) he had noticed that whenever Bureau Directors attended DC meetings or contentious issues (such as political agendas) were submitted for discussion at the DC, additional staffs were always present in the conference room. He had asked those staffs if they were secret service agents or state security officials who monitored DC Members at the meetings and would intervene in the event of any unexpected incidents during meetings. He felt immensely pressurised psychologically by the presence of such staffs. Hence, he requested that the Director of Home Affairs and the Secretariat of TPDC review if it would be necessary to have additional staffs to monitor DC meetings in the future.

7. Ms. WONG Pik-kiu raised the following views:

- (i) Tai Po District had only been allocated some \$20 million this year for projects under the DMW Programme, while \$9 million had already been spent on the construction of a small pet corner near Tai Po Centre endorsed earlier by TPDC. She suggested that when allocating DMW Programme funding to the districts, the HAD provide a breakdown setting out the work priority and overall city planning need which the Government had in mind for DCs' reference. Besides, she proposed that apart from construction projects, the said funding be allowed for other uses with reference to district needs such as assisting the Tobacco Control Office of the Department of Health in tackling the problem of illegal smoking.
- (ii) she was a tenant of Luk Heung Village. Luk Heung Village belonged to those "three nil" buildings of which the environment was even worse than public rental housing (PRH). Some tenants hoped that the Government would recover their flats, for which they could move into soon-to-be-completed Po Heung Estate in exchange. In addition, quite a number of flat owners in Luk Heung Village were elderly singletons, who were not eligible for PRH or CSSA since they were holding properties. Some of them were mobility-handicapped. It would be more appropriate for them to stay in homes for the elderly as there was no lift in Luk Heung Village. However, fees of elderly homes cost as much as \$10,000 per month. With their meagre savings of a dozen thousand dollars or so, they could hardly afford staying in elderly homes.
- (iii) the Government had built Luk Heung Village to rehouse those villagers affected by its resumption of private land for the construction of Plover Cove Reservoir decades ago. Aged over 50 years, those buildings were facing serious maintenance problems with which the owners (among whom were quite a number of elderly singletons) were powerless to deal. She was of the view that the case of Luk Heung Village should warrant special treatment by the Government since residents of Luk Heung Village had in the past made contributions to the society and Luk Heung Village had not been built by the residents themselves but by the Government to rehouse those residents affected.
- (iv) owners of Luk Heung Village had no way to redress their grievances. In earlier years, assistance had been available from the Housing Society. Since the departure of the Housing Society, the responsibility to assist Luk Heung Village had been shifted to TPDO. However, the team responsible for Tai Po Market at TPDO comprised no more than three staffs who had to take care of other duties at the same time. She opined that the case with Luk Heung Village was exceptional in which numerous and complicated issues were involved, and the responsibility to handle such a case should not have been borne by the DO. She suggested that the Government review the situation, designate a department and allocate additional resources to deal with the issues with Luk Heung Village as well as map out a

long-term and holistic solution. In this regard, she suggested the Government consider setting up a New Territories Renewal Authority. She also said that residents of Luk Heung Village would be happy to discuss with the Government the issues concerned in detail.

8. Mr. Francis YAM raised the following views:

- (i) the DMW Programme had been launched in 2008 and Members had all hoped that projects they had proposed could be completed during their term of office. However, projects were lagging behind seriously and some projects proposed by DC Members of the term preceding the last one had yet to start, while some others that had commenced were delayed due to various reasons, among which were design faults of consultants or problems with surveying. In many projects, consultancy fees took up a large proportion of the expenditure. Nonetheless, not only were the consultants not held liable for the delays, but could also get paid pursuant to contract. This was utmost irresponsibility. He suggested that the HAD provide more resources to support the preliminary work of projects and the monitoring work during construction, and consider introducing a penalty mechanism in the consultancy contracts to, for instance, deduct the consultancy fees.
- (ii) the former Jockey Club Swimming Pool located next to Tai Po Centre had been closed in 1999 due to financial and foundation problems. Despite the subsequent funding from The Charities Trust of the Jockey Club for rebuilding the swimming pool, the project was nipped in the bud as a result of various problems. The said site was then surrendered to the Government in 2008 and rezoned as "Government, Institution or Community" (G/IC) zone. During the past few years, he had been collecting the views of the residents in Fu Shin Estate, Fu Heng Estate, Tai Yuen Estate and Tai Po Centre and made various requests regarding the use of the said site. The said site, located at Tai Po town centre, was precious and could be used for building a small-scale complex in which facilities such as library, study rooms, day activity centre for the elderly, childcare centre and so on could be provided to respond to residents' aspirations, while at the same time catering for the needs of the additional population of almost 20,000 people who would be moving in the PRHs in Area 9. He suggested that the TPDO seek views from members of the public and grasp this opportunity to lead other departments to undertake land use planning of the said site which would be beneficial to Tai Po residents.

9. Mr. LI Yiu-ban raised the following views: Of the 54 enclaves in the territory, over 50% were in Sai Kung North. Many villages could not benefit from DMW or Rural Public Works ("RPW") programme, and there were no roads in those villages. Given the lack of transport links

and road connections, such villages were uninhabitable and became deserted gradually since the 1970s. Since assuming the office as chairman of Sai Kung North Rural Committee, he had visited a number of villages including Cheung Sheung, Lai Chi Chong and Ngong Ping where public amenities of some villages were so poor that one could not bear seeing. In Cheung Sheung, a villager had to carry the goods uphill in batches all by himself in order to do business with visitors. It was very difficult to make a living. The distance between Lai Chi Chong and Pak Sha O was no more than three kilometres. However, it took over an hour to travel to or from Pak Sha O on foot. Villagers could only rely on kaito services operating three times a day. On the contrary, population of Hoi Ha began to rebound gradually since the 1980s. Some villagers had chosen to move back to live in the village as Hoi Ha was accessible by car as a result of the construction works of High Island Reservoir. It was thus evident that the survival of a village depended on the availability of road connections. As regards those villages that were close to being deserted, there were not even roads, let alone other facilities. He suggested that the Government consider allocating \$100 million per DC term to carry out large-scale “Highlight Works” so as to give those villages on the wane some hope. Besides, he pointed out that the Government had in the 1980s allocated \$4 billion to implement projects under the RPIS, which had been carried out jointly by the HAD and Heung Yee Kuk. Many village roads had been constructed under RPIS. However, after the completion of RPIS, comparable works could not be carried out as there was less funding for RPW projects. He opined that it was a gross irony to the development of Hong Kong that despite the ample fiscal reserves the Government currently had at its disposal, half of the 40 odd villages in Sai Kung North would be on the brink of oblivion as a result of the absence of road connections.

10. Mr. CHAN Siu-kuen raised the following views:

- (i) he hoped that the Director of Home Affairs would help fight for launching the RPIS again.
- (ii) RPW programme was well received by villagers. The said programme was arranged with flexibility. If construction works had to take place in private land, it only required a written consent signed by the owner for the works to commence. However, since Tai Po covered an extensive area with over a hundred villages, the funding of some \$16 million per year was indeed a drop in the ocean. Besides, in addition to its heavy workload, the Works Section of TPDO had to liaise with numerous departments to solve various problems that its staffs were working to the point of exhaustion. He hoped that the Director of Home Affairs would help fight for additional funding for RPW projects and for strengthening the manpower of the Works Section.
- (iii) the height restriction of Luk Heung Village was unfair to the residents and should be relaxed to 150 metres such that it would be on a par with the neighbouring Plover Cove Garden. If the issue with height restriction could be resolved, other

problems would be ironed out easily.

11. Dr. LAU Chee-sing raised the following views

- (i) there were some 40 fishermen representatives territory-wide, among whom seven were from Tai Po District. They served functions similar to those of indigenous inhabitant representatives, resident representatives and kaifong representatives, i.e. to help handle matters related to fishermen. Since the implementation of the dual representation system, indigenous inhabitant representatives and resident representatives were returned by elections and received an allowance of some \$8000 per year. He hoped that the Director of Home Affairs would help fight for the provision of allowance so as to put their benefits on a par with those of indigenous inhabitant representatives, resident representatives and kaifong representatives.
- (ii) the Works Section of TPDO had completed many projects under the RPW programme, such as improvement of rural roads and flooding blackspots, thus making a significant contribution. However, the programme's annual funding of \$16 million fell short of being sufficient for covering all villages in Tai Po which amounted to over a hundred. As a result, many projects were still in the queue. He hoped that the Director of Home Affairs would help fight for additional funding for the RPW programme and for increasing manpower for the Works Section.

12. Mr. Clement WOO said that flats in Kwong Fuk Estate in his constituency were all PRH units and many residents were very keen on participating in the work of mutual aid committees ("MACs"). However, with the financial assistance which the Government currently provided to the MACs, the number of claimable items was rather limited that some essential expenses - such as drinks provided at meetings and souvenirs like flower baskets presented reciprocally between MACs at events – were not claimable. He hoped that the HAD could expand the scope of claimable items.

13. Mr. LO Hiu-fung raised the following views:

- (i) the covered walkway next to Tai Po Market Station should be designated as a no smoking area.
- (ii) resources for Tai Po District RPW projects were so seriously inadequate that it took years even for simple works to remain in the queue before they could commence. For instance, ex-DC Member Mr. LO Sou-chour had in 2011 requested that a street lamp be installed. Not until last month had staffs of TPDO visited the site with him. So there had been a time lapse of five years. However, staffs of TPDO had told him that he would still need to apply for funding for the works. If the funding

application was successful, the works would not commence until next year. The works progress was so slow that it was really difficult for him to face the villagers. Besides, the waiting time for pipe maintenance and road resurfacing was 3 years and 6 years respectively as far as he knew. The tender exercise for a letterbox repair works proposed in 2011 was not carried out until 2016. He urged the HAD to respond to the demand of 15 DC Members to allocate additional resources to RPW projects.

14. Mr. YAM Man-chuen raised the following views and enquiries:

- (i) he enquired about the progress and work schedule of the amendment of the Building Management Ordinance.
- (ii) small owners had neither the money nor the power. They were not aware of relevant administrative procedures, nor did they know how to seek legal assistance. Hence, it was necessary to have an independent regulator similar to Building Repair and Maintenance Authority to provide assistance to small owners. At present, small owners would need to initiate proceedings before the Lands Tribunal by themselves and spend money on hiring lawyers to help handle relevant documents. He hoped that while amending the said Ordinance, the HAD would seriously consider setting up a regulatory authority to offer support to small owners in relation to building repair and maintenance as well as management matters, and to help them handle related disputes.
- (iii) TPDO seldom consulted the public on many district affairs, in particular those major projects. Let's take the PRH development project in Tai Po Area 9 as an example, consultation had been done solely by the Housing Department, whereas consultation on the new use of former Jockey Club Swimming Pool site had been conducted primarily by local groups. He opined that TPDO should play its role to adequately consult residents on new projects or proposals. In addition, he also urged the TPDO to take note of the effectiveness of the way in which consultation was carried out, for example, whether or not consultation sessions had been conveniently scheduled for working people.
- (iv) projects under the RPW programme, though termed as "minor works", in fact involved substantial costs. He was of the view that high construction cost was the result of consultancy fees and materials' being pricey, while the latter might be related to the standards of materials used in projects' being set too high. He said that construction costs for walkway covers, bus stop covers, bicycle parking spaces and so on were not high in foreign countries. He hoped that TPDO would make reference to overseas examples to save on costs such that limited resources could be used for carrying out more projects.

15. Mr. Eric TAM raised the following views:

- (i) at present, the instrument of proxy for meetings of owners authorised a proxy not only to attend the meetings, but also to vote on behalf of the owners. Such arrangement might in some cases distort what small owners thought, hence giving cause for criticism. He opined that authorising a proxy to attend meetings should be handled separately from the authorisation of a proxy to vote at meetings, such that small owners could on one hand appoint a proxy for the sake of reaching the meeting quorum, while on the other only those owners attending the meetings could vote. Some small owners considered this practice more appropriate and prudent.
- (ii) some OCs complained after completion of building maintenance works that the Government failed to provide adequate support. Even though they understood that to ensure the quality of building maintenance works, construction costs would for sure be higher and works period longer, while there would also be more disputes, OC members were often in a position that was pleasing to neither side whenever disputes cropped up. The following scenario thus arose: those who did not have relevant knowledge dared not join the OCs, while those whose aim was to make personal gain were striving to get involved in the OCs, thus making building management and maintenance deviate from the Government's original intent in promoting the formation of OCs. Worse still, in order to prevent bid-nigging, bribery and OCs or management companies from running away with the money, some OCs even suggested that the Government appoint a dedicated authority to take care of all tasks related to building repairs and maintenance for the OCs, including tendering, handling consultancy reports, monitoring works progress as well as dealing with settlement of related fees. He urged the HAD to face the situation squarely and endeavour to enhance its support for the OCs.
- (iii) as a member of the Commission on Youth and Tai Po District Youth Programme Committee, he raised that in accordance with the funding guidelines concerned, each participant in exchange activities organised by the Commissions would receive subsidies of several hundred dollars. For instance, the subsidy for a 5-day activity would only be some \$2000, which was just enough for buying the air-ticket. The Commissions had to look for sponsorship for other expenses such as local expenses, food and accommodation as well as expenses on activities. Even if fees were collected from participants, such income would only go to the Treasury rather than being spent on the activities. Hence, unless sponsorship was secured, the Commissions would not be in a position to organise any exchange activities. He requested that the Director of Home Affairs help resolve the technical problems involved such that fees collected could be spent on the activities.

16. Mr. AU Chun-wah raised the following views

- (i) many private buildings in the district were over 30 years old and required large-scale maintenance. When being asked questions about building maintenance, TPDO representatives attending OC meetings often failed to give categorical answers, or simply read out the provisions of the BMO without giving any advice. He understood that departmental representatives were not supposed to give any advice casually for fear of being held responsible subsequently. In fact, the OCs expected departmental representatives to give some more professional advice to help them make decisions. He hoped the HAD would improve in this regard.
- (ii) the HAD would at each term review the remuneration package for DC Members and such work would be taken up by an assistant director. However, from the discussion to implementation of related recommendations, it usually took up to eight to ten years that by the time they were implemented, the recommendations would no longer be in step with the situation when they had first been made. He hoped that the Director of Home Affairs and her colleagues could explore how to speed up the review process and implementation of recommendations.
- (iii) the former Jockey Club Swimming Pool site had been left unused for a long time. Residents did not wish to see that the site would remain vacant or be used as temporary car park or sitting-out area. What they demanded was quality planning and design. He and some other Members had proposed to several district officers of Tai Po that a small to medium-sized complex be built at the site, with facilities such as library, study rooms, district offices of government departments, medical and welfare facilities to serve residents of Tai Po North, and to meet the needs of growing population in the new estate in Fung Yuen and the new PRH to be built in Area 9. He opined that the Government would miss the opportunity if the said facilities were not planned as quickly as possible. He hoped that the District Officer would discuss and finalise the use of the said site with departments concerned.

17. Mr. CHOW Yuen-wai raised the following views:

- (i) he could not see how initiatives implemented under the Actions Scheme in Tai Po District such as removal of illegally parked bicycles, anti-mosquito work and refuse scavenging at littoral areas were related to the concept of “capitalising on local opportunities”.
- (ii) Tai Po SPS, in particular the Wishing Square Project in Lam Tsuen, had aroused great controversies. Many residents had not been aware that the DC had already decided on the SPS projects. Of all 18 districts in the territory, SPS in quite a number of districts fell short of benefitting many residents in the community as a

whole. Personally, he concurred with the SPS project “Enhancement of Community Healthcare Service” of Kwan Tsing District which provided the elderly optometric/ocular examination, dental care and seasonal flu vaccination. As far as he knew, non-profit-making groups in Kwai Tsing District had played an important role in promoting the said project and gauging the views of the grassroots. Nevertheless, he was of the view that instead of relying on self-initiated consultations done by community groups, the district office was in a better position to properly consult and collect opinions from residents so as to capitalise on local opportunities brought forth by the SPS which was worth \$100 million. He hoped that TPDO would conduct consultation properly next time should there be similar projects again in future.

- (iii) under the DMW programme, each Member might propose one high priority and one medium priority works projects. However, some high priority works projects proposed by Members of the last term had yet to commence in the current term, let alone those of medium priority. Many residents relayed to him that it took too long for the projects to be implemented. He suggested that each Member be offered an extra works project on the principle of “exceptional arrangement under extraordinary circumstances”, so that district problems could be dealt with more promptly.

18. Mr. Patrick TANG raised the following views:

- (i) the formation of OCs of many village houses and estates involved ownership and land title issues, rendering such cases more complicated than those with average estates. He requested that the TPDO draw up guidelines on formation of OCs for village houses and estates.
- (ii) he requested that the TPDO coordinate the matters in relation to installing systematic letter boxes for villages.
- (iii) he commended the Works Section of TPDO for its efficiency but resources were insufficient. He requested that additional resources be allocated for RPW. Besides, he suggested setting aside a portion of the funding for routine minor repair and maintenance works to speed up the processing of such works.

19. Mr. Rex LI supported the provision of allowances to fishermen representatives. He also requested that the Director of Home Affairs give attention to issues including the piers, fresh water supply and public toilets on the shore of the outlying islands.

20. Mr. LAU Yung-wai opined that voter registration rate in Hong Kong was on the low side and HAD's efforts in promoting voter registration were inadequate. Moreover, he wondered why the departments concerned still limited the ways of submitting voter registration forms to post and fax

instead of launching online voter registration. He was of the view that as long as certification and verification were done properly, it would not be such a difficult task to launch online voter registration. Besides, he hoped that the HAD would enhance the promotion strategy and arrangement of voter registration to encourage more members of the public to register as voters.

21. Miss Janice TSE gave a consolidated response to views and enquiries put forward by Members as follows:

- (i) DMWs were the key concern of Members, whose views were related primarily to additional funding, monitoring of consultancy fees and performance of consultants, works progress and so on. She said that issues which Members were concerned about were present not only in individual districts. On the whole, the implementation of DMWs would involve procedures such as dealing with various requirements, site investigations and applications. The HAD would continue to fight for resources and monitor the implementation of works with a view to speeding up the progress.
- (ii) Members were very concerned about building management, including matters related to the amendment of the BMO (Cap. 344), owners' corporations ("OCs") of buildings, instrument of proxy, bid-nigging and so on. In the end of 2014, the HAD had already started running a public consultation on the BMO during which views and opinions had been collected. The HAD would on 17 May 2016 report the result of the public consultation to the Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs and revise the direction of the BMO. She indicated that public views on the BMO were diverse. Taking instrument of proxy as an example, some members of the public opined that the requirements concerned should be tightened and no instrument of proxy be accepted, while quite a number of members of public were of the view that if the use of instrument of proxy was not allowed, implementation of many initiatives would become difficult or impossible. Having considered the views of both sides, the HAD might propose that the number of instruments of proxy held per person be limited, and would discuss the details with the people concerned later.
- (iii) some Members endorsed the implementation of the Actions Scheme, but considered those tasks launched under the Actions Scheme too small in scale and had already been taken care of by government departments. She said that even though the tasks in question had already been followed up on by various departments, concerns of the district might not necessarily be reflected fully when the departments took into consideration the regular deployment of resources and manpower as well as work priorities. She cited anti-mosquito work as an example. Since the emergence of Zika virus and in view of the increasing number of local cases of dengue fever, each district would have varying degrees of concern according to its

circumstances (for instance, mosquito problems in rural areas were more serious than elsewhere). District offices might therefore revise work priorities via the Actions Scheme and step up efforts of relevant departments in this regard to meet the needs of the public. She was convinced that TPDC could help identify projects which could be implemented under the Actions Scheme in a timely manner.

- (iv) as regards local opportunities, she pointed out that since district councils were currently exploring the development of cultural items which the districts were good at, introduction of services with development edge or improvement of facilities and service quality to enhance the attractiveness of the districts, all such efforts were examples of “capitalising on local opportunities”. Besides, she pointed out that the Actions Scheme was a regular programme. After one year of implementation, district councils might review local opportunities and needs to draw up the work plan for the following year.
- (v) as far as matters regarding remuneration package for DC Members were concerned, the HAD had noted Members’ opinions. She pointed out that in the most recent review, the monthly honorariums and reimbursement of operating expenses of Members had already increased by 15% and over 30% respectively. The HAD would continue to review the remuneration package for DC Members as scheduled during the current term.

22. Miss Janice TSE thanked Members for their useful comments. She indicated that she would in the future communicate with the District Officer (Tai Po), the Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming and Members to seek better solutions.

23. The Chairman thanked the Director of Home Affairs for attending the meeting. He understood that she had assumed office only recently and would need time to get acquainted with the concerns of the districts. He hoped that they could exchange their views further at the DC or other occasions in the future.

## **II. Independent Commission Against Corruption Regional Office (New Territories East) Work Plan 2016/17**

(TPDC Paper Nos. 36/2016 and 37/2016)

24. The Chairman welcomed Ms. CHUNG Lai-tuen, Lily, Regional Officer (New Territories East) and Mr. WONG Kin-sun, Senior Community Relations Officer of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (“ICAC”) to the meeting.

25. Ms. Lily CHUNG recapped Paper Nos. 36/2016 and 37/2016. She added that the findings of ICAC Annual Survey 2015 showed that on a 0 to 10 point scale where 0 represented total

intolerance and 10 total tolerance, the mean score was 0.6, which was close to zero tolerance, reflecting a very low tolerance of corruption amongst the public.

26. Mr. CHOW Yuen-wai said that members of the public were very concerned about several corruption cases involving senior officials in recent years, including the incumbent Chief Executive's alleged acceptance of \$50 million. He opined that despite the anti-corruption messages which the ICAC actively publicised via television series, advertisements and other activities, a case or two of corruption involving senior officials would be enough to deal a heavy blow to the public confidence in Hong Kong's ability to maintain its cleanliness and integrity and in ICAC. He enquired of the ICAC how it would deal with such alleged cases of corruption to restore public confidence.

27. Ms. Lily CHUNG responded as follows: She would not comment on individual cases. As a law enforcement agency, the statutory duties of ICAC included the investigation and follow up on all corruption-related reports. ICAC would process all reports received in accordance with established procedures and legislation, regardless of the position, rank, public office and background of the person involved. If the Chief Executive was involved in a corruption report while there was reason for ICAC to suspect that someone might have committed an offence under the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance ("POBO"), it would process the case according to the Basic Law and the mechanism as stipulated by the POBO. Under Section 30 of the POBO, no one could disclose the details of an investigation in respect of a corruption complaint and of the person who was the subject of the investigation. In sum, ICAC would certainly act in accordance with the law.

28. TPDC endorsed to become a co-organiser of the activity "All for Integrity" and authorised ICAC to display TPDC's emblem on publicity materials relating to the activity.

### **III. Confirmation of the minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the TPDC in 2016 on 3 March 2016** **(TPDC Paper No. 38/2016)**

29. Prior to this meeting, the Secretariat received no proposed amendments to the minutes of the last meeting. At this meeting, Members did not propose any amendments to the said minutes either. The said minutes were confirmed without amendment.

### **IV. Tai Po District Office Work Plan 2016/17** **(TPDC Paper No. 39/2016)**

30. Ms. Iris LEE, Assistant District Officer (Tai Po), recapped Paper No. 39/2016. She

supplemented that the TPDO carried out a wide range of tasks and acted primarily as a coordinator. The success of its work would depend on the collaboration of other departments. She hoped that TPDO would continue to work closely with Members and various departments in the coming year to resolve problems in Tai Po District.

31. TPDC endorsed the 2016/17 Work Plan of Tai Po District Office.

**V. TPDC Funds Allocation Budget 2016/17**

(TPDC Paper No. 40/2016)

32. The Secretary recapped Paper No. 40/2016.

33. TPDC endorsed the 2016-2017 TPDC Estimated Allocation contained in Paper No. 40/2016.

**VI. District Management Committee Report to the TPDC**

(TPDC Paper No. 41/2016)

34. Members noted the report and departmental representatives attending the meeting had nothing to add.

**VII. Report of the TPDC Committees**

(TPDC Paper No. 42/2016)

**Agriculture, Fisheries, Commerce, Industries, Tourism and Recreation Affairs Committee**

35. The Agriculture, Fisheries, Commerce, Industries, Tourism and Recreation Affairs Committee had held its third meeting of this year on 11 March 2016. Members noted the contents of the report.

**District Facilities Management Committee**

36. The District Facilities Management Committee had held its third meeting of this year on 10 March 2016. Members noted the contents of the report.

**Environment, Housing and Works Committee**

37. The Environment, Housing and Works Committee had held its third meeting of this year on 9 March 2016. Members noted the contents of the report.

### **Social Services Committee**

38. The Social Services Committee had held its third meeting of this year on 9 March 2016. Members noted the contents of the report.

### **Traffic and Transport Committee**

39. The Traffic and Transport Committee (“TTC”) had held its third meeting of this year on 11 March 2016. Members noted the contents of the report.

40. Mr. CHENG Chun-ping indicated that the TTC had recently conducted a trial run of the proposed routing of the new airport express bus A47X with Long Win Bus Company Limited (“Long Win”) on 19 April 2016. Upon the matter coming to their knowledge, many residents in the district (including those outside his constituency) reflected to him that the proposed routing would spend some 30 to 35 minutes to cover various spots within Tai Po before driving onto the expressway to leave Tai Po for the airport, rendering it not really an express service. They suggested that the said route operate in a point-to-point mode and a suitable location be identified in Tai Po as the terminus. Residents living in different areas in the district could first take other means of transport to reach the terminus where they could change to the bus that would run from Tai Po directly to the airport, so that residents could be offered an alternative express bus route to the airport apart from route E41.

41. The Chairman said that after accepting the Committee’s report, the DC could spend some time on discussing the proposal of Mr. CHENG Chun-ping subject to Members’ consent. He pointed out that there were currently two bus routes in Tai Po District running to and from the airport, namely E41 and A47. The former had to cover a number of places within Tai Po before heading to the airport and the journey took more than an hour, whereas the latter was running on a trial nature and only twice daily. The original intent of introducing the new route A47X was to provide residents living in different areas in Tai Po an express bus going to the airport. Having summarised the views of residents, the said new bus route might take Tai Po Market Station as its terminus, such that residents living in different areas in Tai Po might travel by ways of their choice to Tai Po Market Station where they could change to the bus. Once departed from the terminus, the bus might have a maximum of one stop when running via Kwong Fuk Estate before heading directly to the airport. The original routing proposed for A47X, in comparison, would have to go through some 25 sets of traffic lights and the journey within Tai Po District would take approximately 37 minutes and at least 1.5 hours to reach the airport. As regards bus fare, he

opined that it should be under \$27. Moreover, he raised that passengers who did not mind the travelling time's being longer might take E41, whereas those who preferred speedy service could take A47X. As the resources required for the provision of route A47X were already available and given the urgency of the issue, some time could be spent on discussing the routing of A47X at this meeting subject to Members' consent. Otherwise, the issue would be discussed at meetings of the TTC or the Working Group on Provision of Public Bus and Minibus Services under the TTC.

42. Ms. WONG Pik-kiu indicated that the Working Group on Provision of Public Bus and Minibus Services had repeatedly discussed the routing of A47X, but failed to reach any consensus due to divergent views among Members. As far as the routing originally proposed was concerned, Members of the constituency in question and some other Members who often travelled to the said area invariably opposed the said route's running via Tai Po Market given the traffic conditions there. The Working Group had also put forward some other options such as locating the terminus of the said route in Tai Wo or by-passing the Tai Po town centre to run outside such that the journey could become shorter. On this occasion when representatives of the Transport Department were also present, she proposed that the routing of A47X be discussed at this meeting. However, if it was decided at this meeting that the routing of A47X should be referred to the TTC for decision, she opined that it would not be appropriate for her to lead the discussion concerned since she was a Member whose constituency composed of housing estates. She considered it more appropriate for Dr. LAU Chee-sing, Chairman of TTC, to chair the said discussion.

43. The Chairman said that one of the proposed routings was more or less the same as that of the existing route No. E41, but the fare was about 50% more expensive. As regards the point-to-point option proposed by Mr. CHENG Chun-ping, he was of the view that subject to Members' consent, a six-month trial run could be conducted, after which its effectiveness would be reviewed.

44. Mr. CHENG Chun-ping said that Members made every effort to strive for the launch of route No. A47X and what residents demanded was a special express service that was genuinely time-saving. He suggested that a trial run of the point-to-point routing be carried out for four to six months and then its effectiveness be reviewed or amendments be made as appropriate.

45. The Chairman stated that he allowed the routing of A47X to be discussed at this session of the meeting only because Members were concerned about it. If no decision could be made at the meeting, he would refer it to the TTC for further discussion.

46. Mr. KWAN Wing-yip was of the view that it would be too hasty to decide on the routing of A47X on the spot at this meeting. He said that after the proposed routing of A47X had been put forward a couple of months ago, leaflets were given out to gauge public opinions on the routing and views collected were divergent. As far as the point-to-point option put forward just now was concerned, they would need to consult the residents once again. Besides, he pointed out that the

routing of A47X originally proposed had a “last stop” at Kwong Fuk Estate. For those residents who did not wish to stay on the bus while it was circulating within Tai Po, they might choose to board at Kwong Fuk Estate, in which case it was no different from the point-to-point option, though the bus might be full as it arrived at the said stop. He opined that without sufficient time for preparation, it would be difficult to make a decision on the point-to-point option at this meeting or even at the TTC meeting to be held next Friday.

47. Mr. LI Yiu-ban stated that he played a relatively neutral role in this matter since residents of Sai Kung North were not the primary service target of route No. A47X. During the period between 2000 and 2008, there had repeatedly been views requesting that additional stops be provided for A41 but to no avail as doing so would significantly lengthen the journey. He supported the point-to-point option and that Tai Po Market Station would be used as the terminus of A47X as it was an easily accessible transport hub, hence making it fairer for residents in various districts.

48. Mr. CHOW Yuen-wai queried if it was in compliance with the DC procedure to raise the routing of A47X for discussion at this meeting, since the said issue had all along been followed up on by the TTC and related working group, while no relevant representatives of the Transport Department and bus companies were present at this meeting. Moreover, he pointed out that "A" Routes – Airbus running to and from Ma On Shan also had to make a detour in Ma On Shan for quite a long time before heading to the airport, whereas E41 did not run via Tai Wo Estate and Tai Wo Station.

49. Mr. YAM Man-chuen suggested that the routing of A47X be discussed at TTC meeting on 13 May 2016 since relevant representatives of the Transport Department and bus companies would then be present. It was hoped that a decision could be made at the said meeting.

50. The Chairman reiterated that this agenda item had initially been intended for the processing of committee reports. Since there was a Member who put forward a new proposal in relation to the routing of A47X, he allowed the discussion only with Members’ consent. Members had voiced their views on the issue and fully demonstrated the parliamentary spirit. He opined that whether the issue was discussed at this meeting or at a TTC meeting, there was no conflict. He requested that the TTC follow up on the proposal put forward by Mr. CHENG Chun-ping and consider opinions voiced by Members. He suggested that non-TTC Members who were concerned about this issue consider attending the TTC meeting on 13 May to participate in the discussion.

## **VIII. Applications for DC Funds**

(TPDC Paper No. 43/2016)

51. The Chairman requested that Members declare interests where necessary in respect of the funding applications submitted to TPDC for vetting.

52. The Secretary reported that six funding applications would be vetted at this meeting. Pursuant to Orders 48(9) and 48(10) of the TPDC Standing Orders, a Member shall declare interests if he found he had direct personal interests, pecuniary interests or other interests in an application for DC Funds under consideration, or had links with the benefited party or the potential benefited party. The Secretariat had compiled a declaration form based on the information collected. The form set out the links between Members and the hosting/partnering/co-hosting organisation concerned, and had already been tabled for Members' reference (see annex to meeting minutes). He asked Members to check the information contained in the declaration form and make revisions or give supplementary information where necessary. In addition, he reminded Members that apart from links with the hosting/partnering/co-hosting organisation concerned, a Member shall also declare interests if he had any direct personal interests, pecuniary interests or other interests in the applications for DC Funds to be examined at this meeting.

53. Members concerned declared interests according to the information contained in the declaration form.

54. The Chairman said that he and the Vice-chairman had declared their links with the hosting organisations of "Organisation of Tai Po District Football Teams for Participation in 'HKFA' Youth League at all Levels in 2016-2017" and "Tai Po Federation of All Circles Celebrating the 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Return of Hong Kong to China". Pursuant to Order 48(11) of TPDC Standing Orders, he asked those Members who had not declared interests in accordance with Order 48(9) of TPDC Standing Orders to determine if he and the Vice-chairman could speak in relation to the fund application of the said activity or take part in voting, as well as whether they could remain in or had to withdraw from the meeting.

55. Dr. LAU Chee-sing indicated that despite the links which the Chairman and Vice-chairman had with the hosting organisations of the two activities mentioned above, no pecuniary or other interests were involved. He recommended that they would not need to withdraw from the discussion of the fund applications concerned. Nevertheless, they should remain silent and abstain from resolution or voting of the fund applications in question. Members concurred with the said arrangement.

56. As regards those Members who had declared interests, the Chairman raised the following suggestions:

- (i) as Mr. Ken YU was the authorised person of the organiser of "Tai Po Celebrating the 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Hong Kong's Reunification", he had to withdraw from the meeting while the fund application concerned was being examined.

- (ii) if Members held a substantive position in the hosting/partnering/co-hosting organisations concerned without involving pecuniary interest or other interests, they were not required to withdraw from the meeting at which the fund applications concerned were being examined, but should remain silent during the discussion and abstain from resolution or voting. The Chairman could request that they provide supplementary information if necessary.
- (iii) if they held a non-substantive position in the hosting/partnering/co-hosting organisations concerned without involving pecuniary interest or other interests, they could take part in the discussion and resolution of the fund applications concerned

57. Members agreed to the Chairman's suggested approach.

58. The Secretary recapped Paper No. 43/2016.

59. Mr. AU Chun-wah raised the following views and enquiries in relation to expenditure item 1 (i.e. expenditure on light meals for U25 team members) and item 5 (i.e. expenditure on light meals for U18 team members) of Tai Po Football Club's fund application:

- (i) why was it necessary to provide U25 and U18 team members light meals? What was included in a light meal which cost \$76?
- (ii) would it bring about any feeling of unfairness if light meals were only provided to U25 and U18 team members? (He emphasised that he was not trying to encourage all team members to apply for reimbursements of light meal expenses.)
- (iii) it was not necessary to attract young people interested in football to take part in this activity by offering them light meals. They would bring along food when attending the activity, so there was no need to prepare any light meal for them.

60. Mr. YAM Man-chuen enquired if the Secretariat could provide information about the exact amount by which each expenditure item exceeded the funding ceiling pursuant to the Guidelines on TPDC Funds ("Guidelines"), such that Members could have a better grasp of the amount to be exempted, for instance, "Tai Po Celebrating the 19th Anniversary of Hong Kong's Reunification" had applied for \$270,000 in total, what the amount was which exceeded the funding ceiling.

61. Miss Trazy LEE, Executive Officer I (District Council) of TPDO, responded as follows:

- (i) In accordance with the Guidelines, an applicant organisation was only required to submit completed "Record of payments made to volunteers/athletes/performers/performing groups/other persons" (Appendix X-b of the Guidelines) for the application of reimbursement of light meal expenses (Confirmation by signature of payee and authorised person of the applicant

organisation would suffice. It was not necessary for an applicant organisation to produce the actual receipts of light meals). Hence, the Secretariat had no information about food items included in the light meals provided to football team members.

- (ii) According to information provided by Tai Po Football Club, either before or after football training, members of U25 and U18 teams would dine together where they would discuss the tactics and review their performance.
- (iii) As regards expenditure items which had exceeded the funding ceiling set down by the Guidelines, the Secretariat had listed for Members' reference the ceiling of the expenditure items concerned in the last section of the budget of each fund application contained in Paper No. 43/2016.

62. Mr. AU Chun-wah enquired if there was no need for members of teams other than U25 and U18 to discuss tactics and review performance. He pointed out that Tai Po Football Club applied for a total of some \$130,000 for the expenditure on light meals provided to members of U25 and U18 teams, accounting for almost one-sixth of the total amount of fund applied. In view of this, he opined that it was necessary for Tai Po Football Club to clearly explain the use of the funds so as to ensure that they would be put to good use.

63. The Secretary said that the Secretariat had not enquired of Tai Po Football Club about the reason why members of teams other than U25 and U18 were not provided with any light meals. He reckoned that perhaps only those members of senior teams would need to gather together before or after training or competition to discuss the tactics and review their performance.

64. The Chairman suggested that \$600,000 be earmarked for Tai Po Football Club and requested that the Secretariat find out the details from Tai Po Football Club after the meeting in order to answer the questions raised by Mr. AU Chun-wah. If Mr. AU was satisfied with the replies concerned and agreed to endorse the Club's fund application for "Organisation of Tai Po District Football Teams for Participation in 'HKFA' Youth League at all Levels in 2016-2017", then TPDC would approve the application. Otherwise, the said application would need to be re-submitted for vetting at the next DC meeting. Besides, he explained that TPDC had set up Tai Po Football Club back then to tie in with the Government's policy to develop football at the district level. The team had performed satisfactorily and was gradually promoted to the first division. Each year, the TPDC allocated Tai Po Football Club funding for young player training at the district level.

65. After discussion, the TPDC was satisfied that the following activities were covered under the scope of and funded by DC Funds, while benefitting people living, working or attending schools in the district. Hence, the TPDC resolved to:

- (i) allocate \$449,265 to Tai Po Sports Association for organising "The 44th Cross Tolo

Harbour Open Race”, and to waive the ceiling of expenditure concerned.

- (ii) allocate \$270,000 to Tai Po Federation of All Circles for organising “Tai Po Celebrating the 19th Anniversary of Hong Kong’s Reunification”, and to waive the ceiling of expenditure concerned.
- (iii) allocate \$154,800 to Tai Po District Youth Committee for organising youth activities in Tai Po District.
- (iv) allocate \$200,000 to Tai Po District Arts Advancement Association for organising “Preservation of Cultural Heritage (I): The Puppet Shows in Tai Po”, and to waive the ceiling of expenditure concerned.
- (v) allocate \$68,000 to the Working Group on the 2012-2015 Report of Tai Po District Council for the publication of the *2012-2015 Report of Tai Po District Council*.

66. Members noted the eight applications for DC Funds endorsed by TPDC and its Committees within two months prior to this meeting.

## **IX. Any other business**

### **(I) Issue of special or commemorative stamps in 2018**

(TPDC Paper No. 44/2016)

67. The Chairman indicated that each year, Hongkong Post would issue 10 to 12 sets of stamps for special themes, festivals or memorable events. Hongkong Post had written to TPDC earlier to invite Members to put forward views on the themes for the special or commemorative stamps in 2018 for the Stamp Advisory Committee’s consideration. Members might raise their proposals now or to the Secretariat on or before 17 June this year. The Secretariat would then forward the proposals to Hongkong Post.

68. Members did not raise any proposal at the meeting.

### **(II) The 12th Hong Kong Butterfly Race cum Photo Contest 2016 organised by the Environmental Association - Invitation to the TPDC to become a supporting organisation**

(TPDC Paper No. 45/2016)

69. The Chairman indicated that the Environmental Association would continue to organise the captioned activity this year to promote conservation of butterflies and to raise public awareness of overall ecological conservation. The said Association had invited the TPDC to be a supporter of the activity and requested for permission to display TPDC’s emblem on publicity materials relating

to the activity.

70. The TPDC agreed to become a supporting organisation of the above-mentioned activity and authorised the said association to display TPDC's emblem on publicity materials relating to the activity.

**(III) The Women's Commission's Funding Scheme for Women's Development**  
**(TPDC Paper No. 46/2016)**

71. The Chairman advised that the Women's Commission ("WoC") would continue to launch the "Funding Scheme For Women's Development" in 2016-17, with "Women's Employment" as its theme. The WoC would allocate \$53,000 to each of the 18 DCs to sponsor women's groups and relevant NGOs in organising district level activities to promote women's development and foster a harmonious community. He suggested following the previous practice to entrust the Social Services Committee with the task of identifying suitable local groups for organising the activities concerned.

72. Members concurred with the approach proposed by the Chairman.

**(IV) Nomination of TPDC Representative for the consideration of the Secretary for Development for appointment as Member of the Disciplinary Board under Sections 5(3A) and 11(4A) of the Buildings Ordinance (Cap. 123)**  
**(TPDC Paper No. 47/2016)**

73. The Secretary recapped Paper No. 47/2016.

74. Ms. WONG Pik-kiu nominated Mr. LI Kwok-ying and said that he was a senior DC Member who was familiar with the Buildings Ordinance and met the requirements set out in the Paper. The nomination was seconded by Dr. LAU Chee-sing. Members attending the meeting had not made any other nominations.

75. Mr. LI Kwok-ying accepted the nomination.

76. The TPDC endorsed the nomination.

**(V) Matters concerning the suspected violation of Guideline on Allocation of District Council Funds by Tai Po Feast for the Elderly 2016**

77. The Chairman advised that TPDC Secretariat had completed the investigation regarding the complaint lodged by Mr. CHOW Yuen-wai and Mr. LAU Yung-wai. The investigation report would be submitted to the Agriculture, Fisheries, Commerce, Industries, Tourism and Recreation Affairs Committee for case discussion at the meeting on 13 May 2016.

**(VI) Statement of Income and Expenditure of the Social Fund of the TPDC in 2016**

78. Members noted the captioned report.

**X. Date of Next Meeting**

79. The next meeting would be held at 9:30 a.m. on 7 July 2016 (Thursday).

80. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

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