

Summary of the Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the Tsuen Wan District Council

The 3rd Meeting of the Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC) was held on 27 March 2012. The major issues discussed were summarised as follows:

Visit of Commissioner of Police to Tsuen Wan District Council

2. The Commissioner of Police (CP) briefed Members on the work of the Hong Kong Police Force. Members put forth various enquiries and recommendations concerning child abduction, detection of hackers, “retirement wave” in the Force, street prostitute problem, illegal shop extension at downtown, noise nuisance from restaurants during night time, cyber crime and bullying, anti-drug education, illegal sale of alcohol beverages to underage persons, youth problem, cycling safety, quick cash crime and telephone fraud. The CP duly responded to Members’ concerns and remarked that the Force would take prompt measures and strengthen its efforts in fighting crime and educational promotion.

Consultation on Licensing Scheme for Private Columbaria

3. The Food and Health Bureau (FHB) briefed Members on the highlights of the consultation paper on licensing scheme for private columbaria and stated that the scheme aimed at ensuring all private columbaria conform to relevant statutory or government requirement, provide reasonable services and strengthen protection of consumer rights and interests. Members in general supported implementation of the scheme and expressed their views and recommendations. In response, the FHB further elaborated details of the scheme. Departments were urged to take appropriate follow up actions to address Members’ concerns.

PWP Item No. 5114AP - Dredging Works in Kwai Tsing Container Basin and its Approach Channel

4. The Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) introduced the captioned public works project and added that it was necessary to construct additional contaminated sediment disposal facility to the south of the Brothers so as to meet sediment disposal demand of dredging works in Kwai Tsing Container Basin. Members expressed their opinions on the works and the CEDD gave detailed responses. The District Officer (Tsuen Wan) called upon the CEDD to reflect Members’ opinions to the Hong Kong Port and Maritime Board and request a written reply from the Board. Members welcomed the positive response of the Government to Ma Wan fish-farmers’ concerns and demand for ex-gratia allowance. It was expected that the Government would continue to follow up Members’ concerns and recommendations with a view to minimising

environmental and water quality impacts of the project.

Development Plan of the New Home Ownership Scheme at Ex-Tai Wo Hau Factory Estate Site in Tsuen Wan

5. The Housing Department (HD) illustrated the design concept of the development plan of the new home ownership scheme (HOS) at ex-Tai Wo Hau Factory Estate. Members welcomed the plan in general and gave comments on various aspects of the development plan covering public transport and community facilities, parking space, noise and air pollution, new HOS policy and utilisation of public open area. The HD responded in detail. The TWDC generally supported the development plan of the new HOS at ex-Tai Wo Hau Factory Estate site in Tsuen Wan and welcomed the initiative of organising a district-based workshop on design of the public open space. The Community Building, Planning and Development Committee would follow up on issues concerning relevant public open space.

Amendments to the Approved Tsuen Wan Outline Zoning Plan No. S/TW/28

6. The Planning Department (PD) sought Members' views on the amendments to the Approved Tsuen Wan Outline Zoning Plan No. S/TW/28. The PD responded to Members' concerns over the Plan and hoped to implement relevant recommendations in its future planning. Members generally supported the proposed inclusion of height restriction in the Approved Tsuen Wan Outline Zoning Plan which achieved a balance between development and cityscape and welcomed the PD to keep an open mind on land use of TWTL393 and hoped the Government to gauge views from the TWDC before formulating land use and development direction of TWTL393 in the future. PD was requested to follow up reconstruction intention of the Chuen Yuen Church proactively.

Improvement and Refurbishment of North Lantau Refuse Transfer Station and Ma Wan Refuse Transfer Facility

7. The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) briefed Members on the improvement and refurbishment of North Lantau Refuse Transfer Station and Ma Wan Refuse Facility. The TWDC supported the improvement and refurbishment works. Members enquired about the Government's measures against odour problem incurred by refuse collection vehicles and whether the FEHD could consider collecting refuse for the Park Island. The EPD and FEHD duly responded.

Tsuen Wan District Council Should Undertake a Feasibility Study on Extension and Provision of New Station for the Existing Railway Line of the MTR Corporation Limited Passing through or Terminating at Tsuen Wan, with a view to Facilitating Continual

Development of the District

8. Members raised and discussed the extension and provision of railway service in Tsuen Wan. The motion “Tsuen Wan District Council requests the MTR Corporation Limited to undertake a feasibility study on extension, connection with new passageway and provision of new station for the existing railway line passing through or terminating at Tsuen Wan, with a view to facilitating continual development of the district” was endorsed with a vote of 11 in favour, 0 against and 6 abstentions.

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