

## **Summary of the Minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Tsuen Wan District Council**

The 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC) was held on 27 May 2014. The major issues discussed were summarised as follows:

### **Visit of Director of Lands to Tsuen Wan District Council**

2. The Director of Lands visited TWDC and introduced the work of the Lands Department (LandsD) including, inter alia, land disposal, land acquisition and clearance as well as estate management. Members expressed their views and concern over the increasing demand of carparks for different types of vehicles in Tsuen Wan town centre, improvement of the carparks facilities in rural areas, short-term waivers for buildings, tree management in the district, improper disposal of water pipes after the maintenance works by the LandsD, and the more effective and efficient law enforcement action including stipulation of corresponding measures against illegal extension of business areas by shops. They also commented on various squatter control and policy matters such as the timely law enforcement action against the squatters under construction, materials used for repairing the existing squatters, consolidation of the slopes which posed potential danger to the nearby squatters and inheritance of squatters. In addition, the Chairman remarked that a non-standing working group under TWDC, chaired by the Vice Chairman of TWDC, would be set up to follow up the matters in relation to the squatters in the district and convey Members' views to the LandsD for follow-up. The Director of Lands duly responded to Members' concern in detail and indicated that irregularities of squatters would never be tolerated and the policy stipulated in 1982 would still be in force. Also, the LandsD, together with the Transport Department and Development Bureau, were exploring the feasibility of offering the land of short-term tenancy for carpark purpose in order to meet the increasing demand for carparks across the territory.

### **Work Plan of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) Regional Office (New Territories South West) 2014/15**

3. The ICAC introduced its work plan for the coming year. TWDC supported to coorganise the activities for promotion of integrity in Tsuen Wan district with the ICAC.

### **Development of Community Green Station**

4. The Assistant Director of Environmental Protection Department (EPD)

introduced the plan of developing a Community Green Station (the Station) in Tsuen Wan district. Members in general supported the development of the Station but they had reservation on the suggested site for the Station. They expected that the EPD would identify some other sites for selection and give a more appropriate name for the Station. Besides, they expressed their views and concern over the impact on traffic and peripheral environment, mode of operation and logistics arrangement, the scope of work, nature and design of the Station as well as the need to enhance environmental awareness of the public by education. The Assistant Director of EPD duly responded to Members' concern and enquiries in detail. He reiterated that the physical constraints of the suggested site could be resolved through design and the problems in relation to the outlook and greening of the Station would be addressed at the detailed design stage after the plan was supported in principle by TWDC. To sum up, the Chairman remarked that Members supported the development of the Station in principle and that the EPD was expected to adopt Members' views in the preparation and design work of the Station and timely report the follow-up work to TWDC.

**“How the Police and Leisure and Cultural Services Department Effectively Forbid the Users who Ride Bicycles from Swooshing on the Pavement from Tsuen Wan Riviera Park to Ting Kau for Ensuring the Safety of General Visitors.”**

5. A Member raised and discussed the measures taken against cycling on pavement from Tsuen Wan Riviera Park to Ting Kau by Hong Kong Police Force (Police Force) and Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to ensure the safety of road users. Members opined that there was a need to enhance the law enforcement as well as education and publicity work on safety on cycling. In addition, the practice of no restricted use of certain road sections in foreign countries could be drawn as a reference for tackling the problem of cycling on the pavement and follow-up work should be carried out for the misleading words on the blue signboard in question. The representatives from the Police Force and LCSD duly responded to Members' concern and enquiries. Besides, the Police Force would reflect to the parties concerned on the misleading words on the signboard and the LCSD would enhance the education work and carry out prosecution irregularly so as to remind the visitors not to ride bicycles inside the parks managed by LCSD. Members' concern on the safety on cycling on the road section in the vicinity of TW5 Development Projects of Tsuen Wan West Station of MTR West Rail would be brought to the attention of the MTR Corporation and Highways Department in writing after the meeting.

## **Request Relevant Government Departments to Follow Up the Problem of Unauthorised Squatters in Tsuen Wan District**

6. Two Members raised and discussed their request to relevant government departments to follow up the problem of unauthorised squatters in Tsuen Wan district. The Chairman stated that a non-standing working group, headed by the Vice Chairman of TWDC, would be set up under TWDC for a term of not more than eight months to handle the problem of unauthorised squatters in Tsuen Wan district. He hoped that the representatives from Squatter Control Unit (the Unit) of LandsD would attend the meetings from which the opinions solicited would be conveyed to the LandsD for follow-up. The representatives from the LandsD duly responded to Members' concern and undertook to attend the meetings of the above non-standing working group and conduct on-site inspections with Members if deemed necessary.

### **“Request the Departments to Fully Review and Enhance the Capacity of Tsuen Wan for an Early Formulation of Blueprint for Community Development to Ensure that Various Types of Ancillary Facilities are Sufficient to Cope With the Population Increase and Maintain the Quality of Lives of the Public”**

7. Two Members raised and discussed the motion of “requesting the departments to fully review and enhance the capacity of Tsuen Wan for an early formulation of blueprint for community development to ensure that various types of ancillary facilities are sufficient to cope with the population increase and maintain the quality of lives of the public”. The representatives from the Education Bureau and LCSD responded to Members' concern. The motion, which was unanimously endorsed by a vote, would be conveyed to the departments concerned and this item could be followed up on the meetings of Community Building, Planning and Development Committee.