

## **Summary of the Minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Tsuen Wan District Council**

The 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC) was held on 28 January 2014. The major issues discussed were summarised as follows:

### **Consultation Document on Methods for Selecting the Chief Executive in 2017 and for Forming the Legislative Council in 2016**

2. The Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (CMAB) released the Consultation Document on Methods for Selecting the Chief Executive in 2017 and for Forming the Legislative Council in 2016 to solicit Members' views. The Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs explained that it was the common aspiration to achieve the target of universal suffrage for the Chief Executive election by one-person-one-vote in 2017. It was hoped that discussions would be held peacefully and rationally. The options of constitutional reform should be conducive to the development of capitalist economy and meet the interest of different sectors of society. Some Members put forth their recommendations on the methods for selecting the Chief Executive in 2017 and for forming the Legislative Council in 2016 and some Members expressed their views on seeking consensus for the universal suffrage, development of democracy as well as the composition, electorate base and representativeness of Nominating Committee. The Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs duly responded to Members' concern in detail and he hoped that their views would be expressed to the CMAB in writing by 3 May. The Chairman remarked that the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs had promised to attend the public forum held in Tsuen Wan district after the Chinese New Year and that he welcomed various sectors of the community to express their views to the Bureau in writing in the capacity of an individual or a group. He hoped that the views expressed would be fully considered by the government.

### **Visit of Commissioner for Labour to Tsuen Wan District Council**

3. The Commissioner for Labour briefed the meeting about the work of the Labour Department, including its employment services, the latest employment situation, Work Incentive Transport Subsidy Scheme, implementation of Statutory Minimum Wage (SMW), paternity leave legislation, consultation work on standard working hours and importing foreign labour. Members put forth their views and enquiries on the employment assistance provided for people aged 50 or above, strengthening manpower for the inspection of the employment agencies (EA) placing domestic foreign helpers, legislating for deterring the EA from offering loans or rendering ill-treatment to the domestic foreign helpers, arrangement of paternity leave, labour importation, standard working hours, solutions to improve the hard lives of SMW

earners and recovery of the arrears of long-term service payment. The Commissioner for Labour duly responded to Members' concerns in detail. He remarked that manpower was strengthened for enhanced inspections of the EA, of which a more stringent monitoring was under consideration, and allowance for pro-employment low-income working families would be provided.

#### **Draft Chuen Lung and Ha Fa Shan Development Permission Area Plan No. DPA/TW-CLHFS/1**

4. The Planning Department (PlanD) introduced the planning intention for Draft Chuen Lung and Ha Fa Shan Development Permission Area Plan No. DPA/TW-CLHFS/1, together with the Note and Explanatory Statement. Members put forth their views and enquiries on the ways to improve the traffic of Chuen Lung, designation of the Village-type Development Zone for the small houses in the following 10 to 20 years, extension of the boundary of Chuen Lung Village to San Hoi Tin and relaxation of the restrictions on the reconstruction of licensed structures in Ha Fa Shan Village. The District Planning Officer (Tsuen Wan and West Kowloon) duly responded to Members' concerns. The Chairman remarked that the District Council in general agreed to the Draft Chuen Lung and Ha Fa Shan Development Permission Area Plan and asked the PlanD to submit Members' views to the Town Planning Board for further consideration.

#### **Draft Planning Brief for the "Comprehensive Development Area (7)" Site at Tsuen Wan Town Lot (TWTL) 393, Tsuen Wan**

5. The PlanD briefed Members about the paper and sought their views on the draft planning brief of the proposed comprehensive development of Tsuen Wan Town Lot (TWTL) 393. Members put forth their views and enquiries on the setback of the entrance of the existing footbridge, worsening of traffic problem in Tsuen Wan, insufficient parking spaces, construction of a footbridge connecting construction sites A and B, construction of a footbridge along Yeung Uk Road connecting Lot 393 and Chung On Street, provision of various accesses in the parking facilities for vehicles and management of the newly-constructed footbridge of the development of Lot 393 by the government. The District Planning Officer (Tsuen Wan and West Kowloon) duly responded to Members' concerns in detail and remarked that a written reply would be prepared for Members' enquiries. The Chairman stated that the District Council in general agreed to the draft planning brief of Lot 393 and asked the PlanD to submit Members' views, especially their views on the management of the footbridge, to the Town Planning Board for further consideration.

**Request the Government to Complete the Area Assessment of Industrial Land in the Territory as Soon as Possible and Release the Result The Industrial Land in Sha Tsui Road North Should be Zoned as the “Comprehensive Development Area” According to the Actual Need**

6. A Member raised and discussed the Area Assessment of Industrial Land in the territory and that the industrial land in Sha Tusi Road North should be zoned as the “comprehensive development area” according to the actual need. The Senior Town Planning/Tsuen Wan made a response. The Chairman stated that Members could raise and discuss this item at the meetings of Community Building, Planning and Development Committee and the representative from the Planning Department would make response at the meetings concerned when the relevant information was readily available.

**Request for Fully Addressing the Problem of Maintenance of the Schools in Lei Muk Shue Estate**

7. Two Members raised and discussed the problem of maintenance of the schools in Lei Muk Shue Estate, such as resurfacing of the place for students to play sports, provision of a rooftop for the footbridge and provision of a lift in one of the primary schools. Some Members also put forth their views and enquiries on maintenance works of the schools in public housing estates taken up by the Education Bureau (EDB) in future, supporting the EDB in coordination of such maintenance works, provision of more resources for improving the old campus and regular and comprehensive inspections for old schools by the EDB. The representatives from the EDB and the Housing Department (HD) duly responded to Members’ concerns. The Chairman asked the EDB and HD to continue to follow up on the matters on maintenance of the schools in Lei Muk Shue Estate with the two Members.

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