

## **Summary of the Minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Tsuen Wan District Council**

The 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC) was held on 30 September 2014. The major issues discussed were summarised as follows:

### **Visit of Permanent Secretary for Education to Tsuen Wan District Council**

2. The Permanent Secretary for Education visited Tsuen Wan District Council and briefed Members about the work of the Education Bureau (EB), government's estimate for education in 2014/15 and major areas in relation to education in the 2014 Policy Address. Members expressed their concern over the local education, including insufficient kindergarten and primary one places in Tsuen Wan district, provision of more facilities and resources such as enhancing human resources training and earmarking physical locations in public housing estates with short-term tenancies at lower rates or free-of-charge for kindergartens, the number of schools withdrawn from the Pre-primary Education Voucher Scheme in the past three years and the responding measures from the EB, as well as the implementation details of admission of undergraduate programmes of Mainland higher education institutions under "Project 211" and Mainland University Study Subsidy Scheme. They also concerned about the pressure and workload of teachers and the unfair treatment to some newly-recruited teachers who were assigned to teach Chinese, English and Mathematics only, and suggested to improve the ratio of teachers to students and to increase the number of teachers. Besides, they opined that local organisations should be allowed to use certain vacant school premises for organizing activities. Some of them requested to address the problem of insufficient school bus services for local students and carry out the maintenance works for the primary school in Lei Muk Shue Estate. Moreover, Members enquired about the development of international schools in Hong Kong for its global competitiveness in future, and the curriculum of the Chinese Language for non-Chinese speaking students to prepare for the alternative qualifications for entrance of local universities. The Permanent Secretary for Education duly responded to Members' concern and enquiries in detail.

### **Introduction of Work Plan of the Yan Chai Hospital**

3. The Hospital Chief Executive (HCE) and representatives from the Yan Chai Hospital (the Hospital) introduced its annual plan (2014/15), extension of services of its Special Diagnostic Centre and Lady Trench General Out-Patient Clinic renovation project. Members expressed their concern on the dialysis centre at Riviera Garden, waiting time between endoscopy examination and follow-up appointment of the Hospital as well as a full review on the medical services due to the increasing population in the district. They also enquired about the measures to be taken by the

Hospital to mitigate patients' worries over the endoscopy examination. Besides, some Members requested for improving the layout and peripheral environment of Lady Trench Polyclinic at Sha Tsui Road. The HCE urged Members to support the Lady Trench General Out-Patient Clinic renovation project due to its urgency and he was committed to following up the matters related to the dialysis centre and reflecting Members' view on Lady Trench Polyclinic to the Department of Health (DH). On the other hand, Members' request for the redevelopment of Lady Trench Polyclinic for providing more services to the residents in Tsuen Wan district and West New Territories would be conveyed to the DH in writing.

#### **Progress Report on Major Public Works Projects in Tsuen Wan District (as at 31 August 2014)**

4. The Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) reported the progress of the major public works projects in Tsuen Wan district. Members expressed their views and enquiries on the progress of various works projects, including the Ecological Park (Tso Kung Tam Valley Tsuen Wan), resurfacing, reconstruction and improvement works of Tuen Mun Road, Replacement and Rehabilitation of Water Mains, Stage 4, Phase 2, greening of Tsuen Wan Drainage Tunnel as well as Phase I works and advance works of the Cycle Track between Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun. The representatives from CEDD, Highways Department and Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) duly responded to Members' enquiries. The CEDD was asked to invite the representatives from all relevant departments to attend the meetings to respond to Members' enquiries and report the latest progress of the works of Cycle Track between Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun.

#### **Request for All-round Improvement of Drying Racks and Free Installation of Laundry Facilities for Public Housing Estates**

5. Two Members raised and discussed the request for improvement of drying racks and free installation of laundry facilities for public housing estates. They also hoped that the Housing Department (HD) would allocate more resources to speed up the first phase of replacement of pole holder facility with laundry racks and make reference to the new design of drying racks of the private residential buildings. The representative from the HD duly responded to Members' enquiries and undertook to provide the additional information of the design of drying racks to Members after the study was completed.

#### **The Problem of Noise Nuisance from MTR Depot**

6. A Member raised and discussed the problem of noise nuisance from MTR Depot. Some Members expressed concern on the current standard of measuring the noise

generated by the trains entering the depot and the difference between the water spraying system and rail lubrication system as a noise abatement measure and requested the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) to report the surveillance results on the noise level of the depot to the Environment and Health Affairs Committee regularly. The representatives from EPD and Mass Transit Railway Corporation Limited (MTR) duly responded to Members' enquiries. The EPD assured to continue to monitor the noise nuisance of the depot.

**Request the Education Bureau to Attach Importance to the Right of Vicinity of School Children and Demarcate Ma Wan School Net Separately As Soon As Possible**

7. A Member raised and discussed the request to the EB to attach importance to the right of vicinity of school children and demarcate Ma Wan school net separately as soon as possible. Members expressed their concern over the need to give priority of the children living in Ma Wan for admission to the primary one of the school in Ma Wan which was geographically remote from urban areas. Some Members also enquired about the policy and consultation work in relation to demarcation of school net. The representatives from the EB duly responded to Members' enquiries and undertook to collect relevant opinions for the consideration of the Primary One Admission Committee after which the Committee would seek stakeholders' views on adjustment of school net. The motion was endorsed with a vote of 15 in favour, 0 against and 1 abstention and conveyed to the EB.

**Request to Consider the Aspiration of the Residents at Waterfront of Tsuen Wan for an Early Planning of Facilities Connecting the Footbridges in Tsuen Wan and West Rail**

8. A Member raised and discussed the request to consider the aspiration of the residents at waterfront of Tsuen Wan for an early planning of facilities connecting the footbridges in Tsuen Wan and West Rail. The representatives from the Planning Department and Transport Department (TD) duly responded to Members' enquiries.

**Strongly Request the Transport Department to Review the Licensing Framework of Green Minibuses, Immediately Improve the Existing Ineffective Monitoring Approach and Fundamentally Improve the Service Quality of Green Minibuses in the District**

9. A Member raised and discussed a strong request to the TD to review the licensing framework of green minibuses, immediately improve the existing ineffective monitoring approach and fundamentally improve the service quality of green minibuses in the district. They also reflected the reoccurrence of lost trips soon after

the completion of the survey of the services of the green minibuses. They further opined that the views solicited from the community and district councils should be incorporated as one of the factors of consideration for licence renewal of the minibus operators. The representative from the TD duly responded to Members' concern and undertook to monitor the level of the green minibus services. The motion was endorsed unanimously by Members and conveyed to the TD.

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