

Summary of the Minutes of the 22nd Meeting of the Tsuen Wan District Council

The 22nd Meeting of the Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC) was held on 26 May 2015. The major issues discussed were summarised as follows:

Work Plan of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) Regional Office (New Territories South West) 2015/16

2. The ICAC introduced its work plan on district liaison, clean elections and integrity building management for the coming year. Members enquired about ICAC's works in promoting clean elections and combating against bid-rigging relating to building maintenance work. The representative from the ICAC duly responded to Members' enquiries. She gave details of anti-corruption measures, preventive education, law enforcement as well as ICAC's advisory services on building management for owners' corporations.

Urge the MTR Corporation Limited to Construct a Footbridge to Tie in with the "Redevelopment of the Sai Lau Kok Garden" under the Signature Project Scheme

3. A Member raised and discussed the footbridge proposed to be constructed by the MTR Corporation Limited (MTR) to tie in with the redevelopment of the Sai Lau Kok Garden under the Signature Project Scheme (the project). The representative from the MTR explained that at present, the MTR did not plan to construct the proposed footbridge due to sufficient capacities of the existing five footbridges extending from exits A and B for the pedestrian flow to and from Tsuen Wan MTR Station. Members in general supported the construction of the proposed footbridge, but having regard to the funding availability, the proposed footbridge could not be included in the project. The Chairman added that the MTR would closely monitor the pedestrian flow and consider the captioned proposal when necessary.

Concern about the Latest Progress of the Extension Works for Tsuen Wan District Pedestrian Footbridge Network

4. A Member raised and discussed the latest progress of the extension works for Tsuen Wan District Pedestrian Footbridge Network. The Chairman considered it was not appropriate for the TWDC to discuss the construction of ancillary facilities of private properties by real estate developers, which did not form part of the extension works, and urged the District Lands Officer/Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing to assist in dealing with the issues arising from the captioned matter.

Request for Improvement of the Internet Services for the Residents of Village Houses in Tsuen Wan District

5. A Member raised and discussed the request for improvement of the internet services for the residents of village houses in Tsuen Wan district. A written reply from the Office of the Communications Authority (OFCA) was tabled at the meeting. Members commented that due to the monopoly of internet services in rural areas, neither the customer service nor level of service provided by certain telecommunication services providers was satisfactory. The authority concerned should introduce competition to the internet services so that the residents in rural areas could use quality internet services at a reasonable price. After discussion, Members' views and request of sending representatives to attend the meetings of TWDC would be conveyed to OFCA.

“Request for Fully Addressing the Problem of the School Premises of the Schools in Lei Muk Shue Estate”

6. A Member raised and discussed the request for fully addressing the problem of the school premises of the schools in Lei Muk Shue Estate. Members concerned about the slow progress in completing the maintenance works of the said school premises and enquired about the resources allocation criteria for maintenance of schools. They requested the Education Bureau (EB) to expedite the installation of lift for S.K.H. Chu Oi Primary School (Lei Muk Shue) and enhancing the in-house equipment for the schools in question. The representatives from the EB undertook to continue to strive for more resources for schools and reported the progress of refurbishment works for the three primary schools in Lei Muk Shue Estate, as discussed at the meeting of TWDC on 28 January 2014. Besides, the lifts installation projects for three schools in Tsuen Wan district were approved in 2013/14 school year and a territory-wide planning should be conducted in view of the huge expenditure on installing lifts in schools.

Highly Concern about the Latest Incidents of a Number of Large-scale Disposal of Pollutants into Tsuen Wan Waterfront

7. Two Members raised and discussed the concern about several latest pollution related to large-scale disposal of pollutants into Tsuen Wan waterfront. Members questioned whether such incidents were actually caused by the drainage problems and enquired about what substances constituted the white pollutants as shown in the laboratory results of the sea water sample. The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) and Drainage Services Department (DSD) were asked to reflect the pollution problem of the waterfront to the Bureaux concerned for speeding up the

installation of dry weather flow interceptors. Preventive measures should also be drawn up to solve the pollution problems. The representatives from EPD and DSD duly responded to Members' enquiries and informed that the dye-tracing tests were conducted for the drainage in question and the drain misconnections found were rectified. Besides, a written reminder for proper maintenance or otherwise prosecution was also issued to the industrial building involved. The departments concerned were asked to follow up on Members' views and report the progress to the Environmental and Health Affairs Committee on a regular basis.

“Strongly Request the Leisure and Cultural Services Department to Review the Existing Rules for Using Park Venues, Improve Quality of Staff, Especially the Criteria and Management of Noise, and the Way to Strengthen the Cooperativeness and Coordinativeness in Implementing Programmes at the Park Venues in Tsuen Wan District with Various Working Groups under the Tsuen Wan District Council.”

8. A Member raised and discussed the captioned request. It was expected that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) would facilitate the activities organised by the TWDC and its Working Groups, such as the semi-final of a singing contest to be held in the amphitheatre of Tsuen Wan Park this year. The representative from the LCSD duly responded to Member's concern and explained that the LCSD would not reject the application if the organiser would use the facilities provided by the LCSD at the venue. He also undertook to improve the communication between two parties and conduct a review on security officers' training and attitude.

“Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC) Supports the Consultation Report and Proposals on the Method for Selecting the Chief Executive by Universal Suffrage Forwarded by the Government of HKSAR In Accordance with the Basic Law and Decision of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress. TWDC Hereby Urges the Legislative Council to Endorse the Constitutional Reform Proposals for the Realisation of Selecting the Chief Executive by Universal Suffrage of Over Five Million Eligible Voters in Hong Kong through “One Person, One Vote” in 2017.”

9. Two Members raised and discussed the motion that “Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC) Supports the Consultation Report and Proposals on the Method for Selecting the Chief Executive by Universal Suffrage Forwarded by the Government of HKSAR In Accordance with the Basic Law and Decision of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress. TWDC Hereby Urges the Legislative Council to Endorse the Constitutional Reform Proposals for the Realisation of Selecting the

Chief Executive by Universal Suffrage of Over Five Million Eligible Voters in Hong Kong through “One Person, One Vote” in 2017.” and hoped that members with different views would support the motion for the benefit of Hong Kong. Some members opined that the central government should streamline the constitutional reform proposals in order to consolidate support from the pan-democratic camp. Other members supported the endorsement of the constitutional reform proposals for the stability and future development of Hong Kong. The motion was endorsed with a vote of 14 in favour, 4 against and 1 abstention and conveyed to the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau.

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