

## **Summary of the Minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Tsuen Wan District Council**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC) was held on 28 July 2015. The major issues discussed were summarised as follows:

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

2. The Commissioner for Transport visited Tsuen Wan District Council and introduced the service areas of the Transport Department (TD), long term transport development strategy in Hong Kong, traffic works and public transport services improvement projects in Tsuen Wan. Members expressed their concern on various traffic issues such as traffic congestion in Tsuen Wan, shortage of parking spaces in Tsuen Wan, and transport planning to tie in with the development of Tsuen Wan. They also commented and put forth suggestions on public transport matters, in particular the bus and green minibus services, including the implementation of “Estimated Bus Arrival Time System”, increase of service frequencies, improvement to lost trip situation, early introduction of new bus routes, extension or re-route of the existing bus routes, alignment of the section fares of different bus routes, reinforcement of the green minibus monitoring mechanism and enhancement of feeder service and Residents’ Services in the district. They also enquired about the progress of implementing the concessionary fare of \$2 per trip of green minibuses for the elderly in Tsuen Wan and the Extension Works for Tsuen Wan District Pedestrian Footbridge Network. They were of the view that the ventilation problem in public transport interchanges should be resolved and urged for early completion of Tuen-Tsuen Railway. In response, the Commissioner for Transport reiterated the existing policies and strategies on bus services, licensing of green minibuses and railway development. She further explained the improvement measures for shortage of parking spaces in Tsuen Wan and the progress of the construction of Pedestrian Footbridge D and planning of Pedestrian Footbridges B, C and E. At present, the TD was actively pursuing with the green minibus operators to help resolve the technical, operational, accounting and auditing issues to provide the concessionary fare. To address the traffic congestion problems in the district, the TD would closely monitor the traffic flow of Tai Chung Road, Tai Ho Road and Texaco Road and study the feasibility of the extension of Texaco Road Flyover.

### **Visit of Director of Drainage Services to Tsuen Wan District Council**

3. The Director of Drainage Services visited Tsuen Wan District Council and introduced the work of the Drainage Services Department (DSD). Members raised their concern on aging water pipes, sewer blockage, misconnections of sewers and

proposed relocation of Sham Tseng Sewage Treatment works to caverns. They enquired about the progress of the installation works of dry weather flow interceptors, operation of the Tsuen Wan Drainage Tunnel and expressed views on the implementation of the village sewerage in Tsuen Wan rural areas, drainage problem in squatter areas in Tsuen Wan and odour problem at the Tsuen Wan waterfront. The Director of Drainage Services responded that the DSD would adopt measures including provision of plastic sheets and enhanced cleansing of box culverts to address the odour problem at the Tsuen Wan waterfront. The trenchless technology would also be used to minimise the impact on the traffic when the installation works of dry weather flow interceptors was conducted in Tsuen Wan after allocation of fund at the end of 2016. Consultation on the relocation of Sham Tseng Sewage Treatment works to caverns would be conducted in due course. He also undertook to strengthen the management of the sources of sewerage by rectifying the misconnections of pipes. Moreover, the village sewerage for squatter areas in Tsuen Wan would be commenced in 2016 or 2017 if resources are available.

### **Keep Clean 2015@Hong Kong: Our Home**

4. The Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan) (ADO(TW)) briefed Members on the “Keep Clean 2015@Hong Kong: Our Home” campaign. The Chairman stated that the TWDC would tie in with the campaign but arrangements would not be made for Members to participate in distributing publicity materials of the campaign in compliance with the Elections (Corrupt and Illegal Conduct) Ordinance for the upcoming district council elections. Members could express their views on the campaign to ADO(TW) after the meeting.

### **Briefing on Work Plan of the Yan Chai Hospital**

5. The Hospital Chief Executive (HCE) from the Yan Chai Hospital (the Hospital) introduced its annual plan (2015/16), including the Acute Cerebro-Vascular Treatment Centre, various project works, Lady Trench General Out-Patient Clinic renovation project cum temporary relocation, Yan Chai Hospital Lobo Law Foundation Renal Dialysis Centre, Department of Theatre Sterilisation and Bacteria-free Supplies, improvement works of Physiotherapy Department, upgrading the service of Intensive Care Unit, quality pharmacy service, hospital accreditation programme and community healthcare education. Members enquired on the hospital’s measures of maintaining sufficient manpower while improving its services and reviewing its equipment for prevention of medical incidents to protect patients’ right. The HCE explained the hospital’s direction on extending its services and duly inspection of the relevant medical devices. He added that the Hospital Authority would conduct a review in order to ensure the accuracy of the reference values

produced by the medical devices in hospitals.

**“Strongly Request the Officials of the Transport Department to Rectify the Situation Immediately and Respect the Views of the District Council by Suspending and Withdrawing the Intrusive Policy of the Newly Added Bus Route 930X Making a Detour via Texaco Road, as well as Conducting the On-site Transport Assessment Surveys at the Waterfront Area and City Point Immediately for Submission to the District Council for Further Discussion Before Making Decision so as to Ensure that the Truly Effective Transport Services upon Taking the Overall Situation into Consideration is Available for the Public.”**

6. Two Members raised and discussed the captioned request. Members generally supported the new service of bus 930X and requested the TD to improve communication with District Council (DC) by enhancing the consultation work. It was hoped that the operation of Residents’ Service in Riviera Garden would not be affected. The representative of the TD informed the meeting that the bus 930X via Texaco Road was planned to meet the needs of the residents of Discovery Park, Fuk Loi Estate and City Point in one go. This would not affect the operation of the said Residents’ Service. The TD would closely monitor the passengers’ demand on bus route 930X and adjust its service upon discussion with the bus company when necessary. Moreover, the communication with DC Members for confirmation of changes of public transport services or new services to be provided would be reviewed by TD. The motion of “Strongly Request the Officials of the Transport Department to Respect the Views of the District Council, and Conduct On-site Transport Assessment Surveys at the Waterfront Area and City Point Immediately for Submission to the District Council for Further Discussion to Facilitate the Appropriate Adjustment and Decision for the Bus Route 930X so as to Ensure that the Truly Effective Transport Services upon Taking the Overall Situation into Consideration is Available for the Public” was unanimously endorsed and conveyed to the TD.

### **Request for Improving the Air Ventilation of Public Transport Interchange in Tsuen Wan District**

7. A Member raised and discussed the captioned request. Some Members stated that according to the results of the air monitoring tests conducted by their respective political parties, the temperature of the five public transport interchanges (PTIs) in Tsuen Wan was relatively high and people awaiting there found it difficult to breathe. It was hoped that the situation would be improved and a temperature difference of not exceeding one Degree Celsius should be used as the yardstick when the temperature

inside and outside of the PTIs were compared. The representative from the TD responded that the TD would urge the bus companies to acquire more environmental-friendly buses with low emission. In collaboration with other relevant departments, they would study how a widely-acceptable temperature difference standard could be formulated and assess the resources required in compliance with the standard. The representative from the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) made an update that the improvement works of the PTI at Sai Lau Kok Road would be completed in mid-August and a feasibility study on providing fans at the PTIs in Tsuen Wan would be conducted with the TD. The TD and EMSD would work together to explore the ways to improve the relatively serious situation of the PTI at Tsuen Wan West Station. In addition, the representative from the Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) (KMB) stated that the KMB had introduced the Euro VI engine hybrid buses in the fourth quarter last year for a trial run in three urban routes to help reduce emissions. The Acting Chairman asked the TD and EMSD to follow up the matters with the Members concerned and adopt the mitigating measures on improving the air ventilation at the PTIs in Tsuen Wan District as soon as possible.

**Request the Government to Study the Construction of the Flats under the “Green Form Subsidised Home Ownership Scheme (GSH)” in Tsuen Wan and its Vicinity and Adjust the Split Ratio between Green Form and White Form of Home Ownership Scheme to “1:1”**

8. Two Members raised and discussed the captioned request. It was opined that the Green Form Subsidised Home Ownership Scheme (GSH) was another option for improving the living spaces for the residents and applicants of public housing. The GSH could be more attractive than the Home Ownership Scheme (HOS) to the potential buyers when the current property prices were soaring. In response, the representative from the Housing Department (HD) added that the number of “green form buyers” was about 55% of all buyers while that of “white form buyers” was about 45%. The HD would continue the practice of stipulating the split ratio between green form and white form of HOS according to the economic environment and relevant data at each phase.

**“Strongly Request for Ensuring the Safety and Hygiene of the Drinking Water in the Public Housing in Tsuen Wan District”**

9. Two Members raised and discussed the captioned request. They supported the proposal of installing domestic water filters for the units of public housing estates, including Kai Ching Estate, where the level of lead in the drinking water sample exceeded the standard of the World Health Organisation. It was considered that the

parties incurred the incident should be punished according to the law. The departments concerned were asked to speed up the collection and testing of drinking water samples for all public housing estates. The representatives from the HD, Water Supplies Department and Department of Health explained the measures taken and ongoing work to tackle the situation, including setting up three investigation teams to identify the cause of the incident and give recommendations to improve the situation, reviewing the Quality Water Supply Schemes For Buildings to include the requirement of testing the heavy metal content of drinking water and setting up a hotline for public enquiry and a thematic website on health advice and latest update on the incidents, etc.

### **Request for Formulating Proposals to Address the Flooding in Tsuen Wan Park Immediately**

10. A Member raised and discussed the captioned request. The representative from the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) responded that the LCSD and Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) had discussed the proposal of improving the drainage system of the road section in question in Tsuen Wan Park. The ArchSD suggested providing a drainage outfall and a drainage cover of larger drainage size at the low lying areas of the road section in question. It was expected that the improvement works would commence in early September and be completed at the end of September. The LCSD would make efforts to keep the drainage outfalls clear of blockage and maintain a smooth discharge of rainwater.

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