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Minutes of the 1st Meeting of Tsuen Wan District Council (1/2016)

Date: 7 January 2016

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Venue: Main Conference Room, Tsuen Wan District Office

Present:

Mr CHUNG Wai-ping, SBS, MH (Chairman)

Mr WONG Wai-kit (Vice Chairman)

Mr MAN Yu-ming, MH

The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael, BBS, JP

Mr KOO Yeung-pong

Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris

Mr LI Hung-por

Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis

Ms LAM, Lam Nixie

Mr LAM Faat-kang, MH

The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben, JP

Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones

Mr CHAN Sung-ip, MH

Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly

Mr WONG Ka-wa

Mr KOT Siu-yuen

Mr CHOW Ping-tim

Mr CHENG Chit-pun

Mr LO Siu-kit

Mr TAM Hoi-pong

In Attendance:

Miss YIP Kam-ching, Jenny, JP District Officer (Tsuen Wan), Tsuen Wan District Office

Mr LEUNG Chun-hei, Winsor Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan), Tsuen Wan District Office

Mr CHAN Shiu-man, Simon Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Tsuen Wan District Office

Mr HUEN Yeuk-hon, John Senior Liaison Officer (1), Tsuen Wan District Office

Ms LEE Lai-kiu, Winnie Senior Liaison Officer (2), Tsuen Wan District Office

Miss LAM Siu-yung, Daisy Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Tsuen Wan District Office
(Secretary)

Ms LAU Wing-ngar, Vivian Executive Officer I (District Council), Tsuen Wan District Office

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I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The District Officer (Tsuen Wan) (DO(TW)) of the Tsuen Wan District Office (TWDO) wished attendees happy new year, good health and success in work, and welcomed Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC) Members of the new term to the first DC meeting of this term. She believed that new Members and re-elected Members would get to know one another quickly, and looked forward to establishing a pleasant cooperation and maintaining good communication with the DC of this term, so as to work together for the good of the residents of Tsuen Wan and to build a better and harmonious community. She said that she would preside at the election of Chairman and Vice-chairman of the TWDC and then pass the chair to the newly elected Chairman for the rest of the meeting.

II Election of Chairman of Tsuen Wan District Council

2. The DO(TW) said that the Secretariat had issued a paper to Members on 29 December 2015 to invite Members' nominations for the Chairman and Vice-chairman of the TWDC. It was stated in the paper that nominations should be returned to the Secretariat by 1:30 p.m. on 7 January 2016. As at close of nominations, one nomination form nominating Mr CHUNG Wai-ping as Chairman had been received. Pursuant to section 5 of schedule 5 of District Councils Ordinance (Cap. 547), "...if only one candidate [was] nominated for the office of Chairman, the candidate [was] treated as having been elected Chairman". Since only Mr CHUNG Wai-ping had been nominated, she announced that Mr CHUNG was elected Chairman.

III Election of Vice-chairman of Tsuen Wan District Council

3. The DO(TW) said that as at close of nominations, i.e. 1:30 p.m. on 7 January 2016, one nomination form nominating Mr WONG Wai-kit as Vice-chairman had been received. Pursuant to section 5 under schedule 5 of District Councils Ordinance (Cap. 547), "[i]f only one candidate [was] nominated for the office of Vice Chairman, the candidate [was] treated as having been elected Vice Chairman". Since only Mr WONG Wai-kit had been nominated, she announced that Mr WONG was elected Vice-chairman.

4. The DO(TW) then invited Mr CHUNG Wai-ping, the newly elected Chairman, to chair the rest of the meeting.

5. The Chairman thanked Members' support and said that he was honoured to be Chairman of the TWDC. He also congratulated Mr WONG Kit-wai on his being elected as the Vice-chairman of the TWDC. He hoped that they could work in concerted efforts in the future to make the most of the TWDC and that the TWDC of this term could carry on the good tradition and proven practices of the past. He said that Members had been working hard to serve the residents of Tsuen Wan District. He was convinced that Members could, despite their different backgrounds, work closely together to continue striving for the benefits of Tsuen Wan residents, making Tsuen Wan a harmonious and better community. He was of the view that the TWDC of this term could continue to maintain close cooperation and sound communication with the TWDO and various government departments for the DC to operate more smoothly.

IV Item 1: Appointment of Secretary of the Tsuen Wan District Council

6. The Chairman asked whether Members agreed to appoint Senior Executive Officer (District Council) of the TWDO as Secretary of the TWDC.

7. Members unanimously agreed to the above proposal.

V Item 2: Adoption of Standing Orders of the Tsuen Wan District Council and Guidelines on the Tsuen Wan District Council Funds
(TWDC Paper No. 1/2016)

8. The Secretary introduced the paper and said that in “Proposed Amendments to the Guidelines on the Tsuen Wan District Council Funds”, which was Annex 3 of the paper, the expenditure ceiling of the souvenirs presented to co-organisers (e.g. tapestry flags) stated in Annex A item (1)(b) should be less than \$70.

9. The Chairman said that Members who had opinions on the Tsuen Wan District Council Standing Orders (the “Standing Orders”) in the future could propose discussion at the meeting of the Finance and In-house Working Group of which the formation would be discussed in item 4.

10. The DO(TW) supplemented that the Standing Orders was prepared in accordance with the template provided by the Home Affairs Department (HAD) and thus, they were largely identical. Members could make enhancement proposals to the relevant contents.

11. Members unanimously endorsed the adoption of the Standing Orders set out in Annex 2 and the Guidelines on the Tsuen Wan District Council Funds (Funding Guidelines) set out in Annex 4 of the paper.

VI Item 3: Formation of Committees under the Tsuen Wan District Council
(TWDC Paper No. 2/2016)

12. The Secretary introduced the paper.

13. The Chairman said that since he became a TWDC Member, he had heard different views on various coastal affairs in Tsuen Wan from many members of the public and Members. For the long term development of Tsuen Wan, he opined that Members could consider those views in this regard during discussion, such as to set up a new committee dedicated to coastal affairs.

14. Ms LAM, Lam Nixie congratulated Mr CHUNG Wai-ping and Mr WONG Wai-kit for being elected as the Chairman and the Vice-chairman of the TWDC respectively and supported the setting up of a new committee responsible for coastal affairs in Tsuen Wan. She pointed out that the heart of Tsuen Wan had shifted westward after years of development. There were many problems relating to pollution and ancillary facilities at coastal areas of Tsuen Wan such as the development projects in Areas 5, 6 and 7 of Tsuen Wan West Station and the Rambler Channel, which was part of the Victoria Harbour. Such problems had been discussed at meetings of various committees in the last DC term. She opined that if the traffic and environmental issues related to the coastal areas in Tsuen Wan could put together for a consolidated study and discussion, it would be conducive to the overall planning and development of coastal areas in Tsuen Wan.

15. Mr MAN Yu-ming supported the setting up of a new committee dedicated to the coastal development in Tsuen Wan and opined that the development of Tsuen Wan was shifting westward to coastal areas such as Belvedere Garden and Riviera Gardens and more attention was required in this regard. He pointed out that though TWDC committees had been highly concerned about the odour and traffic issues at Tsuen Wan waterfront over the years, he believed that it would be more effective to set up a dedicated committee to

coordinate the relevant work. Moreover, apart from solving the related issues, he opined that it was necessary for the TWDC to pay more attention to the direction for and location of development of Tsuen Wan.

16. Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis congratulated Mr CHUNG Wai-ping and Mr WONG Wai-kit for being elected as the Chairman and the Vice-chairman of the TWDC respectively and supported the setting up of a new committee dedicated to coastal affairs of Tsuen Wan. She pointed out that Tsuen Wan had been facing the problems of odour at the waterfront and the parking of ships carrying dangerous goods at waters off Belvedere Garden for more than a decade. Besides, while the Government set up the Harbourfront Commission in 2013 to coordinate the coastal development of the Victoria Harbour, she was of the view that the TWDC should take the opportunity to set up a committee to align with the Government's direction for development, which she believed would facilitate the future development of Tsuen Wan.

17. Mr WONG Ka-wa said that he had no comment on the number of committees but opined that it was necessary to define the functions of each committee. He continued that the proposed committee might overlap with committees in the last term in terms of functions. In this regard, he suggested the terms of reference of the new committee be focused mainly on the development of coastal areas in Tsuen Wan.

18. Mr LAM Faat-kang said that the coastline of Tsuen Wan was very long and many issues at coastal areas of Tsuen Wan deserved attention of the TWDC, e.g. the parking of ships carrying dangerous goods at waters off Belvedere Garden and the bad odour of seawater. He opined that it could bring benefits to residents if the above issues were followed up by the new committee and therefore he supported the said proposal in principle.

19. The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben supported the proposal to set up a new committee because, according to his experience as the Chairman of the Community Building, Planning and Development Committee, despite the fact that various committees had different terms of reference, they all covered issues relating to the "sea". For examples, the planning and development of the cycle track between Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun and the issue of dry weather flow interceptors were followed up by different committees and involved different government departments. He opined that future population growth of Tsuen Wan would be concentrated at coastal areas and it was thus necessary to set up a dedicated committee to study and handle coastal affairs. Moreover, he agreed that to facilitate future work, it was necessary to clarify the division of work and the terms of reference of various committees.

20. Mr TAM Hoi-pong said that being a new Member, he did not know much about past discussions and lacked experience but hoped that he could bring in new ideas to the TWDC. He said that there were six committees in the last DC term according to the paper and worried that the workload of Members who wished to take part in all committees would significantly increase should a new committee be set up. Although he was also highly concerned about the development projects in Areas 5, 6 and 7 of Tsuen Wan West Station, he opined that the terms of reference of other committees should be able to cover the coastal affairs of Tsuen Wan. As such, he asked whether it was necessary to set up a new committee to follow up the relevant issues. Besides, he asked which committee was responsible for the Signature Project Scheme in Tsuen Wan.

21. The Chairman said that the setting up of committees under the TWDC would be discussed under this item. Issues concerning working groups under the TWDC would be

dealt with under the fourth item later. He added that in addition to Rambler Channel which was adjacent to the urban area, coastal areas of Tsuen Wan also covered Ma Wan and Sunny Bay. Members could discuss in detail the terms of reference of various committees after the Secretariat prepared the terms of reference of the new committee.

22. Mr CHENG Chit-pun said that many constituencies in Tsuen Wan were located at coastal areas, including Ting Sham to which he belonged. The coastline of Tsuen Wan was very long, including Ting Kau, Sham Tseng and Tsing Lung Tau. While beach management was taken care of by various departments, setting up a committee dedicated to coastal affairs could facilitate the handling of various affairs in the coastal areas of Tsuen Wan. Moreover, he considered fields such as coastal tourism, economic and commercial development, culture, leisure and recreation, beach management as well as land planning and land use could be included in the terms of reference of the new committee.

23. Mr KOT Siu-yuen congratulated Mr CHUNG Wai-ping and Mr WONG Wai-kit for being elected as the Chairman and the Vice-chairman of the TWDC respectively and said that he also lived in the coastal area of Tsuen Wan. He supported the proposal of setting up a new committee. Given that a number of matters relating to coastal areas such as the cycle track between Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun and the relocation of Sham Tseng Sewage Treatment Works to caverns had been discussed in the last DC term, there was a need to set up a dedicated committee to follow up on these matters. He considered that the terms of reference and resource allocation of committees should be clarified with the guidance of the Chairman and Vice-chairman.

24. Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris said that the coastal affairs of Tsuen Wan involved a number of constituencies. He supported the formation of a dedicated committee on coastal affairs since projects such as the cycle track would involve leisure and planning matters which were under the terms of reference of various committees. If the coastal affairs of Tsuen Wan were co-ordinated by a single committee, it would facilitate the relevant work.

25. Mr KOO Yeung-pong congratulated Mr CHUNG Wai-ping and Mr WONG Wai-kit for being elected as the Chairman and the Vice-chairman of the TWDC respectively and said that he had been living in Tsuen Wan for decades. He pointed out that the geographical environment in Tsuen Wan was unique and it had a long coastline. Although further reclamation works would not take place in Tsuen Wan for the moment, they had been constantly carried out for the sake of development over the years. In addition, quite a number of members of the public would use the coastal facilities in Tsuen Wan. For instance, a 10 kilometres running race was organised along the coast to Ting Kau in 2008 and dragon boat races, of which organisation had resumed in recent years, also took place at the waterfront of Belvedere Garden. As such, he supported the formation of a dedicated committee to follow up on matters relating to the provision of ancillary facilities and the development of the coastal areas.

26. The Vice-chairman congratulated Mr CHUNG Wai-ping for being elected as the Chairman of the TWDC and thanked Members for their trust in him, so that he could be the Vice-chairman to continue serving the community and TWDC. He supported the formation of a committee related to coastal affairs as he had served as a Member of the coastal constituency. He considered that the coastline of Tsuen Wan was an asset to the community and residents. He pointed out that members of the public, be they living in Tsuen Wan or other districts, had the opportunity to access the coastal facilities in Tsuen Wan. According to his experience as a Member of the TWDC in the previous two terms, committees often

discussed various matters relating to coastal areas, but encountered certain difficulties, such as how to define coastal areas in Tsuen Wan. This was because, strictly speaking, the coastline of Tsuen Wan included areas in Rambler Channel, Ma Wan and North Lantau, while different sections of the coastline involved different government departments such as the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and Lands Department. He considered that a dedicated committee on coastal affairs would be conducive to the proper use of the coastline which was a community asset in Tsuen Wan. Furthermore, suitable locations could be selected for improvement, refinement or revitalization so as to benefit residents in Tsuen Wan. In addition, he opined that the general directions of the new committee on coastal affairs should be set out in this meeting before having a detailed discussion on the division of functions among the new committee and other committees. He further pointed out that as matters relating to the “sea” had not been covered in the terms of reference of committees under the TWDC of the last term, he opined that the TWDC of the current term should consider setting up a “sea”-related committee.

27. Mr TAM Hoi-pong asked about the procedures of setting up a committee. He asked whether the terms of reference of the committee should first be set out or a vote should first be taken on the new committee. In addition, he asked whether Ma Wan was a coastal area as it was surrounded by the sea. He also asked whether matters related to leisure facilities along the waterfront would be discussed at the meetings of the Community Building, Planning and Development Committee or Cultural, Recreation and Sports Committee after the setting up of a new committee on coastal affairs. He was concerned that it would be difficult to demarcate the terms of reference among the committees should a new one be set up. In view of this, he hoped to understand the functions of the new committee before making a decision on whether to support the setting up of such a committee.

28. The Chairman said that if Members agreed to set up a new committee, they could have an in-depth discussion on its terms of reference.

29. Mr CHOW Ping-tim congratulated Mr CHUNG Wai-ping and Mr WONG Wai-kit for being elected as the Chairman and the Vice-chairman of the TWDC respectively. He said that most of the Members who had spoken up were in support of setting up a dedicated committee on coastal affairs. Hence, he opined that Members should vote on whether they supported the setting up of the relevant committee before discussing its terms of reference.

30. Mr LI Hung-por believed that if a dedicated committee on coastal affairs was not formed, most of the affairs related to the coastal areas would be discussed at the meetings of the Environmental and Health Affairs Committee. He had no comment on whether a dedicated committee on coastal affairs should be formed, but was concerned whether the committees would have overlapping terms of reference.

31. The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael said that if a new committee was formed, it was necessary to specify its purview first. For instance, a Member, who had spoken earlier, mentioned whether all matters relating to the “sea” should be under the purview of the proposed new committee and which parties should decide on which committee would be assigned discussions on controversial issues in the future, while other details could be discussed later.

32. The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben opined that after discussion, a general consensus had been reached. The terms of reference of the new committee could be discussed further after the Secretariat had prepared the related documents.

33. After voting, Members agreed to set up a dedicated committee on coastal affairs with 15 votes for, no vote against and three abstentions.

(Note : Mr CHOW Ping-tim left the meeting at 3:21 p.m.)

34. The Secretary invited Members to consider whether they agreed to set up a working group to review the terms of reference of each committee and to submit the said proposal to the TWDC for consideration and endorsement.

35. Members unanimously agreed to set up a working group to review the terms of reference of each committee.

36. The Vice-chairman said that the Working Group on Review of Structure for Committees under Tsuen Wan District Council would formulate the terms of reference of the newly established committee and review the terms of reference of the other six committees under the TWDC.

37. The Chairman said that the Working Group was named “Working Group on Review of Structure for Committees under Tsuen Wan District Council”. Its terms of reference were to review the structure of the committees under the TWDC, with a tenure of office from the date of its establishment to March 2016.

38. The Secretary supplemented that the second and the third terms of the TWDC had also set up similar working groups to review the structure of the TWDC of the respective terms. The current-term TWDC could make reference to the past practice and set up the relevant working group. The Working Group on Review of Structure for Committees under Tsuen Wan District Council was responsible for the review of the structure of the committees under the TWDC, including terms of reference and other arrangements. The tenure of office of the Working Group was from the date of its establishment to March 2016.

(Note : Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly left the meeting at 3:26 p.m.)

39. The Chairman asked Members to raise their hands if they were interested in joining the Working Group. A convenor was to be elected among Members to facilitate the arrangement of meetings.

40. Members unanimously agreed to the establishment of the Working Group on Review of Structure for Committees under Tsuen Wan District Council, with the Chairman being the Convenor. The membership list of the Working Group was at Annex 1.

41. The Chairman asked the Secretary to convene meetings as soon as possible so as to submit proposals to the TWDC for its consideration and endorsement.

(Post-meeting notes: The Working Group on Review of Structure for Committees under Tsuen Wan District Council had scheduled a meeting on 18 January 2016.)

VII Item 4: Formation of Working Groups under the Tsuen Wan District Council
(TWDC Paper No. 3/2016)

42. The Secretary introduced the paper.

43. Members unanimously endorsed the following proposals:

- (1) setting up Finance and In-house Working Group, Task Force on Tsuen Wan District Signature Project Scheme and Working Group on Activities in 2016-2019;
- (2) keeping the terms of reference of the three working groups unchanged; and
- (3) confirming that the terms of office of the Finance and In-house Working Group and the Task Force on Tsuen Wan District Signature Project Scheme were from the date of their establishment to 31 December 2019, while the tenure of office of the Working Group on Activities was from the date of its establishment to 31 March 2016.

VIII Item 5: Endorsement of Tsuen Wan District Council Funds (Community Involvement Project) Allocation and Financial Arrangements between January and March 2016
(TWDC Paper No. 4/2016)

44. The Secretary introduced the paper.

45. Members unanimously endorsed the funding allocation arrangements and the relevant administrative arrangements between January and March 2016 as suggested in the paper.

(The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben left the meeting at 3:35 p.m.)

IX Item 6: Endorsement of Tsuen Wan District Council Funds Applications (January - March 2016)
(TWDC Paper No. 5/2016)

46. The Secretary introduced the paper and said, as their declaration of interests as the relevant committee members, that the Vice-chairman and Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllos were members of the Tsuen Wan District Youth Programme Committee, while the Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben, Mr CHOW Ping-tim, Mr KOT Siu-yuen and Mr LO Siu-kit were members of the Tsuen Wan Central Area Committee. In addition, Mr LI Hung-por, Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis, Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones, Mr KOT Siu-yuen and Mr LO Siu-kit were members of the Tsuen Wan District Fire Safety Committee.

47. The Chairman enquired if Members needed to declare other interests. Mr LO Siu-kit, Mr MAN Yu-ming, Mr LAM Faat-kang and Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis declared that they were the Vice-chairmen of the Tsuen Wan New Year Committee for The Aged and The Young, while Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones also declared that he was a member of the above Committee. Mr MAN Yu-ming declared interest as the Chairman of the Tsuen Wan Kwai Tsing Residents Association. Furthermore, Mr KOO Yeung-pong declared that he was the Vicechairman of the Federation of Tsuen Wan District Sports and Recreation Association, while Mr LAM Faat-kang also declared that he was a member of the same Association. In addition, the Vice-chairman declared interest as the Chairman of the Tsuen Wan Youth Association.

(Mr WOMG Ka-wa left the meeting at 3:40 p.m.)

48. Under section 48(11) of the Standing Orders, the Chairman allowed Members who had declared interest as members of the Tsuen Wan District Youth Programme Committee, the Tsuen Wan Central Area Committee and the Tsuen Wan District Fire Safety Committee to participate in discussion and voting. As for Members who had declared other interests, they were not allowed to discuss and vote, but they could remain in the meeting as observers.

49. Members endorsed the following 12 funds applications:

	<u>Name of Activity</u>	<u>Applicant/Co-organiser</u>	<u>Amount endorsed (HK\$)</u>
(I)	<u>Funds applications recommended by the Cultural, Recreation and Sports Committee of the last term</u>		
(a)	<u>Activities held by organisations with earmarked funding</u>		
(1)	Federation of Tsuen Wan District Sports and Recreation Association Shield Bowling Competition 2016	The Federation of Tsuen Wan District Sports and Recreation Association Limited	13,370
(b)	<u>Activities held by local organisations</u>		
(2)	Variety Show for Celebration of the Chinese New Year 2016 in Tsuen Wan	Tsuen Wan New Year Committee for The Aged and The Young	14,997.25
(II)	<u>Funds applications recommended by the Social Services and Community Information Committee of the last term</u>		
(a)	<u>Activities co-organised by Working Groups</u>		
(3)	Chinese Opera and Drama Show in Celebration of the Lunar New Year	Jointly organised by Tsuen Wan District Elderly Welfare Association and Working Group on Activities	110,000
(4)	Chinese New Year Carnival cum Evening Variety Show in Lei Muk Shue	Jointly organised by Tsuen Wan Kwai Tsing Residents Association and Working Group on Activities	51,840
(b)	<u>Activities held by local organisations</u>		
(5)	2016 Carnival for The Aged and The Young in Tsuen Wan	Tsuen Wan New Year Committee for The Aged and The Young	20,000
(III)	<u>Funds applications recommended by the Environmental and Health Affairs Committee of the last term</u>		
	<u>Activities co-organised by Working Groups</u>		
(6)	Hong Kong Flower Show cum Game Booths 2016	Jointly organised by Riviera Garden Lutheran Children & Youth Centre and Working Group on Activities	10,000

	<u>Name of Activity</u>	<u>Applicant/Co-organiser</u>	<u>Amount endorsed (HK\$)</u>
(IV)	<u>Activities supporting the TWDO</u>		
(7)	“Tsuen Wan Volunteers Award Scheme” 2015	Jointly organised by Caritas Community Centre – Tsuen Wan and Tsuen Wan District Youth Programme Committee	110,000
(8)	Love Community · Love Home	Jointly organised by New Territories West Service Centre of New Home Association and Tsuen Wan District Coordinating Committee on New Arrival Services	30,000
(9)	Prevention and Management of Eczema for Everyone by Yan Chai	Jointly organised by the Board of Directors of Yan Chai Hospital and Tsuen Wan Central Area Committee	25,000
(10)	Chinese New Year Celebration Lunch 2016 by Tsuen Wan District Office and Tsuen Wan District Council	Jointly organised by Tsuen Wan District Office and Tsuen Wan District Council	57,000
(11)	Tsuen Wan District Fire Safety Carnival	Tsuen Wan District Fire Safety Committee	119,520
(V)	<u>Others</u>		
(12)	Chinese Lantern Festival in Tsuen Wan for the Year of Monkey	Jointly organised by the Social Service Department of The Yuen Yuen Institute and Tsuen Wan District Office	1,200,000

In addition, Members agreed to continue authorising TWDC Secretariat to process funding applications for excursions in accordance with the Funding Guidelines.

50. Mr TAM Hoi-pong enquired about the procedures Members were to follow when declaring interests in connection with the applications for TWDC funds and those for voting on the endorsement of TWDC funds applications.

51. The Secretary indicated that she had announced just now on behalf of the Members who were concurrently Committee Members appointed by the DO (including Tsuen Wan District Youth Programme Committee, Tsuen Wan Central Area Committee and Tsuen Wan District Fire Safety Committee) their capacity as Committee Members, which was deemed a declaration of their being Committee Members. Moreover, Members had already declared the positions they held for local organisations which were related to funds applications. The Chairman approved, in accordance with section 48(11) of the Standing Orders, the participation in discussion and voting of those Members who had declared their capacity as Committee Members appointed by the DO, whereas Members who had declared other interests would not be allowed to participate in the discussion and to vote. They might, however, remain in the meeting as observers. He asked those Members who had not made any declaration of interests to vote on the 12 funds applications mentioned in the paper.

52. The Chairman said that Members were required to make a declaration if they were members of those local organisations which were the organisers or co-organisers of activities applying for TWDC funds, whereas Members who had not participated in the said organisations could vote on the 12 funds applications mentioned in the paper.

53. Mr CHAN Sung-ip said that to save the vetting result of funds applications from being affected, Members were required to make a declaration and not allowed to vote on the applications concerned if they were members of those local organisations which were the organisers or co-organisers of activities applying for TWDC funds. Members were allowed to vote on the applications if they were not members of the organisations applying for TWDC funds for organising activities.

54. Mr TAM Hoi-pong remarked that the 12 funds applications, proposed and seconded by two Members who were not members of the organisations applying for TWDC funds for organising activities, were endorsed, while other Members had already declared their interests and could as a result not take part in the voting. However, he had no participation in the voting process at all. Hence, he enquired what role he played in the discussion of this item.

55. The Chairman understood that newly elected Members would need some time to understand how the Council operated. He reminded Members that pursuant to section 28 of the Standing Orders, Members were allowed to address once and make one supplementary comment on each discussion item at the meeting unless otherwise consented to by the Chairman.

56. The Vice-chairman indicated that there were a total of 12 funds applications in the paper, among which Members were required to make declaration as necessary in connection with the projects for which funding was applied. Strictly speaking, if a Member declared his interests in relation to only one application for funding, he should be allowed to vote on the remaining 11 funds applications. However, unless voting was required for individual funds applications, Members who had not declared any interests might vote on the applications in one go. In addition, he did not share the view that there was no room for Members' participation since Members could raise questions if they had any opinions about any of the funds applications in the paper.

(Note : Mr CHAN Sung-ip left the meeting at 3:53 p.m.)

57. The Chairman supplemented that Members had already declared their interests in relation to individual funds applications. To save time, Members had voted on all 12 funds applications in the paper earlier.

X Item 7: Recruitment of Contract Staff for the Tsuen Wan District Council
(TWDC Paper No. 6/2016)

58. The Secretary introduced the paper.

59. The Chairman asked if Members would need to declare their interests. None of the Members had made any declaration of interests.

60. Members unanimously endorsed to continue employing contract staff for TWDC in the financial years of 2016/17 and 2017/18 with no more than 15% of respective TWDC allocation.

XI Item 8: Any Other Business

(A) Seating Arrangement of Tsuen Wan District Council Meetings and Allocation of Lockers in Common Room
(TWDC Paper No. 7/2016)

61. The Secretary introduced the paper.

62. Members unanimously agreed to adopt the previous seating arrangement for meetings, i.e. from left to right in the order according to the number of strokes of Members' names (starting with surnames and so on), which would also apply to meetings of all Committees under the TWDC, and continue authorising TWDC Secretariat to handle allocation of lockers in the common room.

(B) Any Other Business

63. The Chairman said that the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education had invited District Councils to submit programme applications or recommend local organisations to submit suitable applications via its Co-operation Scheme with District Councils 2016-17, with a view to implementing civic education publicity activities at the district level. The maximum total sponsorship for each district was \$200,000. As per previous arrangements, he suggested that the related activities be co-ordinated and implemented by the Tsuen Wan District Civic Education Committee.

64. Members unanimously agreed to the above proposal.

65. The Chairman said that the HAD would hold briefing sessions on the work of DC at 2:30 p.m. on 8 and 12 January respectively. He hoped that Members who had signed up for the sessions would attend the briefings on time.

66. The Chairman said that the meeting of the Committees under the TWDC would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 26 January 2016 (Tuesday), immediately followed by the 2nd DC meeting at 3:00 p.m. The Secretariat would distribute the agenda to Members shortly.

XII Adjournment of Meeting

67. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat
January 2016

**Working Group on Review of Structure for Committees
under Tsuen Wan District Council**

Member List

Convener: Mr CHUNG Wai-ping, SBS, MH

Members: Mr MAN Yu-ming, MH
Mr KOO Yeung-pong
Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris
Mr LI Hung-por
Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis
Ms LAM, Lam Nixie
Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones
Mr WONG Ka-wa
Mr WONG Wai-kit
Mr KOT Siu-yuen
Mr CHOW Ping-tim
Mr CHENG Chit-pun
Mr LO Siu-kit
Mr TAM Hoi-pong