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# **17TH THROMDE TSHOGDE MINUTES (2nd Council)**

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**26th July 2019**



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**17<sup>th</sup> Thromde Tshogde****Date – 26<sup>th</sup> July 2019****Time – 9:30AM on wards****Venue – Royal Thimphu College (RTC)****Members Present**

1	Dasho Kinlay Dorjee	<i>Thrompon</i>	Chairman
2	Mr. Namgay Tshering	<i>Babesa Thuemi</i>	Dy. Chairman
3	Mr. Kinley Penjore	ADB Project Manager	Offtg. Executive Secretary
4	Mr. Ugyen Penjor	<i>Jungzhina-Pamtsho Thuemi</i>	Member
5	Mr. Ugyen	<i>Taba-Dechencholing Thuemi</i>	Member
6	Mrs. Dorji Dem	<i>Motithang Thuemi</i>	Member
7	Mr. Rinzin Dorji	<i>Changangkha Thuemi</i>	Member
8	Mrs. Phub Dem	<i>Changbangdu-Olakha Thuemi</i>	Member
9	Mr. Kuenga Penjor	<i>Norzin Thuemi</i>	Member

**Invitees**

Sl/No	Name	Designation	Division/Section
1	Mr. Sonam Dorjee	Chief ADM Officer	AFD
2	Mr. Yeshey Wangdi	Chief	Environment Division
3	Mr. Teknath Kararia	Officiating Chief	DRD
4	Mr. Udesch Chhetri	DCAO	AFD
5	Mr. Kezang Dorji	Urban Planner	UPD
6	Mr. Sonam Penjore	Revenue Officer	AFD
7	Mr. Ugyen Dorji Tshechu	Sr. Legal Officer	Legal Section
8	Mr. Omapati Luitel	Sr. ICT Officer	ICT Section
9	Mr. Tashi Dendup	Budget Officer	AFD
10	Mr. Thinley Dorji	Sr. Census Officer	Census Section
11	Mr. Nakphel Drukpa	Officiating Chief Engineer	ID
12	Mrs. Ganga Gazmer	Asset Manager	AFD
13	Mr. Roshan Rai	Urban Planner	UPD
14	Mrs. Dorji Dem	Sr. ADM	Census
15	Mrs. Shera Dolkar	Sr. Forestry Officer	ENV. Division
16	Mr. Dorji Phurba	ADM Officer	AFD
17	Mr. Chojay Norbu	Dzongkha Coordinator	Policy & Planning Section
17	Mr. Karma Dorji	Planning Officer	Policy & Planning Section

## Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed all the members of the *Tshogde* and the Officials of *Thromde* to the 17<sup>th</sup> *Tshogde*. He also informed that the *Thuemis* along with the Road and Bridge Engineers have successfully conducted a daylong meeting regarding the 2019-20 capital budget. He also iterated that there should not be any spillover activities starting this Fiscal Year unlike the past. He informed that *Tshogde* should be mindful of expenditure from the internal revenue henceforth. If more revenue has been used for capital works, he informed that there won't be enough amount left for meeting the recurrent expenditure of *Thromde*. He informed that Thimphu *Thromde* has already made a significant achievement in meeting its own current expenditure from internal revenue and there is no way *Thromde* can go back to receive current subsidy from the Government. Therefore, *Thromde* will have to enhance revenue generation. *Thromde* has ample of opportunities to collect revenue. For example, the parking spaces and efficient collection of water tariffs should be enhanced. Also, earlier *Tshogde* has decided to collect rental charges from archery ranges within *Thromde*. Also, the trap land within *Thromde* to be levied the rental charges after having carried out a detailed survey.

The Chair also informed the *Tshogde* on the state visit of Honorable Prime Minister of India. For this he informed that *Thromde* should shoulder responsibility of carrying out *Chadri* works as usual. The students and public of *Thromde* are required to line up along the way. He requested the area *Thuemi* to shoulder the responsibility. *Thromde* will have to maintain cleanliness and again the area *thuemis* to maintain their area clean. He also shared about the state visit of the Prince of Japan. Even for the visit of the Prince of Japan, *Thromde* will have to maintain the City clean and beautiful.

After having adopted the Agenda, the *Tshogde* began with the deliberations on the agenda as follows.

## Agenda 17.01 - Endorsement of approved 2019-2020 capital budget

The Accounts Section presented to the *Tshogde* the approved capital budget of Thimphu *Thromde* for the FY 2019-2020. The total approved capital budget for *Thromde* for the FY 2019-2020 is Nu 417.015M including *Thromde* Education Sector. The details of budget in brief presented to the *Tshogde* are as shown in the table below:

	<b>Current</b> (Nu in Millions)	<b>Capital</b> (Nu in Millions)	<b>Total</b> (Nu in Millions)
Management & Direction Services		24.680	24.680
Basic Education Services	571.287	49.750	621.037
Infrastructure & Development Services		304.585	304.585
Environmental Services		33.000	33.000
Urban Planning Services		3.000	3.000
Development Regulatory Services		2.000	2.000
<b>Total Nu</b>	<b>571.287</b>	<b>417.015</b>	<b>988.302</b>

For Education Sector, Nu 571.287 is a Government current subsidy approved for *Thromde*. The Accounts Section also presented to the *Tshogde* the expenditure statement versus approved budget for the FY 2018-2019 as shown in the table below:

<b>Budget vs. Expenditure Statement Thimphu Thromde Fiscal Year 2018-2019</b>			
<b>Recurrent Budget</b>			
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>184,261,834.00</b>	<b>178,478,413.00</b>	<b>5,783,421.77</b>
RGOB	178,167,834.00	173,578,821.00	4,589,013.77
JDW PUBLIC LIBRARY (SDP II)	4,052,000.00	3,581,553.00	470,447.00
ASSET MANAGEMENT SYSTEM	2,042,000.00	1,318,039.00	723,961.00
<b>Capital Budget</b>			
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>669,426,795.41</b>	<b>468,197,122.09</b>	<b>201,229,673.32</b>
LAND COMPENSATION	271,219,000.00	153,599,079.00	117,619,920.99

SDP	65,143,000.00	50,444,879.12	14,698,120.88
RGOB	333,064,795.41	264,153,163.97	68,911,631.45

The Chair informed to the members that there is huge budget un-spent as presented by the Accounts Section and most of the amount is for the land compensation. Regarding the unspent budget on land compensation, the Officiating Chief urban planner Mr. Ugyen Dorji informed that out of 25 individuals who are eligible for land compensation, 21 has already claimed and few yet to claim. Once all the land compensation has been paid, this budget will be exhausted. The Accounts also proposes to propose the budget *demkhong* wise.

### Decision

The *Tshogde* endorsed the approved capital budget for the FY 2019-2020. The *Tshogde* also directed the accounts section that henceforth, the budget unspent and new budget received should not be mixed. The *Tshogde* also directed Accounts Section to form a committee including one from Water Section, Finance and ICT sections; Mr. Pema Thekchok, Mr. Tashi Dendup and Mr. Oma Pati to review the current expenditure of the *Thromde* especially for the water related expenditure.

**Action** – The Committee Formed and the Accounts Section

### Agenda 17.02 - Thimphu Thromde to consider waiver of at least 25% of the monthly rentals for the two-month meat ban period

The Chair informed the *Tshogde* that the meat vendors which are housed in the Hejo and Changbangdu vegetable sheds have submitted a proposal to the Honorable Prime Minister regarding the consideration of meat shop rent reduction for the 2 months of meat ban in a year. The Honorable Prime Minister then directed *Thromde* to have discussion on this and see the possibilities of considering 25% reduction of the rents for 2 months of the total rental charges. The two months are the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup> months of the Bhutanese calendar which are observed as total meat ban in Bhutan.

### Discussion

Taba *Thuemi* informed that if those housed in *Thromde* vegetable sheds are reduced by 25%, there are other meat vendors who are in private buildings paying more rent than those housed in those two vegetable sheds. In view of this, he did not support the proposal for rent reduction. This was also supported by the member Secretary and Jungzhina *Thuemi*. The Jungzhina *thuemi* in support of the Taba *thuemi* also stated that it would affect the *Thromde*'s revenue and the sale of meat is already picking up in these areas, therefore, it would be better if the rent could be kept as it is like any other meat shops in Thimphu. The Babesa *thuemi* stated that if approved to reduce the rent by 25% for those two months, will this be applied for every year even when the market runs well.

The Chair informed that *Thromde* will also have to look through numbers of buyer point of view in those two locations. However, the members stated that the locations currently are new and it will take time to gather the buyers. Therefore, the rent reduction of 25% will be not fair for those housed in private buildings.

### **Decision**

The *Tshogde* decided to reduce the rent by 10% during those two months of meat ban from next near 2020. The rent reduction will be impacted for only those meat shops which are in the *Thromde* built vegetable sheds.

**Action** – Asset Manager, Mrs., Ganga

### **Agenda 17.03 - Garbage trucks never on time which is causing harassment to everyone.**

The Babesa *Thuemi* submitted the issue of garbage trucks not being on time for collection purposes. He requested *Thromde* to intervene and improve the services. The *Tshogde* decided to call the Greener Way to the *Tshogde* and discuss on the solutions and way forward. The Chief of Environment Division gave detail explanation on the background issues of the solid waste collection system as back ground information for afternoon's discussion in presence of Greener Way.

The Chair explained the options discussed in the *Tshogde* to the Greener Way before his presentation, the 1<sup>st</sup> option was to reduce the collection schedules from 3 times a week to twice a week and option 2 include *Thromde* taking over of some of the collection areas and subsequent deduction from the total amount paid.

The Greener Way presented to the *Tshogde* some of the issues regarding waste collection. He informed that there are 13 trucks only out of which 2-3 trucks always remain off road due to old models and takes quite a long time to repair. The areas to be covered comes to around 18 numbers and it is very difficult to cater all in the scheduled time but they are trying their best.

He also informed that currently the issue is exacerbated by the monsoon season which has stranded most of the collection trucks in Memelakha area.

Regarding the options submitted by *Tshogde* to him, the Greener Way accepted the 2<sup>nd</sup> proposal of *Thromde* which states that they will surrender few sites to *Thromde* for collection and accordingly certain amount will be deducted monthly. The Greener Way also presented the some of the outcomes of his initiatives of waste recycling and presented to the *Tshogde* some of the products he produced through recycling which are plastic poles and granules.

The Legal Officer Mr. Ugyen Dorji Tshechu proposed to have installed two types of dustbins along the street and the collection should happen at night and collect from these dustbins. No siren to be played but with signaling light. This was also supported by the Executive Secretary.

### **Decision**

The *Tshogde* decided that for next 5-6 months, 2-3 sites will be handed over to *Thromde* and proportionate deduction in amount will be carried out from Greener Way. The *Tshogde* directed and authorized *Thromde* Management to discuss and decide on the way forward on behalf of *Tshogde* regarding *Tshogde's* decision on this.

**Action** – Environment Division for putting up to the Management

**Agenda 17.04 - Drinking water from Changang to be controlled and metered to avoid landslides and insufficiency by keeping it controlled in the E4 area**

The Babesa *thuemi* proposed to the *Tshogde* that if the water distribution system has been managed well, there wouldn't be any cases of landslide as a result of leakage or overflow or the cases of insufficiency. Currently the water from the main line and distribution tanks is being illegally tapped by many and there is no good system in distributing the water as well.

The Chair informed that there should be system in place in the tank areas to avoid conflicts among community. The concreting must be done at the manifold providing provisions for household pipe connection. Even there must be proper care taker house (*Dacha Zhikom*) near the tank who then can daily look after the distribution of water. The Officiating Chief engineer informed that the total amount for this activity comes to around Nu 0.56M for manifold construction and Nu 0.4M for construction of care taker house.

**Decision**

*Tshogde* approved Nu 0.96M from *Thromde* reserve fund to construct care taker house and concreting of manifold. After construction of distribution manifolds and chambers, the water connections shall be metered and charges shall be collected accordingly as per the existing water and sewerage tariffs.

**Action** – Infrastructure Division

**Agenda 17.05 - Sewerage pipeline in the Urban Hub Area and provisions for upcoming bus terminal**

This was put up to the *Tshogde* by the Babesa *thuemi* that those buildings which lies below express way in Babesa in and around STCBL and upcoming bus terminal area must be connected to main sewer line. But due to the steep gradient, it is very difficult for them to connect to the main sewer line. The area was not included in the ADB project component. Therefore, *Thromde* will have to see the feasibility of providing sewer connections in these areas.

**Decision**

The *Tshogde* directed the sewerage team to make a site visit and explore the possibility for construction of sewer lines and report to the Management.

**Action – Sewerage Section**

**Agenda 17.06 - *Tshogpa* to be present in handing taking of works awarded by tendering especially the road works**

This was also discussed and decided in the earlier *Tshogde* and the same decision will have to be upheld. The *Tshogde* directed all Division Chiefs that the contract works will have to be monitored well to make sure that the works are completed on time. If it must be terminated, it will have to be done as per the contract terms and conditions. Termination can be done even at the initial stage of the work if the progress is very poor after the 2-3 months of initiation of the work. All these will have to be included in the contract terms and conditions henceforth.

**Decision**

*Tshogde* directed that the area *Tshogpa* has to be involved during award and handing taking of the work. Even those active *midey tshogpas* could be involved during the award of the *demkhong* works. Respective area *thuemis* will also have to be involved in tender committees as well. There must be an Executive Order being issued as a reminder. If area *thuemi* cannot attend, one of the other *thuemis* will represent in the tender committee.

**Action – All Engineers**

**Agenda 17.07 - Illegal sell of alcohols and tobacco in *Norzin* Constituency**

The *Norzin Thuemi* submitted that there is rampant sell and consumption of alcohols and tobacco along *Norzin Lam* after 10PM till morning. The *thuemi* informed that there are some people selling alcohol along the way as well illegally.

The Legal Officer stated that *Thromde* could at the least send letter of reminder to relevant agencies regarding the strict monitoring of such activities. This was also supported by Chief ADM Officer. Since there are other agencies mandated with such responsibilities, *Thromde* could request the relevant agencies for interventions. The *Taba Thuemi* also supported the view of

strict monitoring of such illegal activities in *Thromde* areas. It is very important to seek help and support from relevant agencies to stop such illegal activities.

The Chair informed that it would be better if *midey tshogpas* could support in curbing such activities through reporting with concrete evidences. The Chair also informed that *Thromde* will soon sign MoU with the owners of the entertainment centers such as *Drayangs/Karaoke/Discotheques* and then they will be responsible for reporting such illegal activities. The Norzin *thuemi* also requested if *Thromde* could make a request for night patrolling of the area by the group of people from all relevant agencies.

The Legal Officer informed that no one can enter a private entity without a probable cause even by the Police personnel. He informed that relevant agencies must take up their responsibility. *Thromde* council is the highest decision-making body in *Thromde* and *Tshogde* should be responsible for framing effective rules and regulations and show guidance and way forward for other relevant agencies to carry out their duties.

### Decision

*Tshogde* decided that a letter of reminder to be sent to relevant agencies. *Tshogde* also decided that there will be frequent inspection by a team representing from BNCA, DoT, *Thromde*, RBP and respective area *thuemi*.

**Action** – ICT Officer to send a letter and to coordinate inspections

### Agenda 17.08 - Need of proper signage and a firm committee to look after it

The Norzin *Thuemi* requested that there must be a strong team for monitoring and to levy fines and penalties for non-compliance regarding signage. The planner who was involved for developing signage guidelines informed that along Norzin *Lam*, out of 90 sign boards, around 37 are not in compliance with the guidelines. The Legal Officer informed if building owners could be made accountable. This was also supported by the Jungzhina *Thuemi*.

### Decision

*Tshogde* directed the Management to take up the action regarding these issues. *Tshogde* decided to send strong notification for compliance to building owners and earlier *tshogde* decisions regarding the compliance with the signage guidelines to be upheld and followed.

**Action** – *Thuemi* and Team for Signage

#### **Agenda 17.09 - Buildings nearby CFM area to have front door canopy (goyap)**

The issue was also submitted by Norzin *Thuemi* that there are some buildings in CFM area where they are given approval or have constructed without approval the front door canopy. Before it was not allowed but later some have constructed. The *thuemi* requested for uniform rules and regulation for all.

The Chief of Environment Division informed that it would be better to not to allow such structures as it destroys the aesthetic plus it is instigating even others to construct. The Jungzhina *thuemi* informed if it is not allowed, even those already approved will have to be removed uniformly.

Some of the members also stated that canopy can be allowed but they should not bring the products outside and sell. The canopies earlier were approved to prevent sun and rain from entering the shop. *Tshogde* can authorize the *midey tshogpa* of the area to monitor this and even those already approved shall also follow the decision.

The UPD informed that technical team to study the area and discussion with the shop owners will have to be convened before taking any decision.

#### **Decision**

*Tshogde* decided that such structures will be allowed but no sell/display of products in it will be allowed. It is mainly to protect sun/rain and people to work freely. Proper agreement will have to be signed. If they are found to sell/display products in this structure, there business licenses will be cancelled. CCTVs to be installed to monitor such illegal sell of products in the structure.

**Action** – *Thuemi* and Inspectors

**Agenda 17.10 - Delay in the construction of internal road at Changgedaphu.**

*Tshogde* decided that it will be carried out soon once the budget has been confirmed and there is no need for discussion in the *Tshogde*.

**Agenda 17.11 - Revision of Fees for space usage for Clock tower and Changlingmethang**

The Chief of Environment Division Mr. Yeshey Wangdi presented to the *Tshogde* the proposal for revision of rents for space usage for Clock Tower and Changlingmethang areas. For Clock tower, currently Nu 10,000 per event and for Changlingmethang its Nu 30,000 per event are collected. The proposal is to revise to Nu 15,000 for clock tower and Nu 40,000 for Changlingmethang.

**Discussion**

The Jungzhina *thuemi* proposed for different rates for different usage of the space. The Chair informed that those events which are for social cause are let for free and should be. There are also construction fairs/trade fairs which are fully commercial and there are social fares like job fair and education fair are not for profit making and therefore, the rates could be different based on the nature of the events being organized. This was also supported by Norzin *Thuemi*.

**Discussion**

The *Tshogde* directed the Environment Division to classify the types of events and work out the rates differently. The fully commercial could be Nu 20,000, youth and educational related events for free and offices/institution to be charged Nu 5,000 per event for Clock tower. And for Changlingmethang, Nu 40,000 as proposed has been approved.

**Action-** Environment Division

**Agenda 17.12 - Additional HR requirement for City Beautification Section under ENV division**

The Thromde Forestry Officer Mrs. Shera Dolkar presented to the *Tshogde* the need to have additional man power and resources for *Thromde* Beautification Section. There are 13 staff currently under city beautification including those in parks and *lajabs* and it could not be

deployed to some of the parks due to shortage. The requirement is men mostly to work as security guards and to work in forest areas when there are tree cuttings works to be done, she requested. For gardening purposes, women can be recruited. The staff requirement is additional 12 numbers. The Beautification unit also proposed for procurement of tankers, equipment, mini excavator and replacement of DCM truck.

### **Decision**

*Tshogde* decided to recruit 12 number staff for City Beautification. Water tankers procured by water section can be used for the plant watering purposes. Those new recruits' salary to be work charged. For men, they will be paid the maximum approved. Procurement of one chained mini excavator is approved. The procurement of mini-refuse trucks has been cancelled and *Tshogde* approved procurement of chained mini-excavator and two tractors from approved Nu 3.3 M budget in FY 2019-2020. Regarding DCM replacement, *Tshogde* decided to hire when needed.

**Action** – Mrs. Shera Dolkar and HRO for recruitment

### **Agenda 17.13 - Endorsement of Nu 35,000 used from Revenue for Kuensel Phodrang MoenlamChhenmo and Nu 10,000 given as a solace (Semso) for recent Hejo mishap**

During annual *MoenlamChhenmo* conducted in Kuenselphodrang, Thimphu *Thromde* contributed a total amount of Nu 133000 made through staff donations and Nu 35,000 from *Thromde* revenue. The amount was used for serving lunch and other related expenditure. Nu 10,000 was given as solace for recent Hejo mishaps.

The Chair informed that *MoenlamChhenmo* in Kuenselphodrang will be carried out annually and therefore it can be budgeted from next year.

### **Decision**

The *Tshogde* endorsed Nu 35000 used for Kuenselphodrang and Nu 10,000 which was given as solace to the bereaved family of Hejo mishaps. Starting 2020-2021, the contributions to *Moenlam Chhenmo* will have to be budgeted.

**Action** – Accounts Officer

**Agenda 17.14 - Mrs. Tshering Wangmo's case of plot coverage in Changzamtog LAP affected due to construction of Ring Road**

The Urban Planner, Mr. Roshan Rai presented to the *Tshogde* the case of plot readjustments and coverage issues which were affected after the plot relocation of Ms. Tshering Wangmo due to construction of ring road in upper Changzamtog. Her plot had to be relocated and realigned. Initially, *Thromde* had agreed to fulfill the following 5 conditions as stated by Ms. Tshering Wangmo:

1. Double basements for her building. Half of the lower basement (store) shall be below the ground-level and its other half and the upper basement (parking) shall be above the ground level.
2. The building structures need to be redesigned and its costs (Nu. 150,000) should be borne by Thimphu Thromde.
3. Vehicle access to her affected from the new Ring-Road through Slab-Extension
4. Thimphu Thromde and the plot owner collaboratively build the retaining wall during the plot excavation.
5. The owner also wants, based on ground realities and scenarios, incentives on set-back and coverage requirements.

However, recently, her 13.5 decimals plot had to be relocated which was verbally accepted by the owner. When it is relocated, her plot, which was initially 28.5 decimals and was eligible for 45% coverage will be eligible only for 40% coverage given the plot gets divided into 13.5 decimals (relocation) and 15 decimals (remaining). Therefore, it was put to *Tshogde* for directives.

**Discussion**

The Jungzhinathuemi informed if *Thromde* allows and approve for this case, there will be many such cases in *Thromde* in future, therefore, *Thromde* will have to be uniform for all.

The Legal Officer cautioned if it is possible for *Thromde* to change the precinct since the coverage is defined based on the precinct. The Chair said that this will have to be carried out

based on the priority. The construction of ring road is a priority for *Thromde* with too much congestion along express way. The Officiating Chief Urban Planner Mr. Ugyen Dorji informed that as per the planning point of view, there is no issue/impact for *Thromde* to allow her 45% coverage in the relocated plot as the relocated plot (13.5 decimals) also falls in the same precinct. Since it is due to the construction of *Thromde's* ring road that the owner had to be relocated and the plot had to be divided, thus losing her privilege of 45% coverage, Mr. Ugyen Dorji added that there won't be any planning implications.

### **Decision**

The *Tshogde* after deliberation at length, approved the 45% coverage on both of her plots since her plot has been affected due to *Thromde's* prioritized plans and programs. It is considered on a special case due to priority.

**Action** – Mr. Roshan Rai, Urban Planner, UPD

### **Agenda 17.15 - Direct contract award for construction of RRM wall with crash barrier in Babesa**

The Management has forwarded the case to the *Tshogde* for endorsement. The work had to be carried out in an urgent manner due to urgency.

### **Decision**

The *Tshogde* endorsed the direct award of work for the construction of RRM wall with crash barrier in Babesa based on the urgency and approved Nu 471,860 from the approved budget for the FY 2019-2020 under road and bridge section budget.

**Action** – Mrs. Dendup Lhamo. Engineer and Accounts Section

### **Agenda 17.16 - Installation of CCTV and Leasing out of parking spaces at Changbangdu vegetable shed**

The leasing out of parking spaces in newly constructed vegetable shed in Changbangdu has been approved to be awarded to Dr. Toilet by the Management. This was put to *Tshogde* for

endorsement. The Management has approved the rate at Nu 10 per hour and lump sum amount will have to be paid to *Thromde* per month.

The installations of CCTVs were also proposed for the vegetable sheds. This is mainly for the security reasons in the area. Total proposed is 12 numbers of CCTVs and a total amount of Nu 0.6M (for 360-degree camera) and Nu 0.3M for those which is not 360-degree coverage including all installation charges.

### **Decision**

*Tshogde* approved the parking to be awarded to Dr. Toilet as proposed by the Management at Nu 10 per hour. The Dr. Toilet will have to pay a lump sum amount of Nu 80,000 per month to *Thromde* as revenue. *Tshogde* decided to install CCTV and procure as per procurement rules. The specification is PT-Z 12 numbers and approved Nu 0.6M from Environment Division budget approved for procurement of CCTVs in the FY 2019-2020. Also 2 numbers of CCTV must be installed in Hejo vegetable shed.

**Action** – Mrs. Ganga, Asset Manager

### **Agenda 17.17 - Discussion on Reconstruction of Lungtenzampa Bridge**

For FY 2019-2020, for drawing and design of Lungtenzampa, Nu 5.00M has been approved and the Management has decided to write to CDCL for drawing and design and construction will be done by CDCL and *Thromde* collaboratively. *Thromde* has given many big projects already like bridge constructions to CDCL and there were no issues earlier.

### **Decision**

*Tshogde* endorsed the decision of the Management to write to CDCL regarding the drawing, design and feasibility study for the construction of Lungtenzampa Bridge.

**Action** – Mrs. Chhimi Wangmo, Engineer, ID

**Agenda 17.18 - T.V cable connection to Chamgang Water Treatment Plant**

There are staff along with family working and leaving in Chamgang Water Treatment Plant (WTP). The total cost for installation comes around Nu 40000. The Officiating Chief Engineer Mr. Nakphel Drukpa submitted the estimated cost that comes to around 91,000 for installation of the Norling cable, including labor charges.

Taba *Thuemi* recommended purchasing cable while others suggested providing dish television since cable line would cost more. But many members stated the challenges and issues regarding dish television and requested for cable connections only.

**Decision**

The *Tshogde* decided to provide Norling cable connections and approved 91,000 to Chamgang Water Treatment Plant from reserve fund.

**Action** – Infrastructure Division and Accounts Section

**Agenda 17.19 - Metering of E-4 water supply to Babesa and Semtokha including construction of meter chambers at the supply manifold.****Decision**

Approved and decided in Agenda 4 above

**Action** – Water Section, ID

**Agenda 17.20 - Construction of single unit staff house for staff in E-4 water supply and at the tank above back to back statue at Babesa****Decision**

Approved and decided in Agenda 4 above

**Action** – Water Section, ID

**Agenda 17.21 - Construction of mule track (& culvert/small bridge) at Phajoding in the Motithang water catchment**

The route to Phajoding goes through the water source of Motithang water treatment plant and therefore, it is a threat to the water source. Since there is a mule tract, there are chances of water sources being dried up or contaminated due to anthropogenic activities. Therefore, the water section proposed *Tshogde* to construct separate mule tract away from the water catchment area.

**Discussion**

The Jungzhina *thuemi* stated if the distance is more for the new proposed route; it won't help stopping people from using the old route. Regarding this, the Officiating Chief Engineer informed that the distance through the new proposed route will be either shorter or equivalent compared to the old route.

**Decision**

The *Tshogde* approved the construction of new mule tract and the budget to be used from the savings from the water SDP projects approved in 1<sup>st</sup> batch SDP in 12<sup>th</sup> FYP

**Action** – Infrastructure Division

**Agenda 17.22 - Endorsement of Pamtsho E-4 layout plan****Decision**

It has been already discussed in the meeting with *Tshogpa* and Road & Bridge Section engineers and therefore it is not tabled for discussion in *Tshogde*

**Action** – Urban Planning Division

**Agenda 17.23 - Training/Institutional Study tour for Water and Revenue Staff to Philippines**

Before, when the *thromde* internal revenue has been increased due to proper inventory of building, the building inspectors were sent to study tour. Similarly, this time the revenue increase has been credited to the efficient collection of water tariffs. Similarly, the water and revenue sections have worked hard towards revenue enhancing this time through extensive water

metering and following up on the tax defaulters. Through regular follow ups, the revenue section was able to make the institutions which have not paid the taxes for the past years pay and collected substantial amount. Therefore, in recognition of the hard work the staff has put in, the Revenue and Water Sections have proposed for a study tour to Philippines. The total amount for whole of the training is around Nu 1.1M and will be used from reserve fund.

### **Discussion**

The members also raised the issues regarding training opportunities of those staff who are working in non-revenue generating sections. For this, the Chair clarified that those staff could be trained under the approved budget and will be carried out by the HRC.

### **Decision**

The *Tshogde* approved the study tour for 5 Officials from water and revenue sections to Philippines and approved Nu 1.10M from reserve fund.

**Action** – Infrastructure Division & Accounts Section

### **Agenda 17.24 - Setback issues in CFM area**

The Chair informed to the *Tshogde* that some of the issues regarding set back issues in the CFM areas. *Thromde* earlier have given little relaxation and allowed to construct a roof structure in setback area but it is now found out that the people are constructing structures over structures and used for selling goods there.

The Chair proposes that for those constructed, if *Thromde* could collect few charges as penalty for construction in CFM area. It will not be allowed in other parts of the City. Even new construction could be allowed provided there is prior permission/approval from *Thromde* but the charges will be applied.

### **Discussion**

The Legal Officer cautioned that if it is allowed, it is like *Thromde* is regularizing these illegal structures which are like *Thromde* is a party to the crime. Therefore, it would be better if it is not

allowed and follow strictly the existing set back rules. He also said to notify them of their illegal structures to demolish. The other members also stated it is better if Official approval is not accorded.

### Decision

*Tshogde* directed Development Regulatory Division to revisit the Development Control Regulation (DCR) 2016, make a field visit to the areas and put it back to *Tshogde* the detail site verification report.

**Action** – DRD to carry out site verifications and present to *Tshogde*

### Agenda 17.25 - Outsourcing strategy – O&M

This was presented to the *Tshogde* by the member secretary especially the Operation and Maintenance (O&M) of road pot hole, water, etc. He also proposed if *Thromde* can pilot O&M of one of the *Thromde* services.

### Discussion

The Chair informed that for water services, there are many ways to outsource. Even the management of Water Treatment Plants could be outsourced. Similarly, the pothole repairs can be outsourced and be paid annually based on the square feet of potholes repaired. Even the drain cleaning could be outsourced.

The Officiating Chief UPD, Mr. Ugyen Dorji informed that the outsourcing could be carried out on a pilot basis since implementation is very difficult for the outsourcing. Therefore, a team could be formed and study well the outsourcing strategy. This was also supported by Chief ADM Officer and Babesa *Thuemi*. The Chair also informed that *Thromde* will have to explore the concept of outsourcing and its successes and failures in other neighboring countries.

### Decision

The *Tshogde* decided that before outsourcing, there must be proper study being carried out for successful outsourcing and once the study has been carried out and ready, *Thromde* can move on with outsourcing of *Thromde* services.

**Action – Management**

**Agenda 17.26 - Proposal for boundary wall construction by NHDCL in Changjiji**

The Engineer from Development Regulatory Division, Mr., Teknath presented to the *Tshogde* the proposal for construction of boundary wall by national Housing Development Corporation Ltd (NHDCL) in Changjiji. NHDCL has applied for Land Use Certificate (LUC) in *Thromde* but it was observed that there are some issues in the boundaries. Therefore, the NHDCL has proposed for proper demarcation and construction of boundary wall in Changjiji areas. When discussed with the area *Thuemi*, she informed that the boundary issue is mostly with only one individual and in other areas there are no issues.

**Discussion**

The *Tshogde* members felt that *Tshogde* can't take any decision based on the verbal discussion, therefore, it would be better for the Management to carry out detail discussion with the public and NHDCL and solve the issues at site.

**Decision**

The *Tshogde* directed the Management to take up the issue and call for a meeting and decide after having visited the site.

**Action – DRD to coordinate Meeting**

**Agenda 17.27 - 3D FABLAB proposal**

The Chair explained to the members that Thimphu *Thromde* is in receipt of proposal from FABLAB to carry out a data inventory through flying of drones within *Thromde*. They have requested for share of budget which comes to around Nu 60M. The *Tshogde* members could not approve Nu 60M. This is said to be the complicated GIS based system which is going to be difficult to manage by ourselves posing high risk of sustainability in the long run.

Another proposal has been received from Centre for Development Studies and Activities (CDSA), Pune for the similar purposes and they will collect all information from 1000 buildings for a cost of about Nu 1.5-2.0 M. They will train our officials on the system and equip us with the technical skills to use and update the system on our own. They also have grievance management system which can report problem at site and it will show all related information with locations. There are four packages type they have proposed depending on the features of the system, from which we have to select one as per our need. The costing will be done based on the choice of the packages. The recommendation is made to choose the highest package which is also considered as the full package which caters to all the required services.

**Decision**

*Tshogde* decided to go for Centre for Development Studies and Activities (CDSA), Pune with the choice of full featured package. The final proposal with the detailed implementation plan shall be requested from the institute with the actual cost. The Chairman also directed ICT Officer to form a team comprising officials from Urban Planning Division/GIS, Building Section, SLMS, ICT Services and one *Thuemi* to make a study visit to this institute to observe their system in real-time.

**Action** – ICT Officer, Mr. Oma PatiLuitel

**Agenda 17.28 - Retention of Mr. Lakha Bir Rai, Technician of WB Project BUDP II as Technician for 10 MLD WTP at Taba**

The Management has forwarded to the *Tshogde* the decision to retain Mr. Lakha Bir Rai a technician under World Bank Project, BUDP II. He was working as technician for 10 MLD WTP at Taba. Since the World Bank project component has been complete since June 2019, his term

as technician was complete too. Therefore, to successfully run the 10MLD WTP at Taba, the Management proposed to retain him since he is experienced in the field.

**Decision**

Since his expertise is required for the successful running of the WTP, the *Tshogde* endorsed the decision of the Management to retain Mr. Lakha Bir Rai on a special contract for 3 years Nu 18000 salary per month, a duty motor bike and a caretaker's house. There should be clear ToR.

**Action** – Mrs. ChekiYangzom, HRO

**Tentative date for 18<sup>th</sup> *Tshogde* has been decided on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019.**

**Rapporteur** – Karma Dorji, Planning Officer