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THIMPHU THROMDE

Minutes of 8th Thromde Tshogde Meeting

Venue: MoWHS, Conference Hall
Time: 12:20 am – 5:30 pm
Date: 9th March 2012

AGENDA FOR THE 8th THIMPHU THORMDE TSHOGDE

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Sl. No	Agenda	Submitted by:
1	Review & Endorsement of 7 th Thimphu Thromde Tshogde minutes	Member Secretary
2	Adoption of Agenda for 8 th Thromde Tshogde.	Member Secretary
3	Budget proposal for Financial Year 2012-2013	AFD
4	Report on the nominations of candidates from the respective zones to assist the zone inspectors	CSD
5	Waiving off parking fees within the Thromde for electric cars	TT
6	Issues of access road to plot no. 147/PT-A and plot no. 13/PT-A in Lungtenphu LAP	UPD
7	Access road in Olakha	Changbangdu-Olakha member
8	Traffic congestion in Sabji Bazaar	Norzin member
9	Maintenance of road above Changangkha Lhakhang	Changangkha member
10	Parking problem in the Crematorium	Jungshina-Kawajangsa member
11	Same building height like others for Jungshina and Pamtsho	-do-
12	16 pending issues in Babesa	Babesa Thuemi
13	Apple orchard's compensation for the people residing near the IT Park	-do-
14	Support for reconnection of water pipe	-do-
15	Moratorium of construction activities at Motithang and Changangkha	UPD

MINUTES OF THE 8TH THIMPHU THROMDE TSHOGDE MEETING.

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The following members were present during the meeting:

1. Kinlay Dorjee,	Thrompon,	Hon'ble Chairman
2. Minjur Dorji,	Executive Secretary,	Member Secretary
3. Namgay Tshering,	Babesa Member	Deputy Chairman
4. Kinley,	Changbangdu-Olakha	Member
5. Kuenga Yonten,	Norzin	Member
6. Ugyen Penjor,	Jungshina-Kawajangsa	Member
7. Ugyen,	Dechencholing-Taba	Member
8. Dorji Dema,	Motithang	Member
9. Rinzin Dorji,	Changangkha	Member

1. Welcome and introductory remarks by Hon'ble Chairman.

On the onset, Hon'ble Chairman welcomed all the members including the staffs from the Thimphu Thromde and stressed that the Thromde budget review & discussion for the Financial Year 2012-2013 would be the main agenda of the 8th Thromde Tshogde. He informed the floor that although the budget submission was long overdue, a special request was made to the Department of Budget and Accounts to defer the submission of Thimphu Thromde's annual budget by about few weeks as it requires endorsement from the Tshogde in accordance with the Local Governance Act.

Hon'ble Chairman requested all the members to actively participate in the budget review & discussion to make it as realistic as possible and provide feedbacks wherever necessary.

2. Review & Endorsement of 7th Thimphu Thromde Tshogde Minutes

The Member Secretary presented to the floor the decisions taken during the 7th Thromde Tshogde and the actions taken thereafter by the concerned divisions and section of Thimphu Thromde till date. The meeting saw comprehensive review & discussion of the minutes and endorsed the 7th Thimphu Thromde Tshogde's Minutes with specific mention on the following important issues:

2.1 Regularization of unauthorized Constructions

The Kawajangsa-Jungshina Thuemi reported that Mr. Sangay Thinley had approached him with the request to consider waiving off the regularization amount levied by Thimphu Thromde for constructing the toilet and kitchen without obtaining prior approval. Mr Sangay Thinley had argued that verbal approvals were given during the time of previous Thrompon to construct kitchen and toilet in Jungshina, Hejo and Pamtsho area without having to seek formal approvals as required for building constructions. Therefore, it would be unfair to single him out.

DECISION: Since he did not have any written approvals from the municipality, the floor felt that a proper study needs to be conducted to authenticate his claim. DCD was instructed to carry out detailed study and present the report in the next Thromde Tshogde.

ACTION: DEVELOPMENT CONTROL DIVISION(DCD)

2.2 E-4 land & Traditional Village(TV) Inventory

Hon'ble Chairman questioned UPD on the time taken by the division to prepare the inventory of the E-4 land & Traditional Village(TV) in different LAPs. He said that, in general the decisions taken by the Tshogde are not taken seriously as no proper follow-up actions are made by the concerned divisions and section within given timeline. The Offtg. Chief of UPD clarified that due to manpower shortages, it has become difficult for the division to undertake the work.

DECISION: The floor instructed UPD to hand over the preparation of E-4 land inventory to Survey Section if the division is not in a position to carry out the task. However, the TV Inventory in different LAPs should be undertaken by UPD and complete it on or before 15th April 2012. Further, the division chief was also instructed to issue office order to the concerned planner to complete the assignment on time.

ACTION : URBAN PLANNING DIVISION(UPD)

3. Adoption of Agendas for 8th Thimphu Thromde Tshogde

With an addition of one agenda from UPD, the floor adopted 13 agendas altogether proposed for the 8th Thimphu Thromde Tshogde.

AGENDA # 1: Budget Proposal for the Financial Year 2012-2013

The Member Secretary began the presentation on the budget proposal for the fiscal year 2012-2013 by reiterating the reasons for having to delay in submitting the budget to the Department of Budget & Accounts. He mentioned that as compared to last year, both the current & capital budget for the coming fiscal year is expected to be increased by about 32.84% and 293.89% respectively. The increase in the budget is largely due to transfer of repair & maintenance of urban road to Thimphu Thromde by Department of Roads and also due to huge budget earmarked for the proposal to construct multilevel parking and town hall.

However, the Member Secretary reported to the floor that the government subsidy for the coming fiscal year is likely to be reduced by (-) 17.25% as compared to last year. The reduction in the government subsidy is due to increase in the internal revenue generated through taxes and fees. The internal revenue projection for the year 2011-2012 is about Nu. 130 million against Nu. 80 million in the year 2010-2011. In summary, the total budget proposed for the coming financial year including the ADB & World Bank Project is Nu. 1892.83 million with a current budget proposal of Nu. 600.68 million and capital budget proposal of Nu. 1292.14 million respectively.

The Member Secretary then presented the breakdown of the budget proposal under various divisions in the following order:



Administration & Finance Division

The total budget proposed for the AFD is Nu. 91.867 million as current and Nu. 3 million as capital. The following were the changes made to the budget proposal of AFD after thorough deliberations:

SL.No	Budget Head	Current (amount in million)		Capital (amount in million)	
		Proposed	Revised	Proposed	Revised
1	14.01 S&M – Office Supplies, Printing	3.00	2.00		
2	18.01 Hospitality & Entertainment	1.20	1.00		
3	25.01 Retirement Benefits	2.00	1.00		
4	53.01 Purchase of Vehicles			1.00	1.20
5	11.02 Travel – Outside Bhutan	5.00	2.00		
6	14.07 S&M –Text Books, Library Books, Sports	1.00	0.50		
7	TOTAL	12.20	6.50	1.00	1.20
8	INCREASE/DECREASE	(-)5.70		(+) 0.20	

With the reduction of Nu. 5.70 million in current budget, the revised current budget proposal of AFD stands at Nu. 86.16 million. The capital budget is Nu. 3.20 million up from Nu. 3.00 million. The increase of Nu. 0.20 million is due to revision in the budget for the purchase of vehicles from Nu. 1.00 million to Nu. 1.20 million. The members agreed to propose for the purchase of electric car instead of WagonR to reduce the running cost of the vehicle in the long run.

DECISION: AFD was instructed to incorporate all the revisions in the proposed budget before submitting it to DNB(Dept. of National Budget).

ACTION : AFD

Environment Division

The total budget proposed for the Environment Division is Nu. 21.295 million(Capital) & Nu. 24.773 million (Current). The following were the changes made to the budget for the division during the meeting:

SL.No	Budget Head	Current (amount in million)		Capital (amount in million)	
		Proposed	Revised	Proposed	Revised
1	002/001.02 MAINTENANCE OF CREMATORIUM	1.50	0.50		
2	002/001.04 MAINTENANCE OF LABOUR HUTMENTS	1.00	0.75		
3	002/001.05 MAINTENANCE OF CORONATION PARK	1.00	0.50		
4	002/001.06 MAINTENANCE OF MOTITHANG CHILDREN PARK	0.50	0.20		
5	002/001.07 MAINTENANCE OF CLOCK TOWER	1.00	0.50		
6	002/001.09 MAINTENANCE OF NURSERY (CFM)	0.80	0.50		
7	002/001.10 MAINTENANCE OF THAI PAVILION	0.70	0.00		1.00 ⁽¹⁾
8	002/001.11 MAINTENANCE OF WASTE COLLECTION BINS	0.50	0.00 ⁽²⁾		

9	002/001.12 MAINTENANCE OF MEMELAKHA LANDFILL	2.00	0.00		2.00 ⁽³⁾
10	002/001.13 MAINTENANCE OF SERBITHANG COMPOST PLANT	0.60	0.30		
11	002/001.20 REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF INCINERATOR AT CREMATORIUM			3.00	9.00 ⁽⁴⁾
12	002/001.21 RIVER TRAINING WORK			7.00	3.00
13	002/001.22 INSTALLATION OF HANGERS FOR BANNER DISPLAY			1.35	0.70 ⁽⁵⁾
14	002/001.24 PROCUREMENT OF DEEP FREEZER FOR PRESERVING UNCLAIMED DEAD BODIES			0.50	0.30
15	002/001.25 Purchase of TOOLS & equipment FOR LABOURERS			0.50	0.20
16	002/001.26 ENVIRONMENT AWARENESS CAMPAIGN (Waste management)	2.00	1.00		
17	TOTAL	11.60	4.25	12.35	16.20
18	INCREASE/DECREASE	(-) 7.35		(+) 3.85	

- (1) The budget which was initially marked under the current has been removed and instead included under the capital with the revised budget of Nu. 1.00 million against Nu. 0.70 as proposed earlier.
- (2) The proposed budget was deleted as 7 new waste bins were procured and supplied under ADB fundings recently.
- (3) Maintenance of Memelakha Landfill was included under the Capital budget instead of Current. It is to renamed as Improvement works for Memelakha Landfill.
- (4) The budget has been revised to Nu. 9.00 million from Nu. 3.00 million as all the incinerators needs to be replaced during the coming fiscal year.
- (5) Since the work is ongoing, an amount of Nu. 0.70 million is to kept as spillover budget.

With the above revision in the budget, the total revised budget for the Environment Division is Nu. 13.94 million(Current) & Nu. 28.62(Capital)

The members expressed their concern with regard to the large number of daily wage workers attached with the division. As per the record, there are 82 daily wage workers currently attached with the division. With such a huge number of labourers and spread across large area, the members were skeptical about the output delivered by those labourers.

The Chairman informed the floor that unlike last year, there would be prizes for the communities who stand out in the tree plantation program. *Thuemis* were asked to provide all necessary support to make this program a success.

DECISION:

- (i) AFD should make necessary corrections in the budget and verify before it is submitted to DNB.

- (ii) The members instructed the division to confirm if the actual number of daily wage workers of 82 as reflected in the record are actually available or not and if available used effectively. Further, the division was also asked to give the list of workers in different zones to the respective *Thuemis* so that they can also assist the division in monitoring their activities.

ACTION : AFD & ENVIRONMENT DIVISION

Engineering Division

The proposed total budget outlay for the Engineering Division is Nu. 60.330 million(Current) & Nu. 81.16 million(Capital). Each and every activities listed under the budget head of the division was reviewed and the following were the changes made by the Tshogde:

SL. No	Budget Head	Current (amount in million)		Capital (amount in million)	
		Proposed	Revised	Proposed	Revised
1	003/001.03 MAINTENANCE OF SEWERAGE SYSTEMS	2.00	1.00		
2	003/001.07 MAINTENANCE OF FOOTPATH	2.00	1.00		
3	003/001.08 MAINTENANCE THIMPHU THROMDEY ROADS	30.00	15.00 ⁽¹⁾		
4	003/001.15 PROCUREMENT AND INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICAL/MECHANICAL ACCESSORIES			1.00	0.00 ⁽²⁾
5	003/001.19 FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR PROVISION OF NEW SEWER LINES AT YANGCHENPHUG MS SCHOOL			0.05	0.00 ⁽³⁾
6	CONSTRUCTION OF BAILEY BRIDGE BETWEEN JUNGSHINA AND TABA ^(*)			0.00	10.00 ⁽⁴⁾
7	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR PROVISION OF SEWER LINES AT MOTITHANG, CHANGANGKHA AND YHS. ^(*)			0.00	2.00 ⁽⁵⁾
8	TOTAL	34.00	17.00	1.05	12.00
9	INCREASE/DECREASE	(-) 17.00		(+) 10.95	

- (1) The proposed budget of Nu. 30.00 million was reduced to Nu. 15.00 million as the expenditure for the 239 labourers were already included in budget head of Direction Services. The committee instructed the division that as there is already sufficient number of labourers, no new recruitment should be made henceforth.
- (2) Since the water supply scheme to Langjopakha area is included with the World Bank Project, the budget head for Procurement and Installation of Electrical/Mechanical Accessories was therefore cancelled. The treatment plant at Jungshina will be upgraded/improved/augmented through the project to meet water demand for Langjopakha area.
- (3) Nu. 0.05 million for the feasibility study for provision of new sewer lines at YHS School was cancelled and decided to include with the new budget head under Professional Services for Feasibility Study for provision of sewer lines at Motithang, Changangkha & YHS Area.

- (4) Since the people residing at Pamtsho and Jungshina have to make use of VIP roads to travel to Dechencholing and Taba, the members felt that it is a matter of inconvenience for the public as well as the security issue of the VIPs. A bailey bridge between the Jungshina and Taba was thought to resolve the whole issue. Since the exact cost of constructing such a bridge is not known, it was decided to reserve amount of Nu. 10.00 million for the purpose.
- (5) The Thuemi from Motithang requested the floor to consider connecting Motithang and Changangkha area to the main sewer lines. The Chief Engineer, Engineering Division clarified that the present treatment plant at Babesa does not have the capacity to cater to any additional area. However, he suggested that since the division is in the process of undertaking feasibility study for provision of sewer line at YHS area, Motithang and Changangkha can be also included in it.
- (*) New Budget Head proposal

The revised budget proposal for the Engineering Division after the revision is Nu. 43.33 million (Current) & Nu. 92.11 million (Capital) respectively.

DECISION:

- (i) AFD was instructed to make necessary changes in the budget in accordance with the revision made during the meeting.
- (ii) Engineering Division should include Motithang & Changangkha in addition to YHS area while preparing consultancy document to carry out feasibility study for provision of sewer lines.

ACTION: AFD/ENGINEERING DIVISION

Urban Planning Division

The budget proposed for the Urban Planning Division(UPD) is Nu. 16.200 million under the Capital. No current budget has been proposed by the division. After thorough discussion, the floor made changes to the following budget head:

SL. No	Budget Head	Current (amount in millions)		Capital (amount in million)	
		Proposed	Revised	Proposed	Revised
1	004/001.01 DEVELOPMENT OF E-LAND GIS			6.00	2.00 ⁽¹⁾
2	004/001.05 LAND COMPENSATION FOR LANGJUPAKHA AND OTHER LAPS			6.50	6.50 ⁽²⁾
3	TOTAL			12.50	8.50
4	INCREASE/DECREASE			(-) 4.00	

- (1) The budget proposal of Nu. 6.00 million for development of E-Land GIS was thought to be too high by the members and decided to bring down to Nu. 2.00 million.
- (2) While the members wanted to reduce the amount earmarked for the compensation to be paid to the public for acquisition of properties during the implementation of projects, it was not revised

considering that the compensation will have to be made from RGOB budget and not from the project.

The proposed capital budget for the UPD after the revision stands at Nu. 12.20 million against Nu. 16.200 initially proposed.

DECISION : AFD shall make necessary corrections in the budget proposal of the UPD as per the revision carried out during the meeting.

ACTION : AFD & UPD

Development Control Division

The Development Control Division had proposed a Current budget of Nu. 1.00 million and a Capital budget of Nu. 313.90 million respectively. The following were the changes made to the budget proposal submitted by DCD during the meeting:

SL. No	Budget Head	Current (amount in million)		Capital (amount in million)	
		Proposed	Revised	Proposed	Revised
1	005/001.02 CONSTRUCTION OF THROMPON & EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S RESIDENCE			12.00	6.00 ⁽¹⁾
2	005/001.04 CONSTRUCTION OF TOWN HALL AT CHANGANGKHA			158.40	58.40 ⁽²⁾
3	005/001.05 CONSTRUCTION OF MULTI LEVEL PARKING STRUCTURE IN ZANGDO PELRI AREA			140.00	0.00 ⁽³⁾
4	TOTAL			310.40	64.40
5	INCREASE/DECREASE			(-) 246.00	

- (1) The budget proposal submitted for the construction of Thrompon & Executive Secretary's Residence amounting to Nu. 6.00 million each was considered unrealistic and only one was considered for the coming fiscal year.
- (2) As it may not be possible to utilize the entire estimated budge of Nu. 158.40 million during the coming financial year, it was agreed to reduce the budget proposal for the construction of town hall by Nu. 100.00 million.
- (3) The members decided to exclude the budget to construct multi level parking structure from the annual budget proposal. This was done as it was felt more appropriate to borrow money from the open market/financial institutions since the project is commercially viable.

With the above changes in the budget proposal of the DCD, the revised Capital Budget for the division is reduced to 67.90 million from Nu.313.90 initially proposed. Current budget proposal for the division remains unchanged.

DECISION: AFD was instructed make the necessary changes in the budget proposal of the DCD.

ACTION : AFD & DCD

AGENDA # 2 : Report on the nominations of candidates from respective zones to assist the zone inspectors

The head of Customer Service Division reported to the floor that in accordance with the decision taken during the last Thromde Tshogde, all the Thuemis were requested to nominate the representatives from their zones. He informed that altogether 9 nominations were received against 12 that are actually required. He also reported that due to low remuneration, there are no volunteers willing to take up the responsibilities of zone representatives from the core area.

The Thuemis enquired if the remuneration of Nu. 3,000/- per month could be made at par with the daily wage of national work force to encourage people to take part in this initiative. To this, the Chairman responded that it is not possible to increase as it is not a full time job and the payment which was decided in the earlier Tshogde is sufficient to compensate for their services.

DECISION: After lengthy discussion on this agenda, the members decided that the Inspection Zones should start from 1st April 2012. Further, the members also decided that a comprehensive Terms of Reference for the zone representatives should also be prepared clearly highlighting their roles and responsibilities with provisions be terminate their services anytime by the municipalities in the future without any condition. AFD was instructed to include the budget for the salary to be paid to the representatives amounting to Nu. 432,000/- in the budget proposal.

ACTION: CSD & AFD**AGENDA # 3: Waving off parking fees within the Thromde for electric cars**

The Chairman informed the floor that the Thunder Motors Electric Vehicles(TMEV) had approached him with the request to consider waving off the parking fees for the electric cars manufactured by the company. The Chairman explained that since the vehicles manufactured by the company are rated as zero emission vehicles, it does not pollute the environment and therefore it is important to support the company in whatever little we can. Further, he also stated that if such vehicles become popular in the future, it will also help to reduce fuel import from India. However, some of the members argued that Thimphu Thromde should not get involved in such matters and that it should be left to the NEC and RSTA to provide such subsidy and necessary support. The members felt that there would be complications in management of parking facilities as it is outsourced to the private company on contract and such provisions may not have been covered in the contract documents.

DECISION: Since there is a third party involved in the management of the Thromde parking, the meeting decided not to consider the request submitted by the TMEV to waive off the parking fees for the electric cars for now. Engineering Division was instructed to respond to the company in writing on the decision taken by the Tshogde explaining the reasons for rejecting their proposal at the earliest.

ACTION : ENGINEERING DIVISION**AGENDA # 4 : Issues of access road to Plot No. 147/PT-A and Plot No. 13/PT-A at Lungtenphu LAP**

UPD raised the issue pertaining to the unavailability of access road to Plot No. 147/PT-A & Plot No. 13/PT-A registered under the name of Mr. Tshering Tobgay & Mr. Kuenga Namgay respectively under Lungtenphu LAP. The division proposed for the relocation of the two plots to other LAPs as there are no vacant plots under Lungtenphu LAP. However, the Chairman stated that as per the directives from



the National Land Commission Secretariat, plots cannot be relocated to new LAPs and should there be genuine need for relocation, then it has to be within the same LAP only. He said that as per the site condition, only Plot No. 147/PT-A needs to be relocated and the access to Plot No. 13/PT-A can be provided through the Plot No. 147/PT-A after it is relocated to a new area. UPD suggested that the only vacant plot available in the Lungtenphu LAP is the 27.77 decimals land located next to Olakha School which is earmarked as community space.

DECISION: UPD was instructed to explore the possibility to relocate Plot No. 147/PT-A to the plot marked as community space near Olakha School. In addition to it, UPD was also instructed to find out the original/initial owner of the plot/area by referring the cadastral map to avoid complications later. Since the total area required to be relocated is only 19.197 decimals, the remaining area of the community space should be clubbed with the school. Plot No. 13/PT-A need not be relocated as the access to the plot can be provided till plot occupied by Plot No. 147/PT-A.

ACTION : UPD

AGENDA # 5: Access road in Olakha

Olakha Thuemi submitted to the floor that a stretch of road which is about 50 mtrs. at Lungtenphu is not covered under the ADB project and requested if the expenses could be met from the Thromde budget. ADB Project Manger reported that an estimated amount of Nu. 3.00 to 4.00 million may be required if a permanent road including drains are to be constructed and is not covered under the ADB contract. However, the Project Manager suggested that the work can be taken up by the project but fund may not be sufficient to cover the entire work.

DECISION: ADB should initiate the work with whatever balance amount is available with the project. The remaining expenses will be met from the Thromde budget.

ACTION: ADB PROJECT

AGENDA # 6: Traffic congestion at Sabji Bazar

Norzin *Thuemi* reported that the road at Sunday Market which connects the 3 bypass roads leading to Changlam has been creating traffic congestion especially during the weekends. He said that the problem is basically due to movement of vehicles in both the directions. He suggested that if the road could be converted to one way, then the whole issue of traffic jam along that stretch of road can be solved. The floor also agreed that allowing vehicles to ply in both the direction is a problem and there is a need to come up with long term solution to address the issue. The immediate solution to the problem according to the members was to make it one way.

DECISION: Since Sunday Market is a crowded place especially during the weekends, the members agreed that solution has to be reached before any untoward accidents occur at the site. Since there are other stakeholders involved in the traffic management, it was decided to carry out feasibility study to convert the road to single way. Engineering Division was instructed to arrange a joint site visit involving RSTA and Traffic Division of RBP.

ACTION: ENGINEERING DIVISION



AGENDA # 7: Maintenance of Road above Changangkha Lhakhang

Since the road above Changangkha Lhakhang is in a bad shape, the Changangkha *thuemi* requested if the maintenance can be carried out. He said that the road benefits about 9 household and Changangkha Lhakhang. He informed the floor that the road be atleast provided with WBM even if it cannot be blacktopped due to budgetary constraint.

DECISION: Engineering Division was instructed to carry out the maintenance of the road and as requested by the *Thuemi*, the approach road should be provided with proper stone soling.

ACTION : ENGINEERING DIVISION**AGENDA # 8: Parking Problem at the crematorium**

Jungshina-Kawajangsa *Thuemi* reported that due to limited parking space available at the crematorium, it is of a big concern for the public attending funeral. Further, he mentioned that if thormde do not intervene now and resolve the parking issue, it could pose bigger challenges in the coming future. The *Thuemi* said that the land beside the entrance gate could be developed as parking area to mitigate the problem. The possibility to acquire the private land next to the crematorium to create additional parking space was also discussed.

DECISION: Since the issues related to parking problem needs to be tackled carefully for long term benefit, the meeting decided that a comprehensive master plan should be prepared taking into consideration the annual increase in traffic. An option to acquire and develop private land into parking was ruled out. Available government space both within and outside crematorium compound should be studied and developed into parking

ACTION: URBAN PLANNING DIVISION**AGENDA# 9: Same building height like others for Jungshina and Pamtsho**

Jungshina-Kawajangsa *Thuemi* brought to the notice of the floor that the number of building storey for Jungshina and Pamtsho is one less as compared to other LAPs. He requested that Jungshina and Pamtsho should not be subjected to different regulation/rule and expressed the grievances submitted by the plot owners to the meeting that the Jungshina and Pamthso should also be allowed to follow the regulations applicable to other LAPs. The Chief, UPD explained that Jungshina and Pamthso has specific DCR and though the number of floor is one less compared to other LAPs, the allowable building coverage is more. The members felt that the additional coverage allowed is only eyewash as the set back rule needs to be complied. There was no way the property owners could have benefited from the additional coverage allowed if the setback rules were to be observed

DECISION: Since there were no strong justifications for having specific DCR for the two areas, the members decided to allow Jungshina and Pamtsho follow the Development Control Regulation 2004. UPD and DCD were instructed to take note of the revision and follow accordingly henceforth.

ACTION: UPD & DCD**AGENDA # 10: 16 Pending issues in Babesa**

The meeting decided not to discuss the agenda as the case is with the National Land Commission.

AGENDA # 11: Apple orchard's compensation for the people residing near the IT Park

Babesa *Thuemi* informed the floor that some of the apple orchard's owners at the Babesa were affected during the widening of the road leading to the IT Park. He reported that those affected owners have not been compensated till now and are in a dilemma as to where to approach to stake their claim for the destruction caused to their orchard. The Chairman insisted that the IT Park management should compensate the owners since the apple trees were destroyed while widening the road for their project.

DECISION: Since the apple trees/orchards were destroyed during the widening of the road for the IT Park, the members felt appropriate that the affected owners approach the IT Park management to stake their claim for the compensation. Babesa *thuemi* was instructed to inform the affected owners about the decision taken by *tshogde* on this matter.

ACTION: BABESA THUEMI**AGENDA # 12: Support for reconnection of water pipe**

Babesa *Thuemi* reported that due to the negligence of the contractor deployed by ADB for new water supply works at Babesa, most of the already existing water supply pipes which were laid beneath the soil were destroyed beyond repair during the excavation works. He submitted the petition made by the community to provide suitable monetary or material support from the Thromde to reinstate damaged water supply pipes as it was beyond their means.

DECISION: Since the water supply pipes were destroyed due to negligence on the part of the contractor, the *Tshogde* decided that the contractor should reinstate or compensate for the damage caused on its own expenses in accordance with the contract provisions. ADB Project Manager was instructed to convey the decision in writing to the contractor.

ACTION : ADB AND BABESA THUEMI**AGENDA# 13: Moratorium of construction activities at Motithang and Changangkha**

The offtg. Chief of UPD requested the floor for the moratorium of construction activities at Motithang and Changangkha area. He reported that the two areas require intervention from the Thromde now to undertake some *surgical* exercise. The members expressed their concern that the public may not like the decision to suspend the construction altogether for both the areas and insisted if it could be possible to undertake the review of the plan alternatively. In response to this, the Offtg. Chief said that since both the areas are located adjacent to each other, it is important to review the plan together. He further explained that the review will be holistic if taken up together and therefore requested the floor to freeze the construction activities at Motithang and Changangkha area for a period of 3 months.

DECISION: Since the moratorium is for the overall benefit of Thimphu Thromde and not only for Motithang & Changangkha alone, *Tshogde* decided to approve for the suspension of construction activities falling within the LAP for a period of 3 months starting April 2012. UPD and DCD was instructed not to issue any new site plans or receive construction drawings during the 3 months period. However, DCD was directed to approve and allow the constructions for those drawings received as of 9th March 2012.

ACTION: UPD & DCD

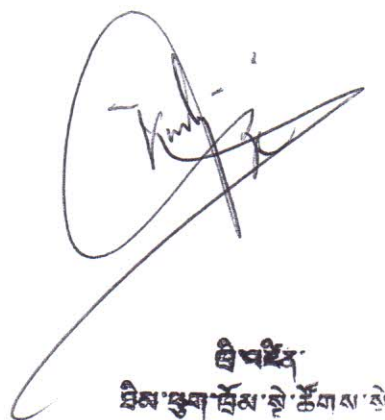
Conclusion and date for next Thromde-Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30PM.

The next Thromde Thogde meeting is scheduled on FRIDAY the 11th of May 2012.

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