



15TH THROMDE TSHOGDE MINUTES (2nd Council)

THIMPHU THROMDE

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Abbreviations

ADB-PIU	-	Asian Development Bank Project Implementation Unit
BAOWE	-	Bhutan Association of Women Entrepreneurship
FYP	-	Five Year Plan
FY	-	Fiscal Year
GSB	-	Granular Sub Base
ID	-	Infrastructure Division
JICA	-	Japan International Corporation Agency
LAP	-	Local Area Plan
M	-	Million
m	-	meter
NCWC	-	National Commission for Women and Children
RBA	-	Royal Bhutan Army
SLMS	-	Survey and Land Management Section

Definitions

Gyalpo	-	His Majesty
Kasho	-	King's Order
Zimpon	-	Chamberlain
Tshogde	-	Council
Thromde	-	City
Thrompon	-	Mayor
Thuemi	-	Councilor
Drayang	-	Entertainment Center

15th Thromde Tshogde

Venue: - Chuniding Resort, Serbithang.

Date: - 08/03/2019

Time: - 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Members Present

Sl/No	Name	Designation
1	Dasho Kinlay Dorjee	Thrompon
2	Mr. Sonam Dorjee	Officiating Executive Secretary
3	Mr. Namgay Tshering	Babesa <i>Thuemi</i>
4	Mrs. Dorji Dema	Motithang <i>Thuemi</i>
5	Mrs. Phub Dem	Changbangdu-Olakha <i>Thuemi</i>
6	Mr. Ugyen Penjor	Jungzhina –Pamtsho <i>Thuemi</i>
7	Mr. Rinzin Dorji	Changangkha <i>Thuemi</i>
8	Mr. Ugyen	Taba-Dechencholing <i>Thuemi</i>
9	Mr. Kinga Yonten	Norzin <i>Thuemi</i>

Invitees

Sl/No	Name	Designation	Division/Section
1	Mr. Thukten Tshering	Offtg. Project Manager	ADB PIU
2	Mr. Karma Jamtsho	Chief Engineer	ID
3	Mrs. Kuenzang	Head	SLMS
4	Mr. Palden Khandu	Chief	DRD
5	Mr. Yeshe Wangdi	Head	Environment Division
6	Mr. Udeshe Chetri	DCAO	Accounts Section, AFD
7	Mr. Ugyen Tshechu Dorji	Sr. Legal Officer	Legal Section
8	Mr. Sonam Penjor	Revenue Officer	Revenue Section
9	Mr. Kezang Dorji	Urban Planner	UPD
10	Mr. Luv Kumar Chetri	Head	Electrical Section
11	Mr. Chojay Norbu	Dzongkha Coordinator	Policy & Planning Section
12	Mr. Omapati Luitel	Sr. ICT Officer	ICT Section
13	Mrs. Dawa Lhamo	AE	Water Section
14	Mr. Tashi Dendup	Budget Officer	Accounts Section
15	Mr. Karma Dorji	Planning Officer	Policy & Planning Section

Opening Remarks by Chair

The Chair welcomed all the members of the *Tshogde* and also the Officials of Thimphu *Thromde* Office for the 15th *Thromde Tshogde*. He informed that in the recent flower exhibition held in

Samdrupjongkhar *Thromde*, *Thrompon* and Executive Secretary along with Chief Urban Planner and Chief of the Environment Division had an opportunity to pay a visit on behalf of Thimphu *Thromde*. He also expressed a sincere gratitude to His Majesty for the wonderful opportunity. He shared that Samdrupjongkhar *Thromde* has developed to a greater extent in terms of providing basic urban infrastructures compared to few years back and in a similar manner other *Thromdes* have also progressed well which in fact is a very good sign of development. He on behalf of Thimphu *Thromde Tshogde*, congratulated Samdrupjongkhar *Thromde* for the successful coordination of flower exhibition and for having progressed well so far.

The Chair also iterated on the importance of providing efficient services in terms of basic infrastructural needs in the urban areas. *Thromde* should have potholes free road and waste free society. He earnestly stated that even the *Tshogpas* and *Midey Tshogpas* together with the community people will have to be equally responsible in maintaining urban infrastructures and cleanliness. He pleaded that the same spirit put in till now must be maintained.

The Chair also expressed concerns about the drinking water supply systems in *Thromde* areas and the need to make it more reliable. He also shared on the need to prepare for the inauguration of Dodeyna Water Supply Scheme. If everything works well, he informed that the inauguration tentatively is planned towards the end of March 2019. He also shared on the golden opportunity that the *Thrompons* of all *Thromdes* got to have an audience with His Majesty and Her Majesty. The Chair also shared the concerns of Her Majesty with regard to urban waste management and stated that *Thromde* will have to put in more efforts to fulfil the vision of their Majesties.

The *Tshogde* after having adopted the agenda for the 15th *Tshogde* began the session with the review of the decisions of the 14th *Thromde Tshogde*. It was found out that most of the decisions of the 14th *Tshogde* are implemented and few are on tract.

Agenda 15.1 – 12 Five Year Plan presentation

The Planning Officer presented to the *Tshogde* the 12th Five Year Plan for *Tshogde*'s endorsement. Once it has been endorsed, it will be sent to Gross National Happiness Commission for printing.

Decision

Tshogde promised to render full support in fulfilling the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) of the 12th FYP. The 12th Five Year Plan for Thimphu *Thromde* has been endorsed by *Tshogde* and directed each Division and Sections to work towards fulfillment of all targets and KPIs of the 12th FYP. Every Division and Section will have to take ownership of the plan and work towards achieving the results as agreed and stated in plan.

Action – Planning Officer/All Divisions & Sections

Agenda 15.2 - Budget endorsement for the FY2019-2020

The Accounts Section presented to the *Tshogde* the budget proposal for the FY 2019-2020. The same has been approved by the Management and is submitted to *Tshogde* for endorsement.

Discussion

The members of the *Tshogde* shared views and concerns when the budget for 2019-2020 was deliberated. The Motithang *Thuemi* shared that if the budget for construction of storm water drains and Common Service Duct could be concentrated *Demkhong* wise rather than dividing small amounts to each *Demkhong*. In this way, the required length of such infrastructures can be constructed. The Taba *Thuemi* requested for resurfacing of Taba main road and also vegetable shed in Taba to be included in this budget. For this, the Chair said that *Thromde* will prioritize the budget once approved by the Parliament in presence of zone engineers and the prioritized activities will be put to *Tshogde*.

The Chair also stated that those areas which are not taken up by LAP projects of ADB and WB will have to be prioritized and included in the 2019-2020 budget.

Decision

The *Tshogde* endorsed the budget proposal for FY 2019-2020 and the same will be sent to Ministry of Finance for budget discussion and approval.

Action – Accounts Section

Agenda 15.3 - Water Meter Reading still an Issue

The Babesa *Thuemi* has submitted issues with regard to water meters in his constituency. He stated that the meter reading has not been consistent recently.

Discussion

The ICT Officer who looks after the water meter reading informed the floor that there has been issues with regard to meter especially due to cold weather seasons. And sometimes there are issues when the owners couldn't be met at the time of meter reading and billing. There are also cases with old meters which couldn't be read by the Automated Meter Reading instrument and the *Thuemis* reported that people are made to replace it. In this case, the Jungzhina *Thuemi* stated that the benefits are for the owners and the meter suppliers and therefore, *Thromde* is at loss for not collecting the water charges. The Chief engineer stated that the building owners should have built proper chamber for meters at the time of meter installation. He also said that *Thromde* is in the process of procuring meter test bench and after that *Thromde* will be able to read the water meters more accurately.

The Babesa *Thuemi* also informed that there are also public complaints that the water bill is quite high in Thimphu in some cases. He stated that, it is not clear whether the water bill is high or there are errors with meters and the readers. The Chair informed that the water meter reader will be held accountable in such cases to report all the erroneous meters. The Chief Engineer said that henceforth, all complaints will have to be routed through dedicated focal official in *Thromde* Office rather than directly contacting the plumber to have coordinated approach to problem solving.

The Chair informed that additional people can be recruited as maintenance group to carry out all the bigger maintenance works and the dedicated area plumbers to be dedicated in his/her area. He directed the Management to take up this issue for discussion. The Chair also said that water meters will have to be taken care by the owner and it is very important to have developed clear set of rules such as water supply rules and regulations. This was also supported by other *Thuemis*.

Decision

The *Tshogde* directed the Management to take up the issues and work towards improving the system and develop a coordinated approach to such problem solving.

Action - Management

Agenda 15.4 – Garbage/Waste Signage to be Installed

The Babesa *Thuemi* informed the floor that there has to be proper sign boards in the Babesa waste drop off centers and also in areas where there is illegal waste dumping. Currently people are not aware of such waste drop off facilities and are also not aware about the illegal waste dumping sites.

The Chair informed that in the coming Fiscal Year, there are proposals for establishment of few more waste drop off centers in various areas. He informed that even the area *Tshogpas* will have to create awareness among people in their respective constituencies regarding such initiatives taken up by Thromde.

Decision

Tshogde directed the Environment Division to put a clear signboard in the area where drop off centers are established and also prohibitory signboards in the area where there are illegal waste dumping sites.

Action – Env. Division

Agenda 15.5 - Government Lands to be Vacated

Babesa *Thuemi* informed the floor that there are issues of government land encroachment. *Thromde* will have to vacate all these government encroachments. The Head of SLMS informed that currently there are no specific penalty for encroachment of government land. She informed that NLCS now is in the process of developing rules and regulations for such encroachment cases.

The Chair informed that *Thromde* has already decided to take actions on such encroachment issues. Jungzhina *Thuemi* also pointed out the issues with regard to covering of footpaths by the construction materials. Regarding the construction materials stacked up blocking footpaths, the Chief Engineer stated that *Thromde* is monitoring strictly and are not allowed if found. But if it is an access road construction, it is allowed. The Chair informed that regarding footpath, the matter has to be taken up separately but it should be made sure that footpath must not be used as parking.

Decision

Regarding the government land encroachment by construction of structures, the structures shall be removed before the occupancy certificate has been issued. If the occupancy certificate has been issued already, it will be cancelled and 2 months from the date of cancellation of occupancy certificate, if there are no rectifications made, the water and electricity for the building for which the occupancy certificate has been issued will be disconnected. Even the case can be reported to SLMS so that certain land related services can be refused/withheld until necessary rectifications are carried out.

Action - UPD

Agenda 15.6 - Installation of Street Lights in RTC Road

The Babesa *Thuemi* requested for street lights on the way to Royal Thimphu College (RTC) since there are many people using the road and it becomes safety issues when there are no street lights in the area at night.

Decision

The *Tshogde* directed the Electrical Section to explore the possibilities of providing streetlight till the Ngabirongchu bridge (*Thromde* boundary) in the coming FY 2019-2020

Action – Electrical Section

Agenda 15.7 - Construction of Community Meeting Hall each for Dechencholing and Taba.

The Taba-Dechencholing *Thuemi* requested *Tshogde* for the need of community halls one each in Taba and Dechencholing. Currently there are no halls for community gatherings and also when people are called for meetings.

The Chair informed that there are many things to be carried out in 12th FYP, however the activities had to be prioritized based on the urgency. In the 2nd year, the focus had to be kept towards roads, drains, sewer networks and other urgent works. He informed that in the coming FYs of the 12th FYP, the focus on construction of community halls will be taken up.

Decision

The *Tshogde* decided that the construction of community halls will be looked into in the 3rd or 4th Year of the 12th FYP.

Action - ID**Agenda 15.8 - Need to have Street Light along the Road at Taba**

The Taba-Dechencholing *Thuemi* submitted to the *Tshogde* that there are some areas in upper Taba and upper Langjuphakha along the road where there is no street light coverage. He requested the *Tshogde* to kindly include in the coming budget.

Decision

The *Tshogde* directed the Electrical Section of Infrastructure Division to include in the FY 2019-2020.

Action – Electrical Section, ID

Agenda 15.9 - Re-appropriation of Fund amounting to Nu. 162,500.00 to be Paid to M/s Norgyel Construction

The provision of street lightings at Southern LAPs which has been awarded to M/S Norgyel Construction has been completed and handed over on 28th July 2017. However right after completion of the work, out of 195 poles, 65 had to be re-aligned which fall along the footpath. The change in position was also due to the change in existing footpath from 1100mm to 1200mm.

In this regard, the Contractor has forwarded the work done bill amounting to Nu.162,500 at his contract quoted rate @Nu.2500/Each.

Decision

The *Tshogde* approved the compensation payment and decided to pay the amount of Nu 162500 from the Thromde reserve fund.

Action - Electrical Section/Accounts Section.

Agenda 15.10 - Upfront payment for Greener Way

The Greener Way, a private company to which the Thromde waste collection services in the South and Central regions have been outsourced has submitted an application to the Office of the *Gyalpoi Zimpon* seeking for fund support. The *Kasho* which directed Thromde to support the Greener Way has been read out to the *Tshogde*. The *Kasho* states that *Thromde* to render financial support to Solid Waste related activities to Greener Way for effective management of

solid waste within *Thim-Throm*. The Greener Way has submitted the following 10 points for financial support to Office of the *Gyalpoi Zimpon*:

Sl. No	Particulars	Amount (Nu.)
1	Two garbage compactors of 5cm (Shall be deputed for waste collection)	5,000,000
2	One garbage compactor of 7 cm (Ferry the residual waste to Meymeylakha)	3,500,000
3	Backhoe loader to mine and feed the waste in conveyor belt	2,600,000
4	Housing for 15 staffs (Semi-permanent structure)	2,000,000
5	OHS, PPE and insecticides in the plant	1,000,000
6	Immediate repairing of broken compactors (7 compactors)	1,500,000
7	Bolero for garbage collection in compactors inaccessible roads	800,000
8	Private borrowings from families & Friends	11,000,000
9	EMI that shall be cleared immediately	1,300,000
10	Working capital	1,300,000
Total		30,000,000

Out of these 10 points submitted, the identified and proposed points for which Thromde's financial support is required are listed in the table below:

Sl. No	Particulars	Amount (Nu.)	Support sought
1	Two garbage compactors of 5cm (Shall be deputed for waste collection)	5,000,000	0
2	One garbage compactor of 7 cm (Ferry the residual waste to Meymeylakha)	3,500,000	0
3	Backhoe loader to mine and feed the waste in conveyor belt	2,600,000	2,650,000
4	Housing for 15 staffs (Semi-permanent structure)	2,000,000	2,500,000

5	OHS, PPE and insecticides in the plant	1,000,000	0
6	Immediate repairing of broken compactors (7 compactors)	1,500,000	834,429
7	Bolero for garbage collection in compactors inaccessible roads	800,000	1,101,344
8	Private borrowings from families & Friends	11,000,000	11,000,000
9	EMI that shall be cleared immediately	1,300,000	0
10	Working capital	1,300,000	1,000,000
Total		30,000,000	19,085,773

The points which are submitted for Thromde's financial support are point number 3,4,6,7,8 and 10 which amounts to Nu 19,085,773.

Out of these 6 points submitted for fund support, the Thromde Management has deliberated at length on the point number 8 which stated that Thromde to provide financial support to Greener Way for them to help clear private borrowings from families and friends. The amount for this stands Nu 11.00 Million. The Management demanded the internal audit to be conducted by the team comprising of an Environmental Chief, Thromde Internal Audit and One Structural Engineer, Mr Karma Singye of DRD. The team is required to carry out detail audit of the expenditure of the 11.00 Million borrowings.

The Chief of Environment Division and Structural Engineer, Mr. Karma Singye as directed by the Management have conducted the review of Nu 11.00M which the Greener Way has submitted for the Management for support. The internal auditor could not attend the review of the expenditure. The 11.00M he said was incurred in waste management only. The review verified bills and payment vouchers of the transfer station and verified Nu 24.00M. Looking at this, the Chief of the Environment Division said that Nu 11.00M has been used for waste management only. He also stated that as directed by the Management, the agreement stating all terms has been drafted as well.

The *thuemis* with due respect to the *Kasho*, supported the view of supporting the Greenery Way financially but cautioned that it will be very difficult for Greener Way to return the amount since

the waste contract for Greener way is about to end. The Legal Officer also cautioned if the transfer station has been mortgaged with the banks which has provided him the loan.

The member also pointed out the pending land lease that the Greener Way will have to pay to Thromde and there is a standing memo on this. Regarding this, the Chief of the Environment Division informed the floor that the pending land lease will be paid within next two-three months.

Decision

Tshogde approved the financial support for Greener Way but study on the amount to be paid to the banks and other individuals, i.e. Nu 11.00 Million will have to be studied further. Also, the clear terms and conditions on the return payment mode have to be developed. The recovery income from his business and his realistic monthly income will have to be studied and submit the report to the Office of the *Gyalpoi Zimpon* for concurrence. The return term is approved as 10 years. The staff quarter constructions which in also included in his application will have to be carried out only after the land approval from the NLCS.

Action – Environment Division

Agenda 15.11 – Auctioning of Old Vehicles (12 Nos) and Replacing with WagonR

The Officiating Executive Secretary presented that there are 12 old vehicles which are 2002-2003 models. Most of the maintenance and fuel budget are incurred on these old vehicles and it is a huge cost implication. He proposed that Hilux will be kept for carrying heavy loads and if it is to be used for carrying people like inspectors and site engineers, WagonRs are found to be more efficient and proposed *Tshogde* for its procurement in place of the 12 old vehicles.

Decision

Owing to the huge maintenance and fuel cost incurred in the FY 2018-2019 for some of the pool vehicles, the *Tshogde* formed a committee consisting of Chief ADM Officer, Babesa *Thuemi*, Taba-Dechencholing *Thuemi*, Motithang *Thuemi*, Internal Auditor and Dy. Chief Accounts Officer and directed the committee to study in detail the expenditure on the fuel and maintenance of the budget.

Action - Committee

Agenda 15.12 - Tax refund for Access Tax Payment

The revenue section presented to the *Tshogde* some of the cases of excess tax payment and the need to refund the same. Since the system does not accept to adjust the amount to the next year's tax amount, it has to be refunded. Therefore, it was put to *Tshogde* for approval.

Decision

The *Tshogde* approved the tax refund to all those individuals submitted by the revenue section.

Action – Revenue Section

Agenda 15.13 - Calibration of Total Stations

Since the Management has a plan to recruit extra surveyors to complete data inventory development. The data inventory works funded through World Bank have to be exhausted by June 2019. Therefore, the survey instruments will have to be calibrated to get the job done before the fund is exhausted. The instruments have to be calibrated every two years to make it usable and to have more accurate readings. This is put to *Tshogde* for fund approval.

Decision

The *Tshogde* approved financial amount for calibration of total stations from the Thromde reserve fund.

Action – SLMS

Agenda 15.14 - Setback relaxation of plot No. BA1-697

The Urban Planning Division (UPD) presented to the *Tshogde* the issues with the plot boundaries and setbacks of plot No BA1-697 in Babesa LAP belonging to Mrs. Chado Dem and Mrs. Jamyang Choden. The image on the right shows the map of the plot.



The plot boundary falls on the road which was already constructed by *Thromde* through ADB LAP. The owner has proposed for drawing and even been approved by

the Development Regulatory Division (DRD) with all necessary requirement. Since *Thromde*'s road fall on his plot, his plot had to be adjusted in consensus with the adjacent plot owner. Therefore, the setback area of the said plot had to be distorted and as a result the required set back could not be achieved especially in front and rear setbacks.

The front set back is 1.3meter to 1.8meter, one side towards north is 4.2meter to 7.2meter, one side towards south is 2.5meter to 5.0 meter and rear setback is 2.5 to 5.7 meter. The approved set backs are for front 3m to 5.1m, side 5m to 5.3m (north), side 2m to 2.1m(south) and rear 3.0 m. Therefore, it was put to *Tshogde* for approval for the relaxation of the setback areas.

Decision

The council approved of the re-alignment and adjustment of Plot boundary and area as per the recorded *Lag Thram*. The Council instructed to maintain the setbacks as per the DCR and the proposal for relaxation was not accorded. As relaxation of setback of 1.3-1.8m at front will create traffic issues in future and may affect the building over time. Therefore, in the interest of the sustainability of *Thromde* and the owner, the *Tshogde* instructed to maintain the setbacks as per the rule. While doing so, the owner has to re-design the building as per the approved plot shape and the *Thromde* office will bear the cost for re-designing.

Action - UPD

Agenda 15.15 - Exemption of Security Deposit for Constructions within *Thromde* for *Tshogpas* and *Midey Tshogpas* – Nu 50000

Tshogpas and *Midey Tshogpas* have requested *Thromde* for exemption of Nu 50000 security deposit for them for construction purposes. Other people who take up constructions within *Thromde* area will have to make a security deposit first.

The *Thuemis* stated that it has to be based on the works that the members of the *Tshogpa* carries out. Currently there are about 80 members as *Tshogpa*. Some members also said that this 80 numbers have to be verified and if they are found to be non-active, their card can be revoked and no such exemptions shall be offered.

The Legal Officer advised *Tshogde* that it would be better if it cannot be approved because public may mistrust *Thromde* if such offers are provided to them only. When some are incentivized and some not, there will be issues and also there will be cases in future where *Midey Tshogpas* will

be there just for such incentives and not work. This was cleared by the Chair that it is just to incentivize them for having served *Thromde* without any benefits.

The Taba *Thuemi* stated that it is a good idea in fact to support them but must be based on whether they are actively participating as a member of the *Tshogpa*. Therefore, it would be better if area *Tshogpa* could verify all the *Midey Tshogpas* and submit who should be eligible for such exemptions.

Decision

Tshogde decided to support the proposal but there has to be proper terms of references before approving.

Action – *Tshogpa*/DRD

Agenda 15.16 – Collection of Rental Charges for Archery Ranges

The Chair informed that there are many archery ranges within *Thromde* and in absence of proper regulations *Thromde* could not collect any fees or charges. Even the private individuals who are running and earning from archery ranges are bit worried if their business might be shut down by *Thromde* due to some developmental plans.

Earlier the Environmental Division used to carry out proper assessments of the site before according approval for the setup of archery range. The Head of SLMS stated that *Thromde* can't lease out these ranges since it's against the lease rules. The Chair informed that the rental charges can be applied only to those existing ranges and till there is proper rules and regulations in place. The charges to be applied after having proper agreed terms and conditions with the archery range owners. This was also supported by other members of the *Tshogde*.

Decision

Tshogde approved levying of rental charges for the owners of the archery range and directed the Management to work out the rental amount to be charged and submit to next sitting of the *Tshogde*. It was also decided that the respective *Thuemis* will have to sign on the agreement of the archery range which falls in their constituencies.

Action – Env. Division/SLMS

Agenda 15.17 - *Thromde* beautification Initiatives

The Chair informed that the *Thromde* beautification works will have to be taken up in collaboration with other agencies within *Thromde*. The recent flower exhibition held in Samdrupjongkhar has been found very successful and the same can be replicated in Thimphu as well.

The Chief of Environment Division stated that the initiative will be taken up but all *Tshogpas*, Divisions of *Thromde* and community people will have to work in hand in hand and support the Division in beautifying the *Thromde*. Even the additional Human resource support will have to be provided wherever needed. The Chair informed that even the community can come together and adopt certain areas for beautification purposes.

Decision

Tshogde directed the Management to take up beautification works seriously and support *Thromde* Environment Division in making *Thromde* clean, green and beautiful.

Action – Management/All Divisions/Tshogpas

Agenda 15.18 – Establishment of *Thromde* Child Creche

The Officiating Executive Secretary presented to the *Tshogde* that *Thromde* has finally been able to manage a space within *Thromde* Office to develop it as a creche for the benefits of the *Thromde* Staffs who are facing difficulty in taking care of their children while in Office. The Management has decided to develop the whole areas into child creche and render child care services to the working mothers of Thimphu *Thromde*.

Decision

Tshogde directed Administration and Finance Division to start it from 1st April 2019. Also, the request of NCWC to entertain the children of women working in *drayangs* at night will have to be provided but the payment for the care givers at night will have to be made by NCWC. However, further talks on this will have to be coordinated with NCWC. *Tshogde* also approved Nu 0.3M for establishment of Child creche from *Thromde* reserve fund if required.

Action - AFD

Agenda 15.19 - Allotment of 2 Vegetable Sheds

The Hejo Samtenling vegetable shed is ready to be allotted to the interested public. The 8 BAOWE registered vendors in the Hejo area will be allowed to use new vegetable sheds, second preference will be given to those vendors who always sell along the road near Jungzhina bridge and third based on lucky dip to all the applicants. But it was later learned that the site engineer and the asset manager have allotted the sheds with a lucky dip. Therefore, these people are called for negotiations because it was not carried out according to the decision of the Management. The allotment will have to be carried out in presence of Legal Officer, Asset Manager, Environment Division, Area *Thuemi* and Site Engineer Mr. Sonam Namgay on 11th or 12th March 2019 and be operational from 1st April 2019. The Jungzhina *Thuemi* informed that the issue is, as per BAOWE, all vendors must sell produces at same rate and they have to be enlisted as members of BAOWE which the other *Tshogde* members felt was not fair and did not approve.

Decision

The *Tshogde* decided that in presence of Legal Officer, Asset Manager, Environment Division, Area *Thuemi* and Site Engineer Mr. Sonam Namgay the lucky dip to be carried out on 11th or 12th March 2019 and be operational from 1st April 2019. The First preferences will be given to those BAOWE vendors who are currently selling in Hejo, second preferences to those vendors who sell along road near Jungzhina bridge and lastly to those applicants who have applied for the space in Hejo vegetable shed through lucky dip. The *Tshogde* also decided that the structure which the BAOWE has been using will be shifted to Dechencholing and let the illegal hawkers in the area to use and pay fees to the BAOWE

Action – Site Engineer

Agenda 15.20- Garbage Truck from Samdrupjongkhar *Thromde*

It was shared as an information to the *Tshogde*. Since there has been shortage of garbage trucks in Thimphu, Thimphu *Thromde* has requested for bigger garbage truck which is 15MT capacity of Samdrupjongkhar *Thromde* since it was lying idle in Samdrupjongkhar *Thromde* garage. They have agreed to provide Thimphu *Thromde* with the garbage truck and it will be given to Greener Way. In return Thimphu *Thromde* has agreed to give them one low capacity garbage truck when Thimphu *Thromde* gets new garbage trucks from JICA in the coming years. The *Tshogde*

appreciated the existence of coordination between *Thromdes* and stated that all *Thromdes* will have to work with full coordination.

Decision

Tshogde approved and applauded the initiatives taken towards solid waste management and also decided if required, another one with same capacity could also be brought with similar terms and conditions.

Action – Environment Division

Agenda 15.21 - Shifting of Entertainment Centers (Drayang, Disco and Karoakes) from Olakha area to Norzin Lam

The Chair shared as an information to the members of the *Tshogde*. There have been many issues and complaints received with regard to entertainment centers in Olakha and Lungtenphu areas. He said that the entertainment centers will be located in the core areas in Norzin Lam, Changlam and Hongkong market areas. When the owners have come for their license renewal, the Entertainment Licensing Committee (ELC) has informed the owners to shift to core areas and even the owners have agreed to do so. However, they requested for some times to shift. Henceforth all entertainment centers (Karoakes, *Drayangs*, Pub/Clubs, etc.) will be closed in Olakha-Lungtenphu areas and be shifted to core areas. The Snooker, Bars and video games will have to be closed by 10PM as usual.

Action - ELC

Agenda 15.22 - Night Clubs timing to be Extended till 5:00AM

The Chair informed the floor that it was piloted during 2019 new years' eve and kept the clubs open till 5:00AM. After that even the RBP reported that there have been no issues on that New Year's Eve. Henceforth, the clubs/discotheques will remain open till 5.00AM and the same has been endorsed by the *Tshogde*. The Chair informed that the *Drayangs* and *Karoakes* will run as usual, weekdays till 11.00PM and weekends till 12.00mid night.

Action – ELC/Inspectors

Agenda 15.23 - Compensation of 10-unit RBA Family Quarters falling within RoW of YHS till Semtokha Widening Works

The Chief Engineer explained to the *Tshogde* that the 10-unit RBA family falls within the RoW of YHS to Semtokha road widening works, therefore, it has to be removed with the payment of compensation of Nu 1.0M to RBA. The Chief Engineer requested the floor for fund support for the payment of compensation since the works will be hampered if the Division wait for the budget release.

Decision

The *Tshogde* approved the compensation payment of Nu 1.0M from the reserve fund and recoup the fund once the 2019-2020 budget has been released.

Action - ID

Agenda 15.24 – FY 18-19 fund status of Infrastructure Division

The Chief Engineer presented to the *Tshogde* the budget status of the Infrastructure Division for the FY 2018-2019. He presented the activities approved as pre-financed by the *Tshogde* and those activities which required immediate attentions. The ongoing activities which are approved by *Tshogde* amounts to Nu 31.05M. There are also some urgent additional works that has to be taken up and the fund required for these additional urgent works is Nu 8.691M. In total, the fund required for both ongoing and additional urgent works is Nu 39.74M.

In case of additional works, the Management has set the priority and directed the Infrastructure Division to carry out those less priority works in the next Fiscal Year (FY). For the FY 2018-2019, the government approved budget for Infrastructure is Nu 11.00 M and savings from road widening works of Dechen Zam till Lungtenzampa is Nu 10.00M. Therefore, in total the fund available is Nu 21.00M. Still then the fund shortage for Infrastructure Division is Nu 18.74M.

The Management has directed the Infrastructure Division to carry out the works as prioritized by the Management for those additional activities. For other additional activities recommended by the Management, the Division is required to submit the rough estimate to the coming *Tshogde* for endorsement. The estimate amount submitted for the said additional activities is Nu 10.00M. The Management earlier has approved that the shortage of Nu 18.74M will be used from the road

widening works from Lungtenzampa till Dechen Zam for now and the same amount will be recouped once the budget for 2019-2020 has been approved and released.

Decision

The *Tshogde* approved the pre-financing of Nu 18.74M from the road widening works from the Dechen Zam to Lungtenzampa. *Tshogde* also approved Nu 10.00M from reserve fund for the various additional activities presented by the Chief Engineer.

Action – ID

Agenda 15.25 – Recruit of Engineers on Contract Basis

Since the capital budget for the FY 2019-2020 has been doubled compared to previous years and major share of budget has been allocated for the Infrastructure Division, the Chief Engineer requested the *Tshogde* to approve the recruitment of additional Engineers on contract basis to carry out the capital works on time.

Decision

The *Tshogde* without further deliberations approved the proposal of recruitment of required number of additional Engineers for Infrastructure Division.

Action – HRO/ID

Agenda 15.26 - Revenue share for Common Service Duct from Changidaphu till Druk School

The cost share consensus for the construction of Common Service Duct has been signed between Bhutan Power Corporation Ltd., Department of IT and MoIC, Bhutan Telecom, Tashi Cell and Thimphu Thromde. The total share for Thromde comes to around Nu 1.1M at the current estimate, however the amount is subjected to vary once the works have been tendered out.

Decision

The *Tshogde* approved the cost share of Nu 1.1M to be used from the FY 2019-2020 budget.

Action – ID

Agenda 15.27 - Purchase and Installation of Workstation (BBPL) for Electrical and Water Sections - Nu 209473.00

The Chief Engineer has requested *Tshogde* for fund for establishment of workstation for electrical and water sections. The cost estimate from Bhutan Board Product Ltd (BBPL) comes

to around Nu 209473.00. The Officiating Executive Secretary informed that BBPL furniture cannot be reassembled once it has been dismantled but the Woodcraft workstations can be reassembled and used again, so it would be better if it can be purchased from woodcraft. The Chief Engineers said that BBPL products are cost effective.

Decision

The *Tshogde* approved Nu 209473.00 for procurement of workstation for electrical and water section from Bhutan Board Product Ltd (BBPL). The amount will be used from Thromde reserve fund.

Action – ID/Accounts Section

Agenda 15.28– Procurement of Portable Worksite Generator – Nu 0.57M

The Chief Engineer explained to the floor on the need to procure portable worksite generator especially to be used for pothole maintenances. The same can be used even during disasters and other purposes. Currently the connection has to be made from BPC connection points and sometimes it is very difficult to get connection points when the works have to be carried out at various sites. Together with this, a jack hammer will also be procured.

Decision

The *Tshogde* approved the pre-financing of Nu 0.57M for the procurement of portable generator and jackhammer. The same must be recouped from 2019-2020 budget.

Action – Accounts Section/ID

Agenda 14.27 – AOB

1. **Honorarium for Staffs** – The *Tshogde* members also discussed on the honorarium for the Chief Engineer and Road Engineers involved in removal of GSB materials from the old express way which was realigned. The GSB materials were then used for new ring road and also the area could be used for soil dumping sites. This has saved around Nu 0.1M for the *Thromde*. The Officiating Executive Secretary thanked *Tshogde* members on behalf of the *Thromde* Civil Servants for having recognized the staffs for having performed very well in their professional work. The Chief Engineer also thanked the members of the *Tshogde* for such appreciations however, honorarium can't be accepted since we are required to carry out the works. The members also discussed when there is a

system of honorarium for those who have performed well, there also have to have some system in place to disincentivize those who are not performing well.

The *Tshogde* adjourned at 5:00PM.

Rapporteur - Karma Dorji, Planning Officer