



Thimphu District Municipality

Minutes of 1st Thromde Tshogde Meeting



Venue: Conference Hall, Thimphu District Municipality

Time: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Date: 19th February, 2011

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The following members were present during the meeting:

1. Kinley Dorji, Thrompon, Chairperson
2. Namgay Tshering, Babesa Constituency Member,
3. Kinley, Chang Bangdu-Olakha Constituency Member,
4. Kuenga Yonten, Norzin Constituency Member,
5. Ugyen Penjor, Jungshina-Kawangjangsa Constituency Member,
6. Ugyen, Dechencholing-Taba Constituency Member,
7. Minjur Dorji, Executive Secretary Member Secretary

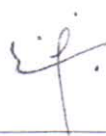
The following Observers from Other Agencies were present:

1. Dasho Sangay Zam, National Council Member, Thimphu Dzongkhag
2. Kinley Tenzin, Representative from Local Government

The following Observers from Thimphu City Corporation were also present:

1. Mahesh Pradhan, Chief Engineer, Engineering Division
2. Mr. Galay Norbu, Chief Urban Planner, Urban Planning Division
3. Mr. Kinley Dorji, Thromdey Education Officer, Education Division
4. Mr. Phuntsho Wangdi, Sr. Accounts Officer, Accounts Section
5. Mr. Jigme Dorji, Offtg. Chief, Development Control Division
6. Kinzang, World Bank Coordinator, Engineering Division
7. Naphel, Head, Water Supply Section
8. Garab Dorji, Sr, IT Officer
9. Sonam Tshering, Human Resource Officer
10. Leki Tshering, Offtg. Chief environment officer
11. Dorji Wangchuk, Assistant IT Officer
12. Kinley Penjore, Project Manager, ADB Project
13. Tshering Pem, Dzongkha Coordinator
14. Khandu, Dzongkha Section

The program started with the Marching and Zhudey Phuentshum Tshogpa to commemorate the 1st District Municipal Committee meeting in accordance with the Local Government Act, 2009.



Opening Remarks of the Thrompon

At the outset the Thrompon said that it was a privilege and honor to receive Kabney and Patang from His Majesty the 5th Druk Gyalpo of Bhutan. Then he welcomed and thanked all the participants who were present at the 1st District Municipal Committee meeting. Then he pledged to work up to his utmost potential and dedication to fulfill all the promises that he made to the general public of Thimphu City during his election campaign.

Welcome Address by Member Secretary

The member secretary welcomes all the elected city council members and observers from other organizations and Thimphu City Corporation who have participated to attend the auspicious and historic 1st District Municipal Committee meeting of Thimphu Thromdey.

3. Adoption of Agenda

It was proposed that the following agendas would be tabled for discussion:

- a. Election of Deputy Chairperson
- b. Review of the 95th City Committee Meeting Minutes
- c. FY 2011-2012 Budget Presentations by the Division Heads

The election of the deputy chairperson was deferred because not all Tshogpas could be elected during the last Thromdey elections. Therefore, the agenda to elect a deputy chairperson was deferred until all the tshogpas are elected.

It was proposed that the 95th City Committee Meeting minutes would be reviewed subject to availability of time.

Hence, the meeting started with the presentation of the proposed budget for the FY 2011-12. The overall budget was presented by the Sr. Accounts Officer and the details by each Division heads.

Environment Division

1. Park above Youth Development Fund: Although the work is planned to be taken up in the FY 2010-11 but would not be completed. Hence, a spill over budget should be kept to complete the works in the FY 2011-12 budget proposal
2. Enforcement of Solid Waste Management Rules and regulation: It was decided that budget to recruit 15 temporary to enforce the rules should be incorporated in the FY 2011-12 budget proposal
3. Awareness campaign budget to be increased to Nu. 1.00 million in the FY 2011-12 budget proposal
4. Furthermore, it was decided that the city council members would visit all the areas within Thimphu municipality to understand the ground realities and to suggest ways to implement the rules.

5. Fire Hydrants: The meeting recommended that the following should be studied to install the fire hydrants:

- a. Areas where fire hydrants to be installed
- b. Adequate availability of water
- c. After installation make people especially the Royal Bhutan Police fire department personnel aware of the availability of the fire hydrants at different locations
- d. Finally, the budget provision of Nu. 2.00 million may be reviewed if adequate or not

Engineering Division

Water Supply Section

The division reported that there is a budget provision of Nu. 22.00 million to take up water supply schemes for Changbangdu and Changzamtog. Furthermore, the meeting was informed that there is a budget provision of Nu. 4.00 million each to take up water supply schemes in North and South Thimphu.

The meeting decided that the activities should be indicated as spill over activity as the budget is kept in FY 2011-12 budget. However, with regard to the water supply works in North and South Thimphu the issue needs to be discussed with the Tshogpas for need assessment and allocate the budget accordingly.

Furthermore, the meeting recommended the following:

- a. Explore fund mobilization to provide water meters
- b. Water loss should be minimized
- c. Assess whether water meters installed are working properly or not
- d. Sensitize people to control wastage of water

Furthermore, it was suggested to install water meters in extended areas. To this the Thsogpas voiced their concern that the water supply scheme was jointly implemented by TCC and the public themselves with TCC providing the materials and public providing the manpower. Moreover, the public takes the responsibility to manage and maintain the water supply schemes. However, the Tshogpas agreed in principle to install water meters if TCC shoulders the responsibility to maintain and manage the water supply schemes. Also it was suggested that a consolation meeting with the public of the extended areas should be conducted to explore the possibility of installing the water meters.

Electrical Section

The electrical section was directed to explore the use of alternate technology to minimize the expenses on street lighting system. Furthermore, the section was instructed to regulate the timing to put on and off the street lights to curb unnecessary expenses.

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Sewerage Section

The issue was raised whether there is a need to implement the river protection works along the existing waste water treatment plant (WWTP) as the same would be decommissioned after completion of the proposed new WWTP. The meeting was apprised that even if the existing WWTP is decommissioned the area may be used as a park. Hence, the investment would not be a waste. The meeting decided that the proposed activity will not be shelved.

The meeting raised the issue on sustainability of Pay and Use toilets proposed to be constructed in the FY 2011-12. The main concern was that there would be no return on the investment made. Furthermore, there are expenses like water and electricity bills being borne by TCC without any income. After many deliberations it was decided that TCC being a service provider the toilets should be built and also pay the utilities bill for another 2-3 years.

Construction and Maintenance Section

The meeting instructed that the construction of footpaths should be completed in the core area before moving into the extended areas.

The meeting recommended that the actual fund requirement should be assessed for the development of parking areas.

The meeting also decided that a budget provision to construct at least 3 pedestrian overhead bridges should be proposed in the FY 2011-12 budget. However, the views of the Dratshang Lhengtshog should also be sought whether it would be advisable to construct the foot bridges taking into consideration of the religious sentiments.

The vehicle purchase proposal was not approved and the budget proposed should be deleted.

Urban Planning Division

The meeting instructed to propose budget to hire consultancy services to prepare plans in the unplanned areas taking into consideration of the pace of development especially house constructions.

With regard to construction of roads the proposal to take up formation cutting in the planned areas was approved. However, it was also suggested that at least soling works should be taken up in the built up areas to ease traffic movement.

The UPD was also asked to complete the Street address system in FY 2011-12. In this regard, the UPD reported that the budget is kept with the Bhutan Post and technical support would be provided by TCC. But a budget to obtain aerial photograph is required. Furthermore, the meeting was apprised that to develop a comprehensive street address system the land re-cadastral survey needs to be completed. The house recommended that required budget should be proposed by the UPD and the status to be presented to the next council meeting

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Development Control Division

The meeting recommended that the budget proposed for procurement of software and training should be clubbed together.

Education division

The division was asked to prepare the budget based on need basis to ease enrollment of children rather than following the guidelines to propose only 18% of the outlay.

Asian Development Bank Project

The issue of obtaining 100% land pooling agreement in Babesa and Changbangdu Local Areas would be pursued by the city council led by the Thrompon so as to complete the project as scheduled. The Project was asked to submit the list of the plot owners with the plot location map to the respective tshogpas to pursue the matter.

World Bank Project

The project was asked to pursue with the World Bank to approve the award the work to the winning bidders so that valuable construction season is not wasted.

Concluding Remarks by the Chairman

The chairman stressed that all the works should be done in a coordinated manner. The projects which are of utmost importance to the public like water supply should be taken up after consultation with the elected representatives of the people so that the budget could be allocated to areas where there is dire need of services.

The secretariat should work with integrity as per rules so that the working environment in the City Corporation is made better.

None of the government officials and the city council member should adopt vested interest principle and should work with ethics to provide services to all the people in a holistic manner.

All the difficulties faced by each division should be brought to the notice of the Thrompon so that the problems can be solved immediately.

All the pending works should be completed especially related to land and building.

The budget for the FY 2011-12 is finalized and can be submitted to the Ministry of Finance for approval.

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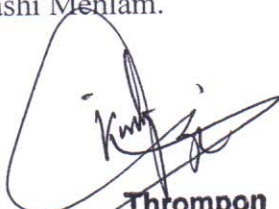
Vote of Thanks by Galey Norbu

The vote of thanks was delivered by Mr. Galey Norbu, Chief Urban Planner. He thanked all the members and observers for their valuable suggestions to improve the public service delivery system. He also pledged on behalf of the city corporation employees to work with full dedication

integrity to serve the TSA-WA-SUM.

Tashi Menlam

The meeting concluded with Tashi Menlam.



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Tentative program schedule for the 1st Thimphu City Council to be held on 19th March 2011 at Thimphu District Municipality, Conference Hall.

0900hrs	- Arrival of the City Council members, Guest observers form TDM Office.
0930hrs	-Arrival of Chairman, Thrompon.
0950hrs	-Start of Zhu-drey Phun-sum Tshog.
1010hrs	- Offering of Marchang, Member Secretary of City Council, Executive Secretary.
1015hrs	-Morning Break
1040hrs	-Welcome speech by Member secretary of City Council, Executive Secretary.
1045hrs	- Opening Session speech by Chairman, Thrompon.
1100hrs	-Start of City Council Discussions.
1300hrs	-Lunch Break
1345hrs	-Continue on City Council Discussions.
1430hrs	- Evening Break
1700hrs	-End of the 1 st Thimphu City Council Meeting with Tashi Moenlam.

AGENDA FOR THE 1ST THIMPHU CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Venue: Conference Hall, TCC.
Time: 9:00 am
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Sl. #	AGENDA	Submitted by:	Remarks.
1	Appointment of Deputy Chairman for the City Council	Thormde Tshogde's Member Secretary	
2	Endorsement of 95 th CCM Minutes.	Thormde Tshogde's Member Secretary	
3	Presentation of 5yrs plans by the various divisions under Thimphu City Corporation	Division Heads.	