

# 4th THROMDE TSHOGDE MINUTES

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THROMDE COUNCIL



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### **Abbreviation**

AFD: Administration and Finance Division

AoB: Any Other Business

BAOWE: Bhutan Association of Women Entrepreneurs

BCSR: Bhutan Civil Service Rule

BoIC: Bhutan Opportunity Initiatives Cooperatives

BPC: Bhutan Power Corporation

CSO: Civil Society Organization

DCD: Development Control Division

DCFO: Deputy Chief Finance Officer

DCR: Development Control Regulations

E4: Environment Precinct 4

ENV: Environment

ES: Executive Secretary

HRC: Human Resource Committee

JWTP: Jungshina Water Treatment Plant

Kwh: Kilowatt hour

LAPs: Local Area Plans

MoWHS: Ministry of Works and Human Settlement

NCRP: National Cadastral Resurvey Program

RCSC: Royal Civil Service Commission

RIGSS: Royal Institute of Governance and Strategic Studies

SELP: Senior Executive Leadership Training

SLMS: Survey and Land Management Section

Sq.ft: Square feet

TT: Thimphu Thromde

UCLG-ASPAC: United Cities Local Government for Asia-Pacific region

UPD: Urban Planning Division

UV2: Urban Village 2

**Definition**

*Lagthrams*: Land Ownership Certificate

*Thromde*: City

*Tshogde*: Council

*Tshogpa*: Zone representatives

*Thrue*: Blessed Rainy Day

## 4<sup>th</sup> Thromde Tshogde Meeting

**Venue:** DYT Hall, Thimphu Dzongkhag

**Date:** 22<sup>nd</sup>September 2016

**Time:** 9:00AM – 5:00 PM

### Members present

1	Mr.KinlayDorjee	Thrompon	Chairperson
2	Mr. PasangDorji	Executive Secretary	Member Secretary
3	Mr. NamgayTshering	Member	Deputy Chairperson/Babesa <i>Tshogpa</i>
4	Mrs. Phub Dem	Member	Olakha <i>Tshogpa</i>
5	Mr. KuengaYonten	Member	Norzin <i>Tshogpa</i>
6	Mr. RinzinDorji	Member	Changangkha <i>Tshogpa</i>
7	Mrs. DorjiDema	Member	Motithang <i>Tshogpa</i>
8	Mr. UgyenPenjore	Member	Jungzhina <i>Tshogpa</i>
9	Mr. Ugyen	Member	Taba-Dechencholing <i>Tshogpa</i>

### Invitees

1	Mr. Hastabahadur Sangpang	Chief ADM
2	Mr. Palden Khandu	Chief, DCD
3	Mr. Yeshey Wangdi	Offgt. Chief, Environment Division
4	Mr. Pekar Rabgay	Head, Building Section
5	Mr. Dorji Namgay	Head, SLMS
6	Mr. Naphel Drukpa	Head, Water Section
7	Mr. Sonam Dhendup	Census Officer
8	Mr. Jigme Dorji	Head, JDWPL
9	Mr. Namgay Dorji	Asst.TEO
10	Mr. Udesh Chettri	Sr. Account Officer
11	Mr. Sonam Tshering	DCD
12	Mr. Yeshey Dorji	AMCO

### Opening Remarks

Chairperson welcomed and thanked all the members of the council and the officials from Thromde Office for their presence in the 4<sup>th</sup>Thromde Tshogde. He also conveyed warm wishes for the *Thruebub* (Blessed rainy day) the next day.

He highlighted some of the events and achievements made during the last two months from the last sitting of the Tshogde. He informed the house that the members should appreciate the youth groups for their contribution in waste management in the city and render necessary support in their respective areas of operation. He said that about 130 youths have been employed as of now with the youth partnership groups like Greener Way and Clean City who manages the waste problem in Thimphu. Additionally, he also informed the *Tshogde* that those 16 youths which had been earlier, designated to work in Changangkha area had been replaced by efficient and energetic 12 youths.

Secondly, he shared that the community volunteerism started in the respective Demkhungs under the leadership of the members will bring outcome, which will ensure the sustainability of the Thromde services. He explained that such practices of involving community leaders in monitoring urban infrastructures and empowering them would help improve the ownership and civic responsibility of the community. The terms of reference (ToR) to guide these volunteers to perform better in their constituencies will be also be discussed in this Tshogde as an agenda later.

The review of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tshogde minutes will be presented to the house by the Executive Secretary. In such review, the points discussed in the previous Tshogde should be reported for status of implementation, and if there are problems to implement the minutes should be submitted for further course of action. .

### Follow-up on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thromde Tshogde

The 1st *Tshogde* was convened on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2016. Most of the decisions made were implemented but few could not be taken up due to some issues.

**1. Tshogpas to be involved in various contract works within Thromde:** The ES informs the Tshogde that only the Deputy Chairperson will be involved in tender award. He also informed that the Thromde has developed a system of opening and finalisation of tenders, every Friday and the Deputy Chairperson will be informed accordingly for the award of works. Chair also informed about the approval of the government on the Local Government member's entitlement rules and regulations whereby the leave rules same as the BCSR comes into effect and the *Tshogpas should follow* the leave rules and encashment accordingly.

**Action:** CAO

**2.Regularise attics of Olakha workshop building:** The Tshogde in the last meeting decided to regularize the building attics with a minimal fees. However, most of the workshops building owners were not willing to pay the fees. None of them were able to produce the approved drawings where attics were included as a part. After discussion with the owners, they agreed to pay the nominal scrutiny fees but they requested for re-measurement of the plinth areas to a

certain the exact payable amount. The members decided that the building owners should pay the fees without fail after the remeasurement, failing which fines and penalties will be imposed as the norms.

**Action:** Babesa *Tshogpa* and DCD

**3. Recruitment of Sociologist for World Bank Project:** Mr.Saroj Nepal of Gonphel Consultancy was appointed as sociologist for the World Bank Project-‘Dodeyna Water Supply’.

**4. BOBL Land occupied by Thromde water tank:** The Tshogde in the last meeting decided to acquire the land at Chubachu from BOBL for the construction of additional water tanks for adequate water supply to Norzin and Chang Lam. However, BOBL and National Land Commission had rejected the proposal to acquire the land for the said purpose.

### Agenda 1. One month basic pay for officiating higher post as incentive

The issue was submitted by Mr.Hastabahadur Sangpang, CAO with the request to consider one month basic pay for those officiating higher post as incentives.

**Discussion:** The CAO submitted the proposal that following officials be awarded incentives of one month basic pay for officiating higher post in addition to their normal functions.

- a) *Mr.Pekar Rabgey*, having officiated as the Chief Engineer, Infrastructure Division from 06 April 2016 to 16 August 2016 for a duration of four months 11 days- **Basic Pay: 29,550.00**
- b) *Mr.Hastabahadur Sangpang*, having officiated as the Executive Secretary, from 07.10.2015 till 03.12.2015 for a duration of two months.

The former Executive Secretary, was attending a month long Senior Executive Leadership Training (SELP) program at the RIGSS, Karbandi. After which he was looking after Chadi works for the celebration of HM Fourth King’s 60 years’ birth anniversary prior to his departure on transfer to Samdrupjongkhar Thromde.  
-**Basic Pay: Nu. 40,290.00**

- c) *Mr.PaldenKhandu*, has officiated as the Chief of Development Control Division from March 2015 to January 2016 for a duration of 11 months. -**Basic Pay Nu. 30,990.00**  
**Total: Nu. 100,830.00**

**Decision:** The member expressed that the above mentioned officials are entitled of officiating allowance, if it is as per the provisions of the Civil Service Rules or otherwise the Tshogde will not have power to do so. However, member after a prolonged deliberation has decided to issue certificates for officiating higher post, which will be helpful for the promotion process. The members also recommended that the proposal for award of incentives based on the performance be submitted to Human Resource Committee meeting, which can then be submitted to the next *Tshogde*.

**Action:** CAO

## **Agenda 2. Invitation to Board of Chithuen Phendhey Association (CPA)**

*Chithuen Phendhey* Association extended invitation to Thrompon as board prospects of their good organization. Chair expressed interest to accept the proposal thinking that he will be able to play an active role in dealing with the youth issues. CPA was established in 2010, under the Royal Patronage of His Majesty the King as an effective provider to individuals in need, especially youth with drug and alcohol addiction problems in country.

**Decision:** The *Tshogde* recommended to ascertain if there is any conflict of interest of the Chair to seat on the Board of Directors of CPA and submit to the next Tshogde for final decision.

**Action:** CAO

## **Agenda 3. Support for approval of Construction of vacuum field fried chips production**

It was a request from Mr. Sangay Thinley, a graduate from Gaeddu College to support the construction of vacuum fried chips production project in Babesa on the leased land of Semtokha Shedra. The land was already leased out for 15 years for the production of first ever vacuum fried fruits and vegetable chips in the country.

**Discussion:** The project of production of vacuum fruits and vegetable chips was welcomed by the BOiC with a fund amount of Nu.3.5 million. The proposed project is projected to produce 40,500 units per month of different fruits and vegetables chips in the market which will intake 81 metric ton of fruits and vegetable creating market for farmer. Moreover, the business is expected to create 11 direct employments and with the outsourcing of market and sales to Zombala enterprise which is going to create another 3 employment. The proposed project will be using latest machine called vacuum frying machine that functions under 100°C which is supplied by CV AGRINDO a company-based in Indonesia. This machine will consume a power of 25kwh. Since, the original machine was declined by the DCD due to excess power consumption, they have customized the machine to use 15LPG cylinder to heat the machine.

Following directives were given to client by DCD:

- Avail clearance from the immediate neighboring plot owners
- Get clearance endorsed by concerned *Tshogpa*
- Give assurance to Thromde that the setup will be relocated if any issues arises without compensation and hindrance



<p><b>UV – 2 (MD)</b> <b>Urban Village Periphery</b>  UV2-SUBCATEGORY I URBAN VILLAGE PERIPHERY SUB-I UV2-SUBCATEGORY II URBAN VILLAGE PERIPHERY SUB-II</p>	<p><b>Medium Density Mixed Use Precinct</b> Apartments and group housing are permitted. Residential, local level retail shops and services, household economic activity and cottage industries not involving use of, or installation of, a machinery driven by more than 1 KW power and which do not create noise, vibrations, fumes, dust, etc. only in independent dwelling units (not in tenement dwellings or flats). Bagos Improvement Schemes. Commercial uses like local level retail shops with floor area less than 40m.sqm or internet browsing centre, fast food outlets, canteens, snack bars not exceeding floor area of 30m.sq area will be permitted only on the ground floor per plot. Educational institutional buildings, day-care centers, dispensaries, clinics, public facilities and utilities, local community halls are allowed. Bars, discotheque, pool rooms and any other night time recreational centers and activities contradicting with residential uses would not be permitted.</p>	<p>Institutional uses in a minimum of 1000 sq. m. plot may be permitted. Resorts, Hotels with boarding and lodging facilities in a minimum of 2500sq.m plot may be permitted.</p>
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**Decision:**

*Tshogde after much deliberation have decided to the following:*

Babesa Tshogpa will assist in identifying a suitable location in the warehouse precinct, which will be a better option. OR

As discussed before, the proponent may be asked to seek clearances from the neighboring plots and obtain undertaking to move in case there is objection from the community because of noise and sound pollution,

**Action:** DCD

**Agenda 4. Electrical control panel components for Jungshina water treatment plant**

This agenda was submitted by Passang, In-charge of Jungshina Water treatment plant (JWTP). The cost estimate for the electrical control panel components for Jungshina water

treatment plant, amounting Nu. 71,500 was submitted for the approval. The Chair expressed concern on the sustainability of the O&M of the treatment plants, both drinking water and sewer treatment plants in Thromde. There is no proper inventory of spares required and preventive maintenance is lacking. The failure of the DC system including the batteries at Jungshina treatment plant led to disruption in water supply for couple of days. Such prolonged disruption in services should not be repeated and Thromde should improve the system to enhance efficiency. Members too raised the same concern and requested for better management intervention to prevent future lapses.

### **Decision**

The *Tshogde* approved the procurement of the proposed components for the smooth functioning of the water treatment plant. Since the budget for operation and maintenance has been exhausted, *Tshogde* approved reappropriation or use of reserve fund.

*Tshogde* also decided to appoint Mr. Kinzang of World Bank Project Implementation Unit, as Head of Electrical Section and take charge of all the electrical related works within Thromde such as the treatment plants, street lighting and any works related to shifting of lines and substations belonging to BPC.

**Action:** Infrastructure Division and HR Section

### **Agenda 5. Establishment of recreational area in Dechencholing**

It was a request from the Taba-Dechencholing Tshogpa to establish a recreational area in the 3 acres neighborhood node, left vacant for want of fund to do further development.

**Discussion:** In line with this, he informed that establishment of recreational park will attract outsiders and also contribute in mitigating the youth drug related crimes. But the Tshogde felt a need of Multi-purpose hall instead of a recreational area.

### **Decision**

*Tshogde* decided to prepare a layout plan for it and implement the same plan in other LAPs, if it succeeds. However, *Tshogde* decided to fence the vacant area and inform the Land Commission about it, in order to elude coordination issues later.

**Action:** Taba-Dechencholing Tshogpa and SLMS

### **Agenda 6. Establishment of Cattle pound for stray livestock of Taba and Dechencholing**

The issue was brought up by Taba-Dechencholing *Tshogpa* having faced so many difficulties in chasing and moving the cattle in the locality to the pound located in Changangkha. . He submitted to *Tshogde* to approve an establishment of a cattle pound in North Thimphu in order to save time and money.

### **Decision**

The *Tshogde* approved the establishment of one cattle pound in Dechencholing near the water treatment plant, which was constructed through World Bank support and also decided to establish one cattle pound in Babesa just upstream of the proposed truck parking. The members also appreciated the Royal Command to convert the existing cattle pound in Changangkha to a fun park.

**Action:** Taba-Dechencholing Tshogpa & Infrastructure Division

### **Agenda 7. Draft Rules and Regulation for Community Tshogpa**

The issue was brought about by Norzin Tshogpa to draft rules and regulation for Community Tshogpas. In line with this issue, the Officiating Chief Environment Officer presented the draft comprehensive roles and responsibilities of community Tshogpa (Meeday Tshogpa).

#### **Discussion**

The council members discussed and agreed that the Meeday Tshogpas should be empowered adequately to represent Thromde in their own area. They will support Thromde infrastructure development and management including reporting on quality concerns and maintenance requirements. They will also help to ensure cleanliness and greening of their area with resource support from Thromde. In near future, Thromde administration will plan to establish offices in north and south extended areas, which can support the Meeday Tshogpas in resolving many of issues in their own areas. All the members deliberated on the roles and responsibilities of the Meeday Tshogpas and also their own roles. It was also highlighted that the infrastructure related problems in the community will be routed through their Tshogpas.

All Meeday Tshogpas will serve for one to two years duration based on their commitment to serve their community on voluntarily basis.

#### **Decision**

The *Tshogde* directed to fix a term for community Tshogpa for efficient operation of community volunteerism and its sustenance.

**Action:** Environment Division & All the Tshogpas

### **Agenda 8. Issue of Parking Fee Exemption Card to Community Tshogpa**

The Norzin Tshogpa proposed to issue Parking Fee Exemption card to the Meeday Tshogpas of his Demkhung, realizing that they have to attend meetings within their Demkhung where parking fee collections have been outsourced.

**Discussion:** The members acknowledged that the main objective of forming the community Tshogpas are to promote community volunteerism and improve sustainable community development. The members also deliberated at length on the incentives to be provided in recognition of their services to the community. Every member felt the need to support, however the performance of the individuals over next six months to one year will be essential to make such decisions.

**Decision:** The Tshogde decided to pilot the Meeday Tshogpa concept for a year and obtain.

**Action:** Norzin Thuemi

### Agenda 9. Bhutan Health Trust Fund

The management proposed to consider an amount of Nu.100,000/- (Hundred Thousand only) as a contribution to Bhutan Health Trust Fund during the Move for Health celebration day on October 1, 2016. Chair informed that Thromde has been supporting such noble initiatives of the Royal Government for future sustenance of free essential medical supplies for the Bhutanese citizens. BHTF have spent more than Nu.420 million on essential drugs and vaccines since 2001 and for FY 2016-17, Nu.226 million had been budgeted for essential drugs and Nu.10 million on vaccines. In order to sustain BHTF, numerous activities had been carried out, one of which is Commemoration of the Move for Health Walk 2016 which is scheduled on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2016 with an objectives to advocate health lifestyle, promote ownership of BHTF and solicit voluntary donations.

#### Decision

The *Tshogde* unanimously decided to contribute an amount of Nu.100,000/- (Hundred Thousand only) as contribution to Bhutan Health Trust Fund from the reserve fund.

**Action:** CAO & DCFO

### Agenda 10. Construction of town hall structure worth of Nu.50 million

The members deliberated at length on the proposal to start construction of the town hall from the balance reserve fund available with Thromde. It was highlighted that the amount is not adequate to construct the town hall in totality. The members were also informed on the status of drawing preparation and the amount of work already gone into the preparatory stage. Some members felt that we could start a part of the town hall, which will house the offices of the Thrompon and Executive Secretary and the customer service areas. The suggestion to start the construction was made the Honorable Prime Minister during the 11<sup>th</sup> FYP Midterm Review meeting.

**Decision:** The Tshogde members appreciated the idea and also felt the importance to begin the construction, which will be supported by the Government in the subsequent years to provide additional budget to complete the town hall. Tshogde therefore decided to prepare the tender documents and process for award of works within 2017.

**Action:** Infrastructure Division

## Agenda 11. Budget approval for internship

**Presenter:** Dorji Namgyal, Head, SLMS

Head, SLMS sought the endorsement of the Thromde *Tshogde* regarding the release of a total budget of Nu.2,91,750 towards the TSFAs for two surveyors and a pool vehicle. However, this is mainly submitted to Tshogde to know the source of an approved budget.

### Discussion

As per approved Note sheet vide No. TT/SLMS/15/2016017/1866, dated 05/08/16, SLMS has discuss and found that the total budget required for TSFA and pool vehicle are as follows:

- a) Adm. Officer has taken out the cost for pool vehicle as:
  - 1 no. of vehicle for a month = Nu.50,000
  - For 3 months for a vehicle = Nu.50,000 X 3= Nu.1,50,000/-
- b) Wages for a TSFA in a month = Nu.225 per day X 30= Nu.6750
- Wages for 7 TSFA in a month =Nu.6750 X 7 = Nu.47,250
- Wages for 7 TSFA for 3 months= Nu.47,250 X 3= Nu.1,41,750

So, the total cost for 3 months= **Nu.2,91,750/-**

### Decision

*Tshogde* decided and approved the budget proposal for recruiting internship. However, *Tshogde* directed re appropriate the fund from current budget of FY 2016-17 and use from reserve fund, in case if the fund is insufficient.

**Action:** SLMS and Accounts Section

## Agenda 12. Kasho Land allotment

**Presenter:** Dorji Namgyal, Head, SLMS

SLMS head informs that there have allotted 5 nos. of lands under Royal command (Kasho). They are as followings:-

- a) Dasho Dorji Choden (4000 sq.ft) below Minster's Enclave
- b) Tshoki Wangmo (18,121 sq.ft) near swimming pool
- c) Sangay Nidup (4000 sq.ft) in Semtokha LAP
- d) Rinzin Dorji (4000 sq.ft) in Semtokha LAP

### Discussion

SLMS informed that most of the land allotments through Royal Command are processed in close consultation with Thromde and there existed no complications. However, recently some cases like the ones stated above happened without the knowledge of the Thromde office.

Especially lands which are allotted within the LAP are land pooled from individuals and are meant for services in the locality. In order to avoid such cases, the Tshogde directed the Land Management Section to closely work with NLCS.

### **Decision**

The *Tshogde* directed Thromde to inform National Land Commission requesting for future coordination when land is being identified for allotment to avoid future complications.

**Action:** SLMS

### **Agenda 13. Dechencholing Satellite town**

**Presenter:** Dorji Namgyal, Head, SLMS

The Head, SLMS informed that Land map for allotment was prepared and submitted to Land Commission on January 2015 to process for issuance of *Lag Thram*. Land Commission informed Thimphu Thromde that there is a need to do NCRP for Dechencholing satellite town. However, Land Commission had initiated the NCRP but unfortunately, all the data was lost due to system crash of dealing officer's laptop. The Land Commission subsequently informed Thromde that *Thram* will be issued, once the data is recovered and forwarded to *Gokha* for endorsement.

**Discussion:** Taba-Dechencholing *Tshogpa* informed the Tshogde that due to the ignorance of Land Commission in 2013, Taba-Dechencholing *Tshogpa* and all the shopkeepers falling in Satellite town sent signed petition letter to Land Commission. Still, they have not received any response from the Land Commission.

**Decision:** The *Tshogde* decided that a letter should be sent to Land Commission requesting to expedite the process so that the *lag thrams* are issued and they can start construction of safe homes. All members acknowledged that there are huge risks to lives and property in the current temporary hutments due to fire hazards in winter and flooding in summer.

**Action:** SLMS

### **AoB**

### **Agenda 14. BAOWE Land lease Case**

The BAOWE, a registered CSO, had put forward a proposal on creating a livelihood opportunities for street hawkers amongst others by construction sheds. Proposed sheds space are as follows:

- a) Space opposite to Hotel Jomolhari
- b) Space next to Druk PNB Bank
- c) Space next to Milk Booth

- d) Space next to RICB Office
- e) Vacant space in and around Changjiji Colony

Therefore, BAOWE request the *Tshogde* to approve the above land space on lease at Nu.1 per ft<sup>2</sup>.

### **Discussion**

The Chair expressed appreciation to BAOWE stating they have helped Thimphu Thromde in re-locating the street hawkers by constructing sheds for them without support from Thromde. Moreover, BAOWE have noble objectives like providing opportunities to unemployed youth and marginalized members of society enabling them to live lives of dignity.

However, some members were on the view that BAOWE is commercial in nature. Jungzhina *Tshogpa* shared his finding from the existing vegetable shed of Hejo that an amount of Nu.20 per day is charged to the shopkeepers, which is bit expensive to what BAOWE pays to Thromde. Most of the shopkeeper, sells imported products despite the fact that they have to promote indigenous products.

The Chair informed that Thimphu *Thromde* had received a fund of Nu.19.8 million as SDP from Government of India to Construction of vegetable shed within Thromde with all the services like proper toilet, water, electricity, etc. (One each at Babesa–Semtokha areas (below old highway), Olakha-Lungtenphu (NN) areas Changzamtog area (old Changbangdu School), Motithang (above CDCL office or near 3 water tanks), Jungzhina-Hejo areas (NN), Taba area (above highway)).

### **Decision**

The *Tshogde* decided to approve the land space on lease to BAOWE in & around Changjiji Colony to help unemployed youths and marginalized members of society but decided not to approve the land space within core area.

The *Tshogde* as decided by management had approved to keep the lease rate at Nu.20 per sq.ft for a year.

**Action:**SLMS

### **Agenda 15.Official residence of Vice-chancellor of RUB**

This issue is regarding the Kasho from Lhengye Zhungtshog for land allotment of official residence of Vice- chancellor of Royal University of Bhutan in Thimphu.

### **Decision**

The *Tshogde* informs to identify a 4000 ft<sup>2</sup>site for official residence of Vice-chancellor and forward to Land Commission. However, Tshogde decided not to give land within the core areas as per the notification issued by MoWHS.

**Action:** SLMS

## Agenda 16. World e-governance Local government membership and UCLG-ASPAC (United Cities Local government for Asia-Pacific region)

Chairperson proposed the membership to world e-governance local government. He explained the vision, mission and scope of the world e-governance. Some of the benefits of e-governance are:-

- Ensure the effective political representation of local government to the UN and other international communities.
- Promote strong and effective democratic local self-government throughout the region/world by fostering unity and cooperation among members.
- Worldwide source of key information on local government, learning, exchange, and capacity building to support democratic local governments and their associations.
- Promote economic, social, cultural, vocational and environmental development by enhancing the services to the citizens based on good governance.
- Promote race and gender equality, combating discrimination, promoting decentralized cooperation and international cooperation between local governments and their associations.
- Promote twinning and partnership between local governments and peoples.

Chairperson also informed the criteria of WeGO membership and membership fees. As the membership fees are charged as per country's GDP per capita, TT will be charged around USD 4000.

**Decision:** The *Tshogde* decided to proceed further for the membership to WeGO, only after getting an approval from the government.

**Action:** CAO

## Agenda 17. Involvement of Tshogpas in Land lease

The issue was submitted by the *Tshogpas* that they are not well informed of the land allocation by Thromde in their respective constituency.

**Decision:** The *Tshogde* informed the concerned divisions to involve the respective *Tshogpas* in their area for land leasing activities, in order to improve coordination and avoid complications in future.

**Action:** All concern officials from DCD, UPD and SLMS

## Agenda 18. Handing over Centenary Park to unemployed youth

The Chair informed the members that a group of unemployed youths have been awarded the work to manage the park and run the cafeteria in the Centenary Coronation Park. They will be fully responsible for maintaining and guarding the park, and at the meanwhile generate revenue from the cafeteria. Such initiatives by Thimphu Thromde will help mitigate youth crimes & drug abuse.

Decision: The Tshogde supported the initiative however, cautioned that an MoU should be signed involving the guardian of the youth leader for sustainable operation of the park.

### **Agenda 19. Additional Tshechu Stall at Changlimithang**

The issue is brought about by Environment Head regarding the allotting additional Tshechu stall at Changlimithang for shopkeepers of outside core Thimphu.

#### **Decision**

The *Tshogde* decided to install additional Tshechu stall at Changlimithang and use the same tents hosted by Norling or Druk Events.

**Action:** Environment Division

#### **Conclusion**

The 4<sup>th</sup>Thromde *Tshogde* of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thromde Council adjourned at 5:00PM. It concluded successfully after having passed around 19 decisions to be implemented by various Divisions and Sections. The Chair thanked all the *Tshogpas* and Thromde Officials for their presence and active participation.

**Tentative Date for 4th Tshogde** - 22/11/2016

**Minutes recorded by:** Yeshey Dorji, AMCO, Policy & Planning Section, TT