8th THROMDE TSHOGDE MINUTES

THROMDE COUNCIL



Thimphu Thromde Gongdzin Lam 8/18/2017

Abbreviation

AoB: Any Other Business

- ADB: Asian Development Bank
- AE : Assistant Engineer
- AFD: Administration and Finance Division
- AMCO: Assistant Monitoring and Coordination Officer
- APA: Annual Performance Agreement
- DCD: Development Control Division
- ICT: Information and Communication Technology
- TEO: Thromde Education Officer
- ToR: Terms of Reference
- Dy.EE : Deputy Executive Engineer

8th Thromde Tshogde Meeting

Venue:Conference Hall, IMS SerbithangDate:18th August 2017Time:9:00AM - 7:30 PM

Members present

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| 1 | Dasho Kinlay Dorjee | Thrompon | Chairperson |
| 2 | Mr. Pasang Dorji | Executive Secretary | Member Secretary |
| 3 | Mr. Namgay Tshering | Member | Deputy Chairperson/BabesaTshogpa |
| 4 | Mrs. Phub Dem | Member | Olakha Tshogpa |
| 5 | Mr. Kuenga Yonten | Member | Norzin Tshogpa |
| 6 | Mr. Rinzin Dorji | Member | Changangkha Tshogpa |
| 7 | Mrs. Dorji Dema | Member | Motithang Tshogpa |
| 8 | Mr. Ugyen Penjore | Member | Jungzhina Tshogpa |
| 9 | Mr. Ugyen | Member | Taba-Dechencholing Tshogpa |

Invitees

| 1 | Mr. Kinley Penjor | Specialist |
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| 2 | Mr. Pekar Rabgay | Principal Engineer |
| 3 | Mr. Ashok Sunwar | Executive Engineer |
| 4 | Mr. Sonam Dorjee | Chief Adm.Officer |
| 5 | Mr. Palden Khandu | Chief Dev. Control Officer |
| 6 | Mr. Thinley Norbu | Chief Urban Planner |
| 7 | Mr. Sangay Drukpa | Chief TEO |
| 8 | Mr. Yeshey Wangdi | Executive Engineer |
| 9 | Mr. Sangay Wangdi | Offtg. CE |
| 10 | Mr. Dorji Phurba | Adm.Officer |
| 11 | Mr. Sonam Tshering | Architect |
| 12 | Mr. Robin Rimal | Engineer |
| 13 | Mr. Nima Gyelpo | Sr. Survey Engineer |
| 14 | Mr. Phub Tshering | Asst. Environment Officer |
| 15 | Mr. Oma Pati Luitel | ICT Officer |
| 16 | Mr. Jigme Loday | Sr. Architect |
| 17 | Mr. Samten Lhendup | Dy.EE |
| 18 | Mr. Ugyen Dorji Tshechu | Sr. Legal Officer |
| 19 | Ms. Nidup Zangmo | AE |

| 20 | Mr. Sonam Namgay | Engineer |
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| 21 | Mr. Udesh Chhetri | Sr. Accounts Officer |
| 22 | Mr. Ugyen Tshering Dorji | Sr. Planning Officer |
| 23 | Ms. Karma Yangzom | АМСО |

Opening Remarks

Chairperson welcomed and thanked all the members of the council and the officials from Thromde Office for their presence in the 8thThromde Tshogde.

The Chairperson said it is important that all the Division heads and relevant official to attend the Tshogde and to keep abreast of what is being discussed in the meeting.

He mentioned that 13 new activities had been tendered amounting to Nu. 167 Million and urged all Division Heads to implement work by mid-September.

Agenda 1. Annual Performance Agreement between Division Heads and Executive Secretary

Subsequent to signing of Annual Performance Agreement (APA) 2017-18 Financial Year between Honourable Prime Minister and Dasho Thrompon on 7th August 2017, the APA was signed between the following Division heads, Project Implementation Unit (ADB and World Bank funded project) and the Executive Secretary.

- 1. Accounts and Finance Division
- 2. Development Control Division
- 3. Education Division
- 4. ICT Services
- 5. Infrastructure Division
- 6. Project Implementation Unit, Asian Development Bank Funded Project
- 7. Project Implementation Unit, World Bank Funded Project
- 8. Survey and Land Management Services
- 9. Urban Planning Division

The Performance Agreement represents an important accountability mechanism for inculcating a performance based culture at all levels of government.

Agenda 2. Review: 7th Thromde Tshogde

While following up on the 7th Tshogde's agenda regarding allegation of selling diverse products other than clothes at Khamkilo (riverbank opposite Centennial Market), the House deliberated to draw criteria to allocate spaces. After extensive deliberation the house deliberated that spaces will be allocated to those who has submitted application and fulfilling the following criteria:

1. Registered voter via with census in Thromde

- 2. Single parents
- 3. Low income
- 4. Will be allowed to sell clothes and religious items and Bhutanese handicrafts only.
- 5. The occupant cannot sublet or pass down to their relatives or offspring.
- 6. The space will be allocated after signing of an affidavit by the applicant.

Decision: The *Tshogde* endorsed the abovementioned criteria. The Environment Division to serve notice to the current occupants to leave the spaces at Khamkilo and to allocate the spaces in October 2017 after certain renovation of shops and toilets being carried out. To institute three Tshogpa to monitor waste etc.

Action: The Committee Members: Deputy Chairperson, Head, Environment Division, Norzin Tshogpa, Legal Officer, Dealing staff and Norzin Midey Tshogpa.

Outsourcing of water: Water supply at South Thimphu (Babesa, Olakha, Simtokha). Outsource of management (intervention of leakage by plumbers based on complaintsservices of plumbers). ToR of contractor to be drawn clearly. To consult with Water Authority of Thailand how they have done with regard to outsourcing of management. If things goes on well as planned to outsource by January 2018.

Agenda 3. Approval of 2017-18 FY Annual Budget

Sr. Accounts officer presented the status of the Reserve Fund of Thimphu Thromde as follows:

Details of Income & Expenditure against Reserve Fund of Thimphu Thromde.

Total Interest earned:

Nu. 7,472,466.00 + Nu. 1,413,288.00 + Nu. 3,250,000.00 + Nu. 7,000,000 = Nu. 19,135,754.00

Expenditure Incurred:

| Thromde Tshogde | Amount Approved | Purpose of the Fund approved | Remarks |
|-----------------|--------------------|--|---------|
| 21st Tshogde | 8,000,000.00 | Remittance of liquidity damage recovered from contractor's bills to RAA. | |
| 21st Tshogde | 40,120.00 | Support for maint. of staff & boys toilet of Zilnon PS. | |
| 21st Tshogde | 100,000.00 | For DCD Library development | |
| 21st Tshogde | 1,800,000.00 | Post Transaction services for parking project by IFC. | |
| 21st Tshogde | 78,000.00 | Street lights transport fare from Singapore to Bhutan. | |
| 22nd Tshogde | 3,000,000.00 | Procurement of AMR and bulk water meters | |
| 22nd Tshogde | 1,000,000.00 | Renovation of sunday garment market | |

| 22nd Tshogde | 9,425,000.00 | Construction of Low Income Housing | |
|---------------------|---------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| 22nd Tshogde | 10,000,000.00 | Replacement of street lights with LED | Nu 8.4 Million spent |
| 24th Tshogde | 90,000.00 | Paid to Ugyen Dorji, Urban Planner as a token of appreciation for his extra work | |
| 24th Tshogde | 50,000.00 | Paid to Ability Bhutan Society | |
| | 1,040,994.00 | Thuemis Study Tours to the Philipines | |
| 26th Tshogde | 519,200.00 | For GPS system | 3 |
| 26th Tshogde | 192,000.00 | For site visit to India for plastic oil conversion plant | From SDP fund |
| 27th Tshogde | 1,438,572.00 | Paid to RAA for late fines recovered | |
| 27th Tshogde | 45,360.00 | Paid to Thuendrel Yangsum enterprise for parking related problem | |
| 3rd Tshogde | 1,256,533.00 | Replacement of street lights with LED | In addition to previous budget |
| 3rd Tshogde | 395,000.00 | For renovation of Dasho Thrompon's residence | |
| 4th Tshogde | 100,000.00 | Donation for Bhutan Health Trust Fund | |
| 4th Tshogde | 291,750.00 | For payment to intern engaged in SLMS | |
| 4th Tshogde | 71,500.00 | For electrical control panel for JWTP | |
| 5th Tshogde | 6,700,000.00 | Purchase of Road Sweeping Machine | |
| 7th Tshogde | 200,000.00 | Procurement of chemicals for water treatment plant | |
| 7th Tshogde | 1,265,169.00 | Financial support to city bus as school bus | |
| Total Amount Nu. | 46,907,198 | | |

Chairperson said that Approved Current Budget is Nu. 141.571 with RGoB subsidy amounting to Nu.31 Million, so the Chairperson informed the meeting that about Nu.110 Million needs to be generated internally through revenue and tax and urged therefore Tshogpa and officials to look into areas we can generate revenue and where we can reduce our expenditure

Spillover

Development of Olakha Park (Nu.5 Million) to be used as beautification along Express way. 4 buses stops to be constructed to commemorate 50 anniversary of BoB

Changangkha Lhakhang, design being done 4 or 5 rooms to be constructed

Olakha Workshop to continue concrete roads, footpath and water supply.

Agenda 4. Outsourcing of vacuum tanker

Discussion: From the discussion it is evidenced that during last 2016-17 Financial Year more expenditure on maintenance of vacuum tanker than revenue generated.

The house discussed to outsourced vacuum tanker with ToR similar to outsourcing of garbage trucks wherein the salary of drivers and petty maintenance are to be paid by the contractor.

Decision

Tshogde decided to outsource two vacuum tankers and keep one tanker as standby for emergency purpose. Tariff to be decided by the Thromde.

Action: ID

Agenda 6. Sunshine School and Thimphu Primary School in response to Audit Report

The issue was raised in response to Audit Observation pertaining to irregularities noted in Government land lease to Sunshine and Thimphu Primary School.

Discussion: There is an Audit Observation pertaining to land lease to Sunshine and Thimphu Primary School as they were paying Nu.1 per square feet. The members of Tshogde voiced the concern that by increasing rate of land lease may lead to compromise of quality education. The members acknowledged social mandate of Sunshine and Thimphu Primary School in providing quality education

Decision

The *Tshogde* upholds the decision of the RAA and that Sunshine and Thimphu Primary School take up legally.

Action: SLMS

Agenda 7. Presentation on Thromde Key Result Areas (TKRAs) of the 12th FYP

Presenter: Ugyen Tshering Dorji, Sr. Planning Officer

Planning Officer made a presentation Thromde Key Result Areas (TKRAs) of the 12th FYP to the Tshogde members for their information. The TKRAs are results of consultative meeting with Miday Tshogpas and Thuemis.held on 17th March 2017 He presented the following as Thimphu Thromde Key Result Areas:

1. Gainful employment created and local economy enhanced

- 2. Livability, safety and Sustainability of Human Settlements Improved
- 3. Transparent, effective and efficient public service delivery enhanced
- 4. Quality of Education & Skills improved
- 5. Health and nutrition of Thromde residents enhanced
- 6. Culture & Traditions preserved and promoted
- 7. Carbon neutral, climate and disaster resilient development enhanced
- 8. Gender Equality Promoted and Women and Girls Empowered
- 9. Democracy & Decentralization Strengthened

Agenda 8. Presentation on Construction of town Hall at Changangkha

Presenter: Mr. Sonam Namgay, Engineer and Ms. Nidup Zangmo, AE.

The engineer made a comprehensive presentation. He presented that the Architectural, Structural and Electrical drawings for the construction of Town Hall were carried out by DCD, Thimphu Thromde. The proposed location is at Changangkha.

The Town Hall consists of 6 structures which include Thrompon office, Executive Secretary office, all the department office, Customer service division, Tshogpa office, survey store, general store, record room, meeting hall, general meeting hall, basement and open area parking, Fitness centre, procurement office, WB office, ADB office and resource library. The estimate for the complete structure is carried out by Infrastructure Division, Thimphu Thromde

The total estimate comprise of as follows:

- 1. Complete structure [6 structure]- Nu. 300M
- 2. For front three structure- Nu. 200 M
- 3. For front two structure-Nu 125 M

The complete estimate consists of civil, electrical and site development works.

Therefore, this is submitted to Thimphu Thromde Tshogdue Committee for further directives.

Decision: The house deliberated to implement the front two structure amounting to Nu. 125 Million. A sum of Nu.60 Million is approved from the Reserve Fund and Nu.65 Million from loan amounting to total Nu. 125 Million approved. Committee to be formed with a project manager. Site engineer to be recruited on contract basis. All the details to be discussed in the management meeting.

Agenda 9. Presentation on Renovation of G+1 zone office cum residence at Taba

Presenter: Mr. Sonam Namgay, Engineer

Discussion: A building with G+1 is lying vacant at Taba. It could be used as office cum residence of Zone Engineer. Estimated cost of renovation is Nu. 1.3 Million (Electrical works, toilet accessories, doors, painting of roof).

The old G+1 structure belonging to Thimphu Thromde at Taba is presently lying unused at present.

The G+1 structure consists of:-

- Ground floor-3 flats completely hall and 1 flat with 1 bed room, 1 hall with attached toilet and kitchen
- First floor All 3 flats with 1 bedroom, 1 hall with attached toilet and kitchen

However, the present structure can be utilized as a zone office with customer service and resident for Thromde staff and labors

The total estimate for the renovation and site development works amounts to a sum of Nu. 1.5 M for the complete work in order to make the structure useable.

Therefore, this is submitted to Thimphu Thromde Tshogdue for further directives.

Decision: To source Nu. 1 Million from budget allocated to Clock Tower and Norzin Lam. To tender soon.

Agenda 10. Approval for Re-appropriation of budget for procurement of chemicals for the Waste Water Treatment Plant (Nu.1,500,000)

Discussion: Thromde Management was apprised by the In charge of Sewerage Treatment Plant (Note sheet) that National Environment Commission constantly monitors the performance (quality of effluent) of the waste water treatment plant. However, the budget for the procurement of chemicals required for waste water treatment was not approved in the 2017-18 Financial Year. Therefore, requests re- appropriation approximate budget of Nu. 1,500,000.00 (Ngultrum Fifteen Lakhs) for chemicals for laboratory testing of the effluent or clorination/alum and other chemicals.

Decision: Tshogde endorsed the re-appropriation of half of requested budget viz. Nu. 7,50,000 from saving.

Agenda 11 Approval for Re-appropriation of budget for procurement of chemicals and reagents for the Water Treatment Plant in Motithang

Discussion: The requisition of budget provision for procurement of chemical and reagent required for Motithang water treatment plant for 2017-18 Financial Year was put up by the In charge of Motithang However, it is reported that there is no budget provision in the 2017-18 Financial Year. Therefore, requests re- appropriation approximate budget of Nu. 618,840 (Ngultrum Six Lakhs eighteen thousand eight hundred forty only) to ensure operational monitoring of water quality.

Decision: Tshogde endorsed the re-appropriation of half of requested budget viz. Nu. 309,402 from saving.

Agenda 12 Approval of fund for Chemical Store at Chamgang Water Treatment Plant

The agenda is put up by ADB Project Manager during 9th Management Meeting held on 28th July 2017. The Management recommended for Tshogde's approval.

Discussion: The O&M of Chamgang Water Treatment Plant is under contract with Nima and Jeongsan JV and will expire only in December 2017. The expenses for the O & M till FY 2016-17 was met from the capital budget provided to the project. However, for the FY 2017-18 no budget has been provided citing that the O&M should be met from Thromde's revenue especially with the charges collected from the water provided from the treatment plant. Required Nu. 90,000 per month for six months. The management proposed Nu. 180,000 for O&M (July & August) and take over w.e.f. September 2017 and the amount should be added to the water supply O&M budget.

Decision: Tshogde approved the proposal.

Agenda 13 Approval of fund for Operation and Maintenance of Chamgang Water Treatment Plant

The agenda is put up by ADB Project Manager during 9th Management Meeting held on 28th July 2017. The Management recommended for Tshogde's approval.

The construction of Chemical Store at Chamgang WTP was awarded to M/S Kawang Construction at contract amount of Nu.320,000. No payment has been made till date but the construction of the store is nearing completion. The expenditure was supposed to be met from the O&M. Since no budget has been allocated in FY 2017-18, the budget is requested from Thromde's revenue. However, management proposed to source Nu. 320,000 for construction of Chemical store from saving of FY 2016-17.

Decision: Tshogde approved the proposal.

Agenda 14: Addendum to DCR 2016

Presentation by DCD

PRECINCT CERTIFICATE :

• Precinct Certificate which mentions about location of private construction such as UV2 or Urban Precinct. Proposed to be removed from DCR clause since site plan/Lag thram shall suffice.

Decision: Tshogde approved to remove from DCR clause

JAMTHO USE

- As per DCR 2016 Jamtho can be used as Choeshom or habitable space provided it is inter-connected to the lower floor.
- Cannot be used as separate commercial dwelling unit.
- OPTION 1: Regularise all Jamthos which have been converted into habitable spaces after paying penalty to be decided by Thromde Tshogde

• OPTION 2: If Jamtho is constructed as independent habitable space other than Choeshom/storage it has to be demolished.

Discussion: In the past Tshogde and Ministry's circular it was decided that Jamtho could be used for tank and Choeshom and cannot be used for commercial habitable purpose. Majority supported Option 2. The House also discussed and recommended to form a Committee while issuing Occupancy Certificate. The Committee will be composed of respective Building Inspector of the area, one official from Environment Division, and visit the building.

Decision: Tshogde supports the Option 2 viz. Jamtho can be used as Choeshom or habitable space provided it is inter-connected to lower floor. DCD to prepare a report on Jamtho in the next Tshogde.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER

On DCD presentation the members supports the idea to make it mandatory to have fire extinguishers in commercial, institutional and public buildings. However, to make optional for residential buildings to have fire extinguishers.

Decision: Tshogde endorsed it.

BASEMENT definition & use

- Not mandatory to be 75% underground, depending upon site condition and topography.
- No shear walls will be allowed to avoid making rooms in the basement floor.
- If the land size is 20 decimal and above, basement allowed but to be exclusively used for parking and if the land size is 13 decimal, ground floor allowed to be used as parking.

Illegal Structures List

Development Cooperation Division made a presentation on the illegal structures since 2015 whose total illegal structures' details as follows:

| | Overlapping | | Illegal Structure dismantled | Illegal structure not dismantled |
|--|-------------|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Dechencholing, Taba, Langjophakha | 10 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Jungshina, Hejo-Samtenling, Zilukha | 1 | 1 | 10 | 4 |

| Motithang, Changangkha, Kawajangsa | 10 | 3 | 0 | 7 |
|--|----|----|----|----|
| Core area | 3 | 9 | 8 | 26 |
| Changzamtog, | | | | |
| Changbangdu | 4 | 0 | 10 | 9 |
| Lungtenphu, Olakha | 5 | 0 | 5 | 4 |
| Simtokha E4, Babesa (above old highway) | 0 | 1 | 8 | 6 |
| Simtokha LAP, Babesa LAP | 0 | 4 | 0 | 5 |
| TOTAL | 33 | 18 | 42 | 62 |

Agenda 15: Request to allow G+4 Floor in Upper Changzamtok UV2-I precinct area

The agenda was put up by Changzamtok Olakha Thuemi on behalf of plot owners of upper Changzamtog falling under UV2 -1 precinct.

6 floors with basement with LAP only 4 floor allowed.

Discussion: As per topography it is risky to find out who has approved 5 floor.

Decision: Not decided All Tshogpas to investigate when DCD/UPD is ready.

Agenda 16: Request for payment expertise for carrying out Bird survey to develop Biodiversity Master Plan

The matter was put to the 9th Management Meeting held on 28th July 2017 and the management could not decide. As per the APA 2016-17, the Urban Forestry and City Beautification Section under Environment Division has to draft a Biodiversity Master Plan for Thimphu city which will provide a framework for conservation of fragile environments of the Thimphu city which is developing at a very rapid phase and it is important that all these development activities harmonize with nature.

Therefore, the Section has to carry out survey to find out the diversity of species within Thimphu for mammals, birds and tree species. As there is only one forestry officer, we requested for an additional professional expertise from Department of Forests and Park Services to carry out effective biodiversity survey within Thimphu city focusing on birds, mammals and tree species diversity. The Department of Forests and Park Services (DoFPS) has nominated Mr. Sharap Wangchuk, Sr. Forest Ranger, Grade 7 (Basic salary Nu. 23,495/-) from NRED to carry out the bird survey.

The Urban Forestry and City Beautification Section under Environment Division has started the survey of the bird species but there is no budget allocated to carry out the work. The survey has to be carried out seasonally for all 4 seasons as there are both resident and migratory birds in Thimphu. As of now the survey has been carried out for the winter, spring and summer seasons and will be continuing for the autumn season as well.

Bird watching timing is either early in the morning or late in the evening and the surveyor has carried out on both the timings using his own car. There is no assistance render from Thimphu Thromde in terms of vehicle or equipment such as binocular and GPS as our office is not well equipped.

Therefore, Environment Division would like to request the Tshogdue committee for a payment of expertise of Nu. 40,000/- as a lump sum amount for the time and professional expertise rendered in carrying out the bird survey for 4 seasons.

List of bird habitats to be covered:

- 1. Thimphu Ecological Park
- 2. Golf course
- 3. Babesa sewerage treatment plant
- 4. Center for Bhutan Studies, Langjophakha
- 5. Dechencholing, Pangrizampa and Dechenphu
- 6. Taba
- 7. Below Motithang Higher Secondary School

Benefit from survey: Urban biodiversity mapping. To understand what is there and what to do next.

Discussion: Birds that could be found in Thimphu long time ago are no longer are found.

Decision: Tshogde supports. However, Environment Division to submit if contracted out what would have been cost (prepare an estimate if contracted out) and compare with expert requiring only Nu. 40,000. If the study in place, whatever birds, mammals had been extinct what to do next to prevent animals and birds from being extinct. Budget from social forestry day celebration (Current Budget 2017-18)

Agenda 17: Approval for Reduction in the Performance Guarantee (PG) for collection and disposal of wastes.

Presentation by Mr. Phub Tshering, Environment Officer

As per the SBD for waste collection and disposal, the private contractor had to deposit a Performance Guarantee worth 10% of the quoted amount for five years. M/s Greener Way and Clean city had to deposit Nu. 6 million and Nu. 2.6 million for validity of five years (contract period) respectively. Accordingly, M/s GreenerWay had submitted the PG for first year of equal amount but requested for consideration for second year and submitted a PG worth Nu. 1.2 million. Similarly, Clean city requested for reduction in the amount of PG and the Tshogde reduced the PG for 3 years' worth Nu. 15.67 lakhs.

The validity of Performance Guarantee are for one year only from the Banks due to which they have to renew annually leading to paying huge commission to the Banks. Therefore, both the contractor has requested for some consideration into it. Accordingly, Environment Division has submitted the proposal as follows:

1. 10% of contract amount for 5 years as specified in the SBD

- 2. 10% of the remaining year's contract amount :
 - □ 2 years for Greener Way
 - □ 4 years for Cleancity
- 3. 10 % of one year contract amount

Discussion: All Tshogde members gave due recognition to the hard work of both the parties which has helped immensely in improving the waste management system of Thimphu city. All members agreed to help these parties in all best possible ways. However, the members felt 10% of 1 year as PG was bit too low.

Decision: After a prolong discussion, all members agreed on 10% of two years contract amount. The members pointed out that this is mainly to further improve the waste management system. Audit risks taken by Tshogde.

Agenda 18: Signboard to demarcate Thromde from Thimphu Dzongkhag

Discussion: No one knows exactly where demarcation of Thromde lies, Tshogpa states that demarcation between Thromde and Thimphu Dzongkhag lies at hillock overlooking Kabisa at Changtagang. By putting the signboard at the proper place will facilitate Thromde or Dzongkhag while cleaning their area.

Decision: Tshogde endorsed the proposal.

Agenda 19: To report on the street hawkers selling stuffs in the town areas.

Discussion:

The agenda was put up by Taba Dechenling tshogpa to be clear about provision of law prohibiting selling of stuffs in the streets, near roadsides etc. Tshogpa reported that littering of plastic cups and plates are mostly done by those people selling momos and thueb while those selling stuff in vehicles do not litter. He reported that it has become difficult to control this people as they ran away while Tshogpa comes to the place where they sell. Tshogpa is requesting the Tshogde to deliberate whether to allow these people to sell while prohibiting to litter and collect their own waste. The place where these people sell is near road junction going towards Kabisa and Tango Cheri at Pangri Zampa.

Decision: After extensive deliberation the members decided to allow them to sell at designated area identified by the management. They have to institute a Tshogpa (Committee) which will not allow other people to sell in their area. However, the location of road junction going towards Kabisa and Tango Cheri at Pangri Zampa will not be permitted. Thromde will connect water so they can wash their utensils and cups and plates.

Agenda 20 Public Toilet management at Motithang park

Public toilet at the Motithang Park to be managed by Thromde. One caretaker appointed, a fee (pay and use) to be charged to keep oneself for maintaining the hygiene of the toilet. Thromde will purchase a grass cutter machine. The caretaker will maintain the park also.

Agenda 21: Approval of Hungarian Technology for compost plant

The Tshogde members are briefed on the Hungarian Technology for compost plant. The name of company is ProfiKomp. The members were informed that Hungary being colder than Thimphu if the compost plant functions there without use of heating to boost the digester, then it will also function well here in Bhutan with minimal cost. The members discussed about the maintenance cost and size of area to establish the plant. The Environment Head informed that the operational & maintenance cost is very minimal (Euro 3 to 4 per day) and can be operated by two operation personnel. The size of area required is about 60 decimal of land.

Decision: The Tshogde members unanimously endorsed the Hungarian Technology for compost plant and Environment Division Head will write letter of intent from Thimphu Thromde to Hungarian firm M/S ProfiKomp.

Tentative Date for 9th Tshogde - 18/10/2017

Minutes recorded by: Ugyen Tshering Dorji, Sr. Planning Officer, Policy & Planning Section, TT