

Minutes of the 13th Thromde Tshogde Meeting**Venue:** Conference Hall, MoWHS**Date:** 8th March, 2013**Time:** 9:45 A.M. - 3:45 P.M.**Members present:**

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

Members absent:

1. Dorji Dema	Motithang	Member
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Participants present:

Rinzin Dorji, Focal Person for City Address System, Bhutan Postal Corporation Ltd.

Opening Remarks:

The Chairperson welcomed the Tshogde members and the participants to the meeting. He made the following opening remarks:

- The 2nd Annual Thrompon Conference held in Samdrup Jongkhar from 15 - 16 February, 2013 was a success and the need to work closely with all the Thromdes was highlighted. He informed that the 3rd Thrompon Conference will be held in Gelephu in the winter of 2013.
- The Chairperson informed that the Budget for financial year 2013-2014 will be put up to the Ministry of Finance after the endorsement from Tshogde meeting. Thimphu Thromde budget has 2 categories: 1. Current budget & 2. Capital budget. The current budget is supposed to sustain the Thromde. To be self-sufficient, we need to increase taxes which is a very

challenging task. The revenue collected from water bills & parking fees cannot sustain Thromde since the 5 % property ownership transfer tax & building scrutiny fees have drastically decreased. He proposed that waste collection has to be charged since the maintenance of the garbage trucks/vehicles expenditure is very high. He stressed that Division & Section Heads should always be mindful about cutting down costs in order to be self sufficient. In the 14th Thromde Tshogde, a holistic waste collection fee/charge should be worked out and presented by the Environment Division for every category of business listings which will then be presented to the Ministry of Finance to be implemented in the next financial year. He also stressed the need to expedite setting up small restaurants at the Coronation Park & Sangaygang.

- As discussed in the 11th Thromde Tshogde meeting, Thimphu Thromde should take over the over-all management of the vegetable market and the parking in the Centenary Farmers Market from BAFRA before the Government leave office. The CFM is expected to generate a lot of revenue for the Thromde. For this, Thimphu Thromde has to study the costs & benefits and the viability of taking over the vegetable market. It was decided that the Centenary Farmers Market will be placed under the Environment Division of Thimphu Thromde.
- The Chairperson also expressed appreciation for the progress seen in terms of improved roads, lesser pot holes, and less water shortage complains.

The Member Secretary introduced two new staff in the Thromde to the Thromde Thuemes; the Internal Auditor & the Planning Officer.

Review & Endorsement:

Follow up Action: 12th Thromde Tshogde Meeting held on 15th December, 2012

Sl. No	Issues Discussed/Decision	Decision/ Directives from TTM	Action and follow up by;	Actions to be taken
	Review and Endorsement 11 th Thromde Tshogde minutes.	11 th Thromde Tshogde	TT	Endorsed
	Adoption of 12 th TTM	12 th TTM	TT	Endorsed
1	Waive off of Penalty	-do-	AFD	Thuemis to review and submit
2	Issuance of Pool Bike for water meter reader	-do-	AFD	List of two wheelers in running condition prepared and being submitted for decision.

