

Minutes of the 16th Thromde Tshogde Meeting

Venue : DYT Hall, Thimphu Dzongkhag

Time : 2:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.

Date : 30th August, 2013

Members Present:

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

Guest Participants:

- Honorable Member of Parliament, Yeshey Zimba
- Honorable Member of Parliament, Kinga Tshering

Opening Remarks:

The Chairperson welcomed the Honorable Members of Parliament Yeshey Zimba and Kinga Tshering, the Tshogde members and the participants to the meeting. The meeting, he explained was scheduled on 27th September, 2013. However, the meeting had to be re-scheduled because of two pressing issues:

- **Dechenchoeling Satellite Town:** Plot allotments in Dechencholing Satellite Town was a major challenge for Thimphu Thromde, given the limited number of plots. The categories for allotment and a way ahead would be discussed in the Tshogde. 28 plots in total were confirmed allotted but decision was yet to be made for 15 people and another group of 12 people.
- **Olakha Workshop:** When the workshop was established in 2006, the land pooling contribution was 56%. The pooling percentage has now been brought down to 35% similar to adjacent new workshop area. The issue of large difference in land pooling between old and new workshops was raised by the old workshop owners. A meeting was held with the affected landowners where the land pooling was decided at 35%.

Review and Endorsement:

Because the minutes of the 15th Thromde Tshogde meeting was not finalized, its review and endorsement was postponed to be discussed in the 17th Thromde Tshogde meeting.

Agenda 1: Relocation of Dechenchoeling Satellite Town

Kuenga Om, Land Record Officer, made a presentation on the Dechenchoeling Satellite Town which had 10 sets of criteria for plot relocation set by the Dzongkhag Committee which included 45 people.

Category	Type	List of People	Remarks
1	Kasho Holders.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dasho Nima Tshering • Nakphel • Sharop Phuntsho • Sonam Zangmo • Chewang • Rinzin Wangdi 	
2	Shopkeepers running shops in their own buildings and with valid trade licenses in their own names.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norbu • Dorji • Gang Dolma • Tshogyel • Tashila • Tshering Dema • Rekay • Sonam Wezer • Pema Samba • Tshewang Zangmo 	
3	Shopkeepers running shops with trade license in their own names but in rented houses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gembo • Sangay Dhendup 	
4	Shopkeepers running shops in his or her own building with hired trade license (at present has own valid trade license).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chhimi 	
5	Trade license holders owning the building since 1985.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sonam Dorji • Ugyen Zam • Karma Deki • Payki • Nidup Lham • Choni Dorji • Pema Choden • Kuenzang Choden 	
6	Persons owning building only since 1987	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gyeltshen • Tshechu 	
7	Trade license holder only in Dechenchoeling.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jangchu Dema • Choten Wangmo • Lotey Wangmo 	No plots available besides they have received Kidu land

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passang 	under resettlement program.
8	Shopkeepers running shops with hired trade licenses in rented buildings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thinley • Paykis • Chhim Dorji • Sonam Chhuki • Ugyen Driver • Ugyen Zam • Daba 	This is a direct fronting case.
9	Government servants running shops with valid trade licenses directly or indirectly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chekey • Pem Dorji • Dorji • Sonam Zangmo 	This is against the Royal Civil Service Rules.
10	Shopkeepers running shops with valid trade license in his or her own names in rented or own buildings without citizenship.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Samten Tshering 	Law of land does not permit allotment.

Remarks of the Tshogde:

To category No. 9, Honorable MP Yeshey Zimba commented that it was not against RCSC rules for the spouse of a Civil Servant to run a business. He said there were many examples of a spouse of a Civil Servant doing businesses.

Taba-Dechenchoeling Thueme informed that Dechenchoeling Satellite Town was shifted in 2006 and 2007, a total of **28** plots (6 Kasho holders & 22 people falling between categories 2 to 6) were allotted, following which 22 shopkeepers were established in the area. He added that there were 43 plots available in the new location for satellite town. In 2008, a group of 12 people approached the then DPT Government with their grievances for not getting plot in the area:

1. Leki Dorji
2. Choki
3. Peldon
4. Sonam Choki
5. Samten Dema
6. Chorten Zangmo
7. Pelden
8. Tenzin Zangmo
9. Ugyen Wangmo
10. Sonam Yuden
11. Kezang
12. Pema Choden

After 2011, they approached the Thueme with a copy of their application to DPT. He advised them to approach the Thrompon who later advised the Thueme to collect necessary documents from these people.

The Thueme explained that a thorough investigation could not be carried out yet for this group of people and requested the Tshogde for a concrete decision. He also recommended cross checking their business licenses.

