

**Extract of minutes of the LegCo Members' meeting with
Eastern District Council members on 14 June 2001**

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Action

VII. Providing greater support to the Owners' Corporation (OCs)

46. Mr WONG Kin-pan and Mr FU Yuen-cheung shared Mr HUI Ka-hoo's concerns. Mr WONG Kin-pan said that as many OC office-bearers lacked the knowledge and expertise in instituting civil proceedings, they often found the efforts and time spent in dealing with litigation-related matters overwhelming. He urged that the Government should provide more assistance to those OCs which were involved in litigation. Mr FU Yuen-cheung said that although the formation of OCs could assist owners to deal with building management problems collectively, many OCs considered it unacceptable that the Administration had been shifting more and more responsibilities to OCs. Mr FU opined that the Administration should address the matter seriously, otherwise, many people would be "deterred" from taking part in the work of OCs. Mr FU added that in the absence of a community centre in Shaukeiwan, OCs did not have a proper venue to hold owners' meetings.

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51. Hon LAU Ping-cheung shared Mr FU Yu-cheung's concern that there were insufficient community centres in Shaukeiwan. He said that following the dissolution of the two former municipal councils, there were more than one hundred outstanding capital works projects. A subcommittee had been formed by LegCo to follow up these outstanding projects. He was of the view that very slow progress was made in this respect. Mr LAU opined that there was a pressing need to review the provision of facilities in the districts.

52. Ms LO Tip-chun pointed out that even in the newly developed areas, say, the Aldrich Bay where the estimated population would reach some 30 000, the Administration had so far only been able to build sufficient residential flats to accommodate the population. The problem of the provision of transport network, leisure and cultural facilities as well as markets had yet to be resolved.

53. Hon CHOY So-yuk undertook to follow up the provision of community centres in the Eastern district in the LegCo Panel on Home Affairs in the next session commencing October 2001.

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