

Progress Report of Sai Kung District Council
Housing and Environmental Hygiene Committee

The sixth meeting (2016) of the Sai Kung District Council (SKDC) Housing and Environmental Hygiene Committee (HEHC) was held on 10 November 2016. The major issues discussed at the meeting were summarized as follows:

FEHD Sai Kung District 2017 Year-end Clean-up

1. Members noted the above paper.

Request to promptly solve the congestion problem of the access at Kin Ming Estate and to install elevator or escalator at an appropriate location

2. Members noted the statistics report on pedestrian flow submitted by the Housing Department (HD). The HD said that large-scale maintenance works would be carried out for the escalator at Kin Ming Estate from 23 to 30 December 2016 and the HD would monitor the works progress.

Request to install digital monitoring system (“sky eye”) at Shin Ming Estate, Sheung Tak Estate and Kin Ming Estate

3. Members noted the report submitted by the HD regarding objects dropped from height. They were concerned about the problem of objects being dropped from height at Sheung Tak Estate and Kin Ming Estate and requested the installation of the digital monitoring system (“sky eye”) at the two estates and the stepping up of patrol by the patrol team against dropping objects from height.

Request to promptly install noise barriers or pave low noise surfacing material for the busy road sections that are close to the estates in Tseung Kwan O

4. Members were concerned about the arrangement for paving low noise surfacing material at appropriate road sections in Sai Kung, especially in the vicinity of Wan Po Road, and also hoped that the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) would provide noise barriers at Tseung Kwan O Tunnel Road. The HEHC would write to request the Highways Department (HyD) to follow up on the paving of low noise surfacing material.

Issues related to the operation of Temporary Fill Bank at Tseung Kwan O Area 137 and the South East New Territories Landfill

5. Members noted the operation report regarding the landfill and the fill bank and the reply from the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD). Some Members conducted a site visit to the fill bank, the landfill and the vicinity of Wan Po Road with representatives of the EPD, the CEDD and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) on 27 October 2016. Upon the site visit, Members discussed with the representatives of the departments the setting up of a hotline for public enquiries about the operation of the fill bank and the landfill and the overloading problem of dump trucks. Members were also concerned about the number of complaints received by the Government hotline 1823 about the fill bank and the landfill, the operation hours of the CEDD’s hotline and the road safety problem.

Statistics on Environmental Hygiene Service in Sai Kung District

6. Members noted the captioned report.

Situation Report on Itinerant Hawkers

Urge government departments to coordinate in solving the problem of itinerant hawkers in Tseung Kwan O

7. As the first item under Matters Arising was related to a motion moved by a Member, Members agreed to discuss them together and endorsed the motion. Members noted the statistics on law enforcement actions against illegal hawkers submitted by the FEHD for the period between September and October 2016 and the situation report on illegal hawkers in public housing estates of Tseung Kwan O submitted by the HD for the period between September and October 2016 as well as the replies from the FEHD and the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA). Members were concerned about the hawker problem, especially at the walkway of Ming Tak Shopping Centre, the walkway of Sheung Chun House in Sheung Tak Estate, the walkways of Tong Ming Court, Choi Ming Court, Kin Ming Estate and Metrotown and the open space off Sheung Tak Shopping Centre. Illegal hawking caused obstruction to main passageways, affected environmental hygiene and created unfair competition for business operators who paid rents. The relevant departments were urged to step up enforcement against illegal hawking.

Strongly request to provide an exact relocation date of the waste recycling yards at Wan Po Road which has been causing nuisance to residents

8. Members were concerned about the legal and illegal recycling activities inside the waste recycling yards and at the government land outside the waste recycling yards and asked the FEHD, the Sai Kung District Lands Office, the EPD and the police to jointly look into and follow up on the present situation and also asked the Sai Kung District Office and the HyD to follow up the problems of damaged road surface. The HEHC would write to ask the Development Bureau to coordinate and handle matters about the captioned waste recycling yards and the street naming.

Request to step up the efforts to remove the rubbish by the pavement of Wan Poon Path, Yee Ming Estate and Oscar by the Sea as well as the debris at the sea off these places

9. Members noted the reply from the Marine Department (MD) and asked the MD to continue to follow up on the above environmental hygiene problems of the sea and its embankments and the small boat berthing arrangements.

Strongly request the Housing Department to thoroughly look into the reasons for the repeated suspension of water supply at Sheung Ming House recently and severely punish the contractor

10. Some Members said that due to the mismanagement of the management company of Sheung Tak Estate, the unsatisfactory service of the maintenance contractor and the sub-standard of the maintenance materials arranged, the works were delayed. Members asked the HD to follow up on the incident. The HD said that a warning letter was issued to the maintenance contractor again in respect of the incident and asked the contractor to submit a works proposal for approval before the commencement of the works.

Request to promptly replant suitable trees at the restored area of the Tseung Kwan O landfill site and its vicinity for inclusion in the Plantation Enrichment Project

11. Members noted the reply from the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) and asked the ArchSD to continue to follow up on the tree replanting project at the captioned location. The HEHC endorsed the above motion.

Request the Housing Department and the Link REIT to step up cleaning of the lift lobby of Choi Ming Shopping Centre

12. Members noted the replies from the Link REIT and the HA. Members were concerned about the environmental hygiene of the property premises under the management of the Link REIT in the district. The HEHC would hold meetings with the Link REIT to discuss the management issue. The HEHC endorsed the above motion.

Request the provision of a drying area at Yee Ming Estate

13. Members noted the reply from the HA. The HD said that the management company of Yee Ming Estate and the Member(s) concerned would be contacted for arranging a visit to the estate to find any appropriate location as a drying area during the change of seasons. The HEHC endorsed the above the motion.

Time-table of Sai Kung District Council and Committee Meetings for 2017

14. Members noted the time-table of the HEHC meetings for 2017.

Refuse collection arrangements for Tseung Kwan O South

15. Some Members said that the time for refuse collection by refuse collection vehicles in the area was confusing and hoped that the FEHD would follow up the issue.

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