

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

The second meeting (2017) of the Sai Kung District Council (SKDC) Housing and Environmental Hygiene Committee (HEHC) was held on 16 March 2017. The major issues discussed at the meeting were summarised as follows:

**Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance Cap 572**

1. Members noted the above paper. Members were concerned about the procedures adopted by the Fire Services Department (FSD) in implementing the captioned Ordinance, in particular the compliance with fire safety directions by buildings in the District.

**FEHD Refurbishment of Sai Kung Yi Chun Street Public Toilet**

2. Members noted the above project. Some Members hoped that the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) would increase the male to female toilet cubicle ratio for the convenience of the public.

**FEHD Achievements of SK District 2017 Year-end Clean-up**

3. Members noted the above project. Some Members hoped that anti-mosquito and biting midges operations, particularly in rural areas, could be enhanced.

**Restored Landfill Revitalisation Funding Scheme**

4. Members noted that the Steering Committee had completed the first-round assessment. It was anticipated that the interviews and further assessments could be conducted in April this year.

**FEHD Installation of Internet Protocol Camera at blackspots of illegal dumping of refuse**

5. Members supported the installation of Internet Protocol Camera at blackspots of illegal dumping of refuse by the FEHD. Some Members hoped that a list of blackspots of illegal dumping of refuse could be compiled in advance to facilitate the implementation of the captioned project in this District.

**FEHD Anti-rodent Campaign 2017 (Phase I) in Sai Kung District**

6. Members were concerned about the anti-rodent work carried out by FEHD in public and private areas, and hoped that FEHD could provide the HEHC with

complaint figures relating to rodent problem (including public and private areas) received by 1823.

**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**

7. Members hoped that the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) could provide the timetable on the retrofitting of noise barrier in the District, and co-operated with the Planning Department (Plan D) and the Highways Department (Hy D) so that the installation of the above facilities would be considered before the road and residence boundaries were planned, and that levelling of road surface and paving of low noise surfacing material would be carried out on the sections of roads that needed such works.

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

8. Members noted the operation reports of the Temporary Fill Bank and the Landfill. Members were concerned about some issues related to the operation of the Temporary Fill Bank and the Landfill, in particular the increase in the proportion of water-borne transport and reduction of the operation hours of the Temporary Fill Bank and the Landfill. Members were also concerned about the road safety issues of the above locations and the areas in the vicinity of Wan Po Road, particularly problems such as insecure loading on vehicles and tailgating, etc. The HEHC would write to the Hong Kong Police Force and the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) to make Members views known to them, and would also invite the CEDD to send representative to attend the next meeting of the HEHC.

**Statistics on Environmental Hygiene Service and Itinerant Hawkers in Sai Kung District**

9. Members noted the statistical report on environmental hygiene service and the statistics on the enforcement actions against illegal hawkers carried out by the Hawker Control Team of the Sai Kung District for the period from January to February 2017 submitted by the FEHD.

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

10. Some Members hoped that the relevant departments could provide the up-date situation and results of the follow-up actions on the captioned issue, particularly the date of levelling the road surface of the entrances to the waste recycling yards, and to

step up enforcement actions against recyclers who engaged in illegal acts inside the waste recycling yards.

#### **Refuse collection arrangements for Tseung Kwan O South**

11. Some Members hoped that the FEHD could arrange for large refuse trucks to provide refuse collection services for the Kwong Ming Court and Sheung Tak Estate three times per week, and to follow up with the Housing Department (HD) on issues related to enforcement actions against flytipping of waste.

#### **Request for stepping up the cleaning work of the noise barriers along the Tseung Kwan O Road, Tseung Kwan O Tunnel Road and Wan Po Road to ensure public environmental hygiene**

12. Members noted the reply from the Hy D. Some Members were concerned about the workflow and coverage of the cleaning work of the noise barriers along the Tseung Kwan O Road, Tseung Kwan O Tunnel Road and Wan Po Road. The HEHC endorsed the above motion.

#### **How to handle the problems of flytipping of construction waste and waste inside skips**

13. Members noted the reply from the EPD. Members were concerned about the arrangements made by relevant departments for the inspection and regulation of idling skips placed at roadsides, the number of inter-departmental joint operations, the procedure for handling complaints, the authority of each department, and the follow-up actions on combating causally placed skips as well as the handling of environmental problems arising from flytipping of construction waste.

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

14. Members noted the statistics report on pedestrian flow submitted by the HD. The HD would provide the HEHC and the Kin Ming Estate Management Advisory Committee with the arrangements for maintenance works of the captioned escalators for this year in due course.

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

15. Members noted the report submitted by the HD regarding objects dropped from height.

### **Situation Report on Itinerant Hawkers**

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

16. Members noted the situation report on illegal hawkers in public housing estates of Tseung Kwan O submitted by the HD for the period from January to February 2017. Some Members were concerned about the illegal hawking problem in the District, and suggested the HD to conduct a review of the existing enforcement procedures for and the relevant legislation on illegal hawking.

#### **Suggest the Housing Department to seriously consider residents' views and make arrangements that can suit residents' needs before the implementation of the "Laundry Rack Installation Programme" at Kin Ming Estate**

17. Members considered that the information related to the "Laundry Rack Installation Programme" was insufficient and the installation positions were unsatisfactory, they hoped that the HD could improve the Programme.

#### **Object to the drastic increase in car park rent by the Link REIT**

#### **Object to the substantial increase in rent of monthly parking spaces by the Link REIT**

18. As the contents of the two motions were related to each other, Members agreed to discuss them together. Members objected to the increase in car park rent by the Link Asset Management Limited, and hoped it would enhance the management of car parks, and handle the arrangements for fixed parking spaces properly. The HEHC endorsed the above two motions.

#### **Request the government departments, Link REIT, shopping centre of Metro Town and MTR to add signs or directional signs at suitable locations to show the ways to Kin Ming Estate and Shin Ming Estate**

19. Members noted the reply from the MTR Corporation Limited (MTR). A Member reflected the views of the public to the HEHC, and said that the public hoped that clearer directional signs could be added to the public areas of public housing estates, and the areas managed by the Link REIT, the shopping centre of Metro Town and the MTR to show the ways to Kin Ming Estate and Shin Ming Estate, and the public toilets and organisations near the above housing estates. The public also hoped that the MTR could consider adding a new exit to the Tiu Keng Leng Station. Members endorsed the above motion.

### **Working Groups under the HEHC**

20. Members noted the work progress of the “Community Involvement in Environmental Protection Working Group”.

### **Request the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department to send representatives to the meeting to address what members of the public should do when disturbed by wild pigs**

21. Members noted the reply from the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD). Members were concerned about the appearance of wild pigs in the District, they hoped that the AFCD and relevant departments could follow up on the problems of wild pigs pushing refuse containers over or hunting for food in private agricultural land, etc. Members also hoped that the AFCD could step up educational and promotional work, and to neuter the wild pigs in Hong Kong.

### **Request for facing up to the fact that a Sai Kung DC Member acted unreasonably to staff of the Secretariat**

22. As the incident involved the conduct of DC Member, Members agreed to refer this motion to the full DC meeting for following up.

### **Issue of breaching of land lease conditions by a site on Shek Kok Road**

23. A Member said that the site on 1 to 3 Shek Kok Road was suspected to be carrying out work that was in breach of the land lease conditions, and despite the fact that the Lands Department (Lands D) had given advice to the site several times, the nuisance it caused still continued.

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