

Sai Kung District Council
Housing & Environmental Hygiene Committee
Minutes of the Fourth Meeting in 2017

Date: 13 July 2017 (Thursday)

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Venue: Conference Room of the Sai Kung District Council

<u>Present</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Mr LING Man-hoi, BBS, MH (Chairman)	9:30 a.m.	12:10 p.m.
Mr KAN Siu-kei (Vice Chairman)	9:30 a.m.	12:10 p.m.
Mr AU Ning-fat, Alfred, MH	9:30 a.m.	12:10 p.m.
Mr CHAN Kai-wai	9:30 a.m.	12:10 p.m.
Mr CHAN Pok-chi, Jonathan	9:30 a.m.	12:10 p.m.
Mr CHAU Yin-ming, Francis, BBS, MH	9:30 a.m.	12:10 p.m.
Mr CHEUNG Mei-hung	9:30 a.m.	12:10 p.m.
Mr CHUNG Kam-lun	9:30 a.m.	12:10 p.m.
Mr CHONG Yuen-tung	9:30 a.m.	12:10 p.m.
Mr FAN Kwok-wai, Gary	9:40 a.m.	11:40 a.m.
Ms FONG Kwok-shan, Christine	9:30 a.m.	10:28 a.m.
Mr HIEW Moo-siew	9:30 a.m.	12:10 p.m.
Mr HO Man-kit, Raymond	9:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Mr LAI Ming-chak	9:30 a.m.	12:10 p.m.
Mr LAU Wai-cheung, Peter, MH	9:30 a.m.	12:10 p.m.
Mr LEUNG Li	9:30 a.m.	12:10 p.m.
Mr LI Ka-leung, Philip	9:30 a.m.	12:10 p.m.
Mr LUI Man-kwong	9:30 a.m.	12:10 p.m.
Mr LUK Ping-choi	9:39 a.m.	11:06 a.m.
Mr TAM Lanny, Stanley, MH	9:50 a.m.	10:39 a.m.
Mr TSE Ching-fung	9:38 a.m.	12:10 p.m.
Mr WAN Yuet-cheung, BBS, MH, JP	9:30 a.m.	12:10 p.m.
Mr WAN Kai-ming	9:30 a.m.	12:10 p.m.
Mr YAU Yuk-lun	9:30 a.m.	12:10 p.m.
Miss HO Yeuk-han (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council)1, Sai Kung District Office	
Mr CHAN Yiu-wing, Yorick (Secretary Designate)	Executive Officer (District Council)1 (designate), Sai Kung District Office	

In Attendance

Mr KWOK Chung-kai, Peter	Assistant District Officer (Sai Kung)1, Sai Kung District Office	
Mr CHU Chi-ho, Marco	Assistant District Officer (Sai Kung)2, Sai Kung District Office	
Miss LAU Tang, Moira	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Sai Kung District Office	
Miss LAU Sze-nga, Vivicia	Liaison Officer i/c (Youth Development/Tseung Kwan O(Central)), Sai Kung District Office	
Mr LAU Ching-kwong, Wallace	Senior Property Service Manager (Kowloon West and Sai Kung), Housing Department	
Ms MAR Suk-fong	Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)1, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	
Ms YEUNG Yuk-lai	Health Inspector (Pest Control) Sai Kung, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	
Mr LAW Wan-tang	Deputy District Leisure Manager (Sai Kung)2, Leisure and Cultural Services Department	
Mr MA Ki-tin, Geli	Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East)4 (Acting), Environmental Protection Department	
Mr LI Man-yim	Administrative Assistant/Lands (Acting), District Lands Office, Sai Kung	
Mr KWONG Yuk-fai	Senior Engineer/Strategic Studies2 (Acting), Civil Engineering and Development Department	} For agenda item IV(A)(4)
Mr HU Yue-ming, Alan	Engineer/Pedestrian Improvements, Transport Department	
Mr NG Kwok-leung	Senior Engineer/Slopes, Highways Department	} For agenda item IV(A)(8)
Mr WONG Cheuk-hin, Chris	Maintenance Engineer/Slopes (East), Highways Department	
Mr CHEUNG Lap-ho, Fred	Chief Inspector (Operations) (Tseung Kwan O), Hong Kong Police Force	} For agenda item IV(C)(1)

Absent

Mr LAM Siu-chung, Frankie
Mr NG Sze-fuk, George, GBS, JP
Mr SING Hon-keung, BBS, MH

Welcoming Remarks

1. The Chairman welcomed all Members and attendees to the meeting, in particular:

- Mr LI Man-yim, Administrative Assistant/Lands (Acting), District Lands Office, Sai Kung who succeeded Mr WONG Kim-man, Administrative Assistant/Lands (Acting), District Lands Office, Sai Kung on transfer;
- Mr Wallace LAU, Senior Property Service Manager (Kowloon West and Sai Kung), Housing Department who succeeded Ms LEE Yik-ming, Senior Housing Manager/Tai Po, North and Shatin 3, Housing Department due to reshuffling of responsibilities; and
- Mr Yorick CHAN, who would soon succeed Miss HO Yeuk-han, Secretary of the Committee on transfer.

2. The Chairman said Mr Frankie LAM and Mr George NG had submitted the Notifications of Absence from Meeting before the meeting as required. They could not attend the meeting because of being outside Hong Kong and family matters respectively. The applications for absence from meeting were approved in accordance with Order 51(1) of the Sai Kung District Council (SKDC) Standing Orders.

3. The Chairman said there were a total of five motions, two questions and one referred motion for this meeting.

I. Confirmation of Minutes of the Third Meeting of HEHC in 2017

4. As no other amendment was proposed, the Chairman declared that the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

II. FEHD Second Phase of Anti-rodent Campaign 2017 in Sai Kung District (SKDC(HEHC) Paper No. 82/17)

5. Ms MAR Suk-fong, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)1, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) introduced the paper.

6. The views and enquiries of Members were as follows:

- The rodent problem at Sheung Tak Estate and nearby public places was very serious and baits were not quite effective;
- Members hoped that the relevant departments and management companies could collaborate with FEHD to carry out a joint anti-rodent operation at the public places near refuse collection chambers and bus stops;
- Members hoped that anti-rodent operations could be strengthened at Shek Kok Road and the hilly area at Shek Kok Road as well as the areas from Tseung Kwan O Station Exit B to the vicinity of Corinthia by the Sea;

- Members enquired about the follow-up work for the rodent problem at Pak Shing Kok and Wan Po Road;
- Members requested District Lands Office, Sai Kung (DLO/SK) and FEHD to jointly tackle the environmental hygiene problems arising from vacant sites and temporary car parks;
- Members asked about the action to be taken by FEHD in respect of unauthorised cultivation and feeding of wild animals.

7. Ms MAR Suk-fong of FEHD responded as follows:

- To deal with the rodent problem at housing estates, the management companies were required to conduct frequent anti-rodent operations to achieve satisfactory results;
- The act of feeding wild animals at public places did not constitute any offence, but when a member of the public placed food at public places without clearing, FEHD would prosecute the offender with littering;
- In respect of the vicinity of Wan Po Road and Pak Shing Kok, FEHD staff and outsourced service contractors would carry out inspections in the District at least once a week. If signs of rodent infestation were found, FEHD would place baits immediately and monitor and follow up whether there was accumulation of refuse nearby;
- FEHD would contact DLO/SK to follow up on the environmental hygiene issues of vacant government lands;
- Members could remind estate management personnel to pay more attention to whether the refuse inside refuse collection chambers was properly handled.

III. Working Groups under the HEHC (SKDC(HEHC) Paper No. 83/17)

8. Members noted the Progress Report of the Community Involvement in Environmental Protection Working Group (the Working Group) under the Housing & Environmental Hygiene Committee of SKDC.

9. Mr Raymond HO, Convenor of the Working Group introduced the contents of the Progress Report.

10. There being no other comment from Members, the Chairman suggested and Members agreed to accept the Progress Report and membership list of the Working

Group.

IV. Environmental, Hygiene and related matters

(A) Matters Arising (Environmental, Hygiene and related matters)

(1) FEHD The Strategies and Work of Improving the Environmental Hygiene of Hong Kong and District Action Plan (Paragraphs 14 to 16 of the minutes of last meeting) (SKDC(HEHC) Paper No. 114/17)

11. Members noted the paper related to “Installing Internet Protocol Cameras in Littering Blackspots” submitted by FEHD.

12. Ms MAR Suk-fong of FEHD introduced the paper.

13. The views of some Members were as follows:

- Members welcomed and supported the proposal in the captioned paper;
- Members supported installing Internet Protocol (IP) cameras at the proposed locations A6, A9 and A10;
- Members hoped that Boon Kin Village could be included in location A8 or be added as a proposed location;
- Members hoped that the refuse collection points (RCPs) at Sha Kok Mei Village and Wong Chuk Wan Village could be included in one of the proposed locations for installing the cameras;
- Members suggested putting up warning signs at RCPs to achieve deterrent effect;
- Members considered that the locations A7, B4, B11, B12 and C2 were refuse deposit blackspots and should be given priority in the installation of IP cameras;
- Members enquired whether there were priorities in the installation of IP cameras at the proposed locations A1 to A10;
- Members hoped that FEHD could pay attention to the illegal dumping of construction waste near Tseng Lan Shue RCP, the junction of Denon Terrace and Ma Yau Tong RCP;
- Members hoped that FEHD could allocate additional resources to install cameras at more locations and speed up the pace of work.

14. Ms MAR Suk-fong of FEHD responded as follows:

- The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) had introduced a pilot scheme in 2015 to install cameras at Yau Yue Wan Village and Ma Yau Tong Village, the result was satisfactory. Therefore, FEHD wished to cover other locations without previously installed cameras;
- Location B11 mainly involved the problem of illegal occupation of land, which was not wholly the blackspot of illegal dumping of refuse;
- The major problem at location B12 was littering, FEHD could arrange officers to take prosecution actions;
- A1 to A10 were the most preferred locations for installing cameras in order to address the problem of dumping large size furniture and vehicle tyres. For example, at location A1, FEHD believed that installing cameras could significantly improve the environmental hygiene conditions at the location. Regarding the illegal dumping of construction waste, FEHD would conduct joint operations with EPD at those locations;
- Whether cameras could finally be installed at each location would depend on factors such as technical feasibility and resource allocation, etc.;
- She hoped that Members could agree to the priority of A1 to A10 in sequence and select either “Tin Ha Wan Village RCP” or “Boon Kin Village RCP” as location A8.

15. The views and enquiries of Members were as follows:

- Members enquired whether the information on illegal dumping of waste or construction waste recorded by the cameras installed by EPD could be given to FEHD;
- Members did not agree that the problem with location B11 was illegal occupation of government land, as there was illegal dumping of waste at the location which gave rise to environmental hygiene problem;
- Members hoped that the Housing Department (HD) could consider installing cameras at locations C1 and C2;
- Sha Kok Mei Village RCP and Wong Chuk Wan Village RCP were blackspots of illegal dumping of large size furniture which should be included in the proposed list;
- The problem of illegal dumping of refuse was serious at Boon Kin Village and Hang Hau Village.

16. Ms MAR Suk-fong of FEHD responded as follows:

- The installation of cameras was expected to commence in early 2018 and review would be carried out one year after the implementation;
- Sha Kok Mei Village, Wong Chuk Wan Village, Tseng Lan Shue Village, Ma Yau Tong Village, Boon Kin Village and Hang Hau Village would be included in the next proposed list and the situation of illegal dumping of refuse in the District at that time would be considered together;
- The contents recorded by the departments would only be used internally by the respective departments.

17. The views of Members were as follows:

- Members hoped that FEHD could consider expanding the scope of B8 to the roundabout of Sai Kung Waterfront Park to solve the problems of illegal dumping of construction waste and food waste there;
- Members hoped that FEHD could optimise the use of resources as appropriate;
- Members hoped that FEHD could consider installing cameras at locations A1 to A10 within 2018.

18. The Chairman asked FEHD and HD to take follow-up actions.

**(2) FEHD Anti-mosquito Campaign 2017 (Phase II) in Sai Kung District
(Paragraphs 17 to 21 of the minutes of last meeting)**

19. Mr Geli MA, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East)⁴ (Acting), EPD provided the following information:

- Regarding ovitraps, EPD had contacted FEHD and noted that they would consider setting ovitraps in densely populated places including housing estates, parks, schools, hospitals and places where dengue fever cases had occurred according to the advice of the World Health Organisation;
- The restored landfills in Tseung Kwan O did not fall within the locations of the above category, so FEHD had no plan to set ovitraps in the restored landfills in Tseung Kwan O for the time being, but would carry out review regularly;
- To contain the breeding of mosquitoes and insects, the contractor of the restored landfills would regularly apply larvicide and clear stagnant water. EPD had also requested the contractor to strengthen mosquito control

measures during the rainy season, including enhancing the frequency of inspection and clearance of stagnant water to contain the breeding of mosquitoes and insects.

20. The views and enquiries of Members were as follows:

- Members found that there was a large amount of *Aedes albopictus* at Stage 1 restored landfill including landfill gas station, and there were also problems of waste accumulation and stagnant water;
- Members considered that LOHAS Park area was densely populated and additional ovitraps should be set up;
- Members enquired about the ovitrap index in June;
- Members enquired how the department would deal with larvae found in the ovitraps placed in private housing estates;
- Mosquito breeding problem was found at the entrances of Sai Kung Waterfront Park and Buddhist Ching Kok Secondary School. Members suggested FEHD to place ovitraps at those locations and step up mosquito control at Sai Kung Waterfront Park.

[Post-meeting note of EPD: The contractor cleared weeds, refuse and stagnant water at the area of the landfill gas station at Tseung Kwan O Stage 1 Restored Landfill and applied larvicidal oil on 11 July 2017. EPD had reminded the contractor to carry out anti-mosquito work on a continuous and regular basis and monitor the situation.]

21. Ms MAR Suk-fong of FEHD responded as follows:

- The ovitrap index in Sai Kung District in June was as follows: Sai Kung Town 4%, Tseung Kwan O South 9.8% and Tseung Kwan O North (provisional index) 16.7%. When compared with the index in May, there was a significant improvement in mosquito infestation;
- In an earlier case of Japanese encephalitis, the patient was a Tseung Kwan O resident. FEHD and the Centre for Health Protection had immediately organised health talks for local residents and the relevant property management staff and had carried out large-scale anti-mosquito operations within two kilometres area around the residence of the patient;
- She suggested Members reminding the property management companies in the District to carry out anti-mosquito operations at least once a week;
- If FEHD staff found mosquito infestation during inspection of private residential housing estates, they would appeal the management office staff

to carry out anti-mosquito measures properly. If the appeal was in vain, prosecution would be initiated;

- A Pest Control Inspection Team was deployed to assist in inspecting the works sites, construction sites and some housing estates in the District in June and early July and had initiated 17 prosecution cases, among which 14 prosecution cases took place in works sites and construction sites, and 3 prosecution cases were initiated in the places managed by property management companies;
- FEHD staff would be arranged to the places with mosquito infestation mentioned by Members to have a better understanding of the situation;
- FEHD did not place ovitraps at Sai Kung Waterfront Park at the time being but the department would conduct an annual review of the locations of ovitraps.

22. There being no other comment from Members, the Chairman suggested and Members agreed to delete this item.

(3) 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
(Paragraphs 31 to 33 of the minutes of last meeting)

23. Mr Geli MA of EPD introduced as follows:

- The assessment of road traffic noise in Hong Kong was based on the procedures given in the document “The Calculation of Road Traffic Noise” of the Department for Transport of the United Kingdom. The assessment method gave corrections to adjust the reference noise level for traffic flow, road surface condition, distance, ground effect, barrier and reflection effects, etc.;
- The road traffic noise was presented in terms of noise levels exceeded for 10% of the one-hour period for the hour having the peak traffic flow;
- The assessment point of road traffic noise was taken to be at one metre from the external facade of a building.

24. A Member enquired about the standards for setting noise level.

25. Mr Geli MA of EPD responded that the noise standard for residential premises was 70 decibels (dB) and that for educational institutions was 65 dB. For example, for

residential premises, if the noise level exceeded 70 dB for 10% of the one-hour period, it had exceeded the planning standard of road traffic noise level.

**(4) Issues related to the operation of Temporary Fill Bank at Tseung Kwan O Area 137 and the South East New Territories Landfill
(Paragraphs 34 to 39 of the minutes of last meeting)
(SKDC(HEHC) Paper Nos. 84/17 and 85/17)**

26. The Chairman welcomed the following representatives to the meeting:

- Mr KWONG Yuk-fai, Senior Engineer/Strategic Studies² (Acting), Civil Engineering and Development Department
- Mr Alan HU, Engineer/Pedestrian Improvements, Transport Department (TD)

27. Members noted the operation reports of the Landfill and the Temporary Fill Bank submitted by EPD and the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) respectively.

28. The views and enquiries of Members were as follows:

- Some members of the public complained that the roads were only washed without sweeping. Members requested CEDD to give an explanation;
- The section of Wan Po Road from the Capitol to Shaw Movie City was uneven, Members hoped that TD would repave the road as soon as possible;
- Members asked CEDD about the detailed arrangement for a direct dialogue between the industry and Members of SKDC on deferring the opening time of the fill bank;
- Members hoped that CEDD could provide the actual figures rather than the percentage of fills expected to be transported by land and sea in the future.

29. Mr KWONG Yuk-fai of CEDD responded as follows:

- The section of Wan Po Road from the fill bank to the entrance of the landfill would be cleansed seven times a day;
- CEDD would look into and follow up on the issue of sweeping service, and would reflect to the Highways Department (HyD) on the conditions of

the relevant section of Wan Po Road;

- CEDD considered inviting the industry to join the discussion on deferring the opening time of the fill bank at the District Liaison Group;
- CEDD would consolidate the figures of public fill delivery via land and marine transport, and report to Members in the future.

30. Mr Alan HU of TD said repaving the section of Wan Po Road from Le Prestige to Shaw Movie City would affect the surrounding traffic, HyD and the contractor were drawing up temporary traffic arrangements, TD had requested to minimize the impact of the temporary traffic arrangements on the surrounding traffic.

31. Mr Geli MA of EPD said he would look into and follow up the matter of the street cleaning work.

32. The views and enquiries of Members were as follows:

- Members considered that it was preferable to repave the road in the early hours;
- Members asked CEDD about the exact commencement date of the temporary barging point at Tseung Kwan O for Tseung Kwan O - Lam Tin Tunnel.

33. Mr KWONG Yuk-fai of CEDD responded that the temporary barging point was still under construction and was expected to be commenced in October, according to the information provided by the works department.

34. The Chairman asked the relevant departments to take follow-up actions.

(5) Statistics on Environmental Hygiene Service and Itinerant Hawkers in Sai Kung District
(Paragraphs 40 to 42 of the minutes of last meeting)
(SKDC(HEHC) Paper Nos. 86/17 and 87/17)

35. 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 Teams of the Sai Kung District for the period from May to June 2017 submitted by FEHD.

36. The views and enquiries of Members were as follows:

- Members requested FEHD to give explanation for not conducting any operation in Sheung Tak area from May to June;
- The problem of unlicensed hawkers in Sheung Tak area had remained serious. Members hoped that different departments could jointly conduct enforcement actions to tackle illegal hawking activities under their purview;
- For the samples indicated with “awaiting results” in Paper 86/17, Members hoped that FEHD could report to Members on the analysis results of the samples when available;
- Members enquired about the locations for taking water samples from streams/wells and the reasons for the unsatisfactory analysis results.

37. Ms MAR Suk-fong of FEHD responded as follows:

- The figures set out in Paper 87/17 were the prosecution figures of FEHD on illegal hawking in various areas from May to June, rather than the number of operations;
- As the analysis results of the samples sent to the laboratory on a monthly basis might not be available in the same month, the report showed the analysis results of the samples in that month, which were “satisfactory” or “unsatisfactory” as well as the figures awaiting analysis results;
- The sample of stream water was drawn from Tung Lung Island. Island residents had to drink stream water as there was no supply of tap water in the island. After obtaining the analysis results, FEHD staff would provide appropriate recommendations on drinking stream water to the island residents.

**(6) Strongly request to provide an exact relocation date of the waste recycling yards at Wan Po Road which has been causing nuisance to residents
(Paragraphs 43 to 46 of the minutes of last meeting)
(SKDC(HEHC) Paper No. 88/17)**

38. Members noted the reply from the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer.

39. A Member hoped that EPD would follow up on the noise and air problems caused by the waste recycling yards operating after 9:00 p.m.

40. Mr Geli MA of EPD said the waste recycling yards usually operated until 8:00 p.m., according to the investigation. However, EPD was also aware that there were illegal recycling activities outside the waste recycling yards and had arranged staff to distribute leaflets to appeal to the relevant parties at the scene and would inform the Police and DLO/SK to take follow-up actions.

41. Mr LI Man-yim of DLO/SK responded as follows:

- DLO/SK would tie in with the arrangement for future Land Sale Programme of the Government. According to the tenancy conditions, DLO/SK would give advance notice to the tenants about the time of tenancy termination;
- DLO/SK would informally notify the tenants of land arrangement for the tenants to be well prepared for relocation.

42. The Chairman declared that this item would be kept and asked DLO/SK to continue following up on the relocation of the waste recycling yards.

(7) 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
(Paragraphs 47 to 49 of the minutes of last meeting)
(SKDC(HEHC) Paper No. 89/17)

43. Members noted the reply letter from HyD.

44. There being no other comment from Members, the Chairman suggested and Members agreed to delete this item.

(8) Request for following up on the environmental hygiene problems on the hillsides opposite Kin Ming Estate
(Paragraphs 51 to 54 of the minutes of last meeting)
(SKDC(HEHC) Paper No. 90/17)

45. The Chairman welcomed the following representatives to the meeting:

- Mr NG Kwok-leung, Senior Engineer/Slopes, HyD
- Mr Chris WONG, Maintenance Engineer/Slopes (East), HyD

46. A Member said HyD had enhanced the cleansing work of the captioned location, the situation was improved and hoped that HyD could strengthen the monitoring of the cleansing contractor.

47. Mr NG Kwok-leung of HyD supplemented as follows:

- HyD had enhanced the monitoring and penalty of the contractor;
- The hygiene problems on the slope arose from the use of the maintenance access on the slope by the public for various purposes, including illegal cultivation and feeding of dogs;
- HyD was a works department and was responsible for road construction and maintenance. According to the guidelines of Geotechnical Engineering Office, the department would carry out routine maintenance on roadside slopes once a year. In the past, in view of complaints and the principle of speediness, the department would clear the refuse in the access during routine maintenance, but it was difficult to deal with the hygiene problems at the location regularly and frequently. HyD had contacted the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department and FEHD to deal with the problems of stray dogs and littering respectively;
- HyD would arrange contractor to repair the wire fences and gates at maintenance access to prevent the public from entering and ensure their safety.

48. The Chairman agreed that the environmental hygiene at the captioned location had been improved and asked HyD to repair the damaged wire fences.

49. There being no other comment from Members, the Chairman suggested and Members agreed to delete this item.

(9) Request for clearing the blockages in the channels in the Sai Kung District and pruning the branches of trees and weeds that are too long to prevent the accumulation of stagnant water in rainy season which is favourable to the breeding of mosquitoes
(Paragraphs 55 to 58 of the minutes of last meeting)
(SKDC(HEHC) Paper No. 91/17)

50. Members noted the reply letter from HyD.

51. There being no other comment from Members, the Chairman suggested and

Members agreed to delete this item.

**(10) Request for improving the operation of the sewage treatment plant in Shek Kok Road, and speeding up the construction of green walls
(Paragraphs 59 to 61 of the minutes of last meeting)**

52. A Member said the relevant persons of the sewage treatment plant had been contacted to discuss the captioned item.

53. There being no other comment from Members, the Chairman suggested and Members agreed to delete this item.

**(11) Request the Environmental Protection Department to step up inspections in the Industrial Estate and the Landfill to find out whether there is any illegal discharge of wastewater into the communal storm water drains
(Paragraphs 62 to 64 of the minutes of last meeting)
Request for conducting full investigation into the muddy water found in the waters off the Tseung Kwan O Industrial Estate and Tiu Keng Leng, and the recent odour in Tseung Kwan O
(SKDC(HEHC) Paper Nos. 94/17, 107/17, 108/17, 111/17 and 112/17)**

54. As a motion moved by a Member was relevant to this item, the Chairman suggested and Members agreed to discuss them together.

55. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Mr CHEUNG Mei-hung and seconded by Ms Christine FONG and Mr CHAN Kai-wai.

56. Members noted the replies from the Marine Department (MD), the Drainage Services Department, CEDD and EPD.

57. A Member did not agree with the reply from MD and requested EPD to give explanations for muddy water in the waters off Tiu Keng Leng and Tseung Kwan O Industrial Estate after outbreaks of heavy rain. In addition, he did not agree with the reply from EPD on the odour in Tseung Kwan O District and requested EPD to give detailed explanation.

58. Mr Geli MA of EPD responded as follows:

- According to the information on muddy water found on 13 and 21 June as

provided by Members, EPD had carried out thorough investigations. It was understood that the Observatory had issued a tropical cyclone warning signal and a rainstorm warning signal on the above two days respectively. Afterwards, EPD staff had carried out inspections at the construction sites in the vicinity of Tseung Kwan O Industrial Estate and LOHAS Park area as well as the South East New Territories (SENT) landfill and found that the drainage systems of the construction sites and landfill were operating properly without discharging of muddy water into the stormwater drains. However, EPD would continue to monitor the situation and would take enforcement actions if any irregularity was found;

- The SENT landfill had ceased receiving domestic waste, and the resident site staff of EPD would also pay attention to whether domestic waste had been mixed up with construction waste and transported to the landfill. In addition, the odour from the landfill was different from the odour from domestic waste, EPD staff would also carry out inspections at the refuse collection chambers of different housing estates and industrial area to investigate the source of the relevant odour.

59. There being no amendment or objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the motion was carried.

(12) Request for enhancing the prevention and inspection on the mosquito, biting midge and rodent infestation situations in the district and making improvement to such infestations

**Urge to further improving the infestation of mosquitoes and other environmental hygiene problems in the site identified for constructing the town park in Area 66 and 68 in Tseung Kwan O South, the Area 67 and the government lands in the vicinity of Chi Shin Street
(Paragraphs 65 to 71 of the minutes of last meeting)
(SKDC(HEHC) Paper No. 92/17)**

60. Members noted the reply from the Leisure and Cultural Services Department.

61. There being no other comment from Members, the Chairman suggested and Members agreed to delete this item.

(B) 3 Motions Presented by the Members (Environmental, Hygiene and related

matters)

- (1) Request for Concern about the cleaning of the road section between exit B of the Po Lam Station of the MTR and the King Lam Estate, and request for carrying out cleaning work on that road section promptly (SKDC(HEHC) Paper Nos. 93/17, 105/17 and 106/17)**

62. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Mr WAN Kai-ming and seconded by Mr CHONG Yuen-tung.

63. Members noted the replies from DLO/SK and FEHD.

64. There being no amendment or objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the motion was carried, and asked the relevant departments to take follow-up actions.

- (2) Request for conducting full investigation into the muddy water found in the waters off the Tseung Kwan O Industrial Estate and Tiu Keng Leng, and the recent odour in Tseung Kwan O (SKDC(HEHC) Paper Nos. 94/17, 107/17, 108/17, 111/17 and 112/17)**

65. The Chairman said the motion was carried after discussion earlier (paragraphs 54 to 59 of the minutes of this meeting).

- (3) Request the Sai Kung District Environmental Hygiene Office to seriously handle the problem of illegal hawking on vehicles in Tong Chun Street and Chi Shin Street, so as to reduce the nuisance caused to residents (SKDC(HEHC) Paper Nos. 95/17 and 109/17)**

66. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Mr TSE Ching-fung and seconded by Mr LUK Ping-choi.

67. Members noted the reply from FEHD.

68. A Member asked FEHD about the timetable and follow-up measures for the prosecution action and added that many vehicles were parked illegally in the vicinity of Tong Chun Street and Chi Shin Street during office hours for selling goods and hoped that FEHD could step up enforcement action to reduce the impact on residents, shop operators and the traffic.

69. Ms MAR Suk-fong of FEHD responded as follows:

- FEHD staff mainly carried out inspections and prosecutions during lunch hours;
- Enforcement officers had investigated the complaints about selling lunch boxes with the use of vehicles, and found that the vehicles were mainly responsible for delivering food orders from restaurants. If there was sufficient evidence that illegal hawking activities were involved, enforcement officers would initiate prosecution.

70. There being no amendment or objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the motion was carried.

[Post-meeting note of FEHD: According to records, prosecution actions were taken not only during lunch hours but also morning and dusk.]

(C) Question Presented by the Members (Environmental, Hygiene and related matters)

(1) Request for Request the Environmental Protection Department to explain the criteria for granting the “construction noise permit” for holidays (SKDC(HEHC) Paper Nos. 96/17 and 113/17)

71. The Chairman welcomed the following representative to the meeting:

- Mr Fred CHEUNG, Chief Inspector (Operations) (Tseung Kwan O), Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF).

72. The Chairman said the question was raised by Ms Christine FONG, Messrs CHEUNG Mei-hung and CHAN Kai-wai.

73. Members noted the reply from EPD.

74. A Member had received complaints from the residents that noise was generated from construction sites at around 10:00 p.m. during weekdays or during holidays and asked EPD about the criteria for issuing “construction noise permit” and whether approval would be made subject to actual environment individually. In addition, he also asked whether EPD would deploy staff for monitoring or on-site inspection after

issuing the permit to prevent works procedures other than those approved by the permit being carried out.

75. Mr Fred CHEUNG of HKPF responded as follows:

- If the Police received a complaint, enforcement officers would investigate whether the relevant persons had breached the Noise Control Ordinance, including whether there was a permit and whether the works were carried out according to the conditions of the permit;
- The Police had received 11 reports on noise nuisance from Wan Po Road, in which 2 reports were related to generation of noise after 8:00 p.m., and the relevant persons held the licence granted by EPD. In another report, the Police found that the relevant persons were conveying goods and had issued a warning on the site. Regarding other reports, no noise was found when the Police arrived at the scene or when the Police contacted the complainant again.

76. Mr Geli MA of EPD responded as follows:

- Under prevailing legislation, if powered mechanical equipment (PME) had to be used for carrying out construction works or prescribed construction works from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. the next day on weekdays or anytime on public holidays, a permit had to be applied in advance. In applying for a permit, the applicant had to submit information related to the construction works, including the type and quantity of PME to be used, works location and distance from residential premises, etc. After receiving the application, EPD would make an assessment according to the requirements of the technical memorandum and the information provided by the applicant. If the assessment result showed that the noise level generated by the PME used under the application did not exceed the standard provided in the technical memorandum, EPD would consider issuing a permit which would set out the conditions such as the type and quantity of the PME used and the time period;
- EPD would conduct surprise inspection to construction sites from time to time to ensure that the works were in compliance with the conditions set out in the permit. EPD staff had once found irregularity in the previous inspection of the construction sites at LOHAS Park. In this case, the department would take corresponding enforcement action, including cancelling the permit that had been issued and collecting evidence to

initiate prosecution;

- When residents were affected by noise nuisance, other than seeking immediate assistance from the Police or contacting EPD for following up, they could also browse EPD website to check whether the site contractor had obtained a permit and the conditions set out in the permit.

77. The views of Members were as follows:

- Members hoped that EPD could increase the Acceptable Noise Level when considering the issuance of “construction noise permit” to LOHAS Park;
- Members considered that EPD abused the issuing of the noise construction permit without proper monitoring, so that residents were subject to noise nuisance;
- A Member considered that EPD abused the issuing of “construction noise permit” for holidays to CEDD to tie in with the progress of Tseung Kwan O - Lam Tin Tunnel, which ended up that the residents of Tseung Kwan O Area 72 were subject to noise nuisance of close to 70 dB during festive days and public holidays. The Member considered that EPD should review the criteria for issuing the permit and stringently carry out monitoring work.

78. The Chairman asked EPD to take follow-up actions.

V. Public Housing and related matters

(A) Matters Arising (Public Housing and related matters)

- (1) Request to promptly solve the congestion problem of the access at Kin Ming Estate and to install elevator or escalator at an appropriate location (Paragraph 72 of the minutes of last meeting)
(SKDC(HEHC) Paper No. 97/17)**

79. Members noted the statistical report on pedestrian flow submitted by HD.

80. A Member said the escalator of Kin Ming Estate had broken down three times after the last meeting which required closure for repair, and hoped that HD could provide information to explain why the escalator service had suspended for more than five hours on 20 June and future improvement measures.

81. Mr Wallace LAU of HD said the relevant information would be provided later, including the reasons for equipment failure and the repair record. The pedestrian flow for the use of the escalator from May to June did not exceed the maximum permissible load and the overall operation of the escalator was satisfactory and good.

82. The Chairman asked HD to take follow-up actions.

**(2) Request to install digital monitoring system (“sky eye”) at Shin Ming Estate, Sheung Tak Estate and Kin Ming Estate
(Paragraph 73 of the minutes of last meeting)
(SKDC(HEHC) Paper No. 98/17)**

83. Members noted the Situation Report on Objects Dropped from Height submitted by HD.

**(3) Situation Report on Itinerant Hawkers
Urge government departments to coordinate in solving the problem of itinerant hawkers in Tseung Kwan O
(Paragraphs 74 to 77 of the minutes of last meeting)
(SKDC(HEHC) Paper No. 99/17)**

84. Members noted the situation report on illegal hawkers in the public housing estates of Tseung Kwan O for the period from May to June 2017 submitted by HD.

85. A Member was disappointed at the prosecution figures and the number of goods under detention by the Mobile Operations Unit (MOU) of HD and had written to the Unit to get information on the locations and time of operations but no detailed reply was given. In addition, he considered that there was no improvement in illegal hawking in Tseung Kwan O District and queried the efficiency of the MOU.

86. Mr Wallace LAU of HD responded as follows:

- When the MOU carried out operations, itinerant hawkers might escape to the area not under the purview of HD which gave rise to enforcement difficulties;
- He would enquire the MOU about the time and location of the last operation and report to Members.

87. The Chairman asked HD to take follow-up actions.
- (4) Strongly request the Housing Department to check the rooftop transmitters in Sheung Tak Estate to safeguard the health of the residents (Paragraphs 83 to 88 of the minutes of last meeting)**
88. The views of Members were as follows:
- Members requested that the locations of base stations should be evenly distributed in the renewal applications of the base stations;
 - Members considered that the Transport and Housing Bureau should re-examine whether the number of radio base stations to be installed at each public housing block should be restricted;
 - The installation locations of radio base stations were not determined by HD. Rather, operators would make suggestions and applications to the Office of the Communications Authority;
 - The radiation level was measured by the total readings rather than the number of base stations;
 - There should be a balance between “the number of base stations installed” and “the reception of telecommunication services by residents”.
89. Mr Wallace LAU of HD noted the views of Members.
90. The Chairman asked HD to take follow-up actions.
- (B) 2 Motions Presented by the Members (Public Housing and related matters)**
- (1) Request for repaving the floor tiles on the covered walkway of Sheung Chun House in Sheung Tak Estate promptly, and conducting a comprehensive review on the condition of other walkways, and repaving the road surfaces of the walkways that have such need in phases (SKDC(HEHC) Paper Nos. 100/17 and 115/17)**
91. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Messrs KAN Siu-kei and CHONG Yuen-tung and seconded by Mr WAN Kai-ming.
92. Members noted the reply from HD.
93. The views of Members were as follows:

- In view of repeated incidents of slipping at the captioned walkway, Members hoped that HD could repave the said road surface as soon as possible;
- Residents who slipped in the premises under the management of the Link Asset Management Limited (Link REIT) or HD received no compensation. Members expressed dissatisfaction over the shifting of responsibilities by HD and Link REIT.

94. Mr Wallace LAU of HD responded that HD was very concerned about the cases raised by Members and would arrange HD staff to carry out inspection and improvement works when necessary.

95. There being no amendment or objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the motion was carried.

(2) Suggest reserving sites for elderly facilities in future public housing (SKDC(HEHC) Paper Nos. 101/17 and 116/17)

96. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Ms Christine FONG and seconded by Messrs CHEUNG Mei-hung and CHAN Kai-wai.

97. As the proposer and seconders of the above motion were not present at the meeting, the Chairman declared that this motion would not be discussed.

(C) Question Presented by the Members (Public Housing and related matters)

(1) Complaint about the accumulation of water on the floor caused by the fact that the temperature of the air-conditioner of the flat below was set too low (SKDC(HEHC) Paper Nos. 102/17, 110/17 and 117/17)

98. The Chairman said the question was raised by Messrs CHUNG Kam-lun, Gary FAN, LEUNG Li, LAI Ming-chak, LUI Man-kwong and Frankie LAM.

99. Members noted the replies from FEHD and HD.

100. Ms MAR Suk-fong of FEHD said according to Section 12 of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance, unless the air-conditioner was not operating properly, otherwise FEHD was unable to take enforcement action against the

accumulation of water on the floor of the flat above because of the excessively low temperature caused by air-conditioning.

101. A Member considered that the concerted efforts of the residents above and below the flat were required to solve the water accumulation at the flat above.

102. Mr Wallace LAU of HD said the crux of the problem was the huge difference in temperatures of the two flats. HD had continuously carried out publicity and provided guidelines to residents, including issuing estate newsletters and posting notices, to teach residents not to turn the air outlets of air-conditioners to the ceilings or floors or adjust the temperature of air-conditioners to excessively low level. The residents of the above flat could also make coordination, including switching on air-conditioning or air ventilation system to control the problem as far as possible.

(D) Motion Referred by SKDC SSHSCC Meeting (Public Housing and related matters)

**(1) Issues related to the fitness equipment in Kin Ming Estate of Tseung Kwan O
(SKDC(HEHC) Paper No. 103/17)**

103. The Chairman said the above motion was raised by the elderly representative of the Age-friendly City Working Group at its third meeting in 2017, and the Social Services & Healthy and Safe City Committee agreed at its third meeting in 2017 to refer the motion to this Committee for following up.

104. Members noted the reply from the Hong Kong Housing Authority.

105. Mr Wallace LAU of HD added that the Estate Management Advisory Committee of Kin Ming Estate had endorsed funding at its meeting last year to provide two elderly fitness facilities at Kin Ming Estate, among which the foot pedal fitness equipment was installed in April this year and another fitness facility for hands would be installed within the financial year 2017-18.

106. There being no comment from Members, the Chairman suggested and Members agreed to delete this item.

VI. Other Matters

(A) Matters Arising (Other matters)

**(1) Improvement works at the wet market at Hau Tak Estate
(Paragraphs 4 to 9 of the minutes of last meeting)**

107. There being no comment from Members, the Chairman suggested and Members agreed to delete this item.

**(2) Request for installing a passenger lift and replacing the existing passenger-goods lift with a new one in the Sai Kung Market
(Paragraphs 89 to 92 of the minutes of last meeting)**

108. There being no comment from Members, the Chairman suggested and Members agreed to delete this item.

**(3) Request for the early introduction of more efficient methods for detecting water seepage in buildings so as to obviate the suffering of the residents promptly
The progress on the improvement to the investigation methods made by the Joint Offices for Investigation of Water Seepage Complaints
(Paragraphs 93 to 100 of the minutes of last meeting)
(SKDC(HEHC) Paper No. 104/17)**

109. Members noted the reply from the Joint Office.

110. The views and enquiries of Members were as follows:

- The reply from the Joint Office could not provide the reasons for the increase in water seepage cases, Members hoped that the relevant departments could provide more causes of water seepage and the relevant analysis to assist Members in obtaining more information to handle the water seepage complaints from residents;
- Members considered that FEHD should not cease the investigation when the source of water seepage could not be found in the first round of colour water test and hoped that FEHD could introduce other high-tech equipment other than colour water test to enhance the investigation standard.

111. The Chairman said HEHC would write to the Joint Office to reflect the views of Members.

**(4) Restored Landfill Revitalisation Funding Scheme
(Paragraph 101 of the minutes of last meeting)**

112. The views and reports of Members were as follows:

- The Steering Committee on Restored Landfill Revitalisation Funding Scheme (the Steering Committee) had discussed different applications at its meeting in June and recommended the proposal submitted by Tung Wah Group of Hospitals (TWGHs);
- A press release was published through news.gov.hk on 26 June to announce that a total of 13 applications for the Restored Tseung Kwan O Stage 1 Landfill had been received. According to the assessment result, TWGHs was invited to prepare a detailed proposal;
- TWGHs proposed revitalising the restored landfill as camp site and environmental education centre. Major facilities included a camping area, education exhibition and activity facilities on environmental protection, maze and an outdoor recreational platform, etc.;
- In the application of TWGHs, only the higher flat land of the restored landfill was planned to be developed for the time being (the land flat was divided into upper and lower platforms). The Steering Committee advised TWGHs to consider developing the lower land near the promenade in one go;
- TWGHs noted that SKDC and the local personalities might participate in the management of the funding scheme. TWGHs would consider the arrangement and consult SKDC later;
- TWGHs would attend the next meeting to give a detailed introduction;
- If the Steering Committee was satisfied with the detailed proposal submitted by the relevant organisation, the Steering Committee would recommend the Secretary for the Environment to give an in-principle approval to the applicant in taking forward the proposed project and apply for funding according to the established procedures of the Government.

113. The Chairman suggested and Members agreed to delete this item first and discuss further when the representatives of TWGHs attended the meeting.

VII. Any Other Business

(1) Issues relating to the repairing works for salt water mains

114. A Member said the latest replacement of salt water mains in Tseung Kwan O District needed to be carried out by the Water Supplies Department (WSD) during day time because EPD did not grant the relevant permit. He hoped that EPD could provide information to explain why the permit was not granted to WSD to carry out the works for salt water mains during night time.

115. Mr Geli MA of EPD said a “construction noise permit” was required to carry out works in the periods inside the restricted hours prescribed by the Noise Control Ordinance. Other than granting approval according to the assessment criteria of the technical memorandum, EPD would also consider other factors, including the distance between the construction site and residential area, and the impact of the total noise level of the construction sites on residents, etc.

(2) Issues relating to the ticketing arrangement for visiting the Fire and Ambulance Services Academy

116. A Member said an additional Fire and Ambulance Services Academy Open Day would be held on 6 August and the tickets had been distributed to Members.

VIII. Date of Next Meeting

117. The Chairman said the fifth meeting of 2017 was scheduled for Thursday, 14 September 2017 at 9:30 a.m. The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

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