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Sai Kung District Council
Housing and Environmental Hygiene Committee
Minutes of the Sixth Meeting in 2017

Date: 16 November 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.	11:33 a.m.
Mr. KAN Siu-kei (Vice Chairman)	9:30 a.m.	11:33 a.m.
Mr. AU Ning-fat, Alfred, MH	9:30 a.m.	11:33 a.m.
Mr. CHAN Kai-wai	9:30 a.m.	11:33 a.m.
Mr. CHAN Pok-chi, Jonathan	9:30 a.m.	11:33 a.m.
Mr. CHAU Yin-ming, Francis, BBS, MH	9:30 a.m.	11:33 a.m.
Mr. CHEUNG Mei-hung	9:44 a.m.	11:33 a.m.
Mr. CHUNG Kam-lun	10:34 a.m.	11:33 a.m.
Mr. CHONG Yuen-tung	9:36 a.m.	11:33 a.m.
Mr. FAN Kwok-wai, Gary	9:45 a.m.	11:33 a.m.
Ms. FONG Kwok-shan, Christine	9:30 a.m.	11:33 a.m.
Mr. HIEW Moo-siew	9:30 a.m.	11:33 a.m.
Mr. HO Man-kit, Raymond	11:03 a.m.	11:33 a.m.
Mr. LAI Ming-chak	9:30 a.m.	11:33 a.m.
Mr. LAM Siu-chung, Frankie	9:30 a.m.	11:33 a.m.
Mr. LAU Wai-cheung, Peter, MH	9:30 a.m.	11:33 a.m.
Mr. LEUNG Li	9:30 a.m.	11:33 a.m.
Mr. LI Ka-leung, Philip	9:30 a.m.	11:33 a.m.
Mr. LUI Man-kwong	9:30 a.m.	11:33 a.m.
Mr. LUK Ping-choi	9:30 a.m.	11:33 a.m.
Mr. NG Sze-fuk, George, GBS, JP	9:30 a.m.	11:33 a.m.
Mr. SING Hon-keung, BBS, MH	9:30 a.m.	11:33 a.m.
Mr. TAM Lanny, Stanley, MH	9:30 a.m.	11:33 a.m.
Mr. TSE Ching-fung	9:30 a.m.	11:33 a.m.
Mr. WAN Yuet-cheung, BBS, MH, JP	9:30 a.m.	11:33 a.m.
Mr. WAN Kai-ming	9:30 a.m.	11:33 a.m.
Mr. YAU Yuk-lun	9:30 a.m.	11:33 a.m.
Mr. CHAN Yiu-wing, Yorick (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council)1, Sai Kung District Office	

In Attendance

Mr. KWOK Chung-kai, Peter	Assistant District Officer (Sai Kung)1, Sai Kung District Office	
Miss LAU Tang, Moira	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Sai Kung District Office	
Ms. LAM Yee-lai, Decem	Senior Liaison Officer (2), 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. YAU Wan-po, Wallace	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	
Ms. PANG Shuk-ming	Maintenance Surveyor/Statutory Compliance 3, Housing Department	} For agenda item IV(B)(1)

Welcoming Remarks

1. The Chairman welcomed all Members and all the attendees for joining the meeting, in particular Mr. Wallace YAU, Deputy District Leisure Manager (Sai Kung) 2, Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) who succeeded Mr. LAW Wan-tang, and thanked Mr. LAW for his past contributions to the Housing and Environmental Hygiene Committee (HEHC) and Sai Kung District.

2. The Chairman said that there were a total of six motions for this meeting.

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

3. There being no amendments from Members, the Chairman declared that the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

II. FEHD Sai Kung District 2018 Year-end Clean-up (SKDC(HEHC) Paper No. 144/17)

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

5. Members noted the above paper.

6. The views of Members were consolidated as follows:

- Members found that the situation of illegal posting of bills and posters in the District had not improved, they hoped FEHD could take counter measures and step up enforcement actions;
- Members said that the illegal posting of commercial posters near the sports centres was serious, and hoped FEHD could step up enforcement actions;
- Members hoped that the Housing Department (HD) and FEHD would urge the public to stop feeding wild animals;
- Members asked FEHD how it would handle the unauthorised display of election advertisements.

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

- To tackle the problem of illegal posting of banners or placing of easy-mount frames, FEHD had stepped up enforcement actions since last October and November. Offenders were successfully prosecuted at the target locations i.e. the exit of Tseung Kwan O MTR Station and the traffic light area near the Bauhinia Garden. FEHD would recruit additional staff to conduct more stringent enforcement actions;
- If unauthorised commercial banners were found, FEHD staff would immediately remove such banners;
- FEHD would keep in view the feeding of wild animals in the District. In addition to prosecution against the offenders in violation of cleansing-related regulations, FEHD staff would also urge the persons who fed the animals not to leave behind any food to avoid affecting environmental hygiene;
- FEHD and the District Lands Office, Sai Kung (DLO/SK) would carry out enforcement actions regularly to remove unauthorised election publicity materials in the District.

III. Environmental, Hygiene and related matters

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

(1) Restored Landfill Revitalisation Funding Scheme (Paragraphs 5 to 17 of the minutes of last meeting)

8. A Member said that the views raised by Members at the last meeting had been relayed to the Steering Committee on Restored Landfill Revitalisation Funding Scheme (the Steering Committee). The Steering Committee had assessed the detailed proposal of the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals (TWGHs) on 30 October, and agreed in principle that TWGHs would be the operator of Lot B of the Restored Tseung Kwan O Landfill. The Steering Committee also requested the TWGHs to advance the opening hour of the Eco-Village to match with the neighbouring public facilities and services. TWGHs would revise the proposal and submit it to the Steering Committee for assessment again. If the Steering Committee was satisfied with the detailed proposal of TWGHs, it would recommend the Secretary for the Environment to grant an in-principle approval to TWGHs to develop the proposed project. Funding approval from the Legislative Council would be sought later.

9. The Chairman suggested and Members agreed to delete this item.

(2) FEHD Lunar New Year Fair of Sai Kung in 2018 (Paragraphs 18 to 19 of the minutes of last meeting)

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

(3) FEHD Anti-mosquito Campaign 2017 (Phase III) in Sai Kung District (Paragraphs 20 to 21 of the minutes of last meeting)

11. A Member said that the ovitrap index recorded in Tseung Kwan O was quite high in the past few months, and requested FEHD to provide the recent ovitrap index and the effectiveness of the captioned campaign.

12. Ms. MAR Suk-fong of FEHD said that the ovitrap index recorded in Sai Kung in October was as follows: 3.3% in Tseung Kwan O South, 1.7% in Tseung Kwan O North and 0% in Sai Kung Town. In addition, FEHD found that the ovitrap indices recorded in May, June and September were relatively high, and FEHD was particularly concerned with the situation. As the weather was turning cold recently, the ovitrap index was

dropping gradually, FEHD would step up mosquito prevention work earlier in the coming year.

13. A Member asked whether the relatively high ovitrap indices were caused by frequent rainfall in May, June and September this year, and whether FEHD had applied larvicidal oil after raining.

14. Ms. MAR Suk-fong of FEHD said that the Area Ovitrap Index covered the whole district including all public and private places. FEHD would continue to deal with mosquito control work and monitor mosquito infestation in the areas placed with ovitraps. As mosquito infestation could involve private or public housing estates, schools and parks, etc., all stakeholders in the community should implement mosquito prevention work properly, including carrying out mosquito control at least once a week. Furthermore, FEHD staff would carry out regular mosquito control work at public places once a week, and enhance the mosquito control subject to circumstances (such as ovitrap index and rainfall).

15. The Chairman asked FEHD to continue to enhance mosquito control. The Chairman suggested and Members agreed to delete this item.

**(4) FEHD Refurbishment programme of Sai Kung Tai Au Mun Public Toilet
(Paragraphs 22 to 25 of the minutes of last meeting)**

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

**(5) Working Groups under the HEHC
(Paragraphs 28 to 42 of the minutes of last meeting)**

17. The Chairman said that the Hong Kong Flower Show 2018 would be held from 16 to 25 March 2018 at Victoria Park. Members agreed to participate in the activity of “Green Stall” at the Hong Kong Flower Show 2018, and set up a non-standing working group namely the “Working Group on “Green Stall” at the Hong Kong Flower Show 2018”.

18. The Chairman suggested and Members agreed to make reference to past practices and endorsed the terms of reference of the Working Group as: to co-ordinate the “Green Stall” at the Hong Kong Flower Show 2018.

19. The Chairman invited Members to make nomination for the convenor of the

working group.

20. Mr. CHAN Kai-wai nominated Mr. WAN Kai-ming as the convenor of the Working Group which was seconded by Mr. KAN Siu-kei.

21. Mr. WAN Kai-ming indicated his willingness to accept this nomination.

22. There being no other nominations and no objections, the Chairman announced that Mr. WAN Kai-ming was elected uncontested as the convenor of the Working Group. In addition, the Chairman invited Members interested in joining the Working Group to complete the reply slip and return it to the Secretariat.

23. The Chairman suggested at the meeting that the first meeting of the Working Group be held on 12 December (Tuesday) immediately following the meeting of the District Works Working Group due to the tight timeframe. Members agreed to the proposed arrangement. The Secretariat would inform Members of the Working Group of the detailed arrangement of the meeting by email later.

**(6) 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 44 to 51 of the minutes of last meeting)**

24. A Member was concerned with the traffic noise nuisance in the estates in Tseung Kwan O, and enquired about the timetables for repaving the damaged road surface of Tseung Kwan O Tunnel and the installation of noise barriers in Tseung Kwan O.

25. Mr. Geli MA, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East) 4 (Acting), Environmental Protection Department (EPD) said that the Highways Department (Hy D) would commence the works for repaving the road surface of Tseung Kwan O Tunnel this year and the schedule for the noise barrier retrofitting works is yet to be worked out.

26. A Member requested writing to the Environment Bureau to express the aspirations for installation of noise barriers, and hoped the Government could provide the timetable for commencing the works.

27. A Member said that a letter on the captioned item had been written to the Chief Executive (CE) recently to set out the proposed locations of the noise barriers, and suggest the Government to set up dedicated funding to deal with the works for the installation of noise barriers first. In addition, the Chief Secretary for Administration

(CS) and the Secretary for the Environment (SEN) would visit Sai Kung District to meet with the District Council (DC) Members. Members could take the opportunity to express the aspirations to them directly.

28. As a Member had written to CE regarding the captioned item, and CS and SEN would visit Sai Kung District in succession, the Chairman said that it was not necessary to send any letter for the time being. He also announced that this item would be kept.

**(7) Issues related to the operation of Temporary Fill Bank at Tseung Kwan O Area 137 and the South East New Territories Landfill
(Paragraphs 52 to 57 of the minutes of last meeting)
(SKDC(HEHC) Paper Nos. 145/17 and 146/17)**

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

30. The views and enquiries of Members were consolidated as follows:

- A site visit had been conducted at Area 137 on 25 October. It was found that there was improvement in the measures for handling skips. But the industry reflected that there were also skips at the “en-route stops” along the road to the fill bank, and considered that enhanced inspections by the relevant departments could reduce the breach of regulations;
- Some residents reflected that the street washing vehicles failed to thoroughly clean the relevant sections of Wan Po Road, and the road surface had become dirtier after the dust got wet. It was hoped that FEHD could contact the contractor to follow up the matter;
- Members thanked the departments for updating the information of the reports regularly, but they found that the presentation of data in the operation reports made it difficult for them to understand the actual operation of the fill bank, for example: the number of vehicles loaded with fill materials travelling via Wan Po Road was presented in accumulated figures, which could not reflect the monthly average number of trips of fill bank vehicles travelling via Wan Po Road. Besides, although the relevant figures were lower than those in 2016, and the overall ratio of marine delivery of fill materials was stable on the whole (about 30%), the quantity of fill materials received by the fill bank had actually increased by about 20% (from 400 000 tonnes to 500 000 tonnes), Members hoped to know the reasons why the figures for delivery by land or marine transport had not reflected such increase;

- Members asked whether the monthly number of vehicles delivering fill materials to the fill bank by land transport had reduced, and enquired about the anticipated ratio of marine delivery of fill materials after the full operation of the temporary barging point; they also hoped that EPD or CEDD could provide the relevant statistics after the full operation of the temporary barging points;
- Members enquired whether the soil debris generated by Tseung Kwan O-Lam Tin Tunnel would all be delivered to the fill bank through the temporary barging point by marine delivery. Members considered that even if the soil debris of the above tunnel was delivered in the way mentioned above, the ratio of marine delivery of fill materials would not be increased by 10%;
- Members requested EPD or CEDD to write to the Secretariat after the full operation of the temporary barging point to keep Members updated on the status;
- Members appealed for the use of marine delivery of fill materials in other Districts;
- Members asked EPD about the exact locations of the banners along Wan Po Road, and hoped EPD could review whether the existing locations of banners were suitable;
- Members asked whether the contractor of the landfill was aware of and whether it had reported the discharge of sewage by dump trucks at the entrance gate of the landfill. They also asked EPD to provide the numbers of relevant prosecution instituted or warning letters issued;
- Members found that grab-mounted trucks of mobile recyclers were parked outside the pavements of the waste recycling yards and occupied some lanes of Wan Po Road, which had seriously affected traffic and road safety. Members asked DLO/SK to take follow-up action and allocate additional resources to step up the inspection of the location concerned.

31. Mr. Geli MA of EPD responded as follows:

- He thanked Members for their comments. EPD would continue to monitor the management of skips, and would continue to carry out joint operations with other departments on a monthly basis;
- The publicity banners were hung at eight different locations along Wan Po Road, with three banners at each location. If drivers were driving along Wan Po Road, they would be aware of the banners.

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

- Members considered that the font sizes of the words on the banners along Wan Po Road were too small, and the banners were too wordy. The words indicating the enquiry or complaint hotlines should be clearer and of larger font sizes for drivers to see clearly. It was suggested that EPD and CEDD should revise the banners and clearly display the hotline numbers;
- Members asked EPD about the timeline for responding to the cases referred by 1823.

33. Mr. Geli MA of EPD said that in addition to 1823, the public could also call EPD's hotline at 2838 3111, and this phone number was also displayed on the banners. Upon receipt of complaint cases, EPD would take follow-up action as soon as possible based on the information provided, and would contact the complainant for more information if necessary.

34. The Chairman asked EPD to continue to follow up on the issue, and report to HEHC at the next meeting. A letter would be written to CEDD to reflect Members' views. He expressed appreciation to the departments for their efforts in improving the environmental hygiene condition of Wan Po Road.

(8) Statistics on Environmental Hygiene Service and Itinerant Hawkers in Sai Kung District
(Paragraphs 26 to 27 and 58 to 63 of the minutes of last meeting)
(SKDC(HEHC) Paper Nos. 147/17, 148/17 and 149/17)

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 September to October 2017 submitted by FEHD, and noted the reply from the Link Asset Management Limited on the implementation of anti-rodent campaign at the market of TKO Gateway (formerly known as Hau Tak Market).

36. Ms. MAR Suk-fong of FEHD added that staff of the Pest Control Section of FEHD had gone to Hau Tak Market, Sheung Tak Estate and Tsui Lam Estate to advise the concerned estate management offices on their respective anti-rodent works carried out. Moreover, FEHD had commenced the second round of its anti-rodent operation in designated target areas at Beverly Garden and Bauhinia Garden in Tseung Kwan O on 11 September. Rodent baits and a total of 112 rodent traps had been placed at 116 locations. Five rat holes were destroyed successfully, 40 dead rodents were collected and 34 live rodents were caught.

37. The views and enquiries of Members were consolidated as follows:

- Members thanked FEHD for carrying out two anti-rodent operations at Sheung Tak Estate, and teaching the staff of management offices and cleaning companies to use effective pest control methods. After the operations, the rodent problems at the planter at the podium on 4/F of Sheung Shun House and the planter near Sheung Tak bus terminus were greatly alleviated;
- Members found that miscellaneous items were placed under the footbridges in the District for prolonged period of time, they hoped that FEHD could clear up the items as soon as possible and step up enforcement actions in the hygiene black spots;
- The rodent problem in Tsui Lam Estate was very serious, and rodents had appeared in kindergartens and residential buildings. It was hoped that FEHD could proactively coordinate different stakeholders to carry out anti-rodent work properly;
- Some residents said that rodents had been spotted at the loading and unloading areas for supermarkets at Wan Po Road and the area near the recyclable collection bins at Shek Kok Road. They hoped that FEHD could follow up;
- Members asked whether the effectiveness of anti-rodent work had been reduced because FEHD was unable to carry out anti-rodent work in tandem with the organisations that managed the places nearby.

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

- FEHD would keep in view the rodent control in Tsui Lam Estate, and deploy staff to enhance inspection. In addition, FEHD would also maintain contact with the estate management offices and their cleaning staff to coordinate the anti-rodent works;
- FEHD would follow up on the problem mentioned by Members that rodents had been spotted at the loading and unloading areas for supermarkets at Wan Po Road and the area at Shek Kok Road;
- Upon receipt of complaints about rodents being spotted, FEHD would deploy staff to inspect whether there was rodent problem in the area in question and to understand the local hygiene conditions. In addition to requesting the estate management offices to enhance anti-rodent operations, FEHD would also place rodent bait at different locations outside the housing estates, and would pay attention to the latest development of the rodent infestation and the local movement of rodent.

(9) 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 64 to 67 of the minutes of last meeting)

39. The views and enquiries of Members were consolidated as follows:

- Members thanked the Chairman for following up the captioned matter. As DLO/SK said that the waste recycling yard would be relocated early next year, Members hoped that HEHC could keep and continue to follow up on the issue until early next year;
- Members were concerned about the problems of poor road surface conditions at the entrance of the waste recycling yards and broken wire meshes not being repaired for a prolonged period of time. They suggested DLO/SK to hang banners with warnings at prominent locations to deter people from damaging the wire meshes;
- Members hoped that DLO/SK and Hy D could repair the wire meshes of the waste recycling yards and deal with the unauthorised occupation of government land promptly, so as to avoid illegal dumping of soil debris and other environmental hygiene problems.

40. Mr. LI Man-yim, Administrative Assistant/Lands (Acting) of DLO/SK said that DLO/SK noted the unsatisfactory conditions of the road surface on Wan Po Road, and would coordinate with the works departments to deal with the problem. DLO/SK also hoped that the environmental hygiene conditions at the above location would be further improved after the expiry of the lease of the waste recycling yards.

41. The Chairman enquired which department was responsible for repairing the wire meshes.

42. Mr. LI Man-yim of DLO/SK said that some of the wire meshes were put up at the locations under the purview of the Drainage Services Department (DSD), and the locations in question would be returned to DLO/SK. By then, DLO/SK would take follow-up action subject to circumstances.

43. The views and enquiries of Members were consolidated as follows:

- Members requested DLO/SK to implement immediate measures to solve the problem of illegal occupation of government land and to alleviate the nuisance caused to residents;

- Members requested for installing closed-circuit televisions (CCTVs) and hanging banners at the above locations;
- Members suggested DLO/SK to place road cones or fences at the entrances to prevent illegal occupation of government land for illegal activities;
- Members found that three grab-mounted trucks or dump trucks were frequently engaged in illegal removal work at the entrance of the waste recycling yard (opposite to Le Prestige), and suggested installing large fences at the location to solve the problem;
- Members considered that the statistics provided by EPD could not truly reflect the number of vehicles using Wan Po Road because some vehicles would unload fill materials and construction materials at the “en-route stops” without entering and leaving the landfill and the fill bank;
- The heavy vehicles travelling via Wan Po Road dropped rubble and generated dust frequently. The rubble might be washed onto the pavements or refuge islands and endangered the safety of pedestrians.

44. Mr. LI Man-yim of DLO/SK said that the provision of temporary facilities would be studied to prevent further deterioration of the situation, and the suggestions of Members would be forwarded to the staff of DLO/SK for consideration and follow up. DLO/SK had all along been maintaining close communication with the tenants and reflecting the views to them directly.

**(10) 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
Request for conducting full investigation into the muddy water found in the waters of the Tseung Kwan O Industrial Estate and Tiu Keng Leng, and the recent odour in Tseung Kwan O
(Paragraphs 68 to 69 of the minutes of last meeting)**

45. The views and enquiries of Members were consolidated as follows:

- Members suspected that the source of the odour was the refuse collection vehicles parking at Pak Shing Kok, and hoped that DLO/SK would not continue to lease the site to the tenant for parking refuse collection vehicles;
- Dead fish was found in the typhoon shelter near Wan Poon Path earlier. Members asked EPD about the investigation progress and the follow-up measures.

46. Mr. Geli MA of EPD said that, upon the receipt of notification from DSD of the

case, EPD staff had attended to the scene immediately to understand the situation, took water sample for testing and informed the staff of the Marine Department to handle the dead fish. EPD did not find any abnormal condition of the water quality.

47. The Chairman suggested and Members agreed to delete this item.

**(11) Request the Government to conduct a thorough investigation into the causes of the appearance of white foam on the streams in the Little Hawaii Trail in Tseung Kwan O Upper Village
(Paragraphs 73 to 81 of the minutes of last meeting)**

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

**(12) Request the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department to follow up on the problem of accumulation of styrofoam boxes on the pavement of Choi Ming Street, and to step up patrolling and institute prosecution
(Paragraphs 82 to 85 of the minutes of last meeting)**

49. A Member thanked FEHD for following up and the captioned problem had not recurred.

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

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

**(1) Request the Housing Department to join hands with the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in solving the problem of blockage of pavements by the accumulation of rubbish and miscellaneous items outside the refuse storage area next to the HHCKLA Buddhist Ching Kok Secondary School in Kin Ming Estate
(SKDC(HEHC) Paper Nos. 150/17, 161/17 and 162/17)**

51. The Chairman said that the motion was moved by Mr. LEUNG Li and seconded by Mr. Gary FAN, Mr. CHUNG Kam-lun, Mr. LAI Ming-chak, Mr. LUI Man-kwong and Mr. Frankie LAM.

52. Members noted the replies from HD and FEHD.

53. The views and enquiries of Members were consolidated as follows:

- Members thanked HD for following up and solving the captioned issue, and hoped HD could urge the management company to actively address the issue;
- Members said that the bricks under a tree at the captioned location were damaged by large miscellaneous items and hoped HD could arrange repair as soon as possible;
- Members suggested HD to install CCTVs to provide convenience to the management company to combat against illegal dumping of waste;
- Members requested for moving the entrance of the refuse storage area to the direction facing the road, and stringently enforcing the marking scheme.

54. Mr. Wallace LAU, Senior Property Service Manager (Kowloon West and Sai Kung) of HD, said that HD noted the comments of Members, and had actively studied the feasibility of installing CCTVs. HD would continue to deploy staff to step up inspections before the availability of other feasible measures.

55. There being no amendments or objections from Members, the Chairman declared that the motion was endorsed.

**(2) Request for maintaining the environmental hygiene of the areas in the vicinity of Nos. 1 - 3 Shek Kok Road
(SKDC(HEHC) Paper Nos. 151/17, 163/17 and 164/17)**

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

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

58. The views of Members were as follows:

- DLO/SK received the complaint in May but completed the clean-up only in mid-August, Members considered that the progress was unsatisfactory;
- Members hoped that DLO/SK could urge private contractors to speed up clearing the fallen and dead trees in order to avoid affecting the environmental hygiene continuously and breeding mosquitos;
- Members hoped that DLO/SK could identify the ownership of the above location to allow the owners or responsible departments to speed up the

handling of environmental hygiene problems.

59. There being no amendments or objections from Members, the Chairman declared that the motion was endorsed.

(3) Concern about the problem of wild animals tipping over litter bins, and request for replacing the existing litter bins with new step-open bins (SKDC(HEHC) Paper Nos. 152/17 and 165/17)

60. The Chairman said that the motion was moved by Mr. Philip LI and seconded by Mr. Jonathan CHAN.

61. Members noted the reply of FEHD.

62. The views of Members were consolidated as follows:

- Members supported the captioned item and considered that the wild pig nuisance was serious, and that wild pigs would also cause damage to the environment. Members suggested the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) to develop long-term plan to control the number of wild pigs;
- Members considered that the publicity on the prohibition of killing wild pigs earlier had indirectly speeded up the breeding of wild pigs. They also found that the number of wild pigs at Pak Sha Wan was growing rapidly in the past few years, in particular in the vicinity of Pik Uk;
- Members thanked FEHD for the work done, and hoped other departments including AFCD could adopt measures to reduce the number of wild pigs or lower the incentives of wild pigs for their appearance in residential areas.

63. There being no amendments or objections from Members, the Chairman declared that the motion was endorsed and asked FEHD to continue to follow up the matter.

IV. 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
(Paragraphs 86 to 89 of the minutes of last meeting)
(SKDC(HEHC) Paper No. 153/17)**

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

65. Mr. Wallace LAU of HD said that the escalator in Kin Ming Estate was in satisfactory operation in September and October. In addition, HD had replaced the damaged oscillating fan in September, and other spare parts were in transit. It was hoped that the repair of escalators that were broken down could be speeded up in future to reduce the impact on residents.

66. The Chairman asked HD to continue to follow up the matter.

- (2) Request to install digital monitoring system (“sky eye”) at Shin Ming Estate, Sheung Tak Estate and Kin Ming Estate
Request the Housing Department to install surveillance system commonly called the “eyes in the sky” at the black spots of throwing objects from height opposite Ming Yu House and Ming Chau House of Kin Ming Estate, so as to combat the problem of throwing objects from height
(Paragraphs 90 to 96 and 106 of the minutes of last meeting)
(SKDC(HEHC) Paper No. 154/17)**

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

68. The views of Members were as follows:

- The issue had been discussed for years but there was no improvement on the situation of throwing objects from height, and the resources of HD had not been increased;
- Members requested for installing and relocating CCTVs at Sheung Tak Estate and Shin Ming Estate, and hoped that the Government could attach importance to the problem of throwing objects from height and add more resources.

69. Mr. Wallace LAU of HD responded that the CCTVs installed in Tseung Kwan O were more than those in other districts, but CCTVs only created a deterrent effect without solving the problem at root. HD suggested enhancing education and publicity, such as posting notices and requesting the Estate Management Advisory Committee to step up publicity in order to improve the situation of throwing objects from height. In addition, HD would include the information in estate newsletters that throwing objects from height would be subject to point allotment or even vacation from their flats to remind residents not to throw objects from height. If the situation of throwing objects from height was serious, HD would request the Special Operation Teams against Throwing Objects from Height to step up patrolling and prosecute the offenders to achieve the deterrent effect.

70. The Chairman asked HD to continue to follow up the matter. To facilitate discussion, the Chairman suggested and Members agreed to amalgamate the captioned two issues into “Request to install digital monitoring system (sky eye) at Shin Ming Estate, Sheung Tak Estate and Kin Ming Estate” for discussion together.

(3) Situation Report on Itinerant Hawkers

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

(Paragraphs 97 to 100 of the minutes of last meeting)

(SKDC(HEHC) Paper No. 155/17)

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

72. Mr. Wallace LAU of HD briefly introduced the contents of the paper, and pointed out that the operations carried out by the Mobile Operations Unit of HD and the joint operations conducted from time to time had alleviated the problem of illegal hawkers.

73. The Chairman asked HD to continue to follow up the captioned matter.

(4) 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

(Paragraphs 102 to 104 of the minutes of last meeting)

74. A Member said that a site visit to the captioned housing estate was conducted with another Member earlier to inspect the road surfaces that required repaving to prevent

slipping of residents. Moreover, HD had laid non-slip inserts to the pavement outside Sheung Chun House. The Member hoped that HD could commence the repaving works for the verandah as soon as possible to avoid trips and injuries of the residents.

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

**(5) Request the relevant departments to conduct a comprehensive investigation into the incident that some organisations have organised Yu Lan Ghost Festival in Sheung Tak Estate without approval, and to investigate into the suspected illegal behaviours involved
(Paragraphs 107 to 116 of the minutes of last meeting)**

76. A Member said that leaflets were distributed in Sheung Tak Estate stating that “the Sai Kung District Office confirmed that the organisation concerned had not applied for approval for fund-raising”, which he considered was a suspected false statement. He relayed that the fund-raising organisation concerned would reserve the right to seek all remedies available at law.

77. Mr. Peter KWOK, Assistant District Officer (Sai Kung)1, Sai Kung District Office (SKDO), said that as responded at the last meeting, SKDO had not received the application for the event from Sheung Shun House. Regarding the Member’s allegation, he said that it should be transferred to the law enforcement departments for following up if the parties concerned considered it is necessary.

78. Ms. Decem LAM, Senior Liaison Officer (2) of SKDO reiterated that SKDO had only received the application from Sheung Ming House for organising Yu Lan Ghost Festival.

79. The Chairman said that the disputes of individuals or organisations could not be resolved under the purview of HEHC. The parties concerned might seek a solution by legal means subject to circumstances.

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

(B) 2 Motions Presented by Members (Public Housing and related matters)

**(1) Request the Housing Department to enhance the routine inspection and maintenance of the windows of the flats in public housing estates, and to bear the legal liability for the falling of dilapidated windows
(SKDC(HEHC) Paper Nos. 156/17 and 166/17)**

81. The Chairman welcomed Ms. PANG Shuk-ming, Maintenance Surveyor/Statutory Compliance 3 of HD, to the meeting.

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

83. Members noted the reply from HD.

84. Mr. Wallace LAU of HD said that all along, HD had attached importance to and was concerned about the safety of interior installation, including the maintenance of windows. As early as 2006, HD had conducted comprehensive inspections on the interior installation of the flats of residents through the Total Maintenance Scheme, and carried out repair works as necessary. Since 2010, HD had introduced the scheme in Tseung Kwan O, and most of the housing estates (including windows) had been inspected and repaired. Regarding the liability for falling windows, it was difficult to generalise all cases, the liability should be determined according to the circumstances of each case. In this regard, HD frequently posted notices and distributed pamphlets to residents to remind them of the importance of ensuring the safety of interior installation as well as to inspect windows regularly. If any damage was found, residents must immediately notify the management office and carry out repair as appropriate.

85. There being no amendments or objections from Members, the Chairman declared that the motion was endorsed.

**(2) Objection to the Chief Executive's putting a cap on the number of public housing units
(SKDC(HEHC) Paper Nos. 157/17 and 167/17)**

86. The Chairman said that the motion was moved by Mr. LEUNG Li and seconded by Mr. Gary FAN, Mr. CHUNG Kam-lun, Mr. LAI Ming-chak, Mr. LUI Man-kwong and Mr. Frankie LAM.

87. Members noted the reply from HD.

88. There being no amendments or objections from Members, the Chairman declared that the motion was endorsed.

V. Other Matters

(A) Matters Arising (Other matters)

(1) 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 117 to 119 of the minutes of last meeting)
(SKDC(HEHC) Paper No. 158/17)**

89. Members noted the reply from the Joint Offices.

90. The views and enquiries of Members were consolidated as follows:

- Members considered that it was necessary to retain this item. As stated in the reply, the Joint Offices would complete the feasibility study of adopting an advanced testing method by the end of 2017, it was hoped that the Joint Offices could report the specific progress and results of the study by then;
- Members enquired about the procedure of FEHD for handling complaints on water seepage, for example, the testing schedule of the staff of the Joint Offices after completion of the restoration works of the flat above;
- Members considered that the Joint Offices should review the workflow and enhance the communication with residents, which included providing a “grace period” to the owners who had completed restoration works with cooperative attitude, so as to enable them to continue to follow up the issue. The Joint Offices should not initiate prosecution immediately because the repair works failed to solve the problem properly within the time limit.

91. Ms. MAR Suk-fong of FEHD said that in handling general water seepage problems, the staff of the Joint Offices needed to identify the causes of water seepage, including whether drainage pipes were damaged or whether there were building structural problems (such as cracks in floor slabs) that caused water seepage. Accordingly, FEHD and the Buildings Department were jointly responsible for handling the water seepage problems. If the test of the department concerned confirmed that water seepage was caused by the flat above which gave rise to environmental hygiene

nuisance, the Joint Offices would issue a “Nuisance Notice” to request the tenant or owner of the flat above to complete the required repair works within a specific time limit for the abatement of the nuisances. After the specific time limit, the staff would see whether the repair works had been completed and carry out tests to check whether the works had effectively solved the nuisance problem from water seepage. If necessary, the Joint Offices would consider initiating prosecution against the flat owner, so that the legal liability would be borne by the flat owner. For the individual cases mentioned by Members, the staff of the Joint Offices would contact the Members concerned for follow up after the meeting.

92. The views of Members were as follows:

- The Joint Offices should improve the mechanism to allow the owners that had completed the first restoration works to be notified as early as possible whether the works could successfully solve the problem of water seepage. If the problem persisted, the Joint Offices should grant a grace period for the owners to carry out the restoration works again, rather than initiating prosecution against the owners immediately;
- The Joint Offices should maintain close communication with residents;
- A Member considered that a balance should be struck between issuing a notice and granting a grace period. The reason being that it was difficult to identify the source of water seepage and the investigation process would be very long, by the time the Nuisance Notice was issued, the residents affected had been subject to persistent nuisance;
- Members pointed out that a water seepage case lasted for more than four years, and the problem had not yet been solved. It was hoped that the Joint Offices would actively handle the case.

93. Ms. MAR Suk-fong of FEHD said that even though the owner of the flat above had carried out repair works, if the nuisance from water seepage could not be effectively eliminated, the owner was still required to assume legal liability. It was difficult for the staff of the Joint Offices to determine whether the owners had addressed the problem with a positive attitude, or whether the contractor engaged had failed to effectively solve the problem, which should be dealt with by the court. Regarding the lack of communication between the staff of the Joint Offices and the residents, the Joint Offices would first ascertain details of individual cases and then conduct review.

94. The Chairman announced that this item be retained, and asked the Secretariat to send the minutes of this meeting to the Joint Offices for them to respond to Members’ comments.

(B) 1 Motion Presented by Members (Other matters)

- (1) Request the Link REIT to make improvement to the refurbishment works of the Choi Ming Shopping Centre in Tseung Kwan O, so as to minimise the impacts of the works on the daily lives of the residents. Request for the seamless transition of the service provided by the supermarket also.**

(SKDC(HEHC) Paper Nos. 159/17 and 168/17)

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

96. Members noted the reply from the Link Asset Management Limited and had no other comments.

97. There being no amendments or objections from Members, the Chairman declared that the motion was endorsed.

VI. Any Other Business

- (A) Time-table of Sai Kung District Council and Committee Meetings for 2018
(SKDC(HEHC) Paper No. 160/17)**

98. Members noted the timetable of the meetings of HEHC for 2018.

VII. Date of Next Meeting

99. The Chairman said that the first meeting of 2018 was scheduled for Thursday, 11 January 2018 at 9:30 a.m. The meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

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