

Sai Kung District Council
Housing & Environmental Hygiene Committee
Minutes of the First Meeting in 2018

Date: 11 January 2018 (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.	11:45 a.m.
Mr. KAN Siu-kei (Vice Chairman)	9:30 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
Mr. AU Ning-fat, Alfred, MH	9:30 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
Mr. CHAN Kai-wai	9:30 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
Mr. CHAN Pok-chi, Jonathan	9:30 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
Mr. CHAU Yin-ming, Francis, BBS, MH	9:30 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
Mr. CHEUNG Mei-hung	9:30 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
Mr. CHONG Yuen-tung	9:30 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
Mr. CHUNG Kam-lun	9:46 a.m.	11:10 a.m.
Ms. FONG Kwok-shan, Christine	9:40 a.m.	10:36 a.m.
Mr. HIEW Moo-siew	9:30 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
Mr. LAI Ming-chak	9:45 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
Mr. LAM Siu-chung, Frankie	9:30 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
Mr. LAU Wai-cheung, Peter, MH	9:35 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
Mr. LEUNG Li	9:30 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
Mr. LI Ka-leung, Philip	9:30 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
Mr. LUI Man-kwong	9:30 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
Mr. LUK Ping-choi	9:41 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
Mr. SING Hon-keung, BBS, MH	9:30 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
Mr. TAM Lanny, Stanley, MH	9:42 a.m.	10:10 a.m.
Mr. TSE Ching-fung	9:41 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
Mr. WAN Kai-ming	9:30 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
Mr. WAN Yuet-cheung, BBS, MH, JP	9:30 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
Mr. YAU Yuk-lun	9:30 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
Mr. CHAN Yiu-wing, Yorick (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council)1, Sai Kung District Office	

In Attendance

Mr. CHIU Yin-wa, David, JP	District Officer (Sai Kung), Sai Kung District Office	
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	
Miss LAU Sze-nga, Vivicia	Liaison Officer i/c (Youth Development/Tseung Kwan O (Central)), Sai Kung District Office	
Mr. LUI Tat-wan, Mike	Property Service Manager/Service (Kowloon West & Sai Kung) 5, 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	
Mr. FUNG Ka-wai	Senior Engineer/Project Management 4, Drainage Services Department	} For agenda item II
Mr. CHEN Ka-yin	Engineer/Project Management 12, Drainage Services Department	
Mr. LAU Wai, Tony	Deputy Project Manager, Black & Veatch Hong Kong Limited	
Mr. LUK Yick-chun, Louis	Project Engineer, Black & Veatch Hong Kong Limited	} For agenda item III
Mr. CHUI Ka-leung, James	Senior Staff Officer (Service Administration), Customs and Excise Department	
Mr. LEE Chi-ming, Simon	Staff Officer (Staff Relations), Customs and Excise Department	
Mr. WONG Chi-chung, Wilson	Senior Inspector (Quarters), Customs and Excise Department	
Mr. WONG Chi-lok	Senior Project Manager 231, Architectural Services Department	
Mr. WONG Lap-pong	Senior Engineer/Sewerage Projects 1, Drainage Services Department	
Mr. CHOW Ka-chun	Engineer/Sewerage Projects 11, Drainage Services Department	

Absent

Mr. FAN Kwok-wai, Gary
Mr. HO Man-kit, Raymond

Welcome Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all Members and attendees to the meeting, in particular Mr. David CHIU, District Officer (Sai Kung) who attended the meeting for the first time, and Mr. Mike LUI, Property Service Manager/Service (Kowloon West & Sai Kung) 5, Housing Department (HD) who attended the meeting on behalf of Mr. LAU Ching-kwong, Wallace, Senior Property Service Manager (Kowloon West and Sai Kung), HD.

2. The Chairman said Mr. Raymond HO had submitted the Notification of Absence from Meeting before the meeting as required, he was absent because of another commitment. In addition, Mr. Gary FAN had notified the Secretariat verbally about his absence before the meeting. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the applications for absence from meeting were approved in accordance with Order 51(1) of the Sai Kung District Council Standing Orders (SKDC Standing Orders).

I. Confirmation of Minutes of the Sixth Meeting of Housing & Environmental Hygiene Committee (HEHC) in 2017

3. The Chairman said the Secretariat had not received any proposed amendment before the meeting. As no other amendment was proposed, the Chairman declared that the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

II. Condition Survey and Rehabilitation of Underground Sewers and Stormwater Drains - Stage 1 (SKDC(HEHC) Paper No. 1/18)

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

- Mr. FUNG Ka-wai, Senior Engineer/Project Management 4, Drainage Services Department (DSD)
- Mr. CHEN Ka-yin, Engineer/Project Management 12, DSD
- Mr. Tony LAU, Deputy Project Manager, Black & Veatch Hong Kong Limited
- Mr. Louis LUK, Project Engineer, Black & Veatch Hong Kong Limited

5. Mr. CHEN Ka-yin of DSD and Mr. Tony LAU of Black & Veatch Hong Kong Limited (the consultant) introduced the works and the paper based on the Presentation Slides played.

6. The views of Members were consolidated as follows:

- Members supported the captioned project;
- Members were aware that the stormwater drains at Hiram's Highway and Tai Mong Tsai Road were damaged and blocked, and asked whether the sewers at the said locations would be included in Stage 2 of the rehabilitation;
- Members hoped that DSD could follow up the problems of frequent flooding and sewer blockage at low-lying areas such as Pak Shek Wo Tsuen and Pak Shek Wo San Tsuen and Tai Po Tsai (Kowloon bound) close to the electricity substation and the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology;
- Members were concerned about the traffic impact of the closure of Wan Po Road, Po Shun Road and Sheung Ning Road caused by the works, and hoped that there would be adequate communication with stakeholders before works commencement. Furthermore, Members hoped that DSD could pay attention to whether the underground sewers in Hang Hau and Tseung Kwan O needed rehabilitation because of the unusual ground settlement in the past;
- Members requested setting up a 24-hour hotline during the works period for DSD to address the issues and views raised by the public as soon as possible;
- Members were concerned about the works at Wan Po Road and hoped that DSD had good communication with the estates and the District Council (DC) Members of the respective constituencies;
- Members hoped that DSD could provide the proposed works schedule for each road section and inform the residents nearby of the arrangements as early as possible.

7. Mr. CHEN Ka-yin of DSD responded as follows:

- DSD had all along been handling flooding or sewer blockage at individual locations. The department and the Highways Department, particularly before the typhoon season, would pay attention to the locations mentioned by Members above and clear the drains and gullies;
- DSD would inspect the conditions of high-risk pipes through this pipe condition survey. DSD would arrange rehabilitation works for pipes with damage newly detected or those already reported to be damaged. It was believed that the drainage or blockage problems of pipes would be alleviated after works completion;
- As trenchless rehabilitation technologies would be employed for the works instead of open cut excavation, it was expected that no ground settlement

would be caused by the works.

8. Mr. Tony LAU of the consultant responded as follows:

- The works schedule for each section of pipes would be subject to individual circumstances with considerable flexibility. Before works commencement, the consultant would consult and submit the proposal of temporary traffic arrangement to the Road Management Office of the Police and the Transport Department for approval, listen to the views of stakeholders and maintain close communication with Members of the respective constituencies to work out suitable works schedule;
- The captioned works were expected to commence at the end of this year. The consultant would come up with the works details and arrangements with the contractor after works contract commencement;
- After works commencement, a 24-hour service hotline would be provided with a view to addressing relevant complaints or issues immediately, and to allow the public to obtain works information as early as possible.

9. The further views expressed by Members were consolidated as follows:

- If the captioned works were carried out at Yuk Nga Lane at late night, residents and traffic would be affected, which required attention;
- Tong Tak Street was located between schools and hotels, if the road section was included into the works area, DSD must carefully consider the works schedule;
- Members asked whether the works would be carried out on weekdays or holidays, and hoped that when arranging the works schedule for Man Kuk Lane, DSD could take note of the situation that there were schools nearby and many large coaches would drive past the location;
- Members hoped that DSD could pay attention to and follow up on the sewer problems at the following locations: Pak Kong Tsuen, the areas in the vicinity of Sai Kung Town (near Sha Ha and Sha Kok Mei), Pak Wai in Sai Kung (the section of Hiram's Highway outside the elderly centre) and Po Lam Estate near Po Lam Road North;
- Members suggested the consultant contact the responsible parties of the estates (including Kin Ming Estate), schools and construction sites nearby before carrying out the works at Chui Ling Road, with a view to arranging a suitable works schedule and minimise the impact on the parties concerned.

10. Mr. FUNG Ka-wai of DSD responded as follows:

- DSD noted Members' concerns over the impact of the works on the environment, nearby traffic and the stakeholders;
- He reiterated that trenchless rehabilitation technologies would be employed for the works and open cut excavation was not required in principle. During the works, the manhole covers at the two ends of the pipes would be opened to set up closed-circuit television or sonar equipment for condition survey, or to insert a liner from the manhole to rehabilitate the pipe after the curing process;
- The works might require road enclosure and implementation of temporary traffic arrangement, but it would only take two days to complete the works normally, and the date and time of the commencement for the works could be adjusted with flexibility;
- After the funding for the works was endorsed and the tendering process was completed, DSD could require the appointed contractor to communicate with Members of the respective constituencies and the affected organisations or parties, such as schools, on the works arrangement of the relevant locations, so as to coordinate the suitable date and time for the works;
- DSD would contact the respective Members after the meeting to follow up on the issues and works details of the individual locations raised by them.

11. The Chairman asked DSD to follow up with the relevant Members in respect of the problems of the respective locations, and concluded that HEHC supported in principle the captioned works and urged the early submission of the relevant funding application.

III. Construction of Departmental Quarters for Customs and Excise Department at Tseung Kwan O Area 123 Po Lam Road (SKDC(HEHC) Paper No. 2/18)

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

- Mr. James CHUI, Senior Staff Officer (Service Administration), Customs and Excise Department (C&ED)
- Mr. Simon LEE, Staff Officer (Staff Relations), C&ED
- Mr. Wilson WONG, Senior Inspector (Quarters), C&ED
- Mr. WONG Chi-lok, Senior Project Manager 231, Architectural Services Department (ASD)
- Mr. WONG Lap-pong, Senior Engineer/Sewerage Projects 1, DSD

- Mr. CHOW Ka-chun, Engineer/Sewerage Projects 11, DSD

13. Mr. James CHUI of C&ED introduced the paper based on the Presentation Slides played.

14. The views of Members were consolidated as follows:

- Members agreed to and supported the captioned construction project;
- Members appreciated the efforts of C&ED in meeting and communicating with the villagers and the village representatives of Mau Wu Tsai Village actively. After rounds of meetings and site inspections, villagers understood the need of C&ED for constructing staff quarters, and so they agreed to the captioned project and hoped that the environment there could be improved in the future. However, they were worried about the potential problem of illegal parking;
- Members expressed their understanding of the need of C&ED for constructing staff quarters, but they were concerned that after the completion of staff quarters, only 35 parking spaces for private cars were provided, which could not meet the need of C&ED staff. Coupled with the shortage of parking spaces in the vicinity, it might give rise to illegal parking or traffic accidents in nearby areas. Members hoped that the Police would increase the frequency of patrol at the relevant illegal parking blackspots after the completion of staff quarters to minimise the impact on the residents nearby;
- Members recognised the urgency and necessity of constructing C&ED staff quarters. Although it was not technically feasible to further increase parking spaces in the quarters, Member hoped that the Government would study the provision of parking spaces in nearby locations;
- In the long run, Members hoped that C&ED could reflect to the relevant policy bureaux the shortage of parking spaces provided in the disciplined services quarters, and seek policy support to relax the plot ratio of the above site. Members also suggested providing public parking spaces at locations with lower security risks to cater for the needs of the residents nearby and for sharing by C&ED's staff;
- Members suggested the department to study adopting the double-deck car parking system to increase the parking capacity without the concern of plot ratio;
- Members hoped that C&ED could provide shuttle bus service to carry its staff, in particular during non-peak hours, which could solve the illegal parking problem that might arise in the future while providing transportation

convenience to staff;

- Members hoped that after C&ED obtained funding for the captioned project, it could repair the roads in the vicinity, including Po Lam Road South and Po Lam Road North, and assisted in widening the traffic lane at Po Lam Road South to benefit the residents nearby;
- Members enquired whether the sewage discharge facilities at Mau Wu Tsai Village could be connected to the proposed public sewer.

15. Mr. James CHUI of C&ED responded as follows:

- When planning the captioned project, C&ED had conducted extensive consultation with relevant stake holders e.g. DC Members, villagers and residents, and had made planning improvements in response to the views collected, including changing the number of proposed buildings from three blocks to two blocks in view of the visual impact on the surrounding; separating the entrance of C&ED quarters from the entrance of Mau Wu Tsai Village taking into account the traffic loading of Po Lam South Road; setting up a refuse collection point in C&ED quarters to minimise its impact on the environmental hygiene of surrounding areas; maintaining close liaison with the project contractor during the construction of the quarters, in particular paying attention to the village houses and existing buildings nearby during the construction of piled foundation in the hope that the impact on the nearby areas could be minimised;
- Regarding illegal parking, the department put forward the following improvement measures: C&ED had studied the issue with ASD and suggested painting double-yellow lines along the majority of Po Lam Road South so that when illegal parking was found on the road section, the Police could take immediate enforcement action; a pavement with railings would be constructed on Po Lam Road South to protect the safety of road users and prevent illegal parking on the pavement; as a disciplined service, C&ED would never allow illegal parking by its staff, and would regularly organise briefings for the staff who would move into the quarters to explain the rules and regulations for living in the quarters, as well as the public expectations on them, etc.; C&ED would also provide a direct channel for local residents to report suspected cases of illegal parking by its staff;
- C&ED hoped that the measures above could alleviate or address the concerns so that C&ED staff could have a better living environment while maintaining a harmonious relationship with local residents.

16. The Chairman concluded that HEHC supported in principle the construction of quarters and urged the submission of funding application by C&ED as early as possible, but was very much concerned over the impact of the works on road safety and the illegal parking problem that might arise due to the shortage of ancillary traffic facilities and parking spaces, and hoped C&ED would take account of the above issues during the construction.

**IV. Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Anti-rodent Campaign 2018
(Phase I) in Sai Kung District
(SKDC(HEHC) Paper No. 3/18)**

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

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

- After a series of joint operations, the rodent problem at Sheung Tak Estate had been slightly alleviated, but rodents were still observed in the estate and Sheung Tak Market. Members hoped that FEHD, HD and the management company could monitor and cooperate with each other to alleviate the problem;
- Members enquired about the follow-up action against the rodent problem at Verbena Heights and the subway to Serenity Place;
- Members found that rodents appeared in the channels of On Lam House in Tsui Lam Estate, and requested FEHD to reflect the issue to the owners' corporation of the housing estate;
- Rodents were seen at the cycling track and pavement outside the Hong Kong Velodrome, Members requested FEHD to step up anti-rodent operation there.

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

- FEHD would remind the staff to pay attention to the rodent problems at Sheung Tak Estate (in particular Sheung Tak Market) and outside the Hong Kong Velodrome;
- FEHD staff conducted site inspections at Tsui Lam Estate and Verbena Heights with the relevant estate management staff in December last year and on 2 January this year respectively, and found that there were fewer traces of rodents, and plants were cultivated in the planter again. It was believed

that the rodent problems at the said locations had improved and the department would continue to deploy staff to follow up.

V. Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Anti-mosquito Campaign 2018 (Phase I) in Sai Kung District (SKDC(HEHC) Paper No. 4/18)

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

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

- Members asked why the ovitrap index in Tseung Kwan O North from June to September last year was much higher than that of the other districts and asked for solutions;
- Members asked FEHD to properly monitor the work of the cleansing contractor to prevent cleaners from sweeping the leaves or rubbish to the roadside sewers for convenience, so as to avoid blockage of sewers and mosquito problem;
- Members hoped that FEHD and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department could strengthen communication and follow up the condition of sewers and mosquito problem inside Po Hong Park;
- Members hoped that FEHD could step up anti-mosquito operation at the pedestrian subway from Tong Ming Court to Sheung Tak Estate;
- Members asked the District Lands Office, Sai Kung (DLO/SK) about the frequency of anti-mosquito operation on idle government land, and said the residents of Park Central were disturbed by the mosquito problem arising from the idle government land at Tseung Kwan O Area 68;
- Members found that there were many mosquitos and flies in the vicinity of LOHAS Park Station Exit A (near Lohas Park Road) and hoped that FEHD or MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) could take follow-up action.

22. The Chairman asked FEHD to note the views of Members and take follow-up action.

23. Mr. LI Man-yim, Administrative Assistant/Lands (Acting), DLO/SK said the department had an established timetable for addressing the mosquito problem on fenced government land, and would remind the contractors to strictly implement the timetable.

24. The Chairman asked Members to contact DLO/SK to follow up on the issue after the meeting.

VI. Review on the working groups established under HEHC and re-election of conveners

(SKDC(HEHC) Paper No. 5/18)

25. The Chairman said there were currently two working groups under HEHC, namely the Community Involvement in Environmental Protection Working Group and the Working Group on “Green Stall” at the Hong Kong Flower Show 2018. Both of them were non-standing working groups.

26. The Secretariat had received applications from Mr. YAU Yuk-lun and Mr. Peter LAU before the meeting for joining the Community Involvement in Environmental Protection Working Group.

27. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the two Working Groups would continue to be established, and the terms of reference, updated membership lists and nature of the Working Groups as set out in the paper were endorsed. The tenure of the Community Involvement in Environmental Protection Working Group would last for 8 months starting from today.

28. At its last meeting, the Working Group on “Green Stall” at the Hong Kong Flower Show 2018 had decided to put forward to HEHC the suggestion that the Working Group should be dissolved after the completion of the Hong Kong Flower Show 2018. Members endorsed the suggestion. The Chairman declared that the tenure of the Working Group would start from today until the end of the flower show.

29. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that Members should raise their hands on the spot for making nominations for the candidates of Conveners of the Working Groups. The candidates for Conveners should be nominated by one Member and seconded by another Member, and then elected through voting by a show of hands.

30. The Chairman asked Members to make nomination for the Convener of the Community Involvement in Environmental Protection Working Group. The Chairman said Mr. Raymond HO was the Convener of the Working Group for the previous term, but he could not attend this meeting due to another commitment. Although the SKDC Standing Orders did not specify whether a Member who was unable to attend a

Committee meeting could be elected as the Convener of a Working Group, as in established practice, a non-attending Member could not be elected as the Convener. The Chairman asked Members to express their views on the arrangement.

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

- Members asked whether the candidates for the Convener could be decided at the next meeting;
- Members asked the Secretariat whether there was relevant provision in the SKDC Standing Orders;
- Members suggested adopting the established practice if there was no relevant rule in the SKDC Standing Orders;
- According to the established practice of SKDC, non-attending Members could not be elected. Members were worried that there would be a loss of coherence if the practice was changed;
- Members asked if any other Member was interested in running for the election.

32. Miss Moira LAU, Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Sai Kung District Office (SKDO) said the SKDC Standing Orders did not set out whether a Member must be present to be nominated as the Convener during the election.

33. The Chairman suggested and Members agreed to adopt the established practice. As Mr. Gary FAN and Mr. Raymond HO were absent from this meeting, they would not be nominated or accepted as a Convener.

34. The Chairman announced the election of the Convener of the Community Involvement in Environmental Protection Working Group and asked Members to make nominations.

35. Mr. KAN Siu-kei nominated Mr. YAU Yuk-lun as the Convener of the Working Group and the nomination was seconded by Mr. Philip LI.

36. Mr. YAU Yuk-lun accepted the nomination.

37. There being no other nomination and objection from Members, the Chairman declared that Mr. YAU Yuk-lun was elected uncontested as the Convener of the Community Involvement in Environmental Protection Working Group.

38. The Chairman announced the election of the Convener of the Working Group on “Green Stall” at the Hong Kong Flower Show 2018 and asked Members to make nominations.

39. Mr. Francis CHAU nominated Mr. WAN Kai-ming as the Convener of the Working Group and the nomination was seconded by Mr. CHONG Yuen-tung and Mr. CHAN Kai-wai.

40. Mr. WAN Kai-ming accepted the nomination.

41. There being no other nomination and objection from Members, the Chairman declared that Mr. WAN Kai-ming was elected uncontested as the Convener of the Working Group on “Green Stall” at the Hong Kong Flower Show 2018.

VII. Environmental, Hygiene and related matters

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

(1) FEHD Sai Kung District 2018 Year-end Clean-up (Paragraphs 4 to 7 of the minutes of last meeting)

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

(2) Working Groups under the HEHC (Paragraphs 17 to 23 of the minutes of last meeting) (SKDC(HEHC) Paper No. 6/18)

43. Members noted the Work Report and funding application of the Working Group on “Green Stall” at the Hong Kong Flower Show 2018 (“the Working Group”).

44. Mr. WAN Kai-ming, the Convener of the Working Group, briefly introduced the contents of the Work Report.

45. There being no other comment from Members, the Chairman declared that the Work Report was endorsed and a funding application would be submitted to the Finance & Administration Committee.

(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 24 to 28 of the minutes of last meeting)

46. A Member said the request for installing noise barriers was reflected to the Secretary for the Environment (SEN). In addition, he requested the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) to follow up the noise barrier installation works already included into the Public Works Programme as soon as possible to tackle the nuisance caused by traffic noise from Tseung Kwan O Tunnel Road.

47. Mr. Geli MA, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East)⁴ (Acting), EPD said SEN had authorised the relevant EPD colleagues to follow up and reply to the Member's letter.

48. The Chairman asked EPD to continue to follow up the issue.

(4) Issues related to the operation of Temporary Fill Bank at Tseung Kwan O Area 137 and the South East New Territories Landfill (Paragraphs 29 to 34 of the minutes of last meeting) (SKDC(HEHC) Paper Nos. 7/18, 8/18 and 9/18)

49. Members noted the report on the operation of Landfill and the report of the operation of Temporary Fill Bank submitted by EPD and the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) respectively, and the reply from CEDD.

50. A Member considered that the font size of the complaint hotline shown on the banner at Wan Po Road was too small, and hoped EPD and CEDD could make improvement.

51. Mr. Geli MA of EPD said EPD would follow up on the views of Members to examine whether a larger font size could be used for the information on the complaint hotline shown on the banner.

52. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to reflect the views of Members to CEDD as well.

(5) Statistics on Environmental Hygiene Service and Itinerant Hawkers in Sai Kung District
(Paragraphs 35 to 38 of the minutes of last meeting)
(SKDC(HEHC) Nos. 10/18 and 11/18)

53. 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 November to December 2017 submitted by FEHD.

54. There was no other comment from Members.

(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 39 to 44 of the minutes of last meeting)

55. A Member had received a resident's complaint that the waste recycling yards were still operating at 3 a.m. on 9 January. The case had been reported to the Police. He wished to know whether DLO/SK had the relevant record. In addition, he had earlier received the reply from the Complaints Division of the Legislative Council which mentioned that the removal date of the waste recycling yards was expected to be March, and hoped that DLO/SK could confirm the removal date.

56. Mr. LI Man-yim of DLO/SK said regarding the operation of the waste recycling yards in the early hours, he would look into this matter after the meeting and reply later. DLO/SK had mentioned to the tenant of the waste recycling yards that the short-term tenancy would be terminated in late March to tie in with the land sale programme, but for the specific date of removal, the department had to further discuss with the government departments concerned and the tenant.

(7) 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
(Paragraphs 51 to 55 of the minutes of last meeting)

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

**(8) Request for maintaining the environmental hygiene of the areas in the vicinity of Nos. 1 – 3 Shek Kok Road
(Paragraphs 56 to 59 of the minutes of last meeting)**

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

**(9) Concern about the problem of wild animals tipping over litter bins, and request for replacing the existing litter bins with new step-open bins
(Paragraphs 60 to 63 of the minutes of last meeting)**

59. A Member thanked FEHD for sprinkling chloride of lime at locations in Sai Kung countryside with rubbish bins so that wild pigs would forage for food at those locations less frequently, and hoped that this approach could help partly address the problem.

60. 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 the Government to promptly refurbish the public toilets at the transport interchange at Metro Town, Tiu Keng Leng for ensuring public safety and maintaining environmental hygiene
(SKDC(HEHC) Paper Nos. 12/18 and 20/18)**

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

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

**(2) Urge for following up on the management and environmental hygiene issues of the hillside at the back of the Beaumont
(SKDC(HEHC) Paper Nos. 13/18, 21/18 and 22/18)**

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

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

**(3) Request to solve the problem of pigeons congregating within the MTR area off the TKO Gateway, Hang Hau
(SKDC(HEHC) Paper Nos. 14/18 and 23/18)**

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

66. Members noted the reply from FEHD.

67. The views of Members were consolidated as follows:

- In addition to the air outlet at MTR Hang Hau Station Exit A, the captioned problem was even more serious at the emergency exit, not only birds were congregating, some bird carcasses were even found last week, although fortunately no avian influenza virus was found in the samples of bird carcasses. However, as the bird carcass found on To Lok Road earlier was detected with avian influenza virus, Members were very concerned about the potential problem of the transmission of avian influenza by birds;
- As birds were frequently fed by residents, they were no longer afraid of humans and would misunderstand that the residents wanted to feed them when they raised their hands. Bird attacks were caused as a result;
- Members hoped that various departments could work together to solve the captioned problem: FEHD could step up the cleaning of bird droppings; MTRCL could provide coordination and make improvement within the areas under its purview; the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) could make recommendations on the design and ancillary facilities of buildings;
- Members considered that the redevelopment projects in Kwun Tong and public feeding of pigeons were some of the reasons causing the captioned problem. Although the issuance of fixed penalty ticket by FEHD to members of the public who fed birds and fouled public places had achieved certain deterrent effect, Members considered that public education was more important. Furthermore, the congregation of a large number of birds at Chung Ming Court and On Ning Garden had caused nuisance to the residents, Members asked how other districts handled the problem.

68. The Chairman said he had reflected the severity of the problem to the Secretary for Food and Health, and noted that the same problem also existed in other districts.

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

- FEHD was concerned about the problem;
- AFCD had once replied that it would regularly collect samples from birds for testing of avian influenza virus;
- The effect of issuing fixed penalty tickets was limited. To solve the problem at root, it was necessary for Members, MTRCL and AFCD to exchange views and work out the feasible proposals, and implement improvement measures such as understanding the living habits of pigeons through AFCD and discussing the measures that could be taken by MTRCL, etc.

70. A Member said apart from the warning banners displayed and the cleaning work carried out by the Government, the residents of Residence Oasis also formed a street patrol team out of their own initiative. If members of the public were found feeding birds, the team would give them immediate advice. He suggested preparing a duty roster with Members of the respective constituencies for joint monitoring and handling of the problem. Furthermore, he hoped that the Chairman could discuss with AFCD about the facilities that could prevent birds from excessive congregation on the premise that their habitation would not be affected.

71. There being no amendment or objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the motion was endorsed, and asked FEHD, AFCD and MTRCL to continue to follow up on the issue.

VIII. 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 64 to 66 of the minutes of last meeting)
(SKDC(HEHC) Paper No. 15/18)**

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

73. A Member said according to the escalator suspension record, all service suspensions involved human factors. He believed that the suspension might be caused by the accidental falling off of elderly persons from the escalator, or that residents had used the escalator for moving large luggage or objects. Although the management office had placed posters to remind elderly people to be careful, he considered that the publicity efforts were not sufficient and suggested arranging caretakers on site to instruct people carrying heavy luggage to use the elevator nearby. Moreover, he also commended the proper arrangement made for the large-scale maintenance of the escalators connecting Choi Ming Shopping Centre and the public transport interchange. He suggested that the same arrangement could be adopted when large-scale maintenance of other escalators were required in the future, and hoped that meetings could be held with the management company and the contractor for discussion of the details before commencement of the maintenance works.

74. Mr. Mike LUI of HD said the department would follow up on the views of Members regarding the safe use of escalators, and make reference to the established practice by putting in place similar arrangement when conducting large-scale maintenance of escalators in the future.

75. The Chairman asked HD to continue to follow up on the issue.

**(2) Request to install digital monitoring system (“sky eye”) at Shin Ming Estate, Sheung Tak Estate and Kin Ming Estate
(Paragraphs 67 to 70 of the minutes of last meeting)
(SKDC(HEHC) Paper No. 16/18)**

76. Members noted the Situation Report on Objects Dropped from Height in Housing Estates in Tseung Kwan O submitted by HD.

77. The views of Members were consolidated as follows:

- Members considered that HD’s practice of moving the closed-circuit television (CCTV) installed in Sheung Tak Estate from one blackspot of throwing objects from height to another blackspot could not solve the problem in the long run. Members suggested that HD should increase resources to install CCTV in each blackspot of throwing objects from height;
- A Member hoped that severe punishment would be imposed on the residents who threw objects from height, in particular the offenders with previous records, and that the Marking Scheme for Estate Management Enforcement

in Public Housing Estates (the Marking Scheme) could be strictly implemented. In addition, he suggested HD to post notices in housing estates to announce the number of tenants whose marks were deducted under the Marking Scheme and the respective offences to achieve deterrent effect, having regard to the protection of privacy;

- Regarding the case of a dog being thrown from height at Shin Ming Estate earlier, Members hoped to know the follow-up of HD and asked HD whether it would consider increasing resources to install CCTV at the blackspot;
- Two cases of objects being thrown from height had occurred at the same location in Kin Ming Estate. Members said the situation was serious and hoped to know whether HD would increase the number of CCTVs to monitor and prosecute the units that threw objects from height;
- The Special Operation Team against Throwing Objects from Height had visited Kin Ming Estate for inspection several times but in vain. Members hoped that HD could put in place measures or make suitable arrangement for the Special Operation Team to enhance the effectiveness of enforcement action.

78. Mr. Mike LUI of HD responded as follows:

- HD was very concerned about the recent situation of objects being thrown from height in Kin Ming Estate, in particular the two cases that occurred at the same location in December last year. Although CCTV had been installed at the location before the incidents, the video records on that day failed to assist in identifying the flat involved. In this regard, HD had requested the Special Operation Team to step up patrols at the blackspot in January this year on an irregular basis. HD would also actively consider installing CCTVs at the blackspots of throwing objects from height in Sheung Tak Estate;
- HD had earlier confirmed that one household had committed a misdeed by throwing objects from height. The tenant had been allotted penalty points under the Marking Scheme;
- Regarding the case of a dog being thrown from height, he considered that it was an individual case and did not mean that the location was a blackspot of throwing objects from height. There was already one CCTV in Shin Ming Estate for monitoring the situation within the housing estate;
- The Special Operation Team would exchange views with the estate managers during every inspection at the housing estates, and would go to the blackspots of throwing objects from height for monitoring.

79. The Chairman asked HD to continue to follow up on the issue.

(3) Situation Report on Itinerant Hawkers

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

(Paragraphs 71 to 73 of the minutes of last meeting)

(SKDC(HEHC) Paper No. 17/18)

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

81. A Member praised HD for taking swift follow-up action and providing electronic time recorder at the location congregated frequently by illegal hawkers in Sheung Tak Estate, but the measure could not effectively address the problem of illegal hawking. He was of the view that the frontline staff of the management company only visited the location for recording purpose but not taking any proactive action to drive them away. The illegal hawkers would leave temporarily and then return to the location to continue hawking. Although the paper showed that the frequency of patrol performed by the estate management company in Sheung Tak Estate was encouraging, illegal hawkers still appeared at the same time and place in Sheung Tak Estate every day. He hoped that HD could strengthen the monitoring of the estate management company.

82. Mr. Mike LUI of HD said the department would urge the management company to handle the problem of illegal hawking proactively as soon as possible. In addition, in response to the views raised by Members earlier, the department had particularly arranged security guards to inspect the blackspot at specified time the week before to prevent hawkers from hawking there. The department also requested the Mobile Operations Unit to perform duty at the same time and location to curb illegal hawking in Sheung Tak Estate.

83. The Chairman asked HD to continue to follow up on the issue.

(4) 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

(Paragraphs 81 to 85 of the minutes of last meeting)

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

- (5) Objection to the Chief Executive's putting a cap on the number of public housing units
(Paragraphs 86 to 88 of the minutes of last meeting)**

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

IX. 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 89 to 94 of the minutes of last meeting)

(SKDC(HEHC) Paper No. 18/18)

86. Members noted the reply from the Joint Office of Buildings Department and FEHD.

87. Members said water seepage in buildings usually involved problems related to water supply pipelines, and hoped that the Joint Office could also comprise the Water Supplies Department in addition to BD and FEHD in the future to speed up the handling and following up of the water seepage problem in buildings.

88. The Chairman said HEHC would reflect the views of Members to the departments in charge of the Joint Office. The Chairman suggested and Members agreed to delete this item.

- (2) 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
(Paragraphs 95 to 97 of the minutes of last meeting)**

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

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

- (1) Request to strengthen the monitoring of whether the Link REIT and owners of shopping centres have breached the land leases and consider buying back the Link REIT's properties with a district-based approach (SKDC(HEHC) Paper Nos. 19/18 and 24/18 to 27/18)**

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

91. Members noted the replies from DLO/SK, HD, FEHD and the Transport and Housing Bureau.

92. Ms. MAR Suk-fong of FEHD said regarding the bazaar policy, the Government would contact the relevant policy bureaux and departments on the use of the sites. FEHD would discuss with HD and then revise the relevant content of SKDC(HEHC) Paper No. 25/18.

【Post-meeting note of FEHD: FEHD considered that the “Food and Health Bureau (FHB) and Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD)” in paragraph 2 of SKDC(HEHC) Paper No. 25/18 should be changed to “the Government”.】

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

X. Any Other Business

94. No other business was raised.

XI. Date of Next Meeting

95. The Chairman said that the second meeting of 2018 was scheduled for Thursday, 15 March 2018 at 9:30 a.m. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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