

Summary of Discussions, Sai Kung District Council Meeting held on 1 April 2008

At the 4th meeting of Sai Kung District Council Meeting held on 1 April 2008, the summary of discussion are depicted at below:-

Director of Social Welfare Mr. Stephen Fisher, JP Meeting with SKDC

2. The Director of Social Welfare briefed members on the seven major programmes of the Social Welfare Department (SWD). Members exchanged views with the Director in respect of the following issues:

- (i) Neighbourhood support child care project and other childcare service in Tseung Kwan O;
- (ii) Tightening of arrangements for granting of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance payment to children living alone;
- (iii) Waiting time for admission into homes for the elderly run by government; and
- (iv) Resource problems faced by community organizations in providing community services.

Progress Report on Major Public Works in Sai Kung District (2008-09)

3. Project Manager of New Territories East Development Office and Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) representatives reported the progress of major works. District Council members were generally in favour of the progress and asked questions on individual works. The following works projects were discussed in more details during the meeting:

- (i) Sewerage collection system for Port Shelter area;
- (ii) Town Park and Sport Center at Area 45 of Tseung Kwan O
- (iii) Tseung Kwan O – Lam Tin Tunnel
- (iv) Dualling of Hiram's Highway between Clear Water Bay Road and Marina Cove
- (v) Footbridge linking Area 55 and Area 65 of Tseung Kwan O
- (vi) Elevated Walkway between Tong Ming Street and Tong Tak Street, Tseung Kwan O

Proposed Amendments to the Approved Tseung Kwan O Outline Zoning Plan (TKO OZP) No. S/TKO/15

4. Senior Town Planner/Tseung Kwan O of Planning Department introduced the proposed amendments to the approved TKO OZP No. S/TKO/15. Except items P and J of Appendix III, members endorsed the proposed amendments. The Committee would write to the Planning Department and the Town Planning Board to express their concerns about the aforesaid amendments. Besides, members expressed concern over the vacancy situation at Tseung Kwan O Industrial Estate and hoped the Government could take actions to effect better utilization rate.

Reprovisioning of Fire Services Department Fire Services Training School

5. Acting Chief Fire Officer of Fire Services Department said that the existing training school was built at Pat Heung in 1965. The training facilities were very outdated and the space for upgrading of facilities is unavailable. FSD was anxious to build a new training school. He introduced a plan of the new proposed training school at Tseung Kwan O. The proposal received general support from District Council members.

Motions initiated by District Council members

6. There were seven motions initiated by the District Council members:

- (i) Request for Early Provision of Temporary Leisure Facility or Development of Temporary Park at Vacant Land in Tseung Kan O

The above motion was referred to District Facilities Management Committee for discussion and follow-up actions.

- (ii) Opposition to “SENT Landfill Extension Plan”
- (iii) Strong Objection to Landfill Extension in Tseung Kwan O
- (iv) Request for full consultation on Landfill Extension in Tseung Kwan O to all Residential Buildings in Tseung Kwan O

After discussion of the aforesaid three motions, members endorsed the motion concerning of “South East New Territories (SENT) Landfill Extension Plan” with an amendment of the wordings to “Strong objection to SENT Landfill Extension Plan if the government was unable to solve issues that affected

people's livelihood such as malodor, traffic, environmental hygiene and to gain residents' support after a full consultation to all residential buildings in TKO". The District Council would write to the Legislative Council and the Environmental Protection Department to inform them the aforesaid motion.

- (v) Urging for Additional Provision of Acoustic Barrier with a view to Improving Noise Situation of Tseung Kwan O Tunnel

After discussion, the wordings of the motion were amended to "Urging for additional provision of acoustic barrier with a view to improving noise situation of Tseung Kwan O Tunnel". The proposal was referred to Highways Department for action.

- (vi) Urging the Government to Increase Resources to Public Hospitals in Tseung Kwan O
- (vii) Urging the Government to Encourage MTR to Introduce Monthly Ticket and Student Fare Concession for all MTR Lines

The District Council endorsed these two motions

Proposed Disbursement of District Council Funds 2008/09

7. District Council noted the proposed disbursement of District Council Funds for 2008/09.

Progress Reports

8. District Council noted the Progress Reports of the following Committees/Working Groups.

- (i) Progress Report of the Finance and Administration Committee
- (ii) Progress Report of the Traffic and Transport Committee
- (iii) Progress Report of the Social Services and Healthy and Safe City Committee
- (iv) Progress Report of the Housing and Environment Hygiene Committee
- (v) Progress Report of the District Facilities Management Committee
- (vi) Annual Report of Cleaning Hong Kong District Committee
- (vii) Annual Report of the Sai Kung District Fight Crime committee
- (viii) Progress Report of the Sai Kung District Fire Safety committee
- (ix) Departmental Annual Programmes for 2008/09
- (x) Progress Report of Motions Carried by Sai Kung District Council

(xi) Progress Report of the Working Group on Tourism

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