

Islands District Council
Tourism, Agriculture, Fisheries and Environmental Hygiene Committee
(TAFEHC)

Report of the TAFEHC Meeting held on 25 March 2013

Question on impacts of stray dogs on the environment

Members on the whole supported the “Trap, Neuter, Return” Trial Programme implemented by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) and proposed a mid-term assessment on its effectiveness. Members also proposed that the Trial Programme should be implemented at some other places than Tai Kwai Wan, as many local people objected to the Scheme. Members said that neutered stray dogs should be released at places far away from human settlements. Members also hoped that the SPCA would advise that feeding of dogs should be done at spots far away from human settlements.

Question on fresh water supply of Tai Long Wan Tsuen

2. Members requested the Water Supplies Department (WSD) to provide water supply for the areas of Tai Long Wan Tsuen. As there were not many residents living in the area and the cost of laying water pipes would be substantial, the WSD had reservation about the proposal. Members proposed that the issue be followed up by the working group set up by the Islands District Council.

Question on substantial amount of clinical waste floating at Sam Pak Wan Beach and nearby waters

3. A small amount of clinical waste was found at Sam Pak Wan Beach, such as syringes and plastic bags. However, no substantial amount of clinical waste was found in nearby waters. Member proposed that green groups be invited to join the inter-departmental working group on coastal cleaning.

Question on air quality of Discovery Bay

4. The representative of Hong Kong Disneyland Resort (Disneyland) reported on the environmental impact assessment and monitoring results of fireworks display. Members opined that the standard used by Disneyland and the Government was far below international standard. Disneyland was urged to propose practical improvement measures in the next five years.

Civil Engineering and Development Department – Consultation on Landslip and Prevention and Mitigation Programme, 2008, Package N, Natural Terrain Hazard Mitigation Works, West Lantau

5. Members supported the Programme and proposed the Civil Engineering and Development Department to monitor its impacts on the ecology, road transport and water sources nearby.

Islands District Action Plan 2013-2014 of Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

6. Members noted the contents of the Action Plan and raised some enquiries and proposals.

Progress report on DC-funded District Minor Works Projects

7. Members endorsed the paper and raised enquiries on the progress of some projects.

Report by Working Groups

8. Members noted the progress of activities conducted by the TAFEHC working group and Islands Healthy City Working Group.

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