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Islands District Council
Minutes of Meeting of
Tourism, Agriculture, Fisheries and Environmental Hygiene Committee

Date : 29 May 2017 (Monday)

Time : 2:00 p.m.

Venue : Islands District Council Conference Room,
14/F, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong.

Present

Ms LEE Kwai-chun (Chairman)

Ms FU Hiu-lam, Sammi (Vice-Chairman)

Mr YU Hon-kwan, Randy, JP

Mr CHAN Lin-wai

Mr CHEUNG Fu

Mr WONG Hon-kuen, Ken

Mr FAN Chi-ping

Mr LOU Cheuk-wing

Ms YU Lai-fan

Ms YUNG Wing-sheung, Amy

Mr KWONG Koon-wan

Mr TANG Ka-piu, Bill, JP

Mr CHOW Ho-ding, Holden

Mr KWOK Ping, Eric

Mr WONG King-chuen

Mr CHAN Ngai-chung

Mr CHEUNG Ming-keung

Mr YEUNG Tsz-hei, Eric

Attendance by Invitation

Mr HAU Wing-man, Raymond

Deputy District Leisure Manager (Islands)1,
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Mr WONG Kwong-chiu, Alfred

Acting Senior Country Parks Officer (Ranger Services)
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

In Attendance

Ms CHONG Yan-yee, Belinda	Assistant District Officer (Islands)1, Islands District Office
Mr CHOW Chit, Joe	Assistant District Officer (Islands)2, Islands District Office
Mr TANG Tai-king, Tommy	Senior Inspector of Works, Islands District Office
Mr KWAN Yau-kee	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Islands), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr WONG Tat-ming	Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Islands), Lands Department
Mr YUEN King-ho	Police Community Relations Officer (Marine Port District), Hong Kong Police Force
Ms TSANG Kit-ying	District Operation Officer (Cheung Chau), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr CHAN Chun, Calvin	Police Community Relations Officer (Lantau District), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr TO Chi-keung, Gary	Senior Transport Officer/Islands, Transport Department
Mr YEUNG Wai-tak, Victor	Senior Environment Protection Officer (Regional South)5, Environmental Protection Department
Mr AU Kin-chung, Kelvin	Engineer 1(Islands Division), Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr Benny CHAN	Representative, New Lantao Bus Co., (1973) Ltd.
Ms Sonja CHAN	Representative, New World First Ferry Services Limited

Secretary

Ms CHAN Nga-chi, Angie	Executive Officer (District Council)2, Islands District Office
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Absent with Apology

Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, BBS	
Mr YUNG Chi-ming, BBS	
Mr WONG Man-hon	
Mr KWONG Kwok-kam, BH, JP	
Ms KWOK Ka-ying, Gardenia	
Mr FUNG Ho-lam, Chris	Agricultural Officer (Agricultural Extension), Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
Ms LUN Chui-yuen, Janice	Fisheries Officer (Enforcement)1, Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
Ms Cardi CHUNG	Hong Kong Tourism Board

Welcome Remarks

The Chairman welcomed representatives of government departments and organisations as well as Members to the meeting. He introduced the following representatives of government departments and organisations who attended the meeting:

- (a) Mr Calvin CHAN, Police Community Relations Officer (Lantau District) of Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF), who attended the meeting in place of Mr LI Man-piu, Bill;
 - (b) Ms TSANG Kit-ying, District Operation Officer (Cheung Chau) of HKPF; and
 - (c) Mr Kelvin AU, Engineer of Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD), who attended the meeting in place of Ms LI Wing-yee, Wendy.
2. Members noted that Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, Mr YUNG Chi-ming, Mr WONG Man-hon, Mr KWONG Kwok-kam, Ms Gardenia KWOK, Mr Chris FUNG, Ms Janice LUN and Ms Cardi CHUNG were unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments.

I. Confirmation of minutes of the meeting held on 27.3.2017

3. The captioned minutes were confirmed unanimously without amendment.

II. Installation of Internet Protocol camera at flytipping blackspot (Paper TAFEHC 35/2017)

4. The Chairman welcomed Mr KWAN Yau-kee, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Islands) of Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) to the meeting to present the paper.
5. Mr KWAN Yau-kee presented the paper.
6. Mr KWONG Koon-wan welcomed FEHD to consider extending the programme to other districts. Garbage was found every night at some flytipping blackspots (such as by the side of some lampposts on Cheung Chau). He guessed that it was dumped between 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. the next morning. He found garbage every night by the side of lamppost no. H9246 when he passed and he had reflected to FEHD many times. He hoped that the Department would take overnight operations to prosecute offenders. He took Lung Tsai Tsuen, Cheung Chau as an

example and indicated that about three years ago, domestic refuse was found on the street every night. Then FEHD took overnight operation and successfully arrested offenders. If the Department continuously took law enforcement action, he believed that the situation of garbage dumping on Cheung Chau would be improved. While the installation of Internet Protocol (IP) cameras at flytipping blackspots would increase costs, including that of staff conducting real time monitoring, he supported the implementation of the programme. He also hoped that before the implementation of the programme, the Department would step up law enforcement to deter flytipping.

7. Mr Eric KWOK supported the programme and said that Pa Mei in Tung Chung was a flytipping blackspot where the situation was serious. He enquired whether videos of someone dumping refuse recorded by IP cameras could be presented as evidence to the court for prosecution. He was concerned that there might be difficulty in law enforcement.

8. Mr FAN Chi-ping welcomed FEHD to consider installing IP cameras. He said that much refuse accumulated at the refuse collection point (RCP) in the vicinity of Area 27 near Pa Mei in Tung Chung and recently snakes were spotted at the above site. As the Department could only clear a lorry-load of rubbish every day, much refuse was not cleared and sometimes even accumulated onto the road, hindering buses from making turns at the roundabout. He repeatedly found light goods vehicles transporting a large amount of refuse to the above site at night for disposal and had time and again reflected the situation at the meetings, but the situation had not been improved so far. In addition, a fire broke out at the above location on the morning of 6 April and was fortunately put out by workers working nearby, or else the consequences would be serious. In view of the impending implementation of solid waste charging, he had reflected the above issue to Heung Yee Kuk. He hoped that the Department would, before the implementation of the programme, take short term measure as soon as possible to deal with the problem of flytipping.

9. Mr Ken WONG welcomed the programme and enquired about the time of implementation. With regard to the flytipping in Area 27 of Tung Chung, he enquired whether FEHD would deploy staff to conduct inspection and take law enforcement action before the implementation of the programme.

10. Mr KWAN Yau-kee gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) On dealing with flytipping, law enforcement could only address the symptoms of the problem rather than solving the problem at root. To solve the problem at root, members of the public had to exercise self-discipline and refrain from dumping refuse illegally. However, the Department would continue to step up law enforcement. The assessment conducted in April this year revealed that the pilot programme of IP camera installation showed initial results. He believed that the

programme would very likely be implemented. However, whether the programme would actually be implemented was subject to the review of the Department to be completed at the end of June this year. While the Department could not pledge that the programme would be extended to other districts at the moment, it still hoped to consult Members in advance on the locations and priority of installation so that once the programme was confirmed, proposed locations could be provided to the headquarters and contractors could be arranged to install cameras subsequently.

- (b) With regard to the situation at lamppost no. H9246, he noted the opinions of Mr KWONG Koon-wan and would deploy staff to conduct inspection. If there was concrete evidence, the Department would take law enforcement action.
- (c) Concerning that Pa Mei was a flytipping blackspot as indicated by Mr Eric KWOK, as the refuse was dumped by the side of RCP but not inside the RCP and that most of the refuse was construction waste, the Department had earlier informed the Lands Department (LandsD) and Environmental Protection Department (EPD) to follow up. Islands District Environmental Hygiene Office (DEHO) had sought enforcement assistance from the Intelligence Unit of the Department, and law enforcement action had been taken at least twice and offenders had been successfully prosecuted. The Department would continue to take law enforcement actions.
- (d) As for the timetable for installation of cameras, the Department had yet determined the actual implementation date. It would first determine the proposed locations and priority of installation in Islands District at this stage and then report to the headquarters with a view to implementing the programme as soon as possible.

11. The Chairman hoped that FEHD would take into account Members' opinions and step up law enforcement before the implementation of the programme.

12. Ms YU Lai-fan enquired about the number of cameras to be installed in each district. She proposed that the Department should refer to the number of complaints received and the seriousness of law violation in each district when determining the number of cameras to be installed and the timetable of implementation.

13. Mr KWAN Yau-kee responded that the number of cameras to be installed at each district could not be determined for the time being. Under the existing pilot programme, the Department installed two cameras respectively in three districts, i.e. a total of six cameras. He hoped that Members would come up with a list of proposed locations and priority of installation for the headquarters' consideration. The Department might not be able to install cameras at all locations proposed, nor would it be able to install all cameras in one go. It would instead implement the

programme gradually to various locations in accordance with the priority on the list.

14. The Chairman enquired whether the number of cameras to be installed was based on the Islands District as a whole.

15. Mr KWAN Yau-kee supplemented that under the existing pilot programme, two cameras were installed in Central and Western, Sham Shui Po and Yuen Long districts respectively on a trial basis. However, the number of cameras to be installed in each district had yet been determined and would be based on the Islands District as a whole.

16. Mr Ken WONG proposed that the Department should enquire of frontline staff about locations of flytipping blackspots and whether the locations were suitable for installation of cameras, as frontline staff would have a better understanding of the situation. In addition, he often found bulky objects dumped outside RCPs or on grasslands and thus proposed that cameras be installed on grasslands rather than at RCPs.

17. The Chairman enquired of Members whether they hoped to install IP cameras on Peng Chau or Cheung Chau.

18. Mr KWONG Koon-wan said that there was no need to install cameras on Cheung Chau and he only hoped that FEHD would step up law enforcement.

19. The Chairman enquired of Members whether they agreed to install camera first in Pa Mei, Tung Chung, and then on Peng Chau.

20. The Committee agreed with the above proposal.

21. Mr FAN Chi-ping clarified that the proposed location in Tung Chung should be the vicinity of Area 27 outside the entrance of Ma Wan Village, not Pa Mei.

22. After discussion, the Committee agreed that IP cameras be first installed by the side of Area 27 near Tung Chung Ma Wan Village and then at flytipping blackspot on Peng Chau. Mr Ken WONG would provide the proposed installation point on Peng Chau to the Department in due course.

(Post-meeting note: After discussing with DEHO, Mr Ken WONG indicated that there was no need to install IP cameras on Peng Chau at this stage.)

(Mr Bill TANG joined the meeting at about 2:20 p.m.)

III. Question on the management of camping areas in Islands District

(Paper TAFEHC 27/2017)

IV. Question on Mainland tourists camping on beaches in Islands District

(Paper TAFEHC 32/2017)

23. The Chairman said that as the questions under Agenda items (III) and (IV) were interrelated, he proposed that they be discussed together. She welcomed Mr Raymond HAU, Deputy District Leisure Manager (Islands)¹ of Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD); Alfred WONG, Acting Senior Country Parks Officer (Ranger Services) of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD); Mr Gary TO, Senior Transport Officer/Islands of Transport Department (TD); and Mr Calvin CHAN, Police Community Relations Officer (Lantau District) of HKPF to the meeting to respond to the question. The written replies of LCSD, Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKTb) and Tourism Commission had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

24. Mr Randy YU presented the question on Paper TAFEHC 27/2017.

25. Ms Amy YUNG presented the question on Paper TAFEHC 32/2017.

26. Mr Raymond HAU briefly presented the written reply of LCSD.

27. Mr Alfred WONG said that AFCD designated 12 campsites at country parks of Lantau Island for use by members of the public. If campers erected tents in country park areas other than those designated campsites, the Department would take law enforcement actions. Camping sites of Lantau Country Park were mainly on the hills and illegal erection of tents on beaches in the country park of the district was not common.

28. Mr Gary TO said that under “Driving on Lantau Island” Scheme, private vehicles could use closed roads on Lantau during non-peak hours on normal days for leisure and recreational purpose. The scheme was applicable only from Mondays to Fridays (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays). Up to 25 places were available each day, five of which would be allocated to electric vehicles and the remaining 20 would be allocated to non-electric vehicles. Private vehicles could enter the roads from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. He supplemented that each private vehicle could only apply for closed road permit once each month and could not participate in the scheme twice in the same month.

29. Mr Calvin CHAN said that according to Police records, Lantau District and Marine Port District of HKPF received one complaint in the past year. The Police did not take prosecution action in respect of the complaint, which was referred to relevant department for follow-up. In

addition, “Driving on Lantau Island” Scheme did not fall within the ambit of the Police, thus relevant information (such as the number of closed road permits issued) was not available.

30. Mr Eric KWOK gave opinions as follows:

- (a) In the past two years, permanent tents were once found on Pui O Beach (near the end of Pui O river estuary). Huts were also found at the site, just like illegal squatters. He requested LCSD to deploy staff to conduct on-site inspection and follow up on the matter.
- (b) To prevent the loss of sea sand, both ends of Pui O Beach were planted with creeper. Many Mainland travellers came to Hong Kong for camping during the long vacation of First of May and standard campsites were full. Some of them thus erected tents on the beach, especially where creeper was planted. Being pressed upon by the tents for prolonged period, the plant would be easily damaged or withered and sand on the two ends of the beach would lose protection and be washed away. He hoped that LCSD or EPD would be mindful of the matter.

31. Mr Holden CHOW enquired that if it was found that tents were erected for long period of time in the campsite, or travellers treated the camps as hotels rather than a camping activity, how law enforcement departments would deal with it and what were the criteria for law enforcement.

32. Mr Randy YU gave opinions as follows:

- (a) Distribution of publicity materials might not be environmentally friendly, thus the departments did not distribute them at boundary crossings. Tourism Commission mentioned in the written reply that it had liaised with relevant Mainland departments. He enquired how Tourism Commission would follow up and what the results were. He hoped that Tourism Commission would provide Members with relevant information timely and take preventive actions to avoid the same situation from happening during National Day holidays.
- (b) He was aware that LCSD had taken follow-up action, including patrolling Silver Mine Bay Beach every day and arranging for ad hoc patrol when necessary. He enquired how LCSD would manage Silver Mine Bay Beach or Cheung Chau Tung Wan Beach during long holidays, for example, stepping up patrolling and deploying additional staff.

33. Mr KWONG Koon-wan was disappointed that HKTB and Tourism Commission only provided written replies and did not arrange representatives to attend the meeting. In the past few

years, representative of HKTB rarely attended the Committee meetings. HKTB was requested to respond to enquiry about tourism at this meeting but it did not arrange representative to attend. Islands District Council (IDC) over the years had allocated funds to promote tourism. Now that issue of tourism arose in the district, HKTB should deal with it seriously. He hoped that the Secretariat would relate the opinions to HKTB.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat related Mr KWONG's opinions to HKTB.)

34. The Chairman said that when conducting inspection to Tung Wan Beach earlier, she found tourists erecting tents there after 11 p.m. She was glad to learn that LCSD deployed two security guards to station there overnight and followed up on the matter seriously. In addition, it had been reported that Internet information indicated that camping fees in Hong Kong were low. She hoped that departments concerned would make clarification on the Internet.

35. Mr Raymond HAU gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) He noted the opinions of Mr Eric KWOK and would follow up on the matter after the meeting. LCSD was not responsible for the management of the entire Pui O Beach. Thus first it had to confirm whether the end section was within its jurisdiction. If it was not, the Department would discuss and explore follow-up measures with the departments concerned.

(Post-meeting note: LCSD confirmed that the end section of Pui O Beach near Ham Tin was not within its jurisdiction and had thus referred the case to LandsD for follow-up.)

- (b) With regard to Mr Holden CHOW's enquiry, LCSD stipulated that campers in general could stay for six nights at most. On Labour Day, National Day and Lunar New Year holidays, campers could stay for four nights at most. To avoid the prolonged stay of campers at campsite, LCSD established Tuesdays as the maintenance day of Pui O Campsite to prevent tents being placed for a prolonged period of time. In addition, if tents were found to be vacant for the whole day, the Department would call the campers for enquiry. If the camper could not be contacted and the tent was found to be vacant for a long time, the Department would post a notice stating that the tent would be removed the following day. Since the above arrangement was carried out vigorously by the Department, no tent was found vacant for a long time.
- (c) With regard to the enquiry on management of beaches, the Department currently arranged security guards to patrol beaches on Cheung Chau and Silver Mine Bay

Beach at night on special holidays and their eves on a pilot basis. LCSD would review the pilot measure as appropriate to determine the future arrangement. According to the data of pilot measure of the Tuen Ng Festival holiday not long ago, no tents were found erected on Cheung Chau Tung Wan Beach, Kwun Yam Beach and Silver Mine Bay Beach. The Department would consider continuing the measure in the future.

36. Mr Holden CHOW enquired whether LCSD would clear the tents if they were found to be vacant on campsite for a whole day and campers could not be contacted.

37. Mr Raymond HAU said that if the Department had reasonable doubt that the tent was vacant for a whole day and the campers could not be contacted, it would consider clearing the tent.

38. The Chairman said that the Committee noted the opinions of Ms Amy YUNG stated in the question.

V. Question on improvement to the public toilets in Cheung Chau
(Paper TAFEHC 28/2017)

39. The Chairman welcomed Mr KWAN Yau-kee, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Islands) of FEHD to the meeting to respond to the question. The written replies of FEHD and Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

40. Mr KWONG Koon-wan presented the question.

41. Mr KWAN Yau-kee said that the public toilet at Chung Hing Back Street, Cheung Chau had been included in the improvement works programme, which was scheduled to be implemented in November this year and expected to take about 6 months to complete. The scope of the improvement works was detailed in the written reply of the Department. With regard to the provision of public toilet at Sai Tai Road, Cheung Chau, he had earlier explained the existing policy of the Department. If the public toilet concerned was to be constructed by other departments and then handed over to FEHD for management, the lead department of the construction would have to be responsible for the daily operating expense. Although the operational arrangement proposed by Mr KWONG Koon-wan differed from the existing policy of FEHD, DEHO had related the case to the FEHD headquarters for consideration and was now waiting for its instruction.

42. Mr KWONG Koon-wan gave opinions as follows:

- (a) With regard to the public toilet at Chung Hing Back Street, it could be seen from the

photographs he provided that road resurfacing works were in progress at the pavement outside the public toilet. About two weeks ago, sewage and faeces were found flowing out from the public toilet at Chung Hing Back Street towards the stormwater drain beneath the road. He believed that the sewage did not come from buildings nearby but was discharged from the public toilet towards the stormwater drain. He hoped that FEHD would as soon as possible examine the cause of leakage with ArchSD and resolve the issue. Or else if follow-up action was taken after the works were completed, the road had to be excavated again and drainage pipe had to be replaced. It would then cause inconvenience to residents.

- (b) The proposed district minor works (DMW) of providing a public toilet at Sai Tai Road had been discussed for 5 years. If FEHD had reservation about bearing the daily operating expense, he hoped that the Department would directly be responsible for the construction and bear the daily operating expense. While hoping that public toilets in Hong Kong would become clean, hygienic and safe public facilities, the Food and Health Bureau was not willing to devote resource to build sanitary facilities. He hoped that FEHD would convey the suggestion of providing public toilets to the Bureau.

43. Mr KWAN Yau-kee responded as follows:

- (a) With regard to the future management and daily operating expense of the Sai Tai Road public toilet works, DEHO was responsible for implementation of departmental policy, whereas the headquarters might need to consider other factors in handling individual cases. He said that the daily operating expense of the public toilet was approximately over \$400,000 per year. As learned from Islands District Office (IsDO), the amount exceeded the annual funding provided for DMW recurrent expenditure of Islands District by two thirds. With regard to whether FEHD could be responsible for the future management and daily operating expense, DEHO had passed the case to the headquarters for instruction.
- (b) With regard to sewage flowing into stormwater drain due to road works near Chung Hing Back Street public toilet, as improvement works to the public toilet would commence in November this year, the sewage problem might be caused by other works. The road works concerned were responsible by other departments and FEHD would refer the case to the relevant departments for follow-up. The cause of sewage leakage was not available at the moment.

44. Mr KWONG Koon-wan said that he referred to the road resurfacing works being conducted by the Works Section of IsDO, not the improvement works of Chung Hing Back Street

public toilet. He opined that when sewage leakage was found after road excavation, FEHD should as soon as possible inform ArchSD to conduct inspection, so as to determine whether it was caused by FEHD's public sewer. If sewage flowed from public sewer into stormwater drain and then discharged into typhoon shelter, the consequences could be very serious. He requested the Department to immediately inform relevant departments (such as ArchSD) after the meeting to follow up on the matter as soon as possible.

45. The Chairman proposed that FEHD should deploy staff to conduct test at the public toilet to determine whether the public toilet was the source of sewage and follow up with relevant departments as soon as possible.

46. Mr KWAN Yau-kee said that the Department would liaise with ArchSD to identify the source of sewage.

(Post-meeting note: FEHD liaised with ArchSD and was following up on the matter.)

VI. Question on improvement to the road surface and accessibility of Cheung Chau Cemetery
(Paper TAFEHC 29/2017)

47. The Chairman welcomed Mr KWAN Yau-kee, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Islands) of FEHD to the meeting to respond to the question. Highways Department indicated that after conducting on-site inspection, it was confirmed that the relevant location did not fall within its jurisdiction, and it believed that departments concerned would follow up.

48. Mr KWONG Koon-wan presented the question with the aid of PowerPoint Presentation and gave opinions as follows:

- (a) A number of serious damages were found on the above road surface, and some stormwater drains underneath staircases were also damaged, which would easily accumulate refuse.
- (b) The gradient of the landing between the two stairs was rather great. People would easily fall down on the slippery floor or suffer sprains during rainy days. The steps of the stairs were not flat and had to be revamped.
- (c) Grave sweepers requested that the stairs on the slope be extended downwards to the nearby graveyard. At present, grave sweepers had to go up and bypass the slope to reach the graveyard. He hoped that staircase be provided there in order to ease the

congestion of the cemetery at the peak seasons of grave sweeping.

- (d) The location underneath the trees on the pictures was the main access road. He proposed that a footpath be provided there to facilitate grave sweepers. He hoped that a joint site visit be arranged with FEHD and relevant departments, so as to confirm the location where improvement was needed.

49. Mr KWAN Yau-kee said that the Cemeteries & Crematoria Section entrusted DEHO to reply to the enquiry on its behalf. The Section had informed ArchSD to follow up and repair the road surface. With regard to the uneven stairs inside the cemetery and the issue of accessibility, the Section conducted a site visit with ArchSD on 19 May this year and would discuss ways of improvement later.

50. Mr KWONG Koon-wan said that as the cemetery was extensive in area, he hoped to conduct a site visit with relevant sections and departments again in order to confirm the location of improvement.

51. The Chairman said that the space of the access road shown in the picture was limited and reckoned that it was difficult to build a path.

52. Mr KWONG Koon-wan said that he understood that the works proposal might not be feasible. However, he requested an on-site visit with the Department before making a decision.

53. Mr KWAN Yau-kee supplemented that he would as soon as possible liaise with the Cemeteries & Crematoria Section of the Department to arrange a site visit with Mr KWONG Koon-wan.

(Post-meeting note: On 1 June, DEHO informed the Cemeteries & Crematoria Section to contact Mr KWONG Koon-wan to arrange a site visit.)

VII. Question on provision of outdoor smoking area outside Tung Chung MTR Station
(Paper TAFEHC 30/2017)

54. The Chairman welcomed Mr KWAN Yau-kee, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Islands) of FEHD to the meeting to respond to the question. The written replies of FEHD and Tobacco Control Office of Department of Health had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting. District Lands Office, Islands (DLO) indicated that the question did not touch on its ambit and the departments concerned would follow up on the matter.

55. Ms Sammi FU presented the question.

56. Mr KWAN Yau-kee said that the two litter containers with ashtrays by the side of Caribbean Coast Bus Stop had been removed away from the bus stop, and one of which was replaced by litter container without ashtray. The Department would also request the cleansing contractor to step up cleansing of ashtrays on litter containers and cigarette butt containers, and to add water onto the ashtrays regularly in order to reduce the smoke and smell from cigarette butts.

57. Ms Sammi FU enquired how far away and when the litter container with ashtray was removed.

58. Mr KWAN Yau-kee said that the litter container concerned had been removed away from the bus stop, and he would provide relevant information to Ms Sammi FU after the meeting to show the distance of removal.

(Post-meeting note: DEHO provided Ms Sammi FU with relevant information through email on 5 June.)

VIII. Question on pest control work in the open space north of Ying Hei Road, Tung Chung
(Paper TAFEHC 31/2017)

59. The Chairman welcomed Mr KWAN Yau-kee, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Islands) of FEHD and Mr WONG Tat-ming, Administrative Assistant/Lands of DLO to the meeting to respond to the question. The written reply of FEHD had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

60. Ms Sammi FU presented the question.

61. Mr KWAN Yau-kee presented the written reply of FEHD.

62. Ms Sammi FU said that residents of The Visionary and Century Link complained about the serious mosquito infestation in the open space north of Ying Hei Road, Tung Chung. Some Century Link residents even needed to use mosquito nets. She conducted a site visit and found that there were many mosquitoes and pests. She questioned why staff of FEHD had not found sign of mosquitoes, pests and rodent infestation.

63. Mr Holden CHOW said that he had raised the issue at meetings of the Committee. Residents nearby often complained about mosquito infestation, but the result of on-site inspection of FEHD was not convincing. He hoped that the Department would provide the most updated

information.

64. Mr KWAN Yau-kee responded that the above-mentioned open space had been enclosed and it was a government land under the ambit of LandsD. The contractor of FEHD mainly cleaned places outside the open space, but would not conduct cleansing and pest control within the area of the open space. On the day of investigation, staff had not found sign of mosquito and rodent infestation outside the open space. However, the Department had arranged the contractor to conduct mosquito and rodent prevention work (such as placing baits) outside the open space and would continue to implement preventive and control measures. He proposed that joint site visit to the above site be conducted with DLO and that mosquito prevention and anti-rodent measures be implemented in accordance with area of jurisdiction.

65. Mr WONG Tat-ming said that LandsD regularly conducted grass cutting work on the government land south of The Visionary and Century Link, and also the one east of Ying Tung Road. After site inspection by staff, the Department was arranging for grass cutting by contractors of Vegetation Contract Management Section to avoid adverse effects on the environment.

66. Mr Holden CHOW enquired whether DLO could perform pest control at the same time when clearing the grass at the site.

67. The Chairman proposed that FEHD and DLO conducted joint operation at the above site and enquired whether the contractor would clear the grass after cutting.

68. Mr WONG Tat-ming said that the Department would liaise with FEHD in due course to arrange joint grass cutting and pest control work. In addition, contractor of the Department would clear the grass cut.

69. Mr FAN Chi-ping said that contractor of DLO just left the grass (especially leaves) at the roadside after cutting and did not remove them immediately. In the past, contractors did remove the grass cut, but now they just left the grass at the scene which led to infestation of mosquitoes and pests. The situation in the vicinity of Ma Wan Village, Tung Chung was particularly serious.

70. Mr WONG Tat-ming said that the grass cutting contracts of LandsD required the contractors to clear the grass cut. With regard to the situation in the vicinity of Ma Wan Village, Tung Chung, he was not certain whether the grass cutting work was conducted by contractor of the Department or that of other departments. He would relate Mr FAN Chi-ping's opinions to contractors of Vegetation Contract Management Section and request contractors to remove the grass cut.

IX. First Batch of Proposed Projects under District Minor Works of Tourism, Agriculture, Fisheries and Environmental Hygiene Committee for 2017/2018

(Paper TAFEHC 33/2017)

71. The Chairman welcomed Mr Tommy TANG, Senior Inspector of Works of IsDO to the meeting to present the paper.

72. Mr Tommy TANG presented the paper.

73. Mr LOU Cheuk-wing enquired about the area of grass cutting works.

74. The Chairman said that the works area included grass of altogether three feet at both sides of the pavement.

75. Mr LOU Cheuk-wing said that the area of grass cutting in some areas of Tai O was less than three feet. For example, the railings of pavement from Hang Mei to Ling Yan Temple were covered by grass. He could conduct on-site inspection with departments concerned in order to follow up.

(Post-meeting note: It was confirmed with Mr LOU Cheuk-wing that the road section did not fall within the grass cutting area of IsDO.)

76. Mr FAN Chi-ping said that grass grew quickly during rainy season. The road junction at the bus stop of Ma Wan Village, Tung Chung was overgrown with grass which blocked the line of sight. Snakes were also spotted at the site, which posed risks to passengers waiting for bus. He hoped that IsDO would arrange for grass cutting as soon as possible.

77. Mr Tommy TANG said that IsDO mainly cut the grass within one metre from both sides of pavements and roads. He would liaise with Members concerned after the meeting to confirm the location for follow-up.

78. The Committee approved the allocation of \$2,950,000 for the implementation of 6 DMW projects.

(Mr Holden CHOW left the meeting at about 3:20 p.m.)

X. Progress report on DC-funded District Minor Works Projects

(Paper TAFEHC 34/2017)

79. The Chairman welcomed Mr Tommy TANG, Senior Inspector of Works of IsDO to the meeting to present the paper.

80. Members and guests discussed the projects below. The main points were as follows:

(a) Improvement to footbridge at Wang Hang, Tai O (IS-DMW-627)

Mr LOU Cheuk-wing said that he had not seen any workers working so far and enquired whether the project would be completed in September this year as stated in the paper.

Mr Tommy TANG said that the above project was funded under Rural Public Works Programme. The paper stated that works were in progress and the anticipated date of completion was September this year. The contractor was preparing materials at the works site. Welding works would be conducted in due course to widen the bend of the footbridge. As such, the Member did not see any workers working at the moment.

(b) Improvement works to access road from lamppost no. FB 6574 to lamppost no. FB 6579 at Pui O, South Lantau (IS-DMW-665)

Mr Eric KWOK enquired about the exact location of works and the scope, and whether the road would be resurfaced. He pointed out that currently in the works site, kerbs were installed with raised height and many drain holes were bored along the kerbs. Expatriate residents said that after kerbs and drain holes were installed, the road surface was damaged.

Mr Tommy TANG said that the above project was proposed by Mr CHEUNG Fu and the works site was located at Ham Tin, Pui O. As there was previously stagnant water at the kerbs at the riverside, the works included boring of drain holes to drain away stagnant water from road surface. With regard to the damages to the road surface, the works included road resurfacing with asphalt, which could only be carried out after performing the kerb works. IsDO originally planned to resurface the road with asphalt last week, but it was hindered by the rain and asphalt had to be re-ordered. He expected that the road resurfacing could be completed in about two weeks and by then the project would be completed.

Mr CHEUNG Fu supplemented that the request for road resurfacing had been raised for many years and expatriate residents were also aware of the situation. Upon completion of works, if residents did not find it satisfactory, they could voice their

opinions.

Mr Eric KWOK agreed with Mr CHEUNG Fu and proposed that notice board with works details be displayed at the work site.

Mr Tommy TANG said that IsDO had posted notice before commencement of works. He would convey the opinions of Mr Eric KWOK to the contractor and request the contractor to consider posting more notices as appropriate during the construction period so as to keep the residents informed.

81. Members endorsed the paper and noted the contents of the IsDO report.

XI. Report by Working Group

82. The Chairman said that with regard to the activity proposals and funding applications of Islands Healthy City and Age-friendly Community Working Group, Members who had interests in the matters to be discussed should make the relevant declaration.

83. No declaration on the above matters was made by Members.

84. Mr CHAN Lin-wai said that the Islands District travel brochures distributed to each area were limited in number and the contents were not updated when they were reprinted, thus some contents were out of date. If brochures were to be reprinted in the future, the respective rural committees and District Councillors should be consulted before compiling the contents. In addition, he suggested increasing the printing volume of brochures and providing Lamma Island with more brochures to meet the demand.

85. The Chairman said that the brochures had not been printed for two years and thus the contents were not updated. The Working Group would follow up on the opinions of Mr CHAN Lin-wai after the meeting.

(i) TAFEHC Activities Working Group

86. The Chairman said that report of the Working Group had been faxed or emailed to Members for perusal prior to the meeting (see Reference 1 for details). Members were welcome to give comments.

87. Members had no comment and endorsed the above working group report.

(ii) Islands Healthy City and Age-friendly Community Working Group

88. Mr Randy YU said that report of the Working Group had been faxed or emailed to Members for perusal prior to the meeting (see Reference 2 for details). He briefly presented the main points of the report, including activity proposals and funding applications of 2017-18, progress of the second batch Jockey Club Age-friendly City community project, the contents of the application of Islands District for joining the World Health Organisation Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities, and the Subsidy Scheme on the Promotion of Low Salt and Sugar Food Culture of the Committee on Reduction of Salt and Sugar in Food.

89. Members endorsed the above working group report, which included the proposed activities and funding proposals for 2017-18, and endorsed the contents of the application of Islands District for joining the above-mentioned Network.

XII. Any Other Business

2017-18 District Minor Works Proposals

90. The Chairman said that IDC was allocated a total of \$18,688,000 under DMW Programme in 2017-18. At the meeting of 22 April this year, IDC endorsed the funds allocation of DMW projects for this Committee in 2017-18, which was the same as that of the previous year, i.e. \$7,025,000. The Secretariat had distributed on 18 May the works proposal forms to Members, who should submit their works proposals, if any, by 8 June this year. Works proposals previously submitted by Members would be processed with the proposals collected this time.

XIII. Date of Next Meeting

91. The meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m. The date of next meeting was scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on 24 July 2017 (Monday).

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