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Minutes of Meeting of
Tourism, Agriculture, Fisheries and Environmental Hygiene Committee

Date : 30 May 2016 (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 CHOW Yuk-tong, BBS
Mr YU Hon-kwan, Randy, JP
Mr YUNG Chi-ming, BBS
Mr CHAN Lin-wai
Mr CHEUNG Fu
Mr WONG Hon-kuen, Ken
Mr FAN Chi-ping
Mr LOU Cheuk-wing
Mr WONG Man-hon
Ms YU Lai-fan
Ms YUNG Wing-sheung, Amy
Mr TANG Ka-piu, Bill, JP
Mr KWONG Koon-wan
Mr CHOW Ho-ding, Holden
Mr KWOK Ping, Eric
Mr KWONG Kwok-kam, BH, JP
Mr WONG King-chuen
Mr CHAN Ngai-chung
Mr CHEUNG Ming-keung

Attendance by Invitation

Mr LEUNG Yat-king	Superintendent (Cemeteries & Crematoria), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr CHOW Kam-hung	Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing/Pest Control)Islands, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr TONG Ping-tat, Jimmy	Property Service Manager/Service (Wong Tai Sin, Tsing Yi, Tsuen Wan & Islands 5), Housing Department
Mr NG Ping-kwan	Estate Surveyor (District Lands Office, Islands)1, Lands Department
Ms HON Tsui-san, Shirley	Senior Estate Surveyor (District Lands Office, Islands), Lands Department
Ms TAM Yin-ping, Donna	District Planning Officer (Sai Kung & Islands), Planning Department

In Attendance

Ms CHONG Yan-ye, 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 (Works), Islands District Office
Ms LEUNG Wai-fong	Acting District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Islands), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Ms LO Man-kam	Administrative Assistant (Lands/Islands), Lands Department
Mr. LAW Tung-wah, Benji	Police Community Relations Officer (Marine Port District), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr LI Man-piu, Bill	Neighbourhood Police Coordinator (Lantau District), Hong Kong Police Force
M. TO Chi-keung, Gary	Senior Transport Officer/Islands, Transport Department
Mr YEUNG Wai-tak, Victor	Senior Environment Protection Officer (Regional S)5, Environmental Protection Department
Ms LI Wing-ye, Wendy	Engineer 2 (Islands Division), Civil Engineering and Development Department
Ms LUN Chui-yuen, Janice	Fisheries Officer (Enforcement)1, Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
Mr FUNG Ho-lam, Chris	Agricultural Officer (Development), Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
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 LAW Wai-hung	
Mr MOK Wah-fun, Peter	New Lantao Bus Co., (1973) Limited
Ms Cardi CHUNG	Hong Kong Tourism Board

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## Welcoming Remarks

The Chairman welcomed representatives from government departments and organisations as well as Members to the meeting. She introduced Ms LEUNG Wai-fong of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) who stood in for Mr WONG Wai-wan at the meeting.

2. Members noted that Mr LAW Wai-hung, Mr Peter MOK of New World First Ferry Services Limited and Ms Cardi CHUNG of Hong Kong Tourism Board were unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments.

### I. Confirmation of the Minutes of Meeting held on 29 March 2016

3. The captioned minutes were confirmed unanimously without amendment.

### II. Peng Chau Columbarium Extension (Paper TAFEHC 32/2016)

4. The Chairman welcomed Mr LEUNG Yat-king, Superintendent (Cemeteries & Crematoria) of FEHD to the meeting to present the paper.

5. Mr LEUNG Yat-king introduced the content of the paper.

6. Mr Ken WONG supported the extension. He said only a few dozens of new niches remained available for allocation in Peng Chau and there was keen demand for niches in the society.

7. Members supported the above proposal unanimously.

(Mr LEUNG Yat-king left the meeting after discussion of this agenda item.)

### III. Question on provision of public toilet at Yat Tung Estate (Paper TAFEHC 24/2016)

8. The Chairman welcomed Mr Jimmy TONG, Property Service Manager/Service (Wong Tai Sin, Tsing Yi, Tsuen Wan & Islands) of the Housing Department (HD), Mr CHOW Kam-hung, Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing/Pest Control) of FEHD and Mr NG Ping-kwan, Estate Surveyor (District Lands Office, Islands) of the Lands Department (LandsD), for attending the meeting. The written reply of the Link Asset Management Limited (Link) had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

9. Mr Eric KWOK introduced the question.

10. Mr Jimmy TONG responded as follows:

- (a) Urine stain was frequently found at the planters outside the bus terminal and behind smoke doors at the car park of Yat Tung Estate. In this connection, HD had strengthened the cleaning there.
- (b) Regarding the public toilet at Yat Tung Estate, residents could borrow keys from the management office at Chi Yat House, Yat Tung Estate to use the toilet on the ground floor of the building from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. daily. As there were not many residents who borrowed keys during the period, the department believed the problem could be solved. Besides, there was a 24-hour public toilet at the bus terminal near Tat Tung Road.
- (c) For the proposal of the construction of a public toilet at the vacant site behind the route E22 bus terminal at Yat Tung Estate, the department had to consider environmental hygiene and other factors. As Yat Tung Shopping Centre was managed by the Link, a study with the relevant departments was required for any extra structures. Besides, the toilet would not be welcomed by nearby residents due to hygienic concerns. In addition, the proposed site was close to residential buildings. Therefore, the department did not consider it appropriate to construct a new toilet for now. HD would continue to monitor the situation and instruct the management office to allow residents to use the toilet at Chi Yat House during night time.

11. Mr Eric KWOK said that although local residents could use the toilet at Chi Yat House, the walk from the bus terminal at Yat Tung Estate to the Tat Tung Road public toilet would take over 10 minutes and some residents might foul on the spot instead of going to the toilet. Besides, the car park was managed by the Link and the environmental hygiene there was poor. The Link had the responsibility to solve this problem. He requested HD to convey his views to the Link and expressed regret that the Link only provided a written reply without arranging representatives to the meeting. According to his understanding, after the renovation of the Yat Tung Estate market, the night market would be opened until 2 a.m. but the toilet there closed at 11 p.m.

12. Mr Bill TANG raised the following comments:

- (a) Housing estates completed in recent years such as Shui Chuen O Estate and Mei Tin Estate were equipped with 24-hour public toilets but a large scale estate like Yat Tung Estate with 40 000 residents did not have any. He considered this a planning mistake.
- (b) He suggested opening the smoke doors at the car park and adding a gate at the corridor between the toilet and the market. After the gate was installed, the entrances of the market could be closed and residents could use the market toilet without passing through the market. The toilet could then operate for 24 hours.

- (c) After the renovation of the Yat Tung Estate market, he requested HD and the Link to extend the opening hours of the toilet to 2 a.m., in line with the business hours of the cooked food stalls.
- (d) He requested HD collect more opinion about the site selection of public toilet before consulting the Mutual Aid Committee of the estate. He suggested providing temporary toilets at the bus terminal as many people queued for bus S64 there in the morning. The queue might sometimes extend to the proposed site of the new toilet.

13. Mr Holden CHOW said that as Ying Tung Estate was near completion, a 24-hour toilet should be provided by the relevant departments at the planning stage.

14. Mr Jimmy TONG gave a consolidated response. He opined that the soiling at the planters, as Mr Eric KWOK said, outside the bus terminal and behind smoke doors at the car park of Yat Tung Estate was an isolated case. Nevertheless, the department would closely monitor the situation. Earlier, the lighting at relevant locations was dim but the situation improved after installation of additional fluorescent lamps. With regard to the provision of temporary toilets at the bus terminal, he would conduct a site visit. Furthermore, he would follow up with Mr Holden CHOW about the provision of a 24-hour toilet at Ying Tung Estate after the meeting.

IV. Question on provision of public toilet beside Tin Hau Temple at Nam Tam, Cheung Chau  
(Paper TAFEHC 26/2016)

15. The Chairman welcomed Mr CHOW Kam-hung, Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing/Pest Control) Islands of FEHD, for attending the meeting.

16. Mr YUNG Chi-ming introduced the question.

17. Mr CHOW Kam-hung said that FEHD operated 13 public toilets from north to south and the centre of Cheung Chau, of which two were located on Chung Hing Back Street and Cheung Chau Peak Road near Tin Hau Temple (Temple) at Nam Tam. They were around 300 and 400 metres respectively from the Temple. As the visitor flow of the Temple would be greater during holidays and the birthdays of Tin Hau with a greater demand for public toilets, FEHD had installed two portable toilets next to the Temple in late April this year during the Tin Hau's Birthday for the visitors.

18. Mr YUNG Chi-ming appreciated the arrangement by the FEHD. There were no public toilets on Cheung Chau Peak Road, except the one in the betting branch. As the road was long, he hoped FEHD could construct a permanent public toilet there (in particular near Tin Hau Temple at Nam Tam). He also hoped the department would study the possibility of installing benches on the road with the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD).

19. Mr CHOW Kam-hung said that the department had assessed the visitor flow near Tin Hau Temple earlier and found that the portable toilets had been used by a few dozens of visitors. However, this patronage rate did not justify the provision of a permanent public toilet.

20. Mr Holden CHOW said that there were numerous visitors to Cheung Chau, especially during holidays. FEHD should consider the need of a new public toilet based on the visitor flow.

21. The Chairman stated that low usage of the portable toilets was the result of the unsatisfactory hygienic conditions. It was not sufficient to have only one public toilet along the way from Cheung Chau Sports Ground to the Cheung Chau Peak Road betting branch. She urged FEHD to consider the construction of a new public toilet near Tin Hau Temple.

V. Question on concerns over excessive suppression of hawking activities in the night bazaar of Yat Tung Estate  
(Paper TAFEHC 25/2016)

22. The Chairman welcomed Mr Jimmy TONG, Property Service Manager/Service (Wong Tai Sin, Tsing Yi, Tsuen Wan & Islands) of HD and Ms LEUNG Wai-fong, Acting District Environment Hygiene Superintendent (Islands) of FEHD, for attending the meeting.

23. Mr Bill TANG introduced the question.

24. Ms LEUNG Wai-fong said that FEHD had been paying attention to the overnight hawking activities by unlicensed cooked food hawkers in the public space of Yat Tung Estate all along and enforcement actions had been taken from time to time. The department had received many complaints in May. The Hawker Control Team of Islands District and Task Force of the Headquarters had taken enforcement actions against unlicensed hawkers there. Four prosecutions had been instituted and four batches of goods left by hawkers had been seized. With regard to illegal hawking activities within Yat Tung Estate, they would be handled by HD pursuant to its authority. Unlicensed cooked food hawkers posed threats to public hygiene and food safety and could cause environmental hygiene issues including rodent infestation. FEHD would closely monitor the situation and take appropriate actions.

25. Mr Jimmy TONG said that HD had found that some seafood stalls hawked outside the Yat Tung Estate Market. As the number of complaints increased, the department had taken appropriate action and instructed security guards to evict them. The department also collaborated with the Link and FEHD to take joint actions in order to prevent the deterioration of the hawker issue.

26. Several members raised the following views:

- (a) Mr Bill TANG noticed that the number of complaints had soared in April and May this year. He suspected the complainants were not local residents and enquired about the number of complaints in May last year. He found the strengthened enforcement actions of FEHD could not help tackle the rodent infestation problem in Yat Tung Estate.
- (b) Mr Eric KWOK stated that as there was no market at night in Tung Chung to cater for the needs of residents who got off work late at night, he hoped FEHD, HD and the relevant departments would consider discussing whether night market hawkers could operate subject to lawful regulation and proper food safety and environmental hygiene conditions at the meetings of the Working Group on Promotion of Bazaar Development in Islands District in order to satisfy the residents' demands.
- (c) Ms Amy YUNG concurred with Mr KWOK and Mr TANG. She said that hawking could solve people's livelihood problems during economic downturns in Hong Kong. She also understood the licensing requirement of the relevant departments. District Council (DC) proposed setting up a bazaar in view of the need for cooked food for residents coming home late and some residents' hope to start small businesses during economic recession. She said many people hoped that some recent conflicts would not happen again. She hoped the relevant departments could handle the hawking issue positively and flexibly to avoid causing public outrage.

27. Ms LEUNG Wai-fong said that FEHD would try its best to cater for the district-led bazaar project provided that food safety and environmental hygiene would not be compromised.

28. Mr Jimmy TONG said that HD strictly prohibited illegal hawking. If Members' proposal was implemented, amendments to the existing policies on bazaars and cooked food would be necessary. The matters concerned would have to be coordinated by different departments and could not be decided at the district level.

29. Mr Bill TANG hoped FEHD could reflect the demands for policy change to bureau and enquired again if the number of complaints had increased dramatically.

30. Ms LEUNG Wai-fong said that FEHD had received 2 and 17 complaints about unlicensed hawking in Yat Tung Estate in April and May (as at 29 May) this year respectively. Despite the increase in complaints, the department had not stepped up enforcement actions against unlicensed hawkers.

31. Mr Jimmy TONG said that in view of the recent increase in the complaints about unlicensed hawkers, HD would closely monitor the situation in accordance with the existing mechanism. The department would follow up on and verify the cases. If the contents of the complaints were similar, the department would handle these cases and take appropriate actions collectively.

32. Several members raised the following views:

- (a) Mr Bill TANG hoped the Working Group on Promotion of Bazaar Development could achieve its purpose and discuss ways to create room for the survival for bazaars.
- (b) Mr Eric KWOK also suggested discussion of solutions for the lack of market at night in Yat Tung Estate at the meetings of the Working Group to alleviate discontent among the residents.
- (c) Ms YU Lai-fan enquired about the severity of mosquito and rodent nuisance in Yat Tung Estate. She remarked that mosquito and rodent infestation would affect the residents' health as well as environmental hygiene. She hoped the department would step up inspection.
- (d) Mr Holden CHOW enquired about FEHD's targets and measures of rodent control.

33. Mr Jimmy TONG responded that he did not have the relevant information on mosquito and rodent nuisance at the moment. FEHD and HD conducted two joint inspections per month. FEHD also provided professional advice on rodent control and prevention of mosquito and midge. HD would closely monitor the situation and take appropriate actions.

34. Ms LEUNG Wai-fong said that Yat Tung Estate was under the purview of HD while FEHD was responsible for the hygiene conditions outside the purview of HD.

35. Mr Jimmy TONG pointed out that there were quite a lot of seafood stalls among the village houses near Yat Tung Estate. Therefore, rodents were seen more often at the flats of Yat Tung Estate in the vicinity of the village houses but the sighting was not common. The department would remind cleaners to step up cleaning and implement rodent control measures.

36. Mr FAN Chi-ping disagreed that the source of rodent nuisance was near the village houses. He supported the establishment of bazaars. Nevertheless, if hawkers conducted business on the street, the relevant departments should be responsible for their supervision.

37. Mr CHEUNG Fu considered the accusation that the village houses as the source of rodent nuisance was a shirking of responsibility by the relevant departments.

38. The Chairman hoped HD and FEHD could step up rodent control and discuss hawking activities at the meetings of the Working Group on Promotion of Bazaar Development.

(Mr Jimmy TONG left the meeting after discussion of this agenda item.)



VI. Question on aircraft noise  
(Paper TAFEHC 27/2016)

39. The Chairman said the Airport Authority Hong Kong and the Civil Aviation Department had not arranged representatives to the meeting but had provided written replies for Members' reference.

40. Ms Sammi FU introduced the question and noted the written replies of the relevant departments.

41. Ms Amy YUNG said that Mr Bill TANG and she had raised the same question at the recent Traffic and Transport Committee meeting. However, only written replies had been provided by the relevant departments. She hoped Members could avoid raising the same questions in different committee meetings.

42. The Chairman noted Members' views.

VII. Question on midge control in Discovery Bay and Nim Shue Wan  
(Paper TAFEHC 28/2016)

43. The Chairman welcomed Mr CHOW Kam-hung, Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing/Pest Control) Islands of FEHD, for attending the meeting.

44. Ms Amy YUNG introduced the question.

45. Mr Holden CHOW said that he had followed up with HD on black spots of midge nuisance in Tung Chung. According to his understanding, midge nuisance was related to stagnant water and mosquito control measures might not be able to eliminate midges. He enquired of FEHD on their midge control measures.

46. Mr LOU Cheuk-wing said that midge nuisance was prevalent all over Lantau (including Tai O). He believed midges originated in mangroves. As mangroves flourished, litter was trapped inside them which facilitated the growth of midges. He hoped FEHD could clear the litter at mangroves and control their growth.

47. Mr CHOW Kam-hung gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) *Culicoides circumscriptus* and *Forcipomyia taiwana* are the species of biting midges which attack humans. The pest control team of the FEHD had conducted a site visit to Discovery Bay (DB) and Nim Shue Wan last week and no severe midge nuisance was found at DB. The Discovery Bay Services Management Limited (DBSML) had noticed signs of midge nuisance in the estate earlier. After taking mosquito and midge control measures, the situation had been improved now. With reference to Nim Shue Wan, grass cutting and pesticide spraying had been conducted by the

department at their potential breeding sites and the sites where midges were found in order to control midge nuisance.

- (b) The pest control team had distributed anti-midge leaflets to schools, management companies and residents at DB and Nim Shue Wan respectively to remind the public to take anti-midge measures and step up self-protection awareness.
- (c) Regarding setting up ovitraps in other areas of the Islands District, the department would conduct annual review according to the development situation and allocated resources in the consideration of inclusion of any areas with ovitraps.
- (d) The Pest Control Advisory Section stated that aside from dengue fever vector, the department was currently focusing on the control of vectors of malaria (for example *Anopheles minimus* and *Anopheles jeyporiensis*) and Japanese encephalitis (*Culex tritaeniorhynchus*). As there was currently no evidence of transmission of diseases via midges, the activity of midges was not monitored by FEHD at present. The department would review its vector surveillance programme regularly and consider the addition of surveillance target subject to relevant findings.
- (e) As for the mosquito and midge nuisances found in mangroves, the pest control team had implemented mosquito and midge control measures at the sites concerned. The control of mangrove growth was not the purview of FEHD and some mangroves grew within the purview of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD). AFCD would conserve the mangroves and clear the litter there regularly.

48. Several Members raised the following views:

- (a) Mr Holden CHOW saw the midge nuisance as a serious problem. In his opinion, the department should take monitoring measures despite the fact that midges would not spread diseases. He wondered if FEHD would stipulate monitoring measures for midges in the future.

(Post-meeting note: FEHD responded that midges were not the vector of mosquito-borne diseases, such as dengue fever, Japanese encephalitis and Zika virus. Midges found in Hong Kong were also not known as the vector of any pest-borne disease. FEHD had no surveillance plan for midges at present.)

- (b) Mr Eric KWOK enquired about the breeding method of midges.

(Post-meeting note: FEHD replied that biting midge larvae were aquatic or semi-aquatic and could be found in stagnant water, damp places or mud. Their life cycle from egg to adult lasted about 40 days. However, cooler

weather could extend the cycle to several months.)

- (c) Ms Amy YUNG remarked that mangroves had high ecological value and their growth should not be hindered for midge-control. She suggested FEHD clear the litter at mangroves and investigate whether the breeding of midges was related to mangroves.
- (d) Mr CHEUNG Fu stated that overgrown mangroves were the cause of mosquito and midge nuisances. He hoped FEHD would trim the mangroves regularly instead of felling them.
- (e) Mr LOU Cheuk-wing said that Tai O was full of salt marshes with no mangroves in the past. Nevertheless, mangroves had now overgrown to cover Sun Ki Yim Tin and Hang Mei. They had even blocked out some of the paths and drained the lakes. He requested FEHD to step up the clearing of litter in mangroves and would write to request AFCD to address the problem of overgrown mangroves. He urged the relevant departments to manage the mangroves properly instead of controlling their reproduction.

49. Mr Chris FUNG said that he would convey Members' views and concerns on mangroves to his relevant colleagues.

(Post-meeting note: The salt marshes in Tai O were planted as compensation to the mangroves lost during the construction of Chek Lap Kok Airport and the relevant developments in north coast of Lantau. Through habitat management, the total area of planted mangroves in the salt marshes had reached stability and there had been no obvious growth in recent years. AFCD regularly cleared the litter that hindered the growth of mangroves. The department would also perform weeding and maintain the mangroves to keep the environment tidy. No complaints of mosquito or midge nuisances regarding the sites had been received in the past. The department would step up its cleaning services if necessary in order to upkeep the clean environment there.)

(Mr CHOW Kam-hung left the meeting after discussion of this agenda item.)

#### VIII. Question on Lantau Development Public Forum (Paper TAFEHC 29/2016)

50. The Chairman said that the Development Bureau, the Planning Department (PlanD) and the Civil Engineering and Development Department had provided a joint written reply for perusal by Members.

51. Ms Amy YUNG introduced the question. She said that the departments had held three forums previously but the venues were overcrowded and some residents could not enter and express their views. She remarked that Lantau

Development had a great impact on residents of Lantau Island. Hence the Lantau Development Advisory Committee should provide more opportunities for members of the public to express their views. Furthermore, the briefing by department representatives at the Discovery Bay Community Hall had been unsatisfactory. The representatives had only recited the facts and over half of 200 attendees had left mid-way through the forum. On the following day, there was an introduction on the DB development by some DB residents at the same venue. Around 200 residents attended. Many residents volunteered to express their views and the atmosphere was different from the previous day. She urged the relevant departments to review their arrangements of public forums or briefings on Lantau Development in the future.

IX. Question on conversion of the lawn area near Discovery Bay Recreation Club into golf cart parking lot  
(Paper TAFEHC 30/2016)

52. The Chairman welcomed Ms Shirley HON, Senior Estate Surveyor of the District Lands Office, Islands (DLO) and Ms Donna TAM, District Planning Officer (Sai Kung & Islands) of PlanD, for attending the meeting.

53. Ms Amy YUNG introduced the question.

54. Ms Donna TAM said that according to the DB Outline Zoning Plan (OZP), the lawn area adjacent to the Discovery Bay Recreation Club fell within an area zoned "Other Specified Uses" annotated "Sports and Recreation Club" ("OU(Sports and Recreation Club)"). According to the OZP, 'Private Club' was a use always permitted within the "OU(Sports and Recreation Club)" zone. All building engineering and other operations incidental to and all uses directly related and ancillary to the permitted uses within the same zone were always permitted. Facilities within a private club (for example, ancillary parking facilities) could also be regarded as uses that were always permitted if located within the same zone. For the subject land use proposal, PlanD had required the Hong Kong Resort International Limited (HKR) to provide information for analysis and assessment. The department considered the conversion of part of the site concerned to a golf cart parking lot could be regarded as an ancillary use to the recreation club and was therefore a use that was always permitted and did not require planning permission from the Town Planning Board. As for the traffic arrangement of the golf course, the Islands District Office (IsDO) had referred the details of the parking lot concerned to the Transport Department (TD) for follow-up.

55. Ms Shirley HON said that according to the Master Plan of DB, the lawn to be converted to golf cart parking lot was located at Area 17 of DB which had been designated as "Residents Club". Regarding the provision of a golf cart parking lot at Area 17, according to the information provided by HKR, DLO had confirmed that the parking lot was ancillary to the recreation club and was part of the club facilities. The parking lot would be opened to members with valid membership only, therefore it did not violate the requirements under the existing Master Plan. As the addition of parking spaces involved traffic arrangement, DLO had consulted TD who was examining the provision from a traffic perspective.

56. Ms Amy YUNG expressed regret at the replies by PlanD and DLO. She gave a PowerPoint presentation to briefly introduce the above works of converting the lawn to golf cart parking lot. She raised the following views:

- (a) The works concerned involved two parking lots. At first the developer would close the golf cart parking lot at Area 9A, then the parking lot would be moved to Area 17. Therefore, the parking lot was not an ancillary use.
- (b) The OZP and the Master Plan originally showed that the lawn was used as an open space and not for parking. Therefore, it was incorrect for the PlanD and the DLO to consider the golf cart parking lot as ancillary to the recreation club. She requested the departments to conduct a thorough investigation before making a decision.
- (c) Seahorse Lane outside the club had already offered sufficient parking spaces for club members. She questioned why the recreation club needed to provide more golf cart parking spaces.
- (d) In terms of traffic, the road to the golf course was very narrow. The erection of hoardings would obstruct the pavement there and make the site accident-prone. A traffic accident had happened on 16 May this year. She hoped the relevant departments would conduct a site visit with local residents.
- (e) Recently the developer had been weeding in the vicinity of 25 trees which were over 20 years of age. She was worried those trees would be removed.
- (f) The residents of DB would be very dissatisfied if the relevant departments failed to conduct a thorough investigation and adopted a one-sided view instead. She noted that various departments had received letters of objection about the works concerned with full justification. She believed the DB residents who sat in the meeting did not agree with the explanations offered by the representatives of various departments. She hoped the departments would review their decisions.

57. Ms Donna TAM replied as follows:

- (a) The transport arrangements of DB were special in that the use of private cars was restricted and golf carts served as a form of transportation for the local residents. Therefore, provision of golf cart parking spaces at different areas of DB was required and the developer could provide ancillary facilities at the private clubs, including golf cart parking spaces.
- (b) Upon clarifying with HKR, PlanD learnt that the concerned recreation club adopted a membership system. Although all DB residents were its members, there were only about 300 active members with valid membership and in possession of the Golf Cart Road Usage Licence. The

department opined that the 90 golf cart parking spaces provided by the developer were in proportion to the number of active members. The information provided by HKR stated that the golf cart parking lot was an ancillary facility for the exclusive use of active members with valid membership. As such, PlanD agreed that the ancillary facilities provided by the recreation club, including golf cart parking spaces, could be regarded as ancillary uses. The number of golf cart parking spaces provided at other clubs in DB was solely the arrangement of the respective club operators.

- (c) Concerning the appropriateness of the relocation site or the transport arrangements, TD was consulted and the case was being processed.

58. Ms Shirley HON replied as follows:

- (a) DLO learnt that HKR intended to adjust the provision of the golf cart parking spaces in Area 9A. As such adjustments involved traffic arrangements, TD was consulted and the case was being processed.
- (b) The land grant of DB contained no tree preservation clause, thus removal or pruning of trees did not require the approval of DLO. If the works involved the removal of trees, the parties concerned would be advised to preserve the trees in the areas as far as possible and consult qualified professionals.
- (c) According to the information provided by HKR, the use of the golf cart parking spaces would be confined to active members (i.e. whose membership had been activated and had not been cancelled, terminated or suspended), thus DLO was of the view that the golf cart parking spaces could be regarded as ancillary uses.

59. Several Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) Ms Amy YUNG said that she and the residents did not accept the Department's interpretation of the term "ancillary". The golf club adjacent to the recreation club was near the pier and a bus stop, so the number of parking spaces provided should be fewer than the 16 parking spaces of Club Siena. As she had said earlier, the club members parked their golf carts on Seahorse Lane and there had never been any "ancillary" relationship. She questioned why the developer demolished a parking lot and constructed another one in the lawn area of the recreation club. She hoped the relevant departments would conduct a site visit and look into the matter carefully. Furthermore, HKR had provided golf cart parking spaces at Parkridge Village in early years but pulled them down for development of low-density housing. She was dissatisfied that the developer developed all the land available in pursuit of commercial gains regardless of the residents' needs for open space.
- (b) Mr Eric KWOK noted that according to the information from the Tree Management Office, the felling of certain trees required the approval and

written consent from the responsible department. He enquired whether DLO would take actions correspondingly in relation to the felling of mature trees by HKR.

(c) Mr CHEUNG Fu enquired if the aforesaid site was private land.

60. Ms Shirley HON in her consolidated reply, stated that DLO would refer to the provisions in the land grant and the Master Plan of DB in planning and monitoring of property development there. Since the land grant of DB contained no tree preservation clause, DLO had no basis to vet the proposal of removal and pruning of trees by the developer. Notwithstanding the aforesaid, a letter would be issued to the developer who would be advised to preserve the trees as far as possible.

61. Mr CHEUNG Fu noted that tree management was not under the purview of DLO, and as the site concerned was private land, the relevant department lacked the justification for blocking private development.

62. Ms Shirley HON said that if the Government lease contained a tree preservation clause, the owner was required to submit an application to LandsD for removal of trees and provide compensatory planting in accordance with the relevant provisions. Given that the land grant of DB contained no tree preservation clause, the developer was not required to submit an application to remove the trees.

63. Mr Eric KWOK noted that according to the OZP, the parking lot was a public place. He enquired whether the public place in DB was managed by the HKR.

64. Mr YUNG Chi-ming said the site concerned was private land under the ownership of the DB Developer. He hoped Members could negotiate first with the HKR, and only seek assistance from the department if no resolution was reached.

65. Ms Shirley HON said that the golf cart parking lot proposed by HKR was located in Area 17 of DB which was designated as "Residents Club". The conversion of the area into a parking lot by HKR did not violate the terms of the land grant and the Master Plan.

66. Ms Amy YUNG said that the issue involved the indivisible ownership of DB which was a matter of public interest, and she hoped that DLO, PlanD and TD could conduct a site visit with her.

67. The Chairman suggested that the relevant departments arrange a site visit with Ms Amy Yung after the meeting.

(Ms Shirley HON and Ms Donna TAM left the meeting after discussion of this agenda item.)

X. Application for Becoming Part of the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities

(Paper TAFEHC 31/2016)

68. The Chairman welcomed Ms CHONG Yan-yee, Belinda, Assistant District Officer of IsDO, for attending the meeting.

69. Ms Belinda CHONG presented the paper.

70. Mr Holden CHOW welcomed the above programme and hoped that the Government could allocate more resources in its implementation, including strengthening the hospital geriatric medicine services and supporting facilities for elderly homes, in order to enhance the age-friendly facilities in the district.

71. Mr KWONG Koon-wan was also very supportive of the programme and hoped the Government could offer more support to the elderly, especially those with reduced mobility, for integration into the community. He proposed that the Government make reference to the findings of the assessment for joining the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities (Network) to improve the age-friendly facilities in the district.

72. Ms Belinda CHONG said that any districts applying to join the Network would be required to formulate a three-year action plan, and IsDO would take into account the views of Members in devising the action plan.

73. The Committee supported Island District's application to the Network, and unanimously endorsed the amendments to the name and terms of reference of the Islands Healthy City and Age-friendly Community Working Group to facilitate the discussion and follow-up on the application.

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

(Paper TAFEHC 33/2016)

74. The Chairman welcomed Mr Tommy TANG, Senior Inspector of Works, IsDO for attending the meeting.

75. Mr Tommy TANG reported the latest progress of the projects below:

- (a) Improvement to paving at Tai Long Wan Village, Tai O (IS-DMW-632)

The works would commence on 2 June this year.

- (b) Improvement to footpath and surface channel leading from house no. 15 to house no. 19 at Sha Lo Wan, Tai O (IS-DMW-645)

The tender document was being prepared, with the tender process expected to begin in late June to early July.



- (c) Formation of fire breaks and grass cutting in Islands District at Mui Wo and South Lantau (2016 - 2017) (IS-DMW-658)

Tender process was completed.

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

- (a) Improvement to road pavement adjacent to Kwai Yuen Ching She and Don Bosco Road, Cheung Chau (IS-DMW-570)

Mr KWONG Koon-wan was pleased to note that the works had been completed, and the frontline staff and nearby residents were satisfied with the project.

- (b) Improvement to road pavement outside the public lavatory at 33B Chung Hing Street and Chung Hing Back Street, Cheung Chau (IS-DMW-569)

Mr KWONG Koon-wan said since the works site was at a major road section, he was worried that it might cause inconvenience to the residents during the construction period. He enquired whether the works could commence earlier for completion before the Lunar New Year.

Mr Tommy TANG replied that invitations to tender for the project had been scheduled to begin in the third quarter of this year. The works would commence in October or November and were expected to be completed before the Lunar New Year.

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

Mr LOU Cheuk-wing asked which footbridge in Wang Hang was referred to.

Mr Tommy TANG replied that the footbridge concerned was located at the entrance to the Lung Ngam Monastery

77. Members endorsed the paper and noted the content of the report of IsDO.

## XII. Report by Working Group

- (i) Tourism, Agriculture, Fisheries and Environmental Hygiene Committee (TAFEHC) Activities Working Group

78. The Chairman said that the Working Group Report had been faxed or emailed to Members for perusal prior to the meeting (see Reference 1 for details). Members were invited to comment on the report.

79. Members had no comment and endorsed the report.

(ii) Islands Healthy City Working Group

80. Mr Randy YU said that the Working Group Report had been faxed or emailed to Members for perusal prior to the meeting (see Reference 2 for details). Members were invited to comment on the report.

81. Members had no comment and endorsed the report.

XIII. Any Other Business

(i) District Minor Works Projects Proposals 2016-2017

82. The Chairman said that the Islands District Council (IsDC) had been allocated \$18,688,000 for DMW projects in 2016-2017. The amount of funds allocated to TAFEHC was the same as last year, i.e. \$7,025,000. She asked the Secretariat to invite Members to submit project proposals, which would be processed with the project proposals submitted earlier in one-go.

(ii) Community Participation Programme in Collaboration with DC in 2016-2017

83. The Chairman said that Environmental Protection Department (EPD) would allocate \$200,000 under the “Community Participation Programme in Collaboration with DC in 2016-2017” to each DC for organising environmental protection activities. In line with the past practice, the use of funds and activities arrangement would be followed up by the TAFEHC Activities Working Group. EPD would provide details of the programme to Members by circulation.

XIV. Date of Next Meeting

84. The meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m. The next meeting would be held at 2:00 p.m. on 25 July 2016 (Monday).

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