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

Date : 24 September 2018 (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, SBS
Mr YU Hon-kwan, Randy, JP
Mr YUNG Chi-ming, BBS
Mr CHAN Lin-wai
Mr CHEUNG Fu
Mr WONG Hon-kuen, Ken
Mr WONG Man-hon
Ms YU Lai-fan
Ms YUNG Wing-sheung, Amy
Mr CHOW Ho-ding, Holden
Ms TSANG Sau-ho, Josephine
Mr KWOK Ping, Eric
Mr WONG King-chuen
Mr KWONG Kwok-kam, BH, JP
Mr CHEUNG Ming-keung

Attendance by Invitation

Mr LEE Kim-fai	Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
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In Attendance

Mr AU Sheung-man, Benjamin	Assistant District Officer (Islands)1, Islands District Office
Miss YEUNG Cin-man, Winnie	Assistant District Officer (Islands)2, Islands District Office
Mr LI Ming-yau	Senior Inspector of Works, Islands District Office
Mr KWAN Yau-kee	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Islands), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr KWOK Chi-hang	Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Islands), Lands Department

Mr YUEN King-ho, Vic	Police Community Relations Officer (Marine Port District), Hong Kong Police Force
Ms LAW Po-shan	Sergeant & Police School Liaison Officer, Police Community Relations Office (Lantau District), Hong Kong Police Force
Miss SIN Kai-wai, Marie	Senior Transport Officer/Islands 2, Transport Department
Mr LI Kim-man	Senior Environment Protection Officer (Regional South)5, Environmental Protection Department
Mr IP Ka-lok, Kelvin	Conservation Officer/1 (L), Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr CHAN Ping-ki, Patrick	Senior Fisheries Supervisor (Enforcement), Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
Ms Sonja CHAN	Representative, New World First Ferry Services Limited

Secretary

Miss TANG Yuen-shan, Serena	Executive Officer (District Council)2, Islands District Office
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Absent with Apology

Mr FAN Chi-ping	
Mr LOU Cheuk-wing	
Mr KWONG Koon-wan	
Mr CHAN Ngai-chung	
Ms WOO On-ting, Amy	Agricultural Officer (Agricultural Extension), Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
Mr Benny CHAN	Representative, New Lantau Bus Co., (1973) Ltd.
Miss Cardi CHUNG	Representative, Hong Kong Tourism Board

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**Welcoming Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed representatives of government departments, organisations and Members to the meeting and then introduced the following representatives of government departments who attended the meeting:

- (a) Ms LAW Po-shan, Sergeant & Police School Liaison Officer, Police Community Relations Office (Lantau District) of the Hong Kong Police Force who attended the meeting in place of Mr YAU Siu-sang.
- (b) Mr Kelvin IP, Conservation Officer/1 (L) of the Civil Engineering and Development Department who attended the meeting in place of Miss TONG Yee-fun, Pauline.

- (c) Mr Patrick CHAN, Senior Fisheries Supervisor (Enforcement) of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department who attended the meeting in place of Miss LUN Chui-yuen, Janice.

2. Members noted that Mr FAN Chi-ping, Mr LOU Cheuk-wing, Mr KWONG Koon-wan, Mr CHAN Ngai-chung, Ms Amy WOO, Mr Benny CHAN and Miss Cardi CHUNG of the Hong Kong Tourism Board were unable to attend the meeting due to other commitment.

I. Confirmation of minutes of the meeting held on 30.7.2018

3. The captioned minutes were confirmed unanimously without amendment.

II. Question on increasing and improving the mobile toilet facilities at Lantau Link Toll Plaza  
(Paper TAFEHC 40/2018)

4. The Chairman welcomed Miss Marie SIN, Senior Transport Officer/Islands 2 of the Transport Department (TD) to the meeting to respond to the question. The written reply of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) had been sent to Members for perusal before the meeting.

5. Mr Eric KWOK introduced the question.

6. Miss Marie SIN said that according to the records, the department did not receive any complaints about the hygiene of the two mobile toilets in the previous year. The two mobile toilets were managed by the contractor of Tsing Ma Control Area (the Control Area), which conducted several cleansings and disinfections every day. If the hygienic conditions were found to be unsatisfactory or the facilities damaged, the contractor would immediately step up cleansing and conduct repairs. At present, the two toilets were able to meet demand on the whole and there was not much queuing even during peak hours. TD and the contractor would continue to monitor the usage. With regard to the installation of solar exhaust fan and LED lighting system at the toilets, the department had relayed the proposal to the departments concerned and would conduct technical assessment.

7. Mr Eric KWOK said that members of the public complained about the hygienic condition of the two mobile toilets. He enquired whether the department had established complaint hotlines and conducted regular or surprise inspections to ensure the quality of service of the contractor. He proposed that the department should make reference to the design of Ngong Ping 360 and build permanent toilets. In recent years, Lantau Island developed rapidly and various development projects had been implemented. Since some government departments were conducting preliminary planning, he hoped that the department would study with the relevant departments on the proposal of building permanent toilets in order to meet future demand.

8. Ms Amy YUNG said that the representative of TD replied that the proposal of installation of solar exhaust fan and LED lighting system had been relayed to “the departments concerned”. She opined that the reply was too vague and general without stating clearly which departments were responsible for following up on the matter. She concurred with Mr Eric KWOK’s proposal of providing information of complaint hotlines outside the toilets and opined that the department had the responsibility of monitoring the work of the contractor.

9. Miss Marie SIN said that the two mobile toilets were situated inside the Control Area and managed by the contractor. The department would deploy staff to monitor the performance of the contractor. Members of the public might call TD to give comments on the management of the Control Area. The department had relayed the proposal of installation of solar exhaust fan and LED lighting system to the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department for study. The proposals of providing complaint hotlines information outside the toilets and alteration of the mobile toilets into permanent toilets would be referred to the relevant departments for consideration.

10. Mr Eric KWOK said that the department should not rely on the contractor to manage the mobile toilets in the Control Area. Rather, it should conduct surprise inspections. To tie in with the development of Lantau Island, he urged the department to make improvements to various facility projects and accept Members’ opinions.

11. The Chairman said that the area was managed by two District Councils (DCs). She enquired whether the Control Area would be handled independently. In addition, there was high pedestrian flow in the Control Area and demand for facilities outstripped supply. She hoped that TD would provide more facilities to cope with the demand.

12. Miss Marie SIN said that the Control Area was managed by TD. The department noted Members’ opinions and would follow up on the request of providing more facilities.

13. The Chairman enquired whether TD would follow up on the complaint about the hygiene problem of the mobile toilets.

14. Miss Marie SIN reiterated that TD would explore solutions with other departments and the contractor if and when necessary.

(Ms Josephine TSANG joined the meeting at around 2:05 p.m.)

### III. Question on installation of 360 degrees cameras at coastal sites (Paper TAFEHC 41/2018)

15. The Chairman welcomed Mr LEE Kim-fai, Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control) of FEHD to the meeting to respond the question. The written reply of FEHD had been sent to Members for perusal before the meeting.

16. Mr Randy YU introduced the question.
17. Mr LEE Kim-fai elaborated the written reply of FEHD.
18. Mr Randy YU said that FEHD did not brief the DC on the programme before pilot implementation and thus Members were unable to explain the programme details to residents, which was embarrassing. He requested the department to brief the DC before any pilot or formal scheme of installing 360 degrees cameras in the future. In addition, it was mentioned in the written reply that 360 degrees cameras would be installed at 6 or 7 spots. He hoped that the department would report to DC as soon as detailed information was available.
19. Mr Holden CHOW concurred with Mr Randy YU that it would be embarrassing if Members could not clearly explain to residents the details of the programme, even though it was a pilot scheme. Apart from notification, he hoped that the department would state the reasons of implementation, corresponding arrangements, period of the pilot scheme and reasons of site selection, etc., so that Members could reply residents' enquiries in detail. He enquired whether FEHD conducted similar programme in other districts and whether it had explained the details to the respective DCs.
20. Ms Amy YUNG said that she had reflected at meetings that the problem of refuse accumulation at Sam Pak Wan Beach was serious and requested FEHD to install closed-circuit televisions to monitor the situation. She was appreciative that the department had responded to her request and installed 360 degrees cameras at Sam Pak Wan Beach.
21. Mr Eric KWOK said that when he earlier found the 360 degrees camera monitoring system installed by FEHD at Pui O Beach, he thought it was a solar charging device illegally installed by Mainland tourists. Later he saw the FEHD's logo and realised it was the department's monitoring system. He opined that the department should inform Members before installing the device. In addition, he enquired whether the department could meet the cost of the two 360 degrees cameras with internal resources, or whether funding approval by DC was required.
22. Mr Ken WONG was perplexed about FEHD's practice of selectively informing DC of the contents of programmes to be implemented. The department earlier installed at Nim Shue Wan Beach a 360 degrees camera of the same model (which had been removed). A village representative lodged a complaint to him that he was unaware of the matter. As the department did not state clearly the area of recording, he was worried about infringement of privacy. He urged the department to conduct adequate consultation before installing the cameras and review the consultation and relevant arrangement.
23. Mr LEE Kim-fai said that the department noted Members' opinions about the consultation and arrangements. With regard to Mr Holden CHOW's enquiry on whether consultation had been conducted in other districts, he replied that the programme and relevant expenditure were co-ordinated by the Headquarters and thus he

was unable to provide relevant information there and then. In addition, the camera installed at Nim Shue Wan was a “twin lens” camera with a narrower shooting angle of just about 120 degrees, which was different from the 360 degrees cameras installed at Shui Hau and Pui O and mainly targeted the beach area.

24. Mr Eric KWOK enquired whether the funding for installing 360 degrees cameras needed the approval of DC. He agreed to the department’s installation of camera system to monitor the situation of illegal dumping of refuse, but hoped that the department would be mindful of privacy. He proposed that the department should conduct adequate consultation before installing the cameras at beaches to avoid abandonment of the programme due to objection of residents.

25. The Chairman said that as far as she understood, the Government also installed cameras at refuse collection points in 18 districts. She enquired whether they were the same as those installed at beaches.

26. Mr KWAN Yau-kee said that the cameras at refuse collection points and the coastal monitoring devices were installed under different schemes and the models of cameras were also different. He noted Members’ concern about consultation arrangements and would convey to the Headquarters.

27. Mr CHEUNG Fu proposed that the department posted a notice beside the cameras to remind the public that monitoring recording was being conducted and that the aim was to monitor refuse dumping at the beaches.

28. Mr KWAN Yau-kee said that the department noted Members’ opinions and would convey to the Headquarters.

IV. Question on public charges of Hospital Authority  
(Paper TAFEHC 42/2018)

29. The Chairman said that the written reply of the Hospital Authority (HA) had been sent to Members for perusal before the meeting.

30. Mr Randy YU introduced the question.

31. Mr Randy YU said that as far as he understood, the resident holding the temporary identity document was an “eligible person”. He opined that the matter was an isolated incident and did not require discussion at DC meeting. He would get the details from HA.

V. Question on mosquito control measures after dengue fever outbreak  
(Paper TAFEHC 43/2018)

32. The Chairman welcomed Mr LEE Kim-fai, Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control) of FEHD to the meeting to respond to the question. The

written reply of FEHD had been sent to Members for perusal before the meeting.

33. Ms Amy YUNG introduced the question.

34. Mr LEE Kim-fai elaborated the written reply of FEHD.

35. Ms Amy YUNG said that after the onslaught of typhoon Mangkhut, there was much stagnant water at various places in Hong Kong and larvicidal oil and sand were carried away by rainwater. She enquired whether the department would supplement larvicidal oil and sand after the typhoon or whether special measures be implemented to prevent the infestation of mosquito. She pointed out that according to the paper containing the Monthly Ovitrap Index (MOI) of Islands District submitted by the department earlier, MOI of Tung Chung and Cheung Chau recorded increases. While the department said that it would step up anti-mosquito measures, she proposed that apart from stepping up measures, the department should timely publicise relevant information, in particular corresponding measures adopted after typhoons.

36. Mr LEE Kim-fai said that the department generally conducted inspection at mosquito blackspots once a week, and more frequently for some spots. For example, should larvicidal oil and sand placed on Monday by the department be washed away, the department would replenish them by the following Monday at the latest. As it would take some time for mosquito eggs to grow into adult mosquitoes, the department opined that the current inspection rate was adequate to effectively prevent mosquito infestation.

37. Mr Holden CHOW was appreciative of FEHD and other government departments for conducting joint operations and enhancing frequencies of spraying mosquito repellant during the recent mosquito or dengue fever outbreak. He opined that mosquito infestation was serious in summer and regular mosquito control measures should be stepped up, such as increasing the frequencies of spraying larvicidal oil, placement of larvicidal sand and spray of mosquito repellant to the bushes. The frequency of mosquito repellant spray should be increased from once to twice a week.

38. Mr YUNG Chi-ming said that Cheung Chau was a dengue fever disaster area and the media called on the public not to visit the island, resulting in drastic business downturn. He enquired how the department defined “Epidemic Area” and how many days after the onset of disease of the last known patient would the alert of “Epidemic Area” be lifted. He was appreciative of FEHD, the District Lands Office, Islands (DLO) and the Islands District Office (IsDO) for adopting measures such as cutting grasses to tackle the dengue fever infestation.

39. Mr LEE Kim-fai made a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) The first step of anti-mosquito measures was to prevent the accumulation of stagnant water, whereas spraying of larvicidal oil was a later stage measure. If mosquito breeding was not found, spraying of larvicidal oil might not be needed. The department would take anti-mosquito measures according to the MOI, opinions of members of the public and Members as well as observations of the department staff.

The Headquarters of FEHD recently conducted a review on dengue fever outbreak and considered effective anti-mosquito methods.

- (b) FEHD did not have definitions of the terms of dengue fever “Epidemic Area” or “Disaster Area”, and the incubation period of dengue viruses ranged from 3 to 14 days.

40. Mr CHEUNG Fu said that the term “Epidemic Area” as mentioned by Mr YUNG Chi-ming was a media usage, not that of the Government.

41. Mr YUNG Chi-ming said that the media said Cheung Chau was a “Dengue Fever Disaster Area” and called on the public not to visit Cheung Chau. As a result, the businesses of Cheung Chau shops had been on the decline since summer holidays and the situation was worrying. He hoped that the department would clarify the situation.

42. Mr KWAN Yau-kee said that the Government did not define individual areas as “Dengue Fever Epidemic Area”. He emphasised that the Government was taking targeted mosquito prevention and control measures on a continuous basis to tackle dengue fever, and it would not stop these measures even if there were no new cases for a long time.

43. The Chairman said that it was impossible to eradicate mosquitoes and there was still a risk of dengue fever outbreak in the future. Therefore, it was hoped that various government departments would join hands to formulate measures to resolve the mosquito problem in the long term.

- VI. New Proposed Projects under District Minor Works of Tourism, Agriculture, Fisheries and Environmental Hygiene Committee for 2018/2019  
(Paper TAFEHC 45/2018)
- VII. Progress report on DC-funded District Minor Works Projects  
(Paper TAFEHC 44/2018)

44. The Chairman welcomed Miss Winnie YEUNG, Assistant District Officer (Islands)<sup>2</sup> and Mr LI Ming-yau, Senior Inspector of Works of IsDO to the meeting to present the papers.

45. Miss Winnie YEUNG presented Paper TAFEHC 45/2018.

46. Members opined that the contents of Agenda VI and VII were related, and agreed that they be discussed together.

47. Ms Amy YUNG enquired whether before putting forward the two newly proposed projects, IsDO had inspected the situations in various areas of Islands District after the typhoon. She said that the road at Nim Shue Wan was damaged and residents still could not walk home, nor could materials be transported.



48. Miss Winnie YEUNG said that IsDO did visit various areas of Islands District (including Nim Shue Wan) to inspect the damages before putting forward the proposed projects. Later when Paper TAFEHC 44/2018 was discussed, IsDO would introduce the funding arrangements for the two projects, which mainly involved increasing the funding of the original term contract to conduct rehabilitation works. Paper TAFEHC 45/2018 set out the newly proposed projects for DC approval.

49. Mr WONG Man-hon enquired whether a dedicated fund could be set up for rehabilitation works after typhoon, without using DC resources. He opined that Islands District covered an extensive area and the resources of DC was limited. If DC funds were used for rehabilitation works, other future construction projects in Islands District would be affected. He queried that IsDO was partial towards some areas. Other areas needed funds for works projects as well, such as Mui Wo Pier was damaged by typhoon and ships could not berth thereat; and the seawall outside Silvermine Beach Resort was also destroyed by huge waves.

50. Miss Winnie YEUNG said that IsDO was aware of the damages in various areas. Apart from the two rehabilitation works projects, IsDO also conducted repairs to damaged facilities under its purview in other areas through term contracts. IsDO would also increase the funding for term contracts. With regard to Man Kok Tsui Pier mentioned by Mr WONG Man-hon, IsDO would study and follow up on the case.

(Post-meeting note: The footpath near Man Kok Tsui Pier was a private road, and IsDO was conducting searches of land records to identify the owner. Once consent of the owner was obtained, funding from DC would be sought. The Home Affairs Department would provide more funds for District Minor Works (DMW) in the following year to meet the extra expenditure incurred by typhoons.)

51. Mr Ken WONG said that the two projects proposed by IsDO were both in Lamma Island (South). He said that other areas of Islands District were equally severely affected and opined that the submission of paper was not proper. He proposed that IsDO should submit all rehabilitation works proposals to DC in one lot, rather than by batches.

52. Miss Winnie YEUNG reiterated that when discussing Paper TAFEHC 44/2018 later on, funding arrangements for projects in other areas of Islands District would be introduced, mainly by increasing funding of other original term contracts to conduct rehabilitation works.

53. Mr CHOW Yuk-tong said that Lamma Island was one of the areas most severely battered by typhoon Mangkhut. As the typhoon caused extensive damages in Islands District, he had enquired at the District Facilities Management Committee meeting whether IsDO allocated extra funds to conduct improvement works. After the typhoon, Lamma Island (South) Rural Committee (RC) immediately requested the works department to conduct the above two road works to avoid serious transport problem on Lamma as a result of road obstruction. He opined that the most urgent

work then was to seek resources, or else works would not be implemented. He urged IsDO to continue to strive for resources to avoid sacrificing one area for the others due to insufficient resources. He opined that owing to resource and manpower constraints, it would be difficult to implement all works concurrently at this stage. He proposed that Members should make a list of places damaged, and then decide on the priority of works according to urgency of the situation.

54. Mr LI Ming-yau presented Paper TAFEHC 44/2018. He said that some facilities in Islands District were destroyed by typhoon Mangkhut, as such IsDO proposed that funds for “Project no. IS-DMW-685: Maintenance and provision of minor works item for DMW projects in Islands District (Lantau Island) 2018-2019” be increased from \$500,000 to \$1 million; whereas the funds for “Project no. IS-DMW-686: Maintenance and provision of minor works item for DMW projects in Islands District (Cheung Chau, Peng Chau, Lamma Island and Po Toi) 2018-2019” be increased from \$500,000 to \$1.5 million. In addition, the estimated cost of project no. IS-DMW-689 was \$400,000. If Members approved the above funding proposals, Works Section would implement the projects.

55. Ms Amy YUNG said that the presentation of Mr LI Ming-yau did not cover Nim Shue Wan. She requested IsDO to formulate a list of all proposed rehabilitation works and their valuations.

56. Ms YU Lai-fan said that the typhoon was very destructive and many footpaths of Islands District were destroyed and residents were unable to pass through. The situation of Lamma Island and Po Toi was also very serious. She proposed that IsDO should formulate a list of footpaths in the Islands District destroyed by typhoon that needed repairs, and provide the rehabilitation works timetable to Members.

57. Mr Holden CHOW said that owing to urgency of the matter, he did not object to the funding approval by DC for works implementation. He proposed that IsDO should formulate a suitable mechanism to assess the priority of rehabilitation works in Islands District. When presenting Paper TAFEHC 44/2018, IsDO said that funds for rehabilitation works under preparation or in progress would be increased. He proposed that IsDO should make special arrangement for the typhoon. A list of places damaged and the respective rehabilitation proposals should be prepared so that Members could understand the situation. In addition, he enquired of IsDO about the source of funding, i.e. whether from various sources or from a dedicated fund.

58. Ms Josephine TSANG said that typhoon Mangkhut caused extensive damages to Islands District. No roads were passable in Nim Shue Wan. A few became usable after repairs while other remained impassable. Apart from Lamma Island (South), she believed other Members had also submitted damage reports of other areas immediately. She queried that IsDO had been unfair. She agreed with other Members’ proposals that IsDO should prepare a list of roads and facilities damaged by typhoon so that Members could discuss matters of rehabilitation, rather than preferentially provided funds for individual districts to conduct rehabilitation works. She hoped that IsDO would attend to the needs of residents in various districts.

59. Mr Ken WONG said that IsDO would spend \$3 million on repairing a 400-metre road on Lamma Island (South). Based on that figure, it was estimated that the rehabilitation of the 200-metre road in Nim Shue Wan would cost \$1.5 million. The provision for “Project no. IS-DMW-686: Maintenance and provision of minor works item for DMW projects in Islands District (Cheung Chau, Peng Chau, Lamma Island and Po Toi) 2018-2019” was \$1.5 million, which was not adequate to be shared by the 4 areas. He reckoned that the funding arrangement was made based on the financial commitment of \$8.5 million. The sum of more than \$6.9 million of the total cost of works projects set out in the report plus the \$1.5 million additional funding would already equal the total amount IsDO could deploy for the whole year. If \$1.5 million was to be used on repairing roads in Nim Shue Wan, IsDO would have no more funds for repairing roads in other areas. Despite the inadequate provisions, IsDO still submitted two rehabilitation works projects for Lamma Island (South) totaling \$6 million. He opined that IsDO had neglected the needs of other areas.

60. Miss Winnie YEUNG made a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) She reiterated that IsDO was aware of the situation of various areas. Some major projects planned by IsDO included the works for footpath from Cheung Sha Lan to Nim Shue Wan. As the footpath was severely damaged, \$500,000 would be deployed to build a temporary footpath and then rehabilitation would be conducted. IsDO was also aware that the water pipe from Cheung Sha Lan to Nim Shue Wan was also damaged and repair works would be conducted under the Rural Public Works Programme.
- (b) After the typhoon, IsDO had provided additional resources under term contracts to conduct clearance works in various areas of Islands District, including hiring of vehicles to collect and transport garbage and trees, and deploying more manpower for tree pruning. IsDO needed to increase provisions for term contracts in order to repair the roads mentioned previously.
- (c) In addition, there were several projects being conducted under term contracts, including those at Sin Kung Tung in Cheung Chau, Mo Tat Wan, Peng Yu Path and Po Toi. Tendering procedures for Lamma (South) works had yet to begin and \$6 million was only an estimation. IsDO would report the actual expenditure to Members in due course. In view of the meeting dates, if works proposals were to be submitted at the following meeting, the projects could not be completed earlier. Therefore, it was hoped that Members would approve the proposal of increasing the provisions for term contracts as set out in Paper TAFEHC 44/2018.

61. Mr Eric KWOK proposed that IsDO should establish a task force to inspect various areas affected by typhoon, prepare an assessment report and rehabilitation proposal and submit to DC for Members’ comments. Since the provisions of DMW programme were not adequate to cover the cost of projects under the programme, IsDO

should explore other sources of funding. He understood that priority should be accorded to the works, but the situations in various areas in Islands District were equally urgent. He reminded IsDO that in submitting project proposals, resources should be distributed among various areas in a fair manner.

62. Ms Amy YUNG said that she would oppose the endorsement of the paper. She requested IsDO to list the priority of various projects and the number of people affected, so that Members could decide on whether to support the funding proposals.

63. Mr CHOW Yuk-tong hoped that Members would be sympathetic to Lamma Island. If the two roads were not rehabilitated soonest, the transport of Lamma Island would be paralysed. He said that he had no intention of monopolising resources of works projects and had proposed that if IsDO could not obtain sufficient funds, other ways could be considered for fund raising instead of solely relying on DC funds, as he understood that DC funds should be used on a variety of projects. He agreed that a list of works proposals should be prepared and he urged IsDO to strive for more provisions so that all rehabilitation works could be implemented.

64. Mr YUNG Chi-ming said that he had been working with Mr CHOW Yuk-tong for nearly 20 years and Mr CHOW had been impartial in dealing with official business all along. He believed that the matter was only a procedural error.

65. Mr CHAN Lin-wai said that since the two proposed projects were not supported by Members, he proposed that IsDO should explore other solutions.

66. Mr CHEUNG Fu said that the roads of Lamma Island were damaged by typhoon and the situation was indeed urgent. He opined that rehabilitation works should be conducted at different areas according to urgency.

67. Mr Randy YU expressed his opinions as follows:

- (a) It was a mere misunderstanding. Mr CHOW Yuk-tong was the Chairman of Islands District Council (IDC) and the Chairman of Lamma Island (South) RC, and coincidentally the two proposed projects were both Lamma Island projects. It was simply a coincidence and surmises were not necessary. He believed that IsDO and other departments would continue to strive for more resources so that other post-typhoon rehabilitation works would be implemented progressively in due course.
- (b) With regard to additional provisions for “Project no. IS-DMW-685: Maintenance and provision of minor works item for DMW projects in Islands District (Lantau Island) 2018-2019” and “Project no. IS-DMW-686: Maintenance and provision of minor works item for DMW projects in Islands District (Cheung Chau, Peng Chau, Lamma Island and Po Toi) 2018-2019”, he opined that the amount of \$1.5 million was only adequate to meet the project cost for the following two months. He opined that IsDO should use the

additional \$1.5 million as soon as possible to take forward projects that were ready for implementation and report to Members in due course the amount of additional resources needed. If the cost of other projects exceeded \$500,000, or the additional provisions of \$1.5 million were not adequate, IsDO should put forward funding arrangement proposals to Members the soonest possible.

- (c) He hoped that the relevant departments would promise to apply for more provisions for handling post-typhoon rehabilitation works in the future. He understood that Members and IsDO were busy handling post-typhoon matters, but he opined that IsDO could make improvement in respect of document arrangements.
- (d) He opined that regardless of which area the \$6 million project funds were used for, the proposal should be approved if there were adequate resources so that works could begin as soon as possible. He proposed that the above project provisions should be approved on condition that once other projects were ready for implementation, the proposals should be distributed to Members for approval by circulation of paper, even if the date of next meeting had not yet come, so that works could begin once resources were secured.

68. Miss Winnie YEUNG responded that IsDO had conducted assessment on various areas and was arranging resources for the implementation of various rehabilitation works. While an additional fund of \$2 million was provided under term contract, IsDO would follow up on other damaged facilities. IsDO was aware that the damages of Lamma South and Nim Shue Wan were very serious, and thus proposed increasing the provisions for term contracts of Lantau Island, Cheung Chau, Peng Chau, Lamma and Po Toi. If Members had reservation about the project provisions of \$6 million (Paper TAFEHC 45/2018), it was hoped that Members would approve the provision increases under term contracts (Paper TAFEHC 44/2018).

69. Mr Ken WONG agreed with Mr Randy YU. He said that even if the current funding application was approved, it would not be adequate for the rehabilitation works of other areas. He proposed that IsDO should seek additional resources from the Chief Executive or other departments. As there were vast amount of urgent works to be implemented after the typhoon, he agreed that funding be approved by circulation of paper so that rehabilitation works could begin the soonest possible.

70. Mr Holden CHOW opined that Members' concern was about the documentation arrangement. They were also concerned about whether IsDO had adequate manpower and resources to handle the works to be implemented in other areas. They were also worried that the above-mentioned provisions and projects might not be able to cover all areas affected by typhoon Mangkhut. He agreed that IsDO should prepare a list of rehabilitation works and project costs. He proposed that Members should strive for the Government's approval for setting up a dedicated fund for typhoon

recovery works of the whole Island District, or else there would not be adequate funds for rehabilitation works.

71. Mr Eric KWOK agreed with Mr Holden CHOW that there should not be accusations of partiality or erroneous procedures at the meeting. He pointed out that IsDO's working procedures in handling post-typhoon rehabilitation works were improper and caused misunderstanding among Members. He proposed that IsDO should set up a task force to inspect the damages of various Islands District areas and solicit views from all parties, so as to determine the priority of works and report to DC. The Chairman of DC should then convene a special meeting to deliberate on the budget of urgent works and discuss the rehabilitation plan. As the situation was urgent and preparation of permanent facilities would take time, he proposed temporary works be conducted first and then additional provisions for rehabilitation works be sought afterwards.

72. The Chairman said that IsDO had said earlier that it would gather opinions by circulation of paper. She hoped that Members would unite together to strive for resources for implementation of rehabilitation works. She proposed that after the submission of circulation paper by IsDO, the Chairman or the Vice-chairman of DC should convene a meeting for follow-up.

73. Mr CHOW Yuk-tong emphasised that he strived for resources from IsDO in the hope that the needs of other areas would also be looked after. If there was a lack of emergency funds, he proposed that resources should be sought from the Chief Executive or other departments. He opined that IsDO should review the procedural arrangement.

74. Mr Randy YU said that the impact of typhoon on new towns such as Tung Chung and Discovery Bay was less severe, while most of the rural areas suffered more serious damages. He believed that all Members worked whole-heartedly for the community and personal interests were not involved. The difference was in the order of priority for rehabilitation works. He proposed that he, Mr CHOW Yuk-tong and District Officer (Islands) should within a short period of time convene a post-typhoon meeting with members of the affected areas and Chairmen and Vice-chairmen of the RCs concerned to discuss issues such as road repairs, clearance of garbage, maintenance of railings and removal of fallen trees, etc. Loss of properties at Mui Wo, Peng Chau, Cheung Chau and Tai O should also be discussed, including whether assistance should be provided to residents through IsDO's "General Chinese Charities Fund" or the Lands Department's "Emergency Relief Fund", as well as the application procedures and registration concerned. He proposed that members of areas seriously damaged and members of this committee should be invited to the meeting, while members of other areas should also be welcome. He hoped that the Assistant District Officer would be responsible to co-ordinate the meeting.

75. Miss Winnie YEUNG proposed two options. First, Papers TAFEHC 44/2018 and TAFEHC 45/2018 would be discussed later and endorsement would not be sought at the moment. Second, Paper TAFEHC 44/2018 was to be endorsed first to increase provisions of term contracts as works and temporary measures of various areas were involved, while Paper TAFEHC 45/2018 would be discussed later.

76. Members endorsed Paper TAFEHC 44/2018, noted the contents of IsDO's report and agreed to discuss Paper TAFEHC 45/2018 later.

#### VIII. Report by Working Group

##### (i) TAFEHC Activities Working Group

77. The Chairman said that the report of the Working Group had been sent to Members for perusal by fax or by email before the meeting (refer to Reference 1 for details). Members were welcome to give comments.

78. Members noted the contents of the report.

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

79. Mr Randy YU said that the report of the Working Group had been sent to Members for perusal by fax or by email before the meeting (refer to Reference 2 for details). Members were welcome to give comments.

80. Mr Eric KWOK said he had participated in "Islands District Youth Camp 2018" and was appreciated that Mr Randy YU led a group of young people in person to organise the event. The event was held smoothly and deserved further support.

81. Members endorsed the contents of the above Working Group report, including the activities and funding proposal of "Islands District Healthy Community Promotional Activities 2018-19".

#### IX. Any Other Business

82. Mr Holden CHOW thanked IsDO and other departments for their hard work before and after the typhoon. As far as he understood, the felling of trees with risk of collapse was approaching completion. Tree branches had been placed on the footpath of Tat Tung Road, Tung Chung Town Centre for a week. He hoped that the relevant departments would clear remnants such as barks and branches at the roadside as soon as possible.

83. Mr Eric KWOK said that some conservation groups wanted to collect tree branches and trunks cut down which still had value. He enquired whether conservation groups were allowed to collect the trees and about the methods of application.

84. The Chairman agreed that some tree trunks were of value and could be collected by conservation groups. While tree trunks were put in plastic bags, storing in situ for a long time might cause mosquito problem. As there were many plastic bags

and they could not be cleared within a short time, she proposed the spraying of mosquito repellent on the surface of bags.

85. Mr Ken WONG said that slopes were full of tree branches and they were not removed, occupying the road surface. Roadside trees were generally under the responsibility of FEHD and he enquired whether the DLO was responsible for removing felled trees in rural areas or on hillside.

86. Mr KWAN Yau-kee said that FEHD was responsible for collecting cut tree trunks and branches at roadside. However, it had yet received guidelines from the Headquarters in respect of handling of applications from conservation groups for collecting tree branches. At present, the department would as soon as possible collect garbage to avoid affecting the cityscape. He proposed that conservation groups should make enquiries to the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) with regard to collecting trees and methods of application.

87. The Chairman urged EPD to follow up on matters relating to application for collecting tree branches and tree trunks from conservation groups.

88. Mr Eric KWOK said that as indicated by the conservation groups, EPD had to enquire about the purpose and usage of tree branches collected and thus they could not collect tree branches immediately.

89. The Chairman said that accumulation of tree branches would result in mosquito and hygienic problems and proposed that relevant departments should spray mosquito repellent.

90. Mr KWOK Chi-hang said that DLO was only responsible for handling remnant materials of collapsed trees on unleased government land. Remnant materials of collapsed trees on roadside or other public roads was not under the purview of DLO.

91. Mr CHEUNG Fu said that there were also tree branches accumulated on roadside of South Lantau Road for a week and caused obstruction. He urged TD and the Highways Department (HyD) to clear them as soon as possible.

92. Ms YU Lai-fan said that clearance of trees and refuse involved various departments and she proposed the setting up of an inter-departmental task force.

93. Mr CHOW Yuk-tong said that roads at Shek Pai Wan, Lamma Island were damaged by typhoon and rehabilitation works would take time. Refuse could not be transported by village vehicles and thus accumulated thereat. As the pier was not damaged, he proposed that FEHD should arrange vessels to transport refuse.

94. Ms YU Lai-fan appreciated that volunteer teams from various organisations assisted in refuse collection and classification. Police of Marine Port District and staff of the Fire Services Department also provided assistance. As roads were not passable, village vehicles could not be used to transport refuse. She was appreciative of IsDO for informing the Marine Department (MD) to assist in transporting refuse. The refuse



on non-gazetted beaches on Lamma Island had been cleared by volunteer teams pending removal by FEHD, MD and IsDO.

95. Miss Marie SIN said that TD would liaise with HyD and relevant departments to follow up on obstruction of roads.

96. The Chairman said that if Members raised impromptu issues, representatives of the relevant departments might be unable to be invited to the meeting at the last minute to respond to their enquiries and concerns and the discussion at the meeting might not be effective. She advised Members to consider raising the issues at the meetings of other committees or at the following meeting.

97. Mr Randy YU said that if necessary, a post-typhoon meeting could be convened to follow up on the recovery works and relevant issues could be included in the agenda.

98. The Chairman said that if necessary, the issues could be discussed at the post-typhoon meeting.

(Post-meeting note: IDC Secretariat had conveyed the Committee's opinions to the relevant departments.)

#### X. Date of Next Meeting

99. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting would be held at 2:00 p.m. on 26 November 2018 (Monday).

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