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

Date : 26 September 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 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 WONG King-chuen
Mr CHAN Ngai-chung
Mr CHEUNG Ming-keung

Attendance by Invitation

Ms Joyce CHOW

Project Manager,
Policy for Sustainability Lab of Faculty of Social Sciences of
The University of Hong Kong (Programme Director of
the Public Engagement)
Senior Project Officer,
Policy for Sustainability Lab of Faculty of Social Sciences of
The University of Hong Kong (Programme Director of
the Public Engagement)

Mr Darwin LEUNG

Mr WONG Kwok-yiu, Eric	Senior Executive Officer (Sustainable Development)1, Environment Bureau
Mr YU Wang-pong	Principal Environmental Protection Officer (Strategic Facilities Development and Planning), Environmental Protection Department
Ms YUNG Ting-fong, Joanne	Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Strategic Facilities Development and Planning)3, Environmental Protection Department
Ms KONG Man-yan, Cammy	Assistant Environmental Protection Officer (Strategic Facilities Development and Planning)31, Environmental Protection Department
Ms LI Hiu-yan	Marine Parks Officer (Development), Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
Mr Jovy TAM	Principal Consultant, Environmental Resources Management
Ms Jamius YEUNG	Consultant, Environmental Resources Management
Dr LUI Siu-yun	Medical and Health Officer (Community Liaison)1, Department of Health
Mr LEE Kim-fai	Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing/Pest Control), Food and Environmental Hygiene 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
Ms LO Man-kam	Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, 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 Co-ordinator (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
Ms LI Wing-yee, Wendy	Engineer 2 (Islands Division), Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr. WU Tip-ming, Wilson	Senior Field Officer (Field Extension), Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
Mr Benny CHAN	Representative, New Lantau 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 FAN Chi-ping

Mr KWONG Kwok-kam, BH, JP

Ms LUN Chui-yuen, Janice

Fisheries Officer (Enforcement) 1,

Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Ms Cardi CHUNG

Representative, Hong Kong Tourism Board

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**Welcoming remarks**

The Chairman welcomed Members and representatives of government departments and organizations to the meeting. She introduced the following representatives of government departments who attended the meeting:

- (a) Mr KWAN Yau-kee, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Islands) of Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD);
- (b) Mr Wilson WU, Senior Field Officer (Field Extension) of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD), who attended the meeting in place of Mr Chris FUNG temporarily; and
- (c) Mr Benny CHAN, Representative of New Lantau Bus Co., (1973) Ltd.

2. Members noted that Mr FAN Chi-ping, Mr KWONG Kwok-kam, Ms Janice LUN of AFCD 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 25.7.2016**

3. The captioned minutes were confirmed unanimously without amendment.

**II. Council for Sustainable Development's Public Engagement on Promotion of Sustainable Consumption of Biological Resources  
(Paper TAFEHC 50/2016)**

4. The Chairman welcomed Ms Joyce CHOW, Project Manager and Mr Darwin LEUNG, Senior Project Officer of Policy for Sustainability Lab of Faculty of Social Sciences of The University of Hong Kong (Programme Director of the Public Engagement), and Mr Eric WONG, Senior Executive Officer (Sustainable Development)1 of Environment Bureau (ENB) to the meeting to present the paper.

5. Mr Darwin LEUNG presented the paper with the aid of PowerPoint presentation.

6. Mr Eric KWOK gave opinion as follows:

- (a) He welcomed the Public Engagement on Promotion of Sustainable Consumption of Biological Resources (Public Engagement Exercise), but opined that the exercise was not directly related to members of the public. Waste reduction at source would be more effective than any measures adopted in latter stages. However, the work of waste reduction at source was not satisfactory at present. It was also very important to promote recycling industries, but it was neglected by the Government.
- (b) He said that the practices of the Government such as the construction of incinerator at Shek Kwu Chau had caused damage to the ecology of Hong Kong. The transportation of refuse of 18 districts of Hong Kong by vehicles and barges to incinerator of Islands District would result in large amount of carbon emission and the arrangement was not appropriate. He hoped that departments concerned would enhance waste reduction at source, recycling and reuse, and to reduce the use of resources in incinerating.
- (c) It was very important for us to protect the ecology for the next generation. He did not object to all development projects, but he hoped that in developing Lantau Island, the Government should not be prejudicial towards development or conduct predatory development. It was because in Tung Chung East, White dolphins and other fishes were almost extinct. In addition, Lantau Island was the place with the most abundant native forests from Guangdong to Hong Kong which could maintain good air quality and provide habitat for a variety of species.

7. Ms Amy YUNG expressed her views as follows:

- (a) She supported the goals formulated by Public Engagement Exercise, but many development projects were carried out by the Government, making it difficult for their implementation. Many development projects in Islands District/New Territories damaged the ecological environment and she had reservation about these projects. For example, she strongly opposed to the establishment of waste management facility at Shek Kwu Chau. In addition, infrastructural projects such as the Express Rail Link, the three-runway system of the airport and the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge were all implemented at the same time, causing immense damage to the environment. She thus hoped that the Council for Sustainable Development would achieve a balance between development and conservation and be mindful of the change of farmland in the New Territories into car park or other non-agricultural usage.
- (b) The production of the “public engagement document” had involved felling of large amount of trees. She hoped that the Department would promote paperless culture and make greater use of electronic communication and use less paper.

8. Mr CHAN Lin-wai said that in the past, Hong Kong was self-sufficient in food supply. In 50s and 60s of the previous century, the Government would assist and provide guidance to farmers in farming. However, the Government at present regulated the development of agriculture and livestock industry. In addition, law enforcement agencies were not able to effectively tackle illegal fishing of clams, trawling and illegal cutting of trees by people entering Hong Kong unlawfully. In addition, as a result of the improper monitoring system, local supply of food thus was not self-sufficient.

9. Mr LOU Cheuk-wing gave opinion as follows:

- (a) He agreed with the principle of sustainable development. With regard to marine conservation, technology nowadays was very advanced and thus by making use of scientific methods/equipment, fishing had caused much damage to marine ecology. Yields from fisheries decreased as a result. However, with the increase in population, the demand for food became greater. When fish catch decreased, scientific management became necessary. He opined that in order to develop sustainable fisheries industry, people should consume farm fish. Fishermen should be encouraged to engage in fish farming and less fishing on the sea. That would cause less damage to the oceans.
- (b) To achieve actual environmental protection, he proposed that some conventional practices be adopted, such as implementation of fish moratorium to let nature recover by itself, and the use of shopping baskets instead of plastic bags, in order to achieve sustainable development.

10. Mr KWONG Koon-wan raised his views as follows:

- (a) He opined that the exercise was too idealistic and difficult to put into practice. Furthermore, members of the public did not know much about sustainable consumption of biological resources, nor had they developed a habit of recycling.
- (b) Some examples given in the “public engagement document” should be made reference to, such as The UK’s Sustainable Restaurant Award. He proposed that substantive economic incentives (such as reduction in licence fees) rather than certification be given to restaurants in order to promote the sustainable consumption of biological resources in catering industry. He also proposed to follow South Korea’s example of Green Card Reward Scheme. The Scheme was led by commercial market and carried out in conjunction with commercial organizations (such as credit card companies). It was implemented in accordance with its existing mode of operation, thus lowering administrative fees, transaction fees and the threshold of consumers in participation. At the same time, consumers would be rewarded when they purchased sustainable products.

11. Mr Randy YU said that he supported the public engagement exercise of sustainable development, but opined that it would be difficult for the scheme to be implemented. He thought that messages delivered through the publicity of public engagement tended to be negative. It mainly achieved its aim through forbidden matters. He proposed that implementation be conducted through positive methods, such as encouraging the development of local agriculture. He hoped that departments and organizations concerned would enhance communication and co-operation, so that the public would understand the overall needs of the society and the economy, and assist in the sustainable development of the society and the globe. In addition, he proposed that an overall plan could be provided in future consultation so that Members could holistically scrutinize and support the plan.

12. Mr Darwin LEUNG made a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) He noted Members’ suggestion that in order to achieve the objectives of the exercise,

the public engagement should be promoted through a pull strategy (by ways of encouragement and incentive) rather than a push strategy (by ways of penalty and prohibition). He also noted Members' opinions on enhancing existing environmental protection measures (such as combating trawling and smuggling of timber) and cross boundary co-operation at the national level.

- (b) Members of all sectors were welcome to provide views on provision of economic incentives and reward schemes. The Green Card Reward Scheme of South Korea involved not only the efforts by the South Korean government and the businesses, but also the multi-sectoral participation.
- (c) He agreed that comprehensive consideration should be given to the public engagement and public opinions were welcome.
- (d) Public education and awareness building on sustainable development is the main element of the public engagement. He hoped that education would be enhanced in the future.
- (e) Views collated through various channels would be relayed to the Independent Analysis and Reporting Agency for analysing and reporting. The Council for Sustainable Development was still collecting views from the public and stakeholders and would submit recommendations to the Government based on the views collected.

(Mr Randy YU arrived at about 2:10 pm, and Mr Ken WONG left at around 2:30 pm.)

III. Draft Boundary of the Proposed Marine Park for the Integrated Waste Management Facilities Phase I  
(Paper TAFEHC 51/2016)

13. The Chairman welcomed Mr YU Wang-pong, Principal Environmental Protection Officer (Strategic Facilities Development and Planning), Ms Joanne YUNG, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Strategic Facilities Development and Planning)<sup>3</sup> and Ms Cammy KONG, Assistant Environmental Protection Officer (Strategic Facilities Development and Planning)<sup>31</sup> of Environmental Protection Department (EPD), Ms LI Hiu-yan, Marine Parks Officer (Development) of AFCD, Mr Jovy TAM, Principal Consultant and Ms Jamius YEUNG, Consultant of Environmental Resources Management.

14. Mr YU Wang-pong briefed the meeting of the background of the paper and Ms Jamius YEUNG presented the paper with the aid of PowerPoint presentation.

15. Mr CHEUNG Fu said that EPD consulted South Lantau Rural Committee on the proposal of the draft boundary of the marine park (compensatory marine park) for the Integrated Waste Management Facilities (IWMF). He did not object to the scheme, but was not satisfied with the boundary of Soko Islands Marine Park as contained in the paper. He also requested that Tai A Chau and Siu A Chau be deleted from the Soko Islands Marine Park area.

16. Mr KWONG Koon-wan did not object to the establishment of the proposed marine park, but worried that illegal fishing in the marine park could not be effectively stopped.

While trawling had been banned by legislation since 2012, many Mainland fishing boats still conducted trawling in Hong Kong waters nowadays. Law enforcement departments concerned had failed to stop illegal fishing. Thus he said that the law to forbid fishing in marine parks only regulated Hong Kong fishermen, but the coming and going of illegal Mainland fishing boats was unregulated. He hoped that departments concerned would formulate a holistic plan to out-root illegal fishing (trawling in particular) in Hong Kong waters. He proposed that the Police should deploy officers to station the marine park and to stop illegal fishing.

17. Mr Randy YU did not object to the proposed draft boundary of the compensatory marine park. However, when the authorities concerned recently conducted consultation in respect of the Southwest Lantau Marine Park and Soko Islands Marine Park, he requested departments to delete Tai A Chau and Siu A Chau from the marine park and core area. Although the population of Tai A Chau and Siu A Chau was small, Lantau Development Plan had mentioned the development of Tai A Chau as a spa and resort centre and villagers of Siu A Chau would also rebuild their houses. He proposed that the method of drawing the boundary away from coastline, such as moving the boundary away from Yi O and Fan Lau waters in the case of Southwest Lantau Marine Park, be adopted in order to leave a marine channel for sightseeing on the sea and other activities. In recent years, for the sake of Hong Kong as a whole, residents of South Lantau and Cheung Chau had no way but to accept the construction of IWMF at Shek Kwu Chau. He thus reminded EPD that the establishment of the compensatory marine park was to make compensation to the fisheries industry and ecology affected. He hoped that the Department would implement the compensation plan which was a result of the construction of IWMF.

18. Mr Eric KWOK said that the problem of marine refuse was very serious and if we could not stop the in-flowing of marine refuse to Hong Kong, the whole marine park and fishery area would be affected. He enquired about the follow-up of the issue of Lingding Island refuse with the Mainland. In addition, Diagram 1 of the paper showed that Area 31 was a crucial habitat for finless porpoise. However, part of the waters was not within the proposed boundary of the marine park. He enquired whether the area was exempted because of the marine facilities built there.

19. Mr WONG Man-hon said that recently when EPD conducted consultation with Mui Wo area in respect of the marine park scheme, they were told that the representative of Tai A Chau and Siu A Chau reacted strongly as they worried that the future development of the villages might be affected. Furthermore, the boundary of proposed compensatory marine park was very close to the navigation channel of vessels travelling to and from Macao and had a great impact on the amount of fish catch. Residents of South Lantau also worried that their ancestral worship might be affected. The proposal was extremely unfair to villagers. He enquired whether there was other location suitable for the establishment of marine park. The stance of Mui Wo area was the same as that of South Lantau. They both did not support the proposed marine park.

20. Mr YU Wang-pong gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) EPD noted Members' opinions on Tai A Chau and Siu A Chau. It would discuss and follow up on the matter with AFCD. Tai A Chau and Siu A Chau were not situated within the area of the proposed compensatory marine park, but fell within the boundary of proposed Soko Islands Marine Park. He explained that relevant

legislations of marine park regulated only development on the sea, not on land. Therefore, they should not cause significant effects on development on land of Tai A Chau and Siu A Chau and on residents' movement.

- (b) He was very concerned of the problem of illegal fishing. Marine Parks Ordinance delegated authorities to AFCD and the Police to regulate illegal fishing. Thus the establishment of marine park would be beneficial to tackle illegal fishing. In addition, the report of study conducted by the consultant would explore other feasible methods to tackle illegal fishing. Regarding the proposal of round-the-clock patrol, as the area of marine park was large and patrolling officers would also be discovered by those who conducted illegal fishing, it was thus not practicable. The Department would study other feasible methods, including using technology to assist in law enforcement.
- (c) With regard to marine refuse, the ENB had conducted the first meeting with relevant Mainland authorities to discuss plans to stop illegal dumping of refuse on the sea. The Guangdong authorities were very concerned of the issue as it not only affected Hong Kong, but Mainland waters as well. There was no way to stop the flow of refuse once it was dumped onto the sea, thus to stop dumping at source became very important. ENB would endeavour to find resolution with the Guangdong authorities.

21. Ms LI Hiu-yan made a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) The proposed Soko Islands Marine Park being proposed was a different marine park scheme from the compensatory marine park being proposed. As far as she understood, the Committee had discussed the proposal of Soko Islands Marine Park last year. Recently, when consultation was conducted in respect of the proposed compensatory marine park, the Department had noted the opinions about the proposed Soko Islands Marine Park raised by relevant rural committees and other representatives. The Department intended to initiate statutory procedures in respect of the proposed Soko Islands Marine Park, including the gazetting of the draft map of the Park for public inspection and opinions.
- (b) With regard to the livelihood of fishermen, according to existing management policies of marine parks, the Department would consider issuing fishing permit to eligible fishermen when new marine parks were set up so that they could continue to fish in marine parks by using the authorized fishing methods. In the past, the Department had issued fishing permit in Sha Chau and Lung Kwu Chau Marine Park. In addition, the Department had organized 10 consultations in respect of the proposed compensatory marine park for fishermen organizations.
- (c) South Lantau was a black spot for illegal fishing. Illegal fishing often occurred because it was close to the boundary of Hong Kong. AFCD had stepped up patrol there in order to tackle illegal fishing. As for the new marine park proposed, the Department would deploy extra resources, additional manpower and vessel for daily patrol and law enforcement of the marine park. In recent years, the Department and the Police had stepped up joint enforcement operations in the four marine parks. Between 2013 and 2015, there were about 80 joint enforcement operations. Apart from marine parks, AFCD had conducted more than 100 additional joint



enforcement operations with Marine Police after trawling was banned. Recently, the Department and Marine Police used a new “vessel arrest device” and successfully tackled illegal fishing and stopped fishing boats conducting trawling. The Department and the Mainland’s Guangdong Fisheries Administration General Brigade and its sub-offices had enhanced co-operation in joint enforcement operations and information sharing. In addition, AFCD and the Mainland’s Guangdong Fisheries Administration General Brigade and its sub-offices would step up promotion and education. The latter would assist in conducting publicity in the Mainland reminding Mainland fishermen not to enter Hong Kong waters illegally and conducted trawling.

22. Mr Jovy TAM said that Diagram 1 revealed that the index of finless porpoise in waters south of Soko Islands Marine Park was higher. The sub-channel of Tai Ho waterway was located in the waters concerned. According to the research results of Marine Traffic Impact Assessment, more ocean going ships used that waterway and the frequencies were high. Based on marine traffic safety concern, it was not appropriate for the waters to be incorporated into marine park area.

23. Mr WONG Man-hon said that as shown in Diagram 1, the index of finless porpoise habitat at Shek Kwu Chau reached an important level, but there was no finless porpoise at Tai A Chau. He enquired how index of finless porpoise habitat was obtained.

24. Mr Jovy TAM said that the index was calculated from the data of appearances of finless porpoise from 2005 to 2014. Finless porpoise would use the Shek Kwu Chau waters more, but it was enclosed by the two waterways of South Cheung Chau and North Cheung Chau. Based on the marine facilities and compatibility of marine traffic, as well as the minimum requirement of area of marine park at 700 hectares, it was not ideal for the location to be assigned as marine park. As for the location proposed by the paper, it was used more often by finless porpoise and where they were active. It could avoid marine facilities, and its impact on marine traffic was less significant.

25. Mr CHEUNG Fu reiterated that the proposed Soko Islands Marine Park would pose restriction on villagers in developing the land. In the future, if houses were to be rebuilt, approval from departments had to be obtained. As such, demand was put forward for the deletion of Tai A Chau and Siu A Chau from the proposed marine park area to minimize its impact on development of villages in the future.

26. The Chairman enquired whether marine park area would include land in the area.

27. Ms LI Hiu-yan gave a consolidated reply as follows:

(a) The proposed compensatory marine park area was open waters, land was not included. The establishment of marine park (including the proposed Soko Islands Marine Park) mainly aimed at protecting marine ecology and enhancing fisheries resources. The main area was waters below the high tide mark and land was not involved. If development on land did not involve marine park waters, and it did not infringe “Marine Parks Ordinance”, the establishment of marine park would have very limited restriction on villages’ development.

(b) As for Mr CHEUNG Fu’s concern of sewage treatment for village houses in the

vicinity after the establishment of marine park, she said that sewage treatment and matters of septic tanks fell under the ambit of EPD, and “Marine Parks Ordinance” did not oversee the matters.

28. Mr Victor YEUNG supplemented that many years before, EPD had already issued guidelines in respect of sewage discharge (such as the design and location of septic tanks of village houses). Development of village houses near marine parks or environmentally sensitive area had to observe the guidelines.

29. Mr Randy YU reiterated his demand of moving the boundary of the proposed Soko Islands Marine Park away from the coastline. Some lands of Siu A Chau residents were less than 10 metres from the coast. As relevant guidelines required that the location of septic tanks must not be in the area of high tide mark, residents as such could not install septic tanks as required in the guidelines. He opined that the proposed plan had not taken into account future development needs of villagers. Villagers also worried that after the establishment of marine park, they could not return to their village. He agreed with Mr CHEUNG Fu that the proposed Soko Islands Marine Park should be discussed together with the compensatory marine park being proposed. He advised departments concerned to conduct site visit.

30. Mr CHEUNG Fu said that when consultation was being conducted in respect of the proposed Soko Islands Marine Park, he proposed that part of Tai A Chau and Siu A Chau be deleted from the proposed marine park area. However, his proposal was not accepted at the end.

31. Mr YU Wang-pong said that the proposed Soko Islands Marine Park was another scheme and he would discuss with AFCD after the meeting. He noted opinions given by Members.

32. The Chairman said that South Lantau was the major stakeholder of the proposed scheme. Departments should prudently consider its opinions. Opinions given by Members in respect of the proposed Soko Islands Marine Park and the compensatory marine park being proposed should also be taken into account.

33. Ms YU Lai-fan enquired about the timetable of consultation.

34. Mr YU Wang-pong said that first round consultation of stakeholders were being conducted. After opinions were collated, it was anticipated that the second round of consultation would be conducted at end of the current year to the beginning of the following year.

IV. Question on insufficient night-time lighting on the roadside near the bus stop of Shun Tung Road fire station, Tung Chung  
(Paper TAFEHC 52/2016)

35. The Chairman said that the Highways Department was not able to arrange a representative to attend the meeting, but a written reply was provided for Members’ perusal.

36. Mr Eric KWOK presented the question and noted the Department’s written reply.

V. Question on provision of a permanent eco-friendly public toilet at the public transport interchange of Lantau Link Toll Plaza  
(Paper TAFEHC 53/2016)

37. The Chairman said that FEHD and the Transport Department (TD) were not able to arrange representative to attend the meeting, but written replies were provided for Members' perusal.

38. Mr Eric KWOK presented the question.

39. Mr Holden CHOW said that the written reply provided by TD could not clearly respond to the enquiry. He proposed that the Department should conduct site visit to determine whether permanent toilets should be established, so that the problem of long waiting at the toilet could be improved.

40. Mr CHEUNG Fu enquired while the location was under the jurisdiction of TD, whether it was the responsibility of FEHD to set up toilets.

41. Mr KWAN Yau-kee said that the location belonged to Tsuen Wan District. If necessary, he would request the Secretariat to inform the Tsuen Wan Office of FEHD to follow up on the matter.

42. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to relay Members' opinions to departments concerned.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat relayed Members' opinions to departments concerned.

Tsuen Wan Office of FEHD said that the location was under the jurisdiction of TD, thus the matter of setting up toilet should be studied and implemented by TD. If departments concerned should build public toilet at the new interchange, they had to provide details to FEHD in the design stage of the interchange, so that it could assess the future management matters.)

VI. Question on refuse along the shore of Typhoon Shelter in North Cheung Chau  
(Paper TAFEHC 54/2016)

43. The Chairman said that the written reply provided by the Marine Department (MD) had been delivered to Members for their perusal before the meeting.

44. The Chairman presented the question with the aid of PowerPoint showing the situation of accumulation of refuse along the shore of Typhoon Shelter in North Cheung Chau. She said that the above situation would appear when the prevailing wind was south-westerly. The main reason was boats moored at the coast trapped the refuse and prevented contractors of MD to move in to clear the refuse. It was an eyesore and it gave out foul smell. She hoped that MD would step up cleansing and pro-actively follow up to avoid recurrence.

VII. Question on measures to prevent mosquito-borne diseases  
(Paper TAFEHC 55/2016)

45. The Chairman welcomed Dr LUI Siu-yun, Medical and Health Officer (Community Liaison)<sup>1</sup> of Department of Health (DH) and Mr LEE Kim-fai, Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing/Pest Control) of FEHD to the meeting to respond to the question.

46. Ms Amy YUNG presented the question.

47. Mr LEE Kim-fai gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) From August to October of the current year, FEHD was conducting the third phase of the Anti-mosquito Campaign (please refer to Paper TAFEHC 48/2016 for details). The District had been conducting inter-departmental meetings, seminars, exhibitions and Anti-mosquito Campaign in order to maintain environment hygiene, remove stagnant water, prevent mosquitoes and mosquito-borne diseases.
- (b) Discovery Bay was a private place. Its mosquito prevention should be conducted by its property management company. Nevertheless, Islands District Pest Control Office of FEHD would, depending on situation, conduct inspection and monitor the effectiveness of its mosquito prevention works and provide suggestions. Fogging against adult mosquitoes had been conducting at places with dense vegetation by the side of major roads in Tung Chung. The Department would continue to monitor the anti-mosquito situation in the district and take appropriate action.
- (c) The Department would, from time to time, conduct publicity and organize health seminars in housing estates, schools, markets and works site in various districts (including Islands District) to convey anti-mosquito messages to enhance anti-mosquito awareness among the public and also awareness against the potential risk against mosquito-borne diseases.

48. Dr LUI Siu-yun said that the DH had always been concerned about mosquito-borne diseases and had conducted a series of public health measures:

- (a) The Department would continue to monitor the latest situation of mosquito-borne diseases in Hong Kong. Dengue fever, Zika virus infection and chikungunya fever are statutorily notifiable infectious diseases in Hong Kong. Upon receiving notification, the Centre for Health Prevention (CHP) would conduct epidemiological investigations and risk assessment. It would also provide health advice and timely inform FEHD to carry out anti-mosquito work.
- (b) With regard to Zika virus infection, DH had issued the latest information and advice to all doctors. Doctors were reminded to report suspected cases to the CHP immediately for Zika virus testing.
- (c) The CHP all along maintained close communication with the World Health Organization (WHO) as well as overseas and neighbouring health authorities. It monitored the latest developments regarding mosquito-borne diseases overseas, such as dengue fever in neighbouring countries, and took heed of latest health advice from the WHO. The CHP would, via press release and press conferences, provide

latest information and remind the public of prevention measures. The Department would also maintain close co-operation with other government departments and organisations.

- (d) With regard to publicity and education, the CHP had produced a series of health education materials, such as posters and pamphlets, and dedicated webpages on dengue fever and Zika virus were launched with a view to providing the public with information about the latest development and health advice through various channels. In view of the frequent travelling activities in and out of Hong Kong, DH would also remind travellers to take heed of health advice when travelling abroad.
- (e) There were four local cases of dengue fever recorded recently. Three patients lived on Hong Kong Island and one in Kowloon. The CHP had stepped up prevention and control measures, conducted epidemiological investigations and delivered health talks to provide health advice to residents at relevant locations. Hotline was set up and members of the public who had been to the relevant places were reminded to contact the CHP if they developed symptoms of dengue fever to facilitate follow up and tracing the source of infection.

49. Ms Amy YUNG enquired about the number of the hotline. She said that she often received relevant information from HD but not outbound travel alert. She enquired about the website for travel advice.

50. Dr LUI Siu-yun said that in respect of the local dengue fever cases, the CHP had set up hotline (2125 2266). Members of the public who had been to the vicinity of Central / Mid-Levels or Tin Ma Court in Wong Tai Sin and who developed symptoms of dengue fever should call the hotline. Relevant information had been uploaded to the CHP website ([www.chp.gov.hk](http://www.chp.gov.hk)). The Department appreciated Secretariat's assistance in relating the latest information about infectious diseases to Members, so that they could in turn inform the public. The latest health advice were also included in the press release issued by the DH. In addition, travel advice related to Dengue Fever and Zika virus had been uploaded to the CHP website and dedicated webpages.

# VIII. Proposed District Minor Works Projects for Tourism, Agriculture, Fisheries and Environmental Hygiene Committee in 2016/2017 (Paper TAFEHC 56/2016)

51. The Chairman welcomed Ms Belinda CHONG, Assistant District Officer (Islands)1 and Mr Tommy TANG Tai-king, Senior Inspector of Works of Islands District Office (IsDO) to the meeting to present the paper.

52. Ms Belinda CHONG presented the paper and Mr Tommy TANG supplemented on each works proposal as follows:

| Number | Project Proposal                   | Recommendation                                                                                     |
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| 1      | Repair on Pui O Ham Tin Tsuen Road | Recommended that the project be incorporated into the list of District Minor Works (DMW) Projects. |

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| 2 | Improvement works to the surface of a footbridge at Tai Wan, Po Toi Island                 | Works had been handled and implemented in accordance with the existing mechanism. There was no need to incorporate it into the list of DMW Projects.                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 3 | Construction of barrier-free access from Po Toi Pier to Tai Wan                            | The project estimate exceeded the project cost ceiling under the DMW Programme. Incorporation into the list of DMW Projects was not recommended.                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 4 | Improvement works to Po Toi Pier (Small Pier near Tin Hau Temple) and footpaths in Tai Wan | Most of the proposed location falls within private land. As the owner disagreed with the proposal, incorporation into the list of DMW Project was not recommended.                                                                                                                                                    |
| 5 | Improvement works on vehicular entry and exit in Pui O Lo Wai Tsuen                        | Incorporation into DMW Project was not recommended. Two planters were affected, but the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) did not support the removal of two planters. In addition, the conversion of the road section into entry and exit would need the approval of Highways Department (HyD) and TD. |
| 6 | Repair works to the footpath from Wan Tong Tsuen to Silvermine Bay Beach                   | Recommended that the proposal be incorporated into the project list.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 7 | Provision of Benches                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 8 | Improvement works on footpath outside no.1-57, Pak She San Tsuen, Cheung Chau              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 9 | Extension of staircase at Nam Shan Road, Peng Chau                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

(Post-meeting note: Project proponent agreed to change the title of Item 7 to “Provision of sitting benches near Peng Chau Municipal Services Building”).)

53. Mr Randy YU enquired whether “Improvement Works on vehicular entry and exit in Pui O Lo Wai Tsuen” (Item 5) could alternatively be handled by the District Facilities Management Committee or under the Rural Public Works programme since it could not be taken forward. He said that there were no flowers in the two planters and the village representative had discussed the removal of planters with LCSD. Thus it was hoped that the proposal would not be deleted. He hoped that IsDO would discuss the feasibility of the proposal with Mr CHEUNG Fu and the village representatives.

54. Mr Tommy TANG said that discussion had been conducted with LCSD and HyD recently and it was decided that the proposal would not be incorporated into the list of projects. However, it did not mean that works could not be implemented. He proposed that the issue be resolved with relevant departments first before considering whether to incorporate the project

into the list of DMW projects.

55. Mr CHEUNG Fu enquired about the feasibility of Item 5 works.

56. Mr Tommy TANG said that he had to discuss with HyD about the staircase. LCSD was initially unwilling to remove the planters, but he would follow up on the feasibility of the proposal.

57. Mr CHOW Yuk-tong did not support the “Construction of barrier-free access from Po Toi Pier to Tai Wan” (Item 3) because there were very few residents on the island and the works were complex in nature. Annual funding for DMW works was limited and he opined that funds should be allocated on projects of greater need.

58. Ms Amy YUNG enquired about the development of tourism on Po Toi Island. She said that while there were not many residents, whether resources should be so allocated depended on personal views. If there were a significant number of tourists, she would support the maintenance and repairs works of the island. To promote tourism, basic facilities should be provided, which would in turn create employment opportunities and advance local economy. She understood that resources were limited, but she hoped that Members would take a wider view at the works proposal. If the proposal would benefit only the residents, it might not merit support. However, if it could promote tourism, consideration could be given to support it.

59. The Chairman said that while there were tourists to Po Toi, the environment was quite desolate. She opined that there should be a balance of considerations in the allocation of resources.

60. Ms YU Lai-fan said that she and the rural committees of Lamma Island had been concerned with the development of tourism on Po Toi Islands. Islands District Council had pro-actively advanced the development of tourism in Islands District and had implemented improvement works to the footpaths on Po Toi Islands. After completion of the improvement works to the footpaths, the number of tourists had increased. IsDO had also provided electricity generators on the island to supply electricity.

61. The Chairman opined that the needs of various areas should be co-ordinated and resources should be properly allocated. Works should be carried out in accordance with the situation and needs.

62. After discussion, the Committee agreed to incorporate 5 items (i.e. Items 1 and Items 6 to 9) into the list of projects.

IX. Progress report on DC-funded District Minor Works Projects  
(Paper TAFEHC 57/2016)

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

64. Mr Tommy TANG said that “Improvement to paving at Tai Long Wan Village, Tai O” (IS-DMW-632) and “Provision of rainshelter near lamp post no. FC 2098 at Man Tung Road, Tung Chung” (IS-DMW-648) had been completed.

65. Members and guests discussed matters related to the following works. The main points were summarized as follows:

(a) Improvement to footpath at Lower Keung Shan Village, Tai O (IS-DMW-611)

Mr LOU Cheuk-wing enquired about the location of works.

Mr Tommy TANG said that at present he did not have any information and would contact Mr LOU Cheuk-wing after the meeting to provide information.

(b) Formation of firebreaks and grass-cutting works

Mr KWONG Koon-wan said that the situation of weeds overgrown was serious at the Little Great Wall. It was estimated that no grass cutting had been conducted for over four months and the trees that had collapsed for a month were still yet to be cleared away. He reflected the situation to IsDO and grass cutting had then been conducted but the situation was not satisfactory. There were many tourists and members of the public going there for morning exercise or sightseeing, but some rocks were covered by grass and there was no sightseeing to speak about. He hoped that IsDO would conduct a major grass cutting exercise and monitor the contractor to make improvements.

Mr Tommy TANG said that as a result of technical reasons, the first batch of grass cutting tender had been delayed. After hearing the local feedback, IsDO had enhanced supervision and supervised the contractor in the implementation of the works. Grass-cutting mainly dealt with weeds within a metre on the two sides of the footpath so that pedestrians could walk without hindrance. The location of the rocks along the Little Great Wall did not fall within the area of the contract and the place was rather rugged. Scaffolding would be needed for the works to be done. IsDO would discuss with Members to explore other methods to do the grass-cutting.

(c) Improvement to footpath at Tai San Back Street in Cheung Chau (IS-DMW-610)

Mr YUNG Chi-ming enquired whether the works would be implemented as scheduled.

Mr Tommy TANG said that works were anticipated to begin in July 2017. The layout plan was being designed and Mr YUNG Chi-ming would be consulted in due course. After scrutiny of the layout plan, tendering could begin.

(d) Improvement to footpath between no.1 and 66, San Hing Street, Cheung Chau (IS-DMW-649)

Mr YUNG Chi-ming said that the road surface at the above area was badly damaged. He requested works to commence the soonest possible so that the road surface could be recovered before the Cheung Chau Bun Festival of the following year.

Mr Tommy TANG said that the layout plan was being designed and Members would be consulted in due course. Tendering could then begin.



- (e) Improvement to sitting-out area at Cheung Chau Hospital Road, Cheung Chau (IS-DMW-601)

The Chairman enquired about the time of implementation of works.

Mr Tommy TANG said that layout plan was being designed and Members would be consulted in due course. Tendering could then begin.

- (f) Project proposal on repair on Pui O Ham Tin Tsuen Road

Mr CHEUNG Fu enquired about the time of implementation of works.

Mr Tommy TANG said that the proposal had just been endorsed by the Committee. Works would begin as soon as possible.

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

X. Report by Working Group

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

67. The Chairman said that the report of the Working Group had been sent to Members by fax or email for their perusal prior to the meeting (see Reference 1 for details). Members were invited to comment on the report.

68. Members had no comment and endorsed the report.

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

69. Mr Randy YU said that the report of the Working Group had been sent to Members by fax or email for their perusal prior to the meeting (see Reference 2 for details). Members were invited to comment on the report.

70. Members had no comment and endorsed the report.

XI. Any Other Business

71. Members did not raise any other business.

XII. Date of Next Meeting

72. The meeting was adjourned at 4:24 pm. The next meeting would be held on 28 November 2016 (Monday) at 2:00 pm.

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