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

Date : 25 March 2019 (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 LOU Cheuk-wing  
Mr WONG Man-hon  
Ms YU Lai-fan  
Ms YUNG Wing-sheung, Amy  
Mr KWONG Koon-wan  
Mr CHOW Ho-ding, Holden  
Mr KWOK Ping, Eric  
Ms TSANG Sau-ho, Josephine  
Mr KWONG Kwok-kam, BH, JP  
Mr CHAN Ngai-chung  
Mr LO Wan-kai, Rico

**In Attendance**

Mr AU Sheung-man, Benjamin	Assistant District Officer (Islands)1, Islands District Office
Ms YEUNG Cin-man, Winnie	Assistant District Officer (Islands)2, Islands District Office
Mr LI Ming-yau	Senior Inspector of Works, Islands District Office
Ms LAI Wing-sau, Winsy	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Islands), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr KWOK Chi-hang	Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Islands), Lands Department
Mr YUNG King-ho, Vic	Police Community Relations Officer (Marine Port District), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr YAU Siu-sang	Lantau District Police Community Relations Team
Ms SIN Kai-wai, Marie	Community Liaison Officer, Hong Kong Police Force Senior Transport Officer/Islands 2, Transport Department

Mr LI Kim-man	Senior Environment Protection Officer (Regional South)5, Environmental Protection Department
Mr WONG Chi-piu, Alan	Engineer/Hong Kong (Distribution 6), Water Supplies Department
Mr WU Tip-ming, Wilson	Senior Field Officer (Agricultural Extension), Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
Mr Benny CHAN	Representative, New Lantau Bus Company (1973) Limited
Ms Sonja CHAN	Representative, New World First Ferry Services Limited

**Secretary**

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

Mr FAN Chi-ping  
Mr WONG King-chuen

Miss TONG Yee-fun, Pauline	Senior Conservation Officer/1 (L), Civil Engineering and Development Department
Ms LUN Chui-yuen, Janice	Fisheries Officer (Enforcement)1, Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
Ms Sarah CHOW	Representative, Hong Kong Tourism Board

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**Welcome remarks**

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

- (a) Ms LAI Wing-sau, Winsy, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Islands) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD);
- (b) Mr WONG Chi-piu, Alan, Engineer/Hong Kong (Distribution 6) of the Water Supplies Department; and
- (c) Mr WU Tip-ming, Wilson, Senior Field Officer (Agricultural Extension) of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department who stood in for Ms HUI Yuk-ting, Rachel.

2. Members noted that Mr FAN Chi-ping, Mr WONG King-chuen, Miss TONG Yee-fun, Pauline, Ms LUN Chui-yuen, Janice and Ms Sarah CHOW, Representative of Hong Kong Tourism Board were unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments.

I. Confirmation of minutes of the meeting held on 28.1.2019

3. The captioned minutes were confirmed unanimously.

II. First Batch of Proposed Projects under District Minor Works of Tourism, Agriculture, Fisheries and Environmental Hygiene Committee for 2019/2020  
(Paper TAFEHC 14/2019)

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

5. Ms Winnie YEUNG presented the paper.

6. Mr KWONG Koon-wan supported the project proposals, but was concerned about the possibility of improper implementation of works by the contractors. Therefore, he wanted to know the detailed works schedules, including the items and locations of works to be launched over the next few weeks, for monitoring of the works by Members. He hoped that Members would conduct site inspection upon works completion to ensure that the works concerned had been properly completed.

7. Mr Eric KWOK raised his views as follows:

- (a) He supported the project proposals, and recommended an additional project of rodent control. The newly completed Mun Tung Estate was zoned under the area of Tung Chung West, and the site behind the bus terminus in the estate was overgrown with weeds. Having conducted a site visit with staff of IsDO, he suggested that Mun Tung Estate should be included in the scope of district minor works (DMW) projects.
- (b) He had written to the District Lands Office (DLO) earlier, enquiring why it did not erect any signboard when the project was implemented in the area, leaving residents in the area in the dark about the project concerned. He understood that for government projects, it was required that a signboard be erected which showed the project details including the works period, anticipated completion date and enquiry hotline. He wondered why DLO did not comply with the Government's policy. As he had not received any reply from DLO so far, he urged DLO to promptly give a reply and take follow-up action.
- (c) It was learnt that implementation of government projects had caused many potholes on the ground surface in Tung Chung, which might lead to accumulation of water and breeding of mosquitoes and insects. He was discontented with this, and urged FEHD to take follow-up action in an expeditious manner.

8. Mr KWOK Chi-hang said that he would liaise with the concerned department after the meeting to clarify whether DLO had allocated the site to the concerned department for project works. After the meeting, he would also enquire Mr KWOK about the location of the concerned project to understand whether the project details, contact telephone number and works period, etc. had been displayed.

(Post-meeting note: According to DLO's record, the subject site was allocated to the Housing Department on a temporary basis as temporary works site and had already been returned back to DLO.)

9. Mr Eric KWOK said that the project location was at the site behind the bus terminus in Mun Tung Estate. He learnt that the works had commenced 2 months ago.

10. Ms Winsy LAI said that she would enquire DLO staff about the location of stagnant water after the meeting and take appropriate follow-up action.

11. Mr Eric KWOK hoped that he could accompany Ms LAI and staff of DLO to conduct a site visit.

(Post-meeting note: Mr Eric KWOK, representatives of FEHD and DLO conducted a site visit on 11 April 2019. FEHD undertook to carry out anti-mosquito operation at the public area of the location, and DLO indicated that the Land and Vegetation Contract Management Section of the Lands Department had been informed to follow up on the matter of weeds at the location concerned.)

12. Ms Winnie YEUNG made a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) Regarding the formation of fire breaks and grass cutting, she said that apart from the regular grass cutting, IsDO would also arrange for grass cutting at designated locations and appointed dates, e.g. before Ching Ming and Chung Yeung Festivals. Regarding Mr KWONG's views on effectiveness of action and projects, she would liaise with Mr KWONG after the meeting for further understanding and follow-up.
- (b) Regarding anti-rodent work, she said that the 3 projects involved mainly grass cutting work while IsDO would carry on the regular arrangement of grass cutting. She stressed that although grass cutting was conducive to mosquito control, it was neither the main nor the sole objective of the projects since prevention and control of mosquitoes and rodents were mainly undertaken by FEHD.

13. Mr Benjamin AU, in response to what Mr Eric KWOK said about the visit to the concerned site with staff of IsDO, said he had liaised with FEHD concerning mosquito control and the department undertook to apply larvicidal oil, etc. at the site. The management matter of the site should be followed up by DLO.

14. Members endorsed an allocation of \$2,410,000 for implementing the 3 DMW projects.

(Mr CHAN Ngai-chung joined the meeting at around 2:10 p.m.)

III. Progress report on DC-funded District Minor Works Projects  
(Paper TAFEHC 15/2019)

15. The Chairman welcomed Mr LI Ming-yau, Senior Inspector of Works of IsDO to the meeting to present the paper.

16. Members discussed the following projects:

(a) Construction of Drainage Channel at rear of Pak Ngan Heung Village, Mui Wo (IS-DMW-609)

17. Mr WONG Man-hon expressed his discontent that the project had been delayed for years without any progress. He enquired when IsDO would commence the works after completing the survey work in the next 3 years.

18. Mr LI Ming-yau said that IsDO had received a temporary land allocation from DLO, and the project drawing had also been completed. It was expected the construction works would commence immediately after the tendering exercise in June.

(b) Construction of footpath near house no. 145 of Luk Tei Tong Village, Mui Wo (IS-DMW-626)

19. Mr WONG Man-hon requested IsDO to provide the works schedule.

20. Mr LI Ming-yau said that IsDO had submitted an application for site allocation to DLO, and anticipated that tendering would be conducted in July after the site was granted. The design drawing for the works had been substantially completed.

(c) Improvement to footpath between lamp post no. H9408 and VA4174 at Fa Peng, Cheung Chau (IS-DMW-691)

21. Mr KWONG Koon-wan pointed out that although the vehicular and pedestrian flow were not busy at the road section concerned, road subsidence and uneven road surface recurred at that section repeatedly soon after the maintenance works. He had previously provided IsDO with photos showing the location in question, and urged the project contractor to ensure the proper quality of the maintenance works with a view to preventing further road subsidence shortly after maintenance.

22. Mr LI Ming-yau said that as the places frequently suffered damages were near the roadside drains, IsDO would improve the existing road surface and drains to prevent road subsidence.

(d) Construction of footpath between Tai Peng and Lamma Winds, North Lamma (IS-DMW-606)

23. Mr CHAN Lin-wai said that some expatriates objected to the implementation of the project 6 years ago, and therefore the project had not commenced to date. He expressed his discontent about this and opined that the Government need not amend the proposal due to objections from non-stakeholders (who were not local residents) when implementing DMW projects, otherwise, the progress of the projects would be delayed.

24. Mr Randy YU said that many projects set out in the paper were proposed and initiated in the past District Council (DC) term. Seeing that the current term of DC would come to an end shortly and there might be personnel changes due to the Rural Committee Election held a short time ago, he proposed that IsDO should review the projects that had been in the pipeline for a long time but were still in the planning stage. For projects that could not be implemented, explanation should be given to the project proponents; for projects that were objected by a small number of people, IsDO should invite the opponents to discuss with Members at meetings for understanding the position and justification of both sides. To expedite the handling of the projects proposed in the past DC term, he proposed these projects be reviewed at the meeting to be held in September and a timetable be provided stating whether the projects would be implemented and the commencement date.

25. Mr CHEUNG Fu enquired DLO why some residents opposed to the above project.

26. Mr KWOK Chi-hang said that he did not have the relevant information in hand. DLO was mainly responsible for posting notices for the works and relaying villagers' views to the departments concerned (e.g. IsDO) for follow-up actions. He would provide the relevant information after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: According to DLO's record, DLO had, at the request of IsDO, posted notices for the project of construction of footpath between Tai Peng and Lamma Winds, North Lamma in February 2013 and November 2016, and had received 1 and 2 objections respectively. The reasons of objections were mainly that there was an existing footpath leading to the wind power station, the proposed footpath would facilitate illegal tree felling and illegal burials, damage the environment and regularization of an illegal footpath.)

27. Mr LI Ming-yau said that the footpath was a muddy path, and opponents disagreed to convert the muddy path to a paved concrete road. He would further discuss and follow up with Mr CHAN Lin-wai after the meeting.

28. Mr CHEUNG Fu did not see why footpath could not be constructed at the above location which was not a conservation area. He pointed out that it was inconvenient for pedestrians to use the footpath as it was muddy on rainy days. He queried whether IsDO had given detailed explanation to the opponents.

29. Ms YU Lai-fan understood that the Hongkong Electric Company Limited (HEC) paved the concerned section of the footpath with anti-skid concrete to tie in with the works of extending the cables to the maintenance depot at Pak Kok Tsuen. At that time, some residents and expatriates indicated that the muddy path was wet and slippery, and people would easily tumble over when walking uphill. They proposed certain dangerous locations be paved with the same kind of anti-skid surfacing material, but some residents opposed. The opponents opined that since anti-skid surface was paved with bricks, weeds would grow at the spaces in between the paving bricks. At present, regular grass cutting was required for road sections paved with anti-skid material to prevent the grasses impeding pedestrian passage. HEC had sought the views of residents before laying cables. It was learnt that most residents wanted the entire footpath be paved with concrete. However, some hikers wanted to keep the muddy path, and some people had even attempted to stop the project commencement by lying on the footpath. Despite this, the road works continued and surfacing with concrete was completed by section.

30. Mr CHAN Lin-wai said that the opponents were mainly foreign residents in the district. He considered that the Government should not delay any project due to the liking of individuals, and expressed dissatisfaction that the works had not yet commenced.

31. Ms Amy YUNG disagreed to the above view raised by Members and suspected that the government department concerned practised racial discrimination. She suggested that the Islands District Council (IDC) Secretariat should write to the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) about this.

32. Mr LI Ming-yau said that IsDO had discussed with the project proponent after receiving the objections and recommended resurfacing the road section which was currently damaged. However, as the footpath was a new route rather than an existing main access, the proposal of repairing the muddy path was temporarily shelved.

33. Ms Winnie YEUNG made a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) Regarding Members' views on the objections of foreigner being the cause of delay in works progress, she pointed out that in works implementation, the Government needed to balance the views of all parties concerned regardless of nationality. She would liaise with Mr CHAN Lin-wai and the opposition group after the meeting to discuss and explore solutions such as amending the drawing with a view to commencing the works soonest.
- (b) Owing to time constraint, it would be difficult for IsDO to review and carry out all outstanding projects at one time. She stressed that IsDO would follow up and review each and every project. For projects that were difficult to be implemented, IsDO would inform the project proponents and try to identify alternative proposals. IsDO would also report the progress of the projects to Members in a timely manner.

(Post-meeting note: Staffs of IsDO conducted site inspection again with the project proponent after the meeting and, with the consent of the project proponent, the project scope was amended to resurfacing of the currently damaged section of the footpath, and would be completed in May. When implementing DMW projects, IsDO needed to balance all stakeholders' views on improvement of community facilities, and would launch the works only after a consensus was reached.)

34. Mr Randy YU clarified that, instead of asking IsDO to complete all the works at once, he only requested for the provision of a list clearly stating whether the works would be implemented, the amendments required and the works schedule.

35. Ms Winnie YEUNG remarked that IsDO noted Members' views. The projects which were planned long ago but had not commenced yet would be reviewed after the meeting, and discussion with the project proponents would be held as appropriate.

36. Ms Amy YUNG raised her views as follows:

- (a) While IsDO said that it was necessary to liaise and discuss in detail with various parties about the project concerned, she did not feel convinced by the explanation. As she considered that the government department concerned practised racial discrimination, she hoped the IDC Secretariat would write to EOC about this.
- (b) She was discontented that the project had not yet been completed. On the contrary, the proposals concerning the Lantau Tomorrow Vision plan were endorsed even the relevant papers had not been submitted completely. She hoped the IDC Secretariat would lodge complaint to the Office of The Ombudsman (OFOMB) against the department concerned for delaying the works.

37. Mr Eric KWOK raised his views as follows:

- (a) He thought that the Government had overlooked the community facilities which were closely related to the daily lives of the residents in outlying islands. Members had over the years strived for implementing minor works projects that would help enhance the community facilities for Islands District residents, but often encountered great resistance. He queried why the works concerning the Lantau Tomorrow Vision plan and Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge which involved huge expenditure progressed rapidly while the DMW projects were still under deliberation. He opined that the Government had ignored the needs of the residents in Islands District and urged the Government to give equal treatment to all and attach importance to DMW projects. He requested for a meeting between Members and the Secretary for Development Mr WONG Wai-lun, Michael to discuss the progress of various DMW projects.



- (b) He reckoned that the Government should consider whether the justifications of the opponents were reasonable before deciding whether a project was to be shelved.

38. Ms Winnie YEUNG reiterated that IsDO would consider the views raised by people of any nationality equally, and would relay Mr Eric KWOK's views to the Development Bureau as appropriate.

39. Mr Ken WONG said that IsDO should examine whether the opponents' views were reasonable and disregard the unreasonable ones. Taking the road works on the hill in Peng Chau as an example, while the residents desired the works to be implemented with perfection, the department concerned could only strike a balance between quality and cost due to the limited budget. If IsDO considered it necessary to repair the footpath and resurface it with concrete, it should ignore the objections. Otherwise, implementation of the project would have no progress forever. He opined that IsDO should have criteria to determine if the objections were reasonable. The Government might neglect the objections raised out of personal liking without substantive justification. It only needed to express its decision of rejecting the objections to the opponents, and then proceed to commence the works. In his opinion, the Government could not possibly meet the aspirations of all people. Pedestrian safety should be regarded as the paramount consideration, and the project should not be further delayed due to personal liking of individual opponents.

40. Ms Amy YUNG said that if the Committee, after discussion, considered it unsuitable for the IDC Secretariat to write to OFOMB and EOC, she would consider writing to the institutions in her own name.

41. Mr Holden CHOW raised his views as follows:

- (a) He agreed that IsDO should commence the improvement works as soon as possible, and that the department concerned should consider and balance the views from various parties based on reasonable criteria, and respond to the residents' aspirations.
- (b) The IDC Secretariat's act represented the general intention of the IDC. In case Members had any comments on government departments, it would be suitable for them to write to EOC or OFOMB in their own names or the names of organisations.

42. Mr CHAN Lin-wai concurred with Mr Holden CHOW. He personally consider it unnecessary to lodge a written complaint to the departments concerned, but hoped that the Works Section of IsDO would continue to study and follow up on the projects concerned with a view to commencing the works soonest.

43. The Chairman urged IsDO to consider Members' suggestions, and examine and follow up on the projects as soon as possible.

44. Mr CHEUNG Fu opposed to lodging written complaint to the departments concerned regarding the DMW projects via the IDC Secretariat, worrying that it would cause further delay to the works. He agreed that IsDO should continue to explore improvement to works projects.

45. Ms Winnie YEUNG remarked that IsDO had taken note of Members' views and would take further follow-up action and report the progress of various projects to Members as appropriate.

46. Members endorsed the paper and noted the contents of IsDO's report.

#### IV. Report by Working Group

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

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

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

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

49. The Chairman said that regarding the district partnership organisations of "Quit to Win" Smoke-free Community Campaign proposed by Islands Healthy City and Age-friendly Community Working Group, a total of 12 Members made first-tier declaration of interests prior to the meeting, indicating that they were Honorary Advisors of Hong Kong Outlying Islands Women's Association Limited (OIWA Limited). For first-tier declaration of interests, Members could remain in the meeting and take part in the discussion, decision-making and voting.

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

51. Members had no comment and endorsed the above working group report, including the proposed activities of the "Quit to Win" Smoke-free Community Campaign.

#### V. Any Other Business

52. There was no other business.

#### VI. Date of Next Meeting

53. The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m. The next meeting would be held at 2:00 p.m. on 27 May 2019 (Monday).

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