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Islands District Council Minutes of Meeting of

Tourism, Agriculture, Fisheries and Environmental Hygiene Committee

Date: 29 July 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 CHAN Lin-wai

Mr WONG Man-hon

Mr HO Chun-fai

Mr HO Siu-kei

Ms WONG Chau-ping

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 WONG King-chuen

Mr NG man-kit

Mr ON Man-sang

In Attendance

Ms CHAN Ka-yan Senior Engineer/Drainage System Planning,

Drainage Services Department

Mr CHEUNG Fei-kit Engineer/Drainage System Planning 4,

Drainage Services Department

Ms Sylvia CHAN Technical Director, Black & Vetch Hong Kong Limited

Mr Vincent TSANG Engineer, Black & Vetch Hong Kong Limited

Mr LAI Kwok-wai, David Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Waste Management

Policy)6, Environmental Protection Department

Mr CHAN Yip-wai, Edward Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Waste Management

Policy)5, Environmental Protection Department

Ms YEUNG Suk-ting, Sally Environmental Protection Officer (Waste Management

Policy)51, Environmental Protection Department

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

Ms LEUNG Tin-yee, Christy Designate 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

Ms LEE Yuk-yin Assistant Police Community Relations Officer

(Marine Port District), Hong Kong Police Force

Mr HO Siu-tong (Sergeant) Police Community Relations Officer

(Lantau District), Hong Kong Police Force

Ms SIN Kai-wai, Marie 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 (Lantau),

Civil Engineering and Development Department

Mr WU Tip-ming, Wilson Senior Field Officer (Agricultural Extension),

Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Ms Sonja CHAN Representative, New World First Ferry Services Limited

Secretary

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

Absent with Apology

Mr YUNG Chi-ming, BBS

Mr WONG Hon-kuen, Ken

Mr CHOW Man-lung, Andrew Water Supplies Department

Mr TANG Wing-kai, Ricky Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Welcoming remarks

<u>The Chairman</u> welcomed representatives from government departments and organisations as well as Members to the meeting and introduced the following departmental representatives in attendance to the meeting:

- (a) Ms LEUNG Tin-yee, Christy, Designate Assistant District Officer (Islands)2 of Islands District Office (IsDO) who would succeed Ms YEUNG Cin-man, Winnie;
- (b) Ms LEE Yuk-yin, Assistant Police Community Relations Officer (Marine Port District) of the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) who stood in for Mr LEONG Seong-iam, Sammy;
- (c) Mr WU Tip-ming, Wilson, Senior Field Officer (Agricultural Extension) of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) who stood in for Ms HUI Yuk-ting, Rachel;
- (d) Sergeant Mr HO Siu-tong, Police Community Relations Officer (Lantau District) of HKPF who stood in for Mr YAU Siu-sang; and
- (a) Mr IP Ka-lok, Kelvin, Conservation Officer/1 (Lantau) of the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) who stood in for Ms TONG Yee Fun, Pauline.
- 2. Members noted that Mr YUNG Chi-ming, Mr Ken WONG, Mr CHOW Man-lung, Andrew, representative of the Water Supplies Department, Mr TANG Wing-kai, Ricky, representative of AFCD, Ms Sarah CHOW, representative of the Hong Kong Tourism Board and Mr Benny CHAN, representative of New Lantau Bus Co., (1973) Ltd. were unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments.

I. Confirmation of minutes of the meeting held on 27.5.2019

3. The captioned minutes were confirmed unanimously.

- II. Review of Drainage Master Plan in Lantau and Outlying Islands Feasibility Study Briefing on Drainage Improvement Proposals in Lantau and Outlying Islands
 (Paper TAFEHC 34/2019)
 - 4. <u>The Chairman</u> welcomed Ms CHAN Ka-yan, Senior Engineer/Drainage System Planning and Mr CHEUNG Fei-kit, Engineer/Drainage System Planning 4 of the Drainage Services Department (DSD) as well as Ms Sylvia CHAN, Technical Director and Mr Vincent TSANG, Engineer of Black & Vetch Hong Kong Limited to the meeting to present the paper.
 - 5. <u>Ms CHAN Ka-yan</u> briefly presented the paper with the aid of powerpoint presentation.
 - 6. <u>Ms Holden CHOW</u> was pleased to learn that drainage improvement works were to be implemented by DSD in Islands District, and said that drainage problems had existed in the district all along. For example, Fu Tung Estate was often flooded after rainstorm and typhoon. He enquired whether there were channels in place for the department to communicate with Members of the District Council (DC) concerned to resolve the drainage problems in the district promptly. He also hoped that the department could address the long-standing drainage problems during the works.
 - 7. Mr Randy YU thanked DSD for the briefing and welcomed the feasibility study of the department. He had conducted a site visit to Lantau South, Mui Wo and Tung Chung with staff of the department earlier and found that some places were not included in the paper. Noting that some works were not yet finalised pending further studies, he proposed incorporating the drainage problems in the villages in Mui Wo, Lantau South, Pui O and Shek Mun Kap, Tung Chung into the scope of studies for implementation of drainage improvement works when the projects were finalised.
 - 8. Mr KWONG Koon-wan said that he had visited Cheung Chau with the staff of the department to brief the residents on the scope and specifications of the works. He enquired whether excavation of the entire road or larger outfalls at some locations were required during construction.
 - 9. Mr Eric KWOK expressed his views as follows:
 - (a) Seawater intruded into Yat Tung Estate Bus Terminus after passage of a typhoon many years ago and flooding problems existed at Tung Chung Road, Sheung Ling Pei and Ha Ling Pei, which were believed to be increasingly

- serious in future. He enquired whether greenhouse effect and global warming would be taken into account in the works proposals.
- (b) There used to be a large piece of farmland outside Ham Tin Tsuen, Pui O which created a buffer in heavy rain for rainwater to flow into Pui O River. However, many small houses were now built outside Ham Tin Tsuen, Pui O and there were two wide streams behind, where water level rose in heavy rain. He had repeatedly reflected the problem to the department but it had not been followed up, with which he was discontented. He urged the department to face up to the problem promptly or the consequences would be disastrous if flood water poured into the village due to heavy rain.
- 10. <u>Ms YU Lai-fan</u> was pleased to learn that the department would conduct studies for Lantau North, Cheung Chau, Lamma Island, Peng Chau and Ma Wan, etc. where the Drainage Master Plan did not cover, taking into account the impacts of extreme weather, increase in rainfall and rise in sea level associated with climate changes. Yung Shue Wan and Sok Kwu Wan on Lamma Island would flood during typhoon and heavy rain. For example, Lamma Island flooded extensively due to the passage of super typhoon Mangkhut last year. Although storm water drains were already provided on Lamma Island, their drainage capacity was below standard so low-lying and coastal areas still flooded. She would relay to the residents the information set out in the paper and asked the department to provide the latest information about the plan relating to Lamma Island later.

11. <u>Ms CHAN Ka-yan</u> gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) The department noted Members' views and proposals on drainage matters of the district. She emphasised that the main purpose of the review was to conduct a comprehensive planning review and study on the drainage systems in Islands District, so as to work out various solutions. In addition, the department would conduct reviews and formulate improvement measures having regarded to the flood reports received and drainage problems at particular locations. DSD would continue to discuss the discharge of rainwater with Members and villagers, who were also welcome to contact the department for alleviation of individual drainage problems
- (b) DSD and other departments had been concerned about seawater intrusion and other problems caused by natural disasters including typhoon. As such, CEDD had commissioned the consultant to conduct a feasibility study to review the condition of the low-lying coastal and windy locations comprehensively, so as to carry out relevant investigations on storm surge

and wave and assess the impacts of extreme weather on the locations concerned. Based on the outcomes of the study, the Government would formulate appropriate precautionary measures and management schemes to strengthen the resilience to wave impacts at the coastal areas.

- (c) Regarding the drainage problems in Ham Tin Tsuen, Pui O, the department had contacted the village representative and Members to understand the situation. It was exploring solutions and would follow up with relevant Members in due course.
- (d) The department noted the views of Mr Randy YU. The locations concerned were covered by the review and improvement measures would be formulated if necessary. The department would conduct detailed studies and assessments on the works proposals and follow up with relevant Members in due course.
- 12. <u>Mr CHAN Lin-wai</u> said that stream water or rainwater in many villages on Lamma Island flowed into private farmland along man-made tributaries. Disputes might arise if the private land had other uses or water flowed in was intercepted and could not be discharged. He proposed that the department should adjust the proposals according to the flow of water and land ownership of each village.
- 13. <u>Mr Holden CHOW</u> said that he would contact the department after the meeting to follow up further on the drainage problems in Tung Chung Town Centre.
- 14. Ms WONG Chau-ping said that she and Mr Randy YU had received complaints about drainage problems in the villages in Tung Chung and visited Tung Chung Hang with the representative of the department. It was discovered that stream water converged at Tung Chung Valley, Pak Kung Au would flow through Shek Mun Kap Village, Shek Lau Po Village, Mok Ka Village, Lam Che Village, Nim Yuen Village and Ngau Au Village before discharging into the sea via Tung Chun Hang. She later conducted a site visit with Mr Randy YU again and found that Tung Chung Hang was extensively grown with trees and climbers which hindered discharge of rainwater into the sea or even caused rainwater intrusion that damaged railings and bridges, thus endangering the safety of the residents. Drainage problems at the location had existed for years and were repeatedly reflected by the villagers. She was discontented that relevant departments had not responded or follow up on the matter. As rainy season was approaching, some villagers were concerned that seawater intrusion might occur if the watercourses were not cleared promptly, which would pose danger to the villagers and seriously affect their daily lives. She urged the department to face up to the problem and follow up on it before the rainy season. The

watercourses should be cleared at least if large-scale works could not be launched.

- 15. <u>Ms Amy YUNG</u> pointed out that Nim Shue Wan, Cheung Sha Lan and Tai Shui Hang were hardest hit by super typhoon Mangkhut last year, and proposed incorporating the said places into the scope of works.
- Ms Josephine TSANG opined that the residential dwellings down the slope had potential danger after a site visit to Chung Tsai Mei, Tung Wan, Peng Chau with the engineers of the department. During the passage of typhoons Hato and Mangkhut, rainwater flowed down the slope. Since the impact force was huge and flooding occurred as rainwater could not discharge, some residents had to be evacuated. She hoped that the department could follow up on the drainage problems in Chung Tsai Mei, Tung Wan, and incorporate Nim Shue Wan, Cheung Sha Lan and Tai Shui Hang mentioned by Ms Amy YUNG into the scope of the improvement works.
- 17. <u>Mr HO Siu-kei</u> pointed out that the drainage systems on Northwest Lantau (including Tai O) had the same problem and enquired whether phases two and three of the project would be implemented.
- 18. <u>Ms CHAN Ka-yan</u> gave a consolidated response as follows:
 - (a) The department would like Mr Holden CHOW to provide more information on the drainage problems in Tung Chung Town Centre for further follow-up.
 - (b) The department noted the concerns of Ms WONG Chau-ping and the residents about the drainage problems in the vicinity of Tung Chung Hang and would contact Ms WONG to follow up on clean-ups as well as repair and maintenance of the drainage systems.
 - (c) Tai Shui Hang and Cheung Chau were covered in the study of the project. Scientific data analysis would be conducted but the actual situation of some locations might not be fully reflected. The department would contact relevant Members for further follow-up in due course.
 - (d) The department said that exploration of solutions to the drainage problems in Islands District was not limited to the current review. It had maintained liaison and followed up on the drainage issues with the public, villagers and Members, and would take follow-up actions and implement improvement measures when drainage problems were identified.

- 19. <u>Ms WONG Chau-ping</u> enquired when the department would contact Members regarding the drainage problems of the locations concerned. She pointed out that some government departments only arranged contractors to remove grass and climbers after site visit without any follow-up actions and hoped that the same mistake could be avoided. As some village houses at low-lying areas were prone to flooding due to seawater intrusion, the problem should be addressed urgently.
- 20. <u>Ms CHAN Ka-yan</u> said that the department would contact Ms WONG Chau-ping for follow-up next week.
- 21. <u>The Chairman</u> urged the department to follow up on the matter promptly to avoid flooding in times of typhoon.
- 22. Members supported the above project.

(Mr Holden CHOW joined the meeting at around 2:10 p.m.and Mr KWONG Koon-wan joined the meeting at around 2:15 p.m.)

- III. <u>Installation of 360 Degrees Cameras at the Marine Refuse Priority Sites</u> (Paper TAFEHC 35/2019)
 - 23. <u>The Chairman</u> welcomed Ms LAI Wing-sau, Winsy, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Islands) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) to the meeting to present the paper.
 - 24. <u>Ms Winsy LAI</u> presented the paper. She supplemented that a tender exercise would be conducted for the works of installing 360 degrees cameras. After completion, Members would be invited for a site visit and then the facilities would be installed.
 - Mr KWONG Koon-wan said that Coral Beach and Pak Tso Wan in Cheung Chau were unallocated government land, which were difficult to access with lots of shoreline refuse blown onshore, and therefore proposed installing 360 degrees cameras thereat. Although Nam Tam Wan had the same problem, it was easily assessable and people were found undertaking recreational activities there. If there was accumulation of refuse, people would report to the department. Staff had been deployed for refuse collection soon after reports were received.
 - 26. <u>Ms Amy YUNG</u> enquired whether the department could provide an English version of the papers in order to keep the residents informed.

- 27. <u>Ms Josephine TSANG</u> said that a number of Peng Chau residents swam near the family walk on Tai Lei Island. A lot of refuse accumulated along the shore in times of typhoon so installation of 360 degrees cameras was necessary.
- 28. Mr Eric KWOK said that he fully supported the pilot scheme implemented earlier and wondered why Pui O Beach was excluded from the scheme at present. He pointed out that Pui O Beach was often crowded and refuse at Pearl River Estuary would be blown towards Pui O Beach by monsoon, and the situation could be immediately followed up if cameras were installed. He hoped that the department could continue to install 360 degrees cameras at Pui O Beach.
- 29. Ms Winsy LAI gave a consolidated response as follows:
 - (a) The department would provide an English version of relevant papers to Ms Amy YUNG after the meeting.
 - (b) The department noted and thanked Members for the proposed locations for installing cameras. It would review resource allocation arrangements to confirm whether cameras could be installed at the locations concerned and continue to monitor the situation. The department reiterated that cameras were installed to facilitate monitoring of remote places which were difficult to access, and those installed under the pilot scheme earlier would remain in operation.
- IV. Question on review of recycling programme implemented on Peng Chau by Environmental Protection Department
 (Paper TAFEHC 36/2019)
 - 30. <u>The Chairman</u> welcomed Mr LAI Kwok-wai, David, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Waste Management Policy)6, Mr CHAN Yip-wai, Edward, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Waste Management Policy)5 and Ms YEUNG Suk-ting, Sally, Environmental Protection Officer (Waste Management Policy)51 of the Environmental Protection Department to the meeting to respond to the question.
 - 31. <u>The Chairman</u> said that Mr Ken WONG was unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments and had entrusted Ms Josephine TSANG to present the question on his behalf.

32. Mr Edward CHAN said that after taking over the recycling programme of Peng Chau, the department had received 15 complaints from the rural committees, including problems with the glass bottle collection service, application for village vehicle permit and e-waste collection service. The glass management contractors (GMCs) encountered some interface issues during the initial stage after taking over the programme, which had been duly resolved.

33. Ms Josephine TSANG expressed her views as follows:

- (a) Mr Ken WONG criticised the department at the DC meeting on 15 April 2019 for inadequate monitoring of the "Producer Responsibility Scheme on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment" (WPRS) and the "Programme on Source Separation of Glass Bottles" which created environmental hygiene problems. The department pledged to urge the contractors for rectification but no improvement was found. She enquired whether the department had deployed staff for site visit.
- (b) As residual in the glass bottles in recycling bins would emit stench and breed mosquitoes after long storage time and considerable amount of e-waste was accumulated at the glass bottles collection points, she enquired whether the department had urged the contractors to collect the recyclables on a regular basis.
- Mr Edward CHAN said that the GMCs checked the glass bottle collection points on Peng Chau every day and would arrange collection service when recycling bins were nearly full. As for e-waste, the electrical equipment collected would be properly placed and stored at the collection points and then transported to the refuse transfer facilities for proper handling when they reached a certain amount.
- 35. <u>Ms Josephine TSANG</u> further enquired of the department in what ways it monitored the contractors to ensure that the required recycling procedures were followed.
- 36. <u>Mr Edward CHAN</u> said that the department would check relevant data and arrange blitz inspections.

37. Mr David LAI gave a consolidated response as follows:

(a) The WPRS was implemented with effect from 1 August last year, under which sellers were obliged to arrange door-to-door collection service for consumers of "regulated electrical equipment" (REE). Those who did not

purchase new electrical equipment could also call the hotline at 2676 8888 to request for collection of old electrical equipment by the Government's outsourced contractor. The service covered the entire Hong Kong, including Islands District. The department handled around 20 000 requests across the territory per month on average, with around 200 appointments made by residents of Islands District for door-to-door collection over the past two months. At present, Islands District accounted for just a small share of the total requests of the territory, and therefore the residents were encouraged to call the Government hotline 2676 8888 to make an appointment with the contractor for collection of old REE.

- (b) The department placed publicity advertisements in various major newspapers again in July this year to allow the public to better understand the WPRS and door-to-door collection service.
- (c) As for monitoring of contractor, the department would conduct spot check if collection services were completed within schedule in Islands District and conduct telephone survey of residents using the service to understand if the contractor had collected the old electrical equipment. The department would also arrange inspections to Islands District on a regular basis to monitor the contractor's performance and service delivery as required. Arrangements with FEHD were also made so that the department would require the contractor to collect old electrical equipment at refuse collection points after receiving notifications from FEHD. To his understanding, old electrical equipment collected at refuse collection points only accounted for one to two percent of electrical equipment collected by WEEE.PARK across the territory, and the rest were mainly collected by the contractor through appointments made by retailers and collectors.
- 38. <u>Mr Eric KWOK</u> was dissatisfied with the response of the department and urged for immediate follow-up. He asked the department to provide details of the latest patrol, including time and outcome, as well as the frequency of patrol. He also enquired whether the department's response to Members' questions were supported by data, and whether the data was provided by the contractor.
- 39. <u>The Chairman</u> enquired whether phone calls to the hotline 2676 8888 would be transferred to the hotline 1823, and was concerned that it would delay the door-to-door collection service.
- 40. <u>Mr David LAI</u> gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) The recycling hotline was a direct telephone line which could be called for appointments for door-to-door old electrical equipment collection service.
- (b) The department deployed staff to Islands District every week to inspect where the electrical equipment collected was placed and whether it was transported to the collection centres and the plant of WEEE.PARK. The latest inspection was conducted in Peng Chau last Thursday and the frequency of patrol was around once every one to two weeks.
- 41. <u>Mr Edward CHAN</u> said that the number of old electrical equipment collected in Peng Chau increased drastically over the past 6 months and the department would arrange collection of the equipment as soon as possible. Even if immediate collection was infeasible, it would request the GMCs to properly place the electrical equipment which would be transported to refuse transfer facilities collectively later. The amount of old electrical equipment stored temporarily would not exceed two pallets in general.
- 42. <u>Ms Josephine TSANG</u> enquired of the department whether there was a pressing need to arrange collection taking into account the amount of electrical equipment shown in the picture in the paper. She hoped to understand the standard of the department.
- 43. <u>Mr Edward CHAN</u> said that according to the situation shown in the picture, it was necessary to arrange collection of the electrical equipment thereat, which had already been removed.
- 44. <u>The Chairman</u> was concerned that monitoring would be difficult in the absence of a clear standard and urged the department to explicitly set the frequency of electrical appliance collection.
- V. <u>Proposed District Minor Works Projects for Tourism, Agriculture, Fisheries and Environmental Hygiene Committee in 2019/2020</u>
 (Paper TAFEHC 37/2019)
 - 45. <u>The Chairman</u> welcomed Ms Winnie YEUNG, Assistant District Officer (Islands)2 and Mr LI Ming-yau, Senior Inspector of Works of IsDO to the meeting to present the paper.
 - 46. <u>Ms Winne YEUNG</u> presented the paper and supplemented on the following works proposals:

- (a) IsDO had said at the District Facilities Management Committee meeting on 15 July 2019 that the works proposal of "Provision of benches near Cheung Chau Ferry Pier" (No. 1) would be followed up at the Tourism, Agriculture, Fisheries and Environmental Hygiene Committee (TAFEHC) meeting.
- (b) "Improvement works to the footpath near Yan Yan Grocery Store (lamppost no. 50228) in Tai Yuen Village, Yung Shue Wan, Lamma Island" (No. 4) was initiated under Rural Public Works Programme and would be followed up at the respective committee later. IsDO was the lead department of the works.
- 47. <u>Ms Winne YEUNG</u> said that IsDO regarded the works proposals in the paper as technically feasible after preliminary examination, and asked for Members' support for incorporating the first three works proposals (Nos. 1 to 3) into the list of works. IsDO would report the cost of works and seek Members' endorsement of allocation at TAFEHC meetings in due course.
- 48. Members endorsed incorporating the first three works proposals (Nos. 1 to 3) in the paper into the list of works.
- 49. <u>The Chairman</u> hoped that IsDO could provide additional seats at Cheung Chau Ferry Pier as soon as possible as the seats thereat fell short of demand at present.

VI. Progress report on DC-funded District Minor Works Projects (Paper TAFEHC 38/2019)

- 50. <u>The Chairman</u> welcomed Mr LI Ming-yau, Senior Inspector of Works of IsDO to the meeting to present the paper.
- 51. <u>Mr LI Ming-yau</u> briefly presented the paper.
- Mr Holden CHOW enquired whether Formation of fire breaks, grass cutting and desilting in Islands District at South Lantau, Tung Chung and Tai O (2019-2020) (IS-DMW694) covered the entire Fu Tung Estate (including the cycle track).
- 53. Mr LI Ming-yau said that the cycle track was under the management of the Transport Department while the Highways Department (HyD) was responsible for repair work. IsDO could refer the project to HyD for follow-up if necessary.

- 54. <u>Mr Holden CHOW</u> asked IsDO to clarify whether grass cutting work at the cycle track was included in Formation of fire breaks, grass cutting and desilting in Islands District at South Lantau, Tung Chung and Tai O (2019-2020) (IS-DMW694).
- 55. Mr LI Ming-yau said that the project did not cover the area managed by HyD, and hence the cycle track.
- The Chairman said that some areas in Islands District were overgrown with grass but IsDO only conduct grass cutting within three feet from the road. She enquired if the area of grass cutting could be adjusted. In addition, as grass removed was perfunctorily placed at the kerbside by some contractors, she hoped that IsDO could follow up on the issue.
- Ms Winne YEUNG clarified that IsDO would conduct grass cutting if the grass grown within three feet from the roads under the purview of IsDO was too long to avoid causing inconvenience to road users. If the area of grass exceeded three feet from the roads, IsDO would notify the Vegetation Contract Management Team (currently known as "Special Duties Task Force") under the Lands Department for handling. Members were welcome to advise the locations concerned. IsDO noted that grass removed was perfunctorily placed at the kerbside by some contractors and would continue to monitor the situation.

VII. Report by Working Group

- (i) <u>Tourism, Agriculture, Fisheries and Environmental Hygiene Committee Activities</u> Working Group
- 58. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the report of the Working Group (see Reference 1 for details) had been sent to Members for perusal by fax or email before the meeting. Members were welcome to comment on the report.
- 59. Members had no comment and endorsed the above report.
- (ii) <u>Islands Healthy City and Age-friendly Community Working Group</u>
- 60. Mr Randy YU said that the report of the Working Group (see Reference 2 for details) had been sent to Members for perusal by fax or by email before the meeting. Members were welcome to comment on the report.

61. Members had no comment and endorsed the above report.

VIII. <u>Any Other Business</u>

62. There was no other business.

IX. <u>Date of Next Meeting</u>

63. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m. The next meeting would be held at 2:00 p.m. on 30 September 2019 (Monday). To facilitate the election for the new term of DC, the operation of DC would be suspended from 4 October 2019 until the end of the current term of office, i.e. 31 December 2019. During the suspension, meetings and activities of DC and its committees and working groups had to be suspended. As such, meetings of DC and its committees and working groups originally scheduled for the dates after 4 October 2019 would be cancelled.

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