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

Date : 26 July 2021 (Monday)
Time : 10:30 a.m.
Venue : Islands District Council Conference Room,
14/F, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

Present

Ms TSANG Sau-ho, Josephine (Chairman)
Ms WONG Chau-ping (Vice-Chairman)
Mr YU Hon-kwan, Randy, MH, JP
Mr WONG Man-hon, MH
Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, SBS, MH
Mr YUNG Chi-ming, BBS, MH
Mr CHAN Lin-wai, MH
Mr WONG Hon-kuen, Ken (Arrived at around 10:45 a.m.)
Mr HO Chun-fai
Mr TSUI Sang-hung, Sammy
Mr FONG Lung-fei
Ms LAU Shun-ting

Attendance by Invitation

Dr CHAN Chi-ching, Jason Veterinary Officer (Cattle Management Team),
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
Mr YIP Cheuk-man Senior Field Officer (Animal Management) New Development
Area (Acting),
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

In Attendance

Mr LI Ho, Thomas Assistant District Officer (Islands)1, Islands District Office
Ms LEUNG Tin-ye, Christy Assistant District Officer (Islands)2, Islands District Office
Ms WONG Ka-ming, Grace Assistant District Officer (Islands)2 (Designate),
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 TSANG Wai-man Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Islands),
Lands Department
Mr YEUNG Chun-wing, Jun Senior Transport Officer/Islands 2, Transport Department

Mr YAU Pak-lun, Esmond	Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional South) ⁵ (Acting Environmental Protection Department
Mr CHOW Man-lung, Andrew	Engineer/Hong Kong (Distribution 6), Water Supplies Department
Mr PEI Nien-jen, Gordon	Senior Engineer/6 (Lantau), Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr LO Tim-fat, Frankie	Police Community Relations Officer (Lantau District), Hong Kong Police Force
Ms CHUNG Lai-kuen, Venus	Senior Field Officer (Agricultural Extension) ¹ (Acting), Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
Ms YUEN Suk-ling, Sylvia	Representative, Sun Ferry Services Company Limited

Secretary

Ms NG Ching-sum, Rain Executive Officer (District Council)², Islands District Office

Absent with Apology

Mr HO Siu-kei
Mr KWOK Ping, Eric

Absent

Mr WONG Chun-yeung

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**Welcoming Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed representatives of government departments, organisations and Members to the meeting and introduced the following representatives of government departments and organisations who attended the meeting: Ms WONG Ka-ming, Grace, Assistant District Officer (Islands)<sup>2</sup> (Designate) of the Islands District Office (IsDO) and Mr YAU Pak-lun, Esmond, Senior Environment Protection Officer (Regional South)<sup>5</sup> (Acting) of the Environmental Protection Department who succeeded Mr LI Kim-man.

2. Members noted that Mr HO Siu-kei and Mr Eric KWOK were unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments.

I. **Confirmation of minutes of the meeting held on 24 May 2021**

3. The Chairman said that the captioned minutes had incorporated the amendments proposed by the government departments and organisations, and had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

4. Members had no other amendment proposals. The captioned minutes were endorsed unanimously.

(Mr Ken WONG arrived at around 10:45 a.m.)

II · Question on a resident being hit by buffaloes in Mui Wo  
(Paper TAFEHCCC 31/2021)

5. The Chairman welcomed Dr CHAN Chi-ching, Jason, Veterinary Officer (Cattle Management Team) and Mr YIP Cheuk-man, Senior Field Officer (Animal Management) New Development Area (Acting) of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) to the meeting to respond to the question.

6. Mr Randy YU briefly presented the question.

7. Mr YIP Cheuk-man responded as follows:

- (a) With regard to the incident in the evening of 13 June, the Cattle Management Team of the department had sent its staff to the scene to understand the situation upon receipt of report of the incident, but the buffaloes that hit Ms WONG, the old lady, were not yet found. As male buffaloes were generally more aggressive, it was suspected that the buffaloes involved were male. The department would try to identify the buffaloes that were aggressive and soothe their temperament through suitable sterilisation measures. Afterwards, the buffaloes would be sent to the AFCD Ta Kwu Ling Operation Centre for observation. They would only be reintroduced into the community after they became less aggressive. He said the chance of the general public being hit by buffaloes was higher with a higher number of buffaloes. Therefore, the department would tackle the problem by reducing the number of buffaloes, hoping that the conflicts between the buffaloes and residents would be minimised.
- (b) As for the “Herdsman Program”, the department learnt that the Area Committee (AC) hoped to recruit more “herdsmen” and extend their working hours. The new contracts would be effective in November this year. One more “herdsman” would be employed, increasing the number of herdsmen from four to five and work in Lantau. Given that some members of the public reflected that the buffaloes would appear on roads after the “herdsmen” were off duty, the department would extend the working hours of the “herdsmen” to 8:30 p.m. as needed, which meant their daily working hours would be eight hours between 7 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. Since there were fewer residents commuting at late nights, no “herdsman” would be on duty during such period of time.
- (c) The department had discussed on restricting the movements of buffaloes to specific areas (such as Shui Hau Peninsula) in response to a proposal raised by Members of the AC, and the proposal was supported by Mr Randy YU

and Mr Eric KWOK. The department would continue to assist with the feasibility study on the proposal.

- (d) The Lantau Stray Buffalo and Cattle Working Group held its first meeting on 9 July this year. Some resident representatives proposed to construct cowsheds on Lantau Island and arrange the “herdsmen” to feed the cattle at the cowsheds, so as to foster their habit of staying in the cowsheds overnight. Gates would be installed for the proposed cowsheds to prevent the cattle from going out to the roads at night, thereby reducing the risks to drivers and the cattle on the road and ensuring road safety. The department preliminarily agreed to the proposal, but details such as site selection would have to be discussed at the next meeting of the working group.
- (e) The department’s key cattle management policy was to minimise conflicts between Lantau residents and cattle by controlling the cattle population through sterilisation. Nearly all the cattle on Lantau Island had been sterilised. The department had not found any newly born cattle in the area since August 2019 and the number was under control. As for the buffaloes, there were about 140 to 150 buffaloes on Lantau Island and 109 of them had been sterilised. It was believed that the number of buffaloes would decrease gradually.

8. Dr Jason CHAN responded as follows:

- (a) The incident of a resident being hit by buffaloes in Mui Wo involved the buffalo herds in Pak Ngan Heung and Wang Tong. The over 20 buffaloes of the herd were virtually sterilised. Earlier, some residents suspected that there were pregnant buffaloes. He had then conducted a site visit in this regard, but it was difficult to ascertain by sight. It had been over a year since the last sterilisation for the female buffaloes and no newly born buffalo had been found so far. The department would continue to monitor the situation.
- (b) The department had relocated six buffaloes from Mui Wo to Mai Po Wetland. The department was considering transferring a few more juvenile buffaloes there too, subject to the availability of sufficient grasslands. Following an incident in which a resident was injured by buffaloes in Mui Wo, the department was considering extending the sterilisation programme to include the male buffaloes there.

9. Mr Randy YU expressed his views as follows:

- (a) He thanked the AFCD for its proactive handling of cattle problem and for supporting the relocation of some buffaloes to Mai Po so that they could grow naturally there without sterilisation. Some bovine lovers had a misunderstanding that villagers had no intention to protect the cattle. He clarified that villagers did hope that the cattle could have a permanent habitat. However, the presence of cattle in the community would easily cause accidents, especially to the old and weak.

- (b) He asked the department whether all buffalo herds in Pak Ngan Heung and Wang Tong had been sterilised; if not, what was the number of buffaloes that had not undergone sterilisation. In addition, there were about 30 buffaloes pending sterilisation on Lantau Island. He asked about the timetable for it.
- (c) He supported the construction of cowsheds on Lantau Island to provide habitat for the cattle. He proposed that apart from Shui Hau Peninsula and Lo Uk Tsuen, cowsheds should also be built in Tong Fuk, Pui O and Mui Wo. He said that the Rural Committee (RC) was willing to provide assistance and coordination in the site selection in order to provide habitat for the cattle. He pointed out that at present, the cattle could only find shelter under the eaves of the village houses during downpours, which was very inhumane. Their ancestors were plough oxen, and could stay and rest in cowsheds after the farm work every day. Apart from Shui Hau Peninsula and Lo Uk Tsuen where cowsheds were expected to be built, he asked the department whether it would consider providing facilities for the captive breeding of cattle in Tai A Chau.
- (d) He hoped the department would provide the RC with information of the “herdsman” contracts, including the tender details. The RC was willing to help identify experienced candidates for the job. He said that the Mui Wo “herdsmen” were more capable than those of Tong Fuk, and the reason might be that the latter were not local residents and had less experience dealing with cattle.

10. Mr FONG Lung-fei enquired of the AFCD whether it had educated the general public to stay away from the cattle. He proposed that the department should enhance publicity and remind the public to leave immediately when encountering the cattle.

11. Mr WONG Man-hon expressed his views as follows:

- (a) He visited Ms WONG who still had a lingering fear towards cattle. He worried that the cattle might also hurt other people and he opined that it was difficult for the general public, the elderly in particular, to escape from fighting cattle. He asked the department about the details of the stepped-up patrols and whether it had offered its sympathy to the injured. He was not satisfied that the department had never expressed sympathy to the injured in similar accidents.
- (b) He noted that some people, despite the advice offered, still fed the cattle every day at the roadside in Mui Wo and Pui O. He asked the department whether it had approached or regulated those people. He was not against cattle feeding, but he was worried that such activities would lead to a higher chance of seeing cattle on the roads. Moreover, the cattle might fight for food, which would jeopardise the safety of residents. He suggested that publicity banners should be put up to advise people to feed the cattle at locations far from the roads.

- (c) The proposal of captive breeding of cattle was raised more than ten years ago, but it was still not implemented. He opined that it was not easy to find a suitable location and the procedures would be very complicated if private land was involved. Therefore, he proposed to utilise government land such as the Lantau Country Park or Lo Kei Wan.

12. Mr Sammy TSUI opined that it was a cruel and inhumane practice to sterilise all the cattle and wait for their deaths from natural causes. He asked the department whether it wanted to see the disappearance of cattle in Hong Kong. He said that the public did not hate the cattle, but was only dissatisfied with the Government's passive approach in cattle management which had led to frequent accidents. He opined that the sterilisation measure alone could not solve the problem. He proposed to relocate the cattle to sparsely inhabited islands to minimise their impact on the public and to delineate with fences certain areas for cattle movements in Sheung Shui and the North District to facilitate management. He said the indigenous residents kept the cattle as farming animals many years ago, but the cattle reproduced rapidly due to the lack of management, resulting in their intrusion into the community. Therefore, the department should review its cattle management measures. The cattle might still attack people even though they were sterilised and the proper settlement of the cattle was the only solution in the long run.

13. Mr HO Chun-fai said that the cattle problem had been causing nuisance to the Islands District for over 20 years but remained unsolved. The situation in Lantau was becoming more and more serious. He opined that apart from sterilisation, the department should limit the number of cattle inhabiting in an area, for example, keeping the number at 40 to 50. If the limit was exceeded, the department should relocate some cattle to other places such as Tai A Chau, Siu A Chau, Soko Islands. He pointed out that a vehicle was destroyed during a cattle fight on 8 July this year, and days ago there was cattle intrusion into a road near the Islands Youth Association, which nearly caused an accident. He urged the department to deal with the problem squarely.

14. Ms WONG Chau-ping said that the cattle problem had been discussed repeatedly at the District Council (DC) meetings. Villagers of the rural areas in Tung Chung used to earn their living by farming and fishing, and had co-existed peacefully with the cattle for a very long time. However, the cattle were causing nuisances to the residents nowadays, hence the problem had to be properly dealt with. Since residents of the rural areas had better herding skills, she supported hiring them as "herdsmen" and hanging banners at prominent positions to warn the passers-by of the appearance of cattle.

15. Mr HO Chun-fai opined that the proper management of cattle might not be achieved by solely constructing cowsheds because the cattle would roam about during day time and only a minority of them would be attracted by food and return to the cowsheds.

16. Dr Jason CHAN made a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) There were about 20 buffaloes in Pak Ngan Heung and the department had not found any new-born buffaloes for over one year. Based on the observation during the previous week, at least three or four male buffaloes

were not yet sterilised. The department would arrange sterilisation for them or relocate them to Mai Po Wetland.

- (b) There were about 140 to 150 buffaloes on Lantau Island, among which 109 had been sterilised and 90% were female. It was estimated that there were about ten female buffaloes that were not yet sterilised, among which eight were under two years old and had not reached the reproductive age. The department planned to sterilise them gradually. There were about 13 buffaloes in Luk Tei Tong, Mui Wo, among which one or two female buffaloes were not sterilised yet. As their habitat was close to the residential dwellings, the department planned to sterilise them within this year.
- (c) The number of cattle was on the decrease, from about 140 to 150 in the year before last to about 120 to 130 last year. It was expected that there would be no new-born cattle. The public could report to the department for follow-ups if they suspected any cattle were pregnant.

17. Mr YIP Cheuk-man made a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) As for the site selection for the proposed cowsheds, no decision had been made by the working group. The issue would be discussed at the next working group meeting.
- (b) After the cowsheds were built, the “herdsmen” would be arranged to feed the cattle at the cowsheds, so as to cultivate among the cattle the habit of returning to the cowsheds.
- (c) As for the recruitment of “herdsmen”, the department noted that the local residents were experienced in cattle herding and had therefore invited tenders from the villagers.

18. Dr Jason CHAN supplemented as follows:

- (a) There might be difficulties in delineating activity areas for the cattle in Tai A Chau. Instead, the building of cowsheds would be more appropriate.
- (b) The department had put up publicity posters on buses to remind the public to keep a distance from the cattle. It had not yet mentioned how to deal with cattle fighting. The department would consider hanging banners at locations where cattle were found, such as Wang Tong.
- (c) After the incident in Mui Wo took place, the department tried multiple times to catch the male buffaloes at the location. However, as the buffaloes would run into the woods and hide themselves after the administration of anaesthetic, it was difficult for the department to remove them from the location, but the department would continue with the attempt. In addition, although the department did not visit the injured of the incident, it had maintained contact with the assistants of the local DC Members to understand

whether the injured could recognise the buffaloes involved. In the case of a similar incident, the department would consider contacting the injured to offer assistance.

- (d) The department had carried out an on-site inspection in Mui Wo together with the RC members. It was found that there were people feeding the cattle at the roadside near the kindergarten in Pak Ngan Heung. Those people and their organisations were reminded to feed the cattle on grasslands that were far away from residential dwellings to avoid accidents. If any similar situations were found, residents could report to the department for follow-up.
- (e) As for the proposal of relocating the cattle to islands or other suitable places, he said that it was difficult to obtain the necessary consent of the local persons-in-charge. Therefore, the department was resorting to sterilisation to control the number of the cattle, but the effect of the measure could not be seen within a short period of time. He hoped Members would understand.
- (f) Over ten years ago before the completion of the runways at the airport, there were many cattle in Tung Chung. The department then caught the cattle in large scale and sold them to slaughterhouses, thereafter cattle could hardly be found in the area. Judging with the prevailing moral standards, members of the public might find such practice unacceptable.

19. Ms WONG Chau-ping pointed out that Tung Chung was free from nuisance caused by the cattle problem at present. She suggested that the department could hang publicity banners at locations in Lantau where the cattle would appear and review the effectiveness of the publicity posters posted on buses.

20. Mr YUNG Chi-ming said that the cattle issue had been discussed for a long time at the DC meetings and more than one hour had been spent on the relevant discussion at the meeting today as well. He suggested that a task group should be set up under the AC to follow up on the issue.

21. Mr Ken WONG agreed with Mr Sammy TSUI that the current practice to eradicate the trace of cattle on Lantau Island by sterilising all of them was inhumane. He opined that the cattle should be relocated to Tai A Chau and other places and their reproduction should be allowed.

22. Mr FONG Lung-fei expressed his views as follows:

- (a) He opined that the department might be unfamiliar with the habits of the buffaloes. The geographical environment of Tai A Chau and Siu A Chau was unsuitable for buffalo habitation, but the department could consider relocating the cattle that would forage in the hills to those locations.
- (b) He agreed that building cowsheds was a more effective measure to take. He believed that if the environment of the cowsheds catered for the habits of the cattle and fodder was supplied at the cowsheds at fixed hours, the cattle would

develop the habit of moving around in the vicinity and returning to the cowsheds. He suggested that the department should keep different species of cattle separately for easier management.

- (c) People should be required to obtain a license for feeding the cattle. The department should remind them to feed the cattle at locations away from residential dwellings and people who fed the cattle at the roadside should be prosecuted. Moreover, he suggested that the department should delineate certain areas for cattle movement at locations far away from residential dwellings and attract the cattle to such areas with fodder.

23. Mr WONG Man-hon expressed his views as follows:

- (a) There were cattle faeces on the beaches and roads in places such as Silvermine Bay, Pui O and Cheung Sha. He was worried that cattle faeces might contain viruses, which would affect the health of swimmers and the hygiene of the beaches. He suggested that the department should conduct regular tests.
- (b) The construction of cowsheds might change the land ecology and restrict the future uses of the land, therefore the measure might not be welcomed by the private land owners. The department should assess the impact of the cowshed construction.

24. Mr HO Chun-fai said that cattle faeces contained various bacteria which were greatly detrimental to the health of swimmers. Many members of the public would eat the shellfish taken from the wetland in Ham Tin, but as there was a buffalo habitat in the vicinity, the water quality and hygiene conditions were worrying.

25. The Chairman enquired about the duties of the “herdsmen” and how the supervision for them was conducted.

26. Dr Jason CHAN made a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) Nearly all the cattle on Lantau Island had been sterilised and their numbers would decrease gradually. If residents did not want to see the disappearance of cattle on Lantau Island, the department could bring cattle into Lantau Island again.
- (b) Currently, buffaloes mainly lived on Lantau Island, with a small number of them distributing in Yuen Long. The department had not decided whether to sterilise all the buffaloes. It would continue to monitor their population, in the hope that their number would decrease.
- (c) Cattle and buffaloes preferred to live in the plains. Even though they were relocated to the hills, they would then return to the flat land. The current measures did not include the relocation of the cattle to places outside Lantau Island.

- (d) The faecal coliform and other bacteria contained in cattle faeces might cause gastroenteritis. Members of the public were advised to wash their hands after touching cattle faeces. As for the pollution of the sea water caused by cattle faeces, currently the number of cattle inhabiting in Mui Wo was small, therefore it was believed only a few cattle faeces were discharged into the sea. Coupled with the dilution effect of the sea water, the cattle faeces could barely pose any threat to the health of the general public.
- (e) The department would consult Members and the RC on the design of the publicity banners and the locations for hanging them.
- (f) The “herdsmen” of Tong Fuk were not local residents. The department would take this factor into consideration during the next tender exercise.

27. Mr YIP Cheuk-man said that the main duty of the “herdsmen” was to herd the cattle to suitable places that were far away from busy roads and residential dwellings to avoid traffic accidents or nuisances to the general public. They would also pay attention to the conditions of the cattle and would report to the department if any cattle were found hurt. The “herdsmen” were required to sign for attendance at designated locations and the AFCD’s Cattle Management Team would send its staff to Lantau Island for surprise inspections from time to time to monitor the performance of the “herdsmen”.

28. Mr Randy YU expressed his views as follows:

- (a) He agreed to the establishment of a task group to address the cattle problem as it might not involve all the districts and the relevant discussions would be time consuming. He would discuss with the Chairman of the committee and the AFCD to see whether the setting up of a task group was necessary and whether the problem needed to be followed up on a regular basis. He opined that if relevant agenda items were raised in the future, it would be more appropriate to discuss them at a task group. He explained that enquiries were made at the meeting on behalf of Ms WONG at her request. He hoped Members would understand.
- (b) He hoped to put on record that urban people and bovine lovers might think that rural people were unsympathetic, but that was not the truth. Villagers were forced to give up farming around 20 to 30 years ago because of the lack of water sources, but they were unwilling to sell their farm animals to slaughterhouses. This showed that villagers were not heartless towards cattle. However, since there were incidents of villagers being knocked down by cattle recently, actions had to be taken to address the issue. He hoped residents of the urban areas and bovine lovers would understand it. He understood that villagers should bear the responsibility for the stray cattle problem in the community, but he pointed out that the unauthorised feeding of the cattle by urban residents had worsened the problem and upset the villagers. He hoped residents of urban areas would understand this, rather than labelling the rural people as unreasonable and reckless. In terms of

short-term measures, he suggested that the department should consider providing fodder and a suitable living environment for the cattle by building cowsheds. In terms of mid-term measures, the department should continue the sterilisation of the cattle. He agreed that the department might, after sufficient consultation, bring in cattle from other places to keep them in captivity so as to avoid their disappearance in Hong Kong.

29. The Chairman said that the cattle problem required more detailed discussions. He would discuss with Mr Randy YU and the department after the meeting to see whether it was necessary to set up a task group to follow up the matter.

III. Progress report on DC-funded District Minor Works Projects  
(Paper TAFEHCCC 32/2021)

30. The Chairman welcomed Ms LEUNG Tin-ye, Christy, Assistant District Officer (Islands)<sup>2</sup> and Mr LI Ming-yau, Senior Inspector of Works of the IsDO to the meeting to present the paper.

31. Ms Christy LEUNG briefly presented the paper.

32. Members had discussions on the various works projects as follows:

- (a) Construction of rainshelters at Nam Bin Wai, Mui Wo (No. IS-DMW644)  
Improvement works to the footbridge near lamp post no.VA8009 at Mui Wo Kau Tsuen, Mui Wo (No. IS-DMW690)  
Improvement works to the flooring near the toilets at the Waterfall Garden of Silvermine Bay, Mui Wo (No. IS-DMW703)

33. Mr WONG Man-hon enquired about the progress of the above works projects. He hoped the department would provide the timetables and actively follow up the projects without any delay.

- (b) Provision of rainshelters near lamp post FC2561 at Chung Yan Road, Tung Chung (No. IS-DMW712)

34. Mr FONG Lung-fei said that according to the paper, the cost for the reprovisioning of the rainshelters was \$180,000. He enquired about the cost for its reconstruction. A sports centre would soon be built in Tung Chung Area 107, and the existing facilities located at the park of Mun Tung Estate were still new. He enquired whether the facilities would be relocated to somewhere else for reuse to avoid wastage. He suggested that if a park was to be demolished, prior consultations should be conducted to see whether other districts needed the facilities. It was believed that the general public would support the department to pay attention to environmental protection.

- (c) Improvement works to the footpath at Tai San Street and Tai San Back Street, Cheung Chau (No. IS-DMW610)  
Provision of benches near Cheung Chau Ferry Pier, Cheung Chau (No. IS-DMW702)

35. Mr YUNG Chi-ming enquired about the progress of the above works projects. He hoped that the department would actively follow up the projects and implement the project timelines. As for the works at Tai San Street, he suggested that the department should discuss with the DC Member of the constituency concerned and the Tai San Street Kai Fong Association. In addition, only two benches would be provided under the project for the Cheung Chau Ferry Pier, but the works had not yet started. He enquired why there had been no progress for years.

36. Mr LI Ming-yau made a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) It was expected that tender would be invited for the “Construction of rainshelters at Nam Bin Wai, Mui Wo” project (No. IS-DMW644) in the second half of the year. There were delays in the progress of the project as objections were received from the local residents earlier.
- (b) The tender for the “Improvement works to the footbridge near lamp post no.VA8009 at Mui Wo Kau Tsuen, Mui Wo” project (No. IS-DMW690) was currently in progress and the works were expected to commence in early August this year.
- (c) As for the “Improvement works to the flooring near the toilets at the Waterfall Garden of Silvermine Bay, Mui Wo” project (No. IS-DMW703), other department had pointed out earlier that there were obstacles located at the entrance of the mine cave, therefore the works area would be narrowed down to avoid the entrance area. It was expected that tender would be invited for the project in the second half of the year.
- (d) As for the “Provision of rainshelters near lamp post FC2561 at Chung Yan Road, Tung Chung” project (No. IS-DMW712), the cost of reconstruction would be \$350,000, but there would be storage fees in the case of reprovisioning.
- (e) The “Improvement works to the footpath at Tai San Street and Tai San Back Street, Cheung Chau” project (No. IS-DMW610) involved busy streets and private lands, therefore prior coordination with the stakeholders was required. The department would contact Mr YUNG Chi-ming after the meeting for discussions on the works details.
- (f) The “Provision of benches near Cheung Chau Ferry Pier, Cheung Chau (No. IS-DMW702) involved a whole row of benches. The department was asking for the underground facilities plan from the relevant departments. If the works were feasible, a tender exercise would be conducted within the year.

37. The Chairman invited Members to vote by a show of hands on whether to endorse the allocation of an additional funding of \$60,000 to the “Improvement works to the steps near Sea View Terrace, Pak She San Tsuen, Cheung Chau” project (No. IS-DMW580) for

implementing the supplementary works listed in the paper.

38. Members voted by a show of hands and the funding was endorsed unanimously.

39. The Chairman invited Members to vote by a show of hands on whether to endorse the allocation of the funding of \$180,000 for implementing the “Provision of rainshelters near lamp post FC2561 at Chung Yan Road, Tung Chung” project (No. IS-DMW712) listed in the Annex 1.

40. Members voted by a show of hands and the funding was endorsed unanimously.

#### IV. Report by Working Group

41. The Chairman said that the Secretariat had received declarations of interests by three Members in relation to the “Islands District Youth Camp 2021” proposal of the Islands Healthy City and Age-friendly Community Working Group.

42. The Chairman said that in accordance with the DC Standing Orders, Mr Randy YU and Mr YUNG Chi-ming who had made a first-tier declaration of interests might take part in the discussions, resolutions and voting and were not required to withdraw from the meeting. Ms LAU Shun-ting who had made a second-tier declaration of interests might observe the meeting but should not take part in the discussions, resolutions or voting. If necessary, she might provide additional information as appropriate.

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

43. The Chairman said that the working group report had been distributed to Members for perusal by email before the meeting and Members’ comments on the report were welcomed. The working group had endorsed the utilisation of \$400,000 funding for the current year for carrying out the activities listed in the working group report at the meeting on 23 June 2021.

44. Members voted by a show of hands. The above working group report and the funding proposal were endorsed.

(Members voted in favour included: the Chairman Ms Josephine TSANG, the Vice-chairman Ms WONG Chau-ping, Mr Randy YU, Mr WONG Man-hon, Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, Mr YUNG Chi-ming, Mr CHAN Lin-wai, Mr Ken WONG, Mr Sammy TSUI and Mr FONG Lung-fei; Ms LAU Shun-ting abstained; and Mr HO Chun-fai left the meeting temporarily.)

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

45. Mr Randy YU said that the working group report had been distributed to Members for perusal by fax or email before the meeting and Members’ comments on the report were welcomed. The working group had endorsed the utilisation of \$480,000 funding for the

current year for carrying out the activities listed in the working group report at the meeting on 12 July 2021.

46. Members voted by a show of hands. The above working group report and the funding proposal were endorsed.

(Members voted in favour included: the Chairman Ms Josephine TSANG, the Vice-chairman Ms WONG Chau-ping, Mr Randy YU, Mr WONG Man-hon, Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, Mr YUNG Chi-ming, Mr CHAN Lin-wai, Mr Ken WONG, Mr Sammy TSUI and Mr FONG Lung-fei; Ms LAU Shun-ting withdrew from the meeting; and Mr HO Chun-fai left the meeting temporarily.)

V. Any Other Business

47. No other business was raised by Members.

VI. Date of Next Meeting

48. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for 4 October 2021 (Monday) at 10:30 a.m.

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