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

Date : 4 October 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 HO Siu-kei
Mr HO Chun-fai
Mr KWOK Ping, Eric
Mr FONG Lung-fei
Ms LAU Shun-ting

In Attendance

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| Ms WONG Ka-ming, Grace | 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 TSANG Wai-man | Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Islands), Lands Department |
| Mr PEI Nien-jen, Gordon | Senior Engineer/6 (Lantau), Civil Engineering and Development Department |
| Mr YAU Pak-lun, Esmond | Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional South)5, Environmental Protection Department |
| Mr YEUNG Chun-wing, Jun | Senior Transport Officer/Islands2, Transport Department |
| Mr LO Tim-fat, Frankie | Police Community Relations Officer (Lantau District), Hong Kong Police Force |

Mr TANG Wing-kai, Ricky

Fisheries Officer (Enforcement) 1,
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
Representative, Sun Ferry Services Company Limited

Ms YUEN Suk-ling, Sylvia

Secretary

Ms NG Ching-sum

Executive Officer (District Council)2, Islands District Office

Absent with Apology

Mr WONG Hon-kuen, Ken

Mr TSUI Sang-hung, Sammy

Absent

Mr WONG Chun-yeung

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## Welcoming Remarks

The Chairman welcomed representatives of government departments, organisations and Members to the meeting.

2. Members noted Mr Ken WONG and Mr Sammy TSUI were unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments.

### I. Confirmation of minutes of the meeting held on 26 July 2021

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

4. Members made no other amendment proposals and the minutes of the captioned meeting were endorsed unanimously.

### II. Progress report on DC-funded District Minor Works Projects (Paper TAFEHCCC 45/2021)

5. The Chairman welcomed Ms WONG Ka-ming, Grace, Assistant District Officer (Islands)<sup>2</sup> and Mr LI Ming-yau, Senior Inspector of Works of Islands District Office (ISDO) to the meeting to present the paper.

6. Mr LI Ming-yau briefly presented the paper.

7. Members' discussions on the various works items were as follows:

#### (a) Construction of rainshelter at Nam Bin Wai, Mui Wo (No.IS-DMW644)

8. Mr Eric KWOK enquired about whether solar power supply facilities would be installed at the proposed rainshelter.

9. Mr LI Ming-yau said that solar-powered portable charging devices would be installed at the proposed rainshelter as a pilot scheme.

#### (b) Provision of sitting benches near Cheung Chau Ferry Pier (No. IS-DMW702)

10. Mr Randy YU said that the foot design of the proposed as shown in Figure 3 of Annex 2 was special. He asked whether there were any special uses, such as preventing dogs from entering the bench foot or being consistent with the style of the existing benches in the district. He opined that there should be alternatives for such design.

11. Mr LI Ming-yau said that the works initiator had agreed the design of the benches. The design of the bench foot would facilitate the installation of the benches without the need to excavate the ground. Also, the location of the benches could be flexibly changed to suit the environment.

12. Mr HO Chun-fai said that the back design of the new benches was too straight and not suitable for sitting for a long time. The curvy design of the back of the old benches was more comfortable. Therefore, he proposed to keep the back design of the old benches and use the foot design of the new benches.

13. Mr LI Ming-yau noted Members' views and would study whether such ideas could be incorporated in the design.

14. Mr YUNG Chi-ming said that there were several big banyan trees near the proposed benches where birds would roost from time to time. He suggested adding a cover over the benches to avoid users being hit by the bird droppings. In addition, he viewed that the benches should be installed beside the trees so that no obstruction to the access would be caused during the Cheung Chau Bun Festival.

(Post-meeting note: As the proposed additional cover would locate near the banyan trees and large-scale foundation works would affect the health of trees and obstruct access, the proposal was considered not feasible.)

15. Mr LI Ming-yau said he kept an open mind on the design of the benches and Members' views were welcomed.

16. The Chairman invited Members to vote by a show of hands on whether to endorse the provision of \$650,000 for the "Construction of rainshelter at Nam Bin Wai, Mui Wo" (No.IS-DMW644).

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

18. The Chairman invited Members to vote by a show of hands on whether to endorse the provision of \$950,000 for the works for the "Provision of sitting benches near Cheung Chau Ferry Pier" (No. IS-DMW702).

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

### III. Second Batch of Proposed Projects under District Minor Works for 2021/22 (Paper TAFEHCCC 46/2021)

20. The Chairman welcomed Ms WONG Ka-ming, Grace, Assistant District Officer (Islands)<sup>2</sup> and Mr LI Ming-yau, Senior Inspector of Works of IsDO to the

meeting to present the paper.

21. Mr LI Ming-yau briefly presented the paper.
22. Mr HO Chun-fai enquired about the number of flap valves to be installed and whether they were automatic or manually operated.
23. Mr LI Ming-yau said that there would be flap valves installed on about 260 outfalls and the flap valves would operate automatically. When the water level was lower than the flap valves, water inside the outfalls would be automatically drained out and when the water level was higher than the flap valves, the valves would be closed by the water pressure to prevent back flushing of the river water onto the roads.
24. Mr Eric KWOK praised the IsDO for undertaking such works to prevent the sea water from flooding the roads and Ham Tin Kau Tsuen during the spring tide. He said that there was mud and sand on the roads and he was worried that they would accumulate on the outfalls if the rain water was not strong enough to flush them away. He enquired whether the Department would conduct regular checks on the outfalls and clear away the debris.
25. Mr Randy YU said that such works should be undertaken by the Drainage Services Department but were passed onto IsDO due to the ownership of the roads. He thanked IsDO for arranging such works. He had conducted an on-site inspection together with Mr HO Chun-fai and Mr Eric KWOK and, in addition to studying the flap valve works, he had proposed to department to level up the road surface. He pointed out that different approaches should be adopted in preventing sea water back flush and torrents sweeping down the mountains. In the latter case, the water should be drained away immediately. But in the former case, only preventive measures should be taken. He enquired whether IsDO was conducting a study on the other measures to be conducted with other government departments.
26. Mr LI Ming-yau said that IsDO would clear the debris inside the outfalls regularly. In addition, there was no plan to level up the road surface for the time being, but a study on enlarging the outfalls was being conducted.
27. Mr HO Chun-fai proposed that the outfalls should be two to three inches lower than the road surface to prevent mud and sand from clogging the drain and subsequently leading to the failure to drain the water normally during the sudden rise of the water level.
28. Mr LI Ming-yau said that in the present design, there were flap valves on the original outfalls. The department noted that there were kerbstones outside the outfalls. To facilitate the progress, the works project would include lowering the kerbstones at the outfalls.
29. The Chairman invited Members to vote by a show of hands on whether the

report would be adopted and whether to endorse the provision of \$2,500,000 for the works listed in the appendix.

30. Members voted by a show of hands and the proposal was unanimously endorsed.

#### IV. Report by Working Group

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

31. The Chairman said that the working group report was sent to Members for perusal by email before the meeting (please refer to the Paper 1). Members were welcomed to comment on the report.

32. Members had no comment.

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

33. Mr Randy YU said that the working group report was sent to Members for perusal by fax or email (please refer to the Paper 2) before the meeting and Members were welcomed to comment on the report. He said that at the TAFEHCCC meeting on 23 November 2020, approval was given by the TAFEHCCC to the Secretariat to hand over the ‘The Proposed Action Plan 2020-2024 on World Health Organisation (WHO) Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities Network for the Islands Districts under the Islands District Council’ to WHO. As the tenure of the six-term District Council was 2020-2023, it was proposed that the above name be changed to ‘The Proposed Action Plan 2020-2023 on “WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities Network” for the Islands District under the Islands District Council’.

34. The Chairman asked Members to note the above details and to vote by a show of hands on whether to endorse the above working group report including the above change, i.e. the proposal to change the name to ‘The Proposed Action Plan 2020-2023 on “WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities Network” for the Islands District under the Islands District Council’.

35. Members voted by a show of hands and endorsed the above working group report and proposal.

#### V. Any Other Business

36. No other business was mentioned by Members.

VI. Date of Next Meeting

37. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m. The next meeting would be held at 10:30 a.m. on 29 November 2021 (Monday).

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