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Islands District Council
Minutes of Meeting of
Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee

Date : 15 December 2025 (Monday)
Time : 4:00 p.m.
Venue : Islands District Council Conference Room,
14/F, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

Present

Chairman

Mr HO Siu-kei

Vice-Chairman

Mr LAU Chin-pang

Members

Mr YU Hon-kwan, MH, JP
Mr NG Man-kit
Mr HUI Chun-lung, MH
Ms KWOK Wai-man, Mealoha
Mr WONG Man-hon, MH
Ms WONG Chau-ping, MH
Mr WONG Hon-kuen, Ken
Mr YIP Pui-kei
Ms LAU Shun-ting
Mr LUO Chenghuan, MH

Co-opted Member

Mr CHUK Hing-toi, MH

Attendance by Invitation

Ms LAI Kit-ching, Maureen

District Leisure Manager (Islands),
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

In Attendance

Mr MOK Mong-chan
Mr FUNG Wai-nok

Ms CHU Po-yin, Christine

Mr YAU Pak-lun, Esmond

Assistant District Officer (Islands)1, Islands District Office
District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Islands),
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Chief Health Inspector (Islands)2,
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional South)5,
Environmental Protection Department

Secretary

Ms LAM Long-ching, Christine

Executive Officer (District Council)2,
Islands District Office

Absent with Apology

Mr WAN Yeung-kin

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**Welcoming Remarks**

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

2. The Committee agreed to accept the application for absence from the meeting submitted by Mr WAN Yeung-kin in accordance with the Islands District Council Standing Orders.

I. **Confirmation of Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 October 2025**

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

4. Members did not have any further amendment proposals, and the minutes were confirmed unanimously.

II. **Question on the environmental hygiene problems of the Tung Chung East Promenade (FEHC Paper No. 16/2025)**

5. The Chairman asked Members to refer to FEHC Paper No. 16/2025, and welcomed Mr FUNG Wai-nok, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Islands) and Ms CHU Po-yin, Christine, Chief Health Inspector (Islands)2 of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD); and Ms LAI Kit-ching, Maureen, District Leisure Manager (Islands) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to the meeting to respond to the question. The written replies of the FEHD, the LCSD and the District Lands Office, Islands (DLO/Is) had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

6. Mr YIP Pui-kei briefly presented the question.

7. Mr FUNG Wai-nok elaborated on the written reply of the FEHD.

8. Ms Maureen LAI elaborated on the written reply of the LCSD.
9. Members expressed their views as follows:
- (a) Some residents of Tung Chung reported that tent pitching and cooking food along the Tung Chung East Promenade, with the relevant items placed near the seawalls, were often observed during holidays. Some would even affix their tents to the railings with ropes and camp there overnight, which could easily trip pedestrians and pose safety risks.
  - (b) Given that various miscellaneous articles (such as fishing equipment and cleaning products) were often placed near the seawalls of the Tung Chung East Promenade and affected the environmental hygiene, Members asked whether the relevant departments would carry out regular inspections and clearance at the places concerned. In addition, Members asked the relevant departments to clarify their respective scopes of responsibilities concerning the above location (including venue management and clearance of miscellaneous articles, fallen trees and broken branches), so that they could contact the appropriate departments for follow-up in the future.
10. Mr FUNG Wai-nok gave a consolidated response as follows:
- (a) The FEHD was mainly responsible for matters concerning environmental hygiene. Generally speaking, the Department would not immediately remove miscellaneous articles which were not considered refuse. If miscellaneous articles were found occupying public places and causing obstruction to scavenging operations, the persons concerned would be requested to remove the articles as soon as possible. However, as the scope of the FEHD's daily street cleansing services did not cover the seawall area, the Department was unable to take enforcement actions in accordance with the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance.
  - (b) The FEHD would strengthen publicity, education and enforcement against illegal refuse dumping activities. Nonetheless, matters relating to occupation of Government lands for setting up tents should be followed up by the relevant venue management department. Given that the captioned matter involved various departments, he suggested that an inter-departmental on-site inspection should be conducted to determine the respective scopes of work of various departments.
11. Members expressed their views as follows:
- (a) Members cited the example of the relevant departments' co-operation in removing the unauthorised bamboo structures erected at the shingle beaches in the rural areas, emphasising the importance of inter-departmental co-operation in improving the environmental hygiene of the Tung Chung East Promenade. They urged the FEHD to co-ordinate

with other departments and follow up on the matter jointly to improve the environmental hygiene and the cityscape.

- (b) Members asked whether setting up tents in urban areas and even camping overnight there was illegal. In addition, they asked the FEHD whether cooking food in public places violated the Food Business Regulation.
- (c) The problem of miscellaneous articles accumulating at the Tung Chung East Promenade had been worsening in recent years. In this regard, Members suggested that the relevant departments should conduct an inter-departmental on-site inspection as soon as possible to facilitate their follow-up actions targeting specific places and types of miscellaneous articles.

12. The Chairman understood that the FEHD personnel had to face a certain degree of danger when removing miscellaneous articles near the seawalls. In this regard, he suggested that railings should be installed and warning signs should be erected along the seawalls to remind the citizens not to dispose of miscellaneous articles there.

13. Mr FUNG Wai-nok gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) The FEHD would carry out enforcement against acts that affected environmental hygiene. However, the Government land was illegally occupied for setting up tents, which should be referred to the DLO/Is for follow-up actions. The Department was willing to participate in inter-departmental joint operations and would step up publicity, education and enforcement regarding environmental hygiene issues if necessary.
- (b) The FEHD would prosecute those who sold cooked or heated food in public places without a licence. Yet, if the parties concerned simply cooked the food along the Tung Chung East Promenade with no selling activities involved, the Department would be unable to institute prosecution. Nevertheless, the Department would closely monitor the above situation during inter-departmental on-site inspections and issue advice to those who were found cooking immediately.

14. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) Members agreed with the FEHD's handling approach of issuing advice first. If the advice was ineffective, the DLO/Is should post statutory notices according to the relevant ordinance to request the persons concerned to remove items occupying the Government lands, thereby strengthening the deterrent effect.
- (b) Members suggested that consideration should be given to erecting warning signs along the Tung Chung East Promenade to remind the

persons concerned to remove the miscellaneous articles themselves; otherwise, the relevant departments would take enforcement actions.

15. The Chairman said that in view of the higher pedestrian flow along the Tung Chung East Promenade during holidays, he suggested conducting inter-departmental site inspections over the weekend.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat had arranged for Members to conduct an on-site inspection along the Tung Chung East Promenade with the FEHD, the LCSD, the Civil Engineering and Development Department, the DLO/Is and the Hong Kong Police Force on 25 January 2026.

In addition, the FEHD deployed personnel to conduct inspections and step up enforcement at the said location on 25, 26 and 28 December 2025. Publicity leaflets were distributed to members of the public to remind them not to engage in unlicensed hawking activities and appeal to them to maintain the environmental hygiene. The Department would continue to monitor the situation and take appropriate actions to maintain the environmental hygiene there.)

III. Question on the clearance of fallen trees and broken branches at roadsides in the Islands District after inclement weather  
(FEHC Paper No. 17/2025)

16. The Chairman asked Members to refer to FEHC Paper No. 17/2025, and welcomed Mr FUNG Wai-nok, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Islands) and Ms CHU Po-yin, Christine, Chief Health Inspector (Islands)<sup>2</sup> of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD); and Ms LAI Kit-ching, Maureen, District Leisure Manager (Islands) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to the meeting to respond to the question. The written replies of the Highways Department, the FEHD, the LCSD, the District Lands Office, Islands and the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

17. Mr YIP Pui-kei briefly presented the question and added that the relevant departments had swiftly cleared the fallen trees and broken branches after inclement weather to resume smooth traffic flow. However, the debris of many trees previously sawn down had been discarded at the roadsides without being removed after a long time. In this regard, he asked whether the relevant departments would gradually clear such tree debris or move them to locations which would not impede the use of pedestrian passages for them to wither naturally.

18. Mr FUNG Wai-nok elaborated on the written reply of the FEHD.

19. Ms Maureen LAI elaborated on the written reply of the LCSD.

20. Members noted that most of the manually removable tree debris at Tung Chung Town Centre had been cleared, yet there were still many branches piling up on

Tung Chung Road and South Lantau Road. The FEHD should properly clear the fallen trees and broken branches at the roadsides or refer the matter to the relevant departments for follow-up, so as to ensure that the clearance work could be completed by the next typhoon season. Members would provide the relevant departments with further information after the meeting for follow-up.

21. The Chairman said that the fallen trees and broken branches discarded at the roadsides remained uncleared even though the rainy and typhoon seasons had already ended, which was undesirable. In this regard, he asked Members to provide the FEHD with the exact locations of the fallen trees and broken branches concerned after the meeting to facilitate clearance.

22. Mr FUNG Wai-nok responded that the FEHD would contact Members after the meeting to obtain relevant details to follow up on the matter as soon as possible.

(Post-meeting note: The FEHD conducted an on-site inspection in the vicinity of Tung Chung Road and South Lantau Road with the relevant Members on 30 December 2025 to ascertain the exact locations of the fallen trees and broken branches as well as the trunks' conditions, with a view to assessing the feasibility of clearance and arranging progressive clearance. In addition, the Department had referred the matter to the Highways Department, the LCSD, the District Lands Office, Islands and the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department for follow-up in parallel.)

#### IV. Any Other Business

##### Matters concerning the environmental hygiene at roadsides and bicycle parking spaces in Tung Chung

23. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) There were overgrown roadside weeds in the vicinity of the section of Yu Tung Road near Mun Tung Estate, the section of Tung Chung Road between Sheung Ling Pei and Wong Ka Wai, Chung Mun Road, as well as Chung Yat Street near Mun Tai House in Mun Tung Estate in Tung Chung, which affected the environmental hygiene. In addition, refuse accumulated in the planters underneath the footbridge linking Mun Tung Estate and Yat Tung Estate, which would easily lead to mosquito breeding. In this regard, Members urged the relevant departments to clear the weeds and refuse at the above locations as soon as possible, and step up inspections of roadside planters in the Tung Chung urban area to monitor their hygiene conditions. They also suggested that signs warning against littering should be erected at hygiene black spots (such as roads with works in progress). Furthermore, given that the personnel had to face a certain degree of danger when carrying out cleansing work at roadsides, Members suggested that the use of robots should be considered to assist in clearing the weeds and refuse at roadside planters.
- (b) Members thanked the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

(FEHD) for its cleansing work. However, fallen trees and broken branches in many places in Cheung Chau (including Cheung Chau Peak Road) had remained uncleared, and some branches were suspected to have been swept into the drains. In this regard, Members urged the relevant departments to take follow-up actions as soon as possible.

(Post-meeting note: The FEHD contacted the Members concerned on 19 December 2025 to ascertain the locations of the fallen trees and their trunks' conditions in Cheung Chau, and subsequently referred the matter to the District Lands Office, Islands for follow-up.)

- (c) A lot of abandoned bicycles and miscellaneous articles were piled up at Mun Tung Estate near the Chung Mun Road Sewage Pumping Station and the two bicycle parking areas near Tung Chung Road Soccer Pitch. Members urged the relevant departments to take follow-up actions.

24. Mr MOK Mong-chan asked the Secretariat to contact the relevant departments after the meeting to follow up on the environmental hygiene problems at the two bicycle parking areas near Mun Tung Estate.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat had contacted the relevant departments to follow up on the above matter after the meeting.)

25. Mr FUNG Wai-nok responded that the FEHD cleaned roadside planters on a regular basis. The Department would contact the Members concerned after the meeting to take follow-up actions and refer issues relating to roadside weeds to the Highways Department for follow-up as necessary.

26. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) Members recognised the FEHD's cleansing work. However, as the increase in the number of road projects in Tung Chung aggravated the accumulation of refuse in the roadside planters, the relevant departments should make an effort to improve the situation.
- (b) Members appreciated the FEHD's swift action to deal with the odour from the village drains in the vicinity of Tung Chung Road.

27. The Chairman requested the FEHD to tackle the hygiene problem of the roadside planters in Tung Chung as soon as possible.

(Post-meeting note: The FEHD contacted the relevant Members on 18 December 2025 to ascertain the location of the planters near the footbridge linking Mun Tung Estate and Yat Tung Estate. Subsequently, the Department cleaned the planters and put up promotional banners warning against littering nearby on 19 December. As for the roadside weeds in the district (including Tung Chung), the FEHD would refer cases of overgrown weeds found at the sides of pavements or roadways to the Highways Department for follow-up.)

Question on the impact of aircraft noise during early-morning hours on Tung Chung residents

28. The Chairman said that after the discussion of the captioned question at the meeting held on 13 October 2025, he, together with some Members, had a follow-up meeting with the Airport Authority Hong Kong (AAHK) and the Civil Aviation Department (CAD) on 24 October 2025. Regarding the arrangement of extending the operating hours of the South Runway of the airport at night time, the AAHK had said at the meeting that it had ensured that the arrangement met the Noise Exposure Forecast criterion. The AAHK would continuously review the operational arrangements for the runways and the implementation of the aircraft noise mitigating measures. As for the monitoring of aircraft noise, the CAD had said that it had set up a noise monitoring terminal (NMT) in Tung Chung. The noise data collected, which could effectively reflect the aircraft noise levels in the area, would be published on the CAD's website regularly for public inspection after consolidation. Members suggested that the Department should consider setting up NMTs at other locations for comprehensive monitoring of aircraft noise. To enhance communication with the District Council and various stakeholders, the AAHK invited the District Council and the local communities to attend the meeting held by its Community Liaison Group (CLG) on 17 December 2025, in order to discuss the airport's latest development plan and operational arrangements in detail and for it to listen to the stakeholders' views.

29. Members said that the AAHK and the CAD had given positive responses at the follow-up meeting. They expected the AAHK to stringently implement the aircraft noise mitigating measures and the CAD to adopt the proposal of setting up additional NMTs. In addition, they expected to obtain more information at the meeting of the AAHK's CLG.

30. The Chairman said that the matter would be followed up at the meeting of the AAHK's CLG.

V. Date of Next Meeting

31. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m. The next meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 2 February 2026 (Monday).

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