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**Minutes of the 6th Meeting of
Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee,
the 7th Term Kwun Tong District Council**

Date: 19 November 2024 (Tuesday)
Time: 2:33 p.m. – 3:11 p.m.
Venue: Conference Room, Kwun Tong District Office,
Unit 05-07, 20/F, Millennium City 6, 392 Kwun Tong Road,
Kwun Tong, Kowloon

Present

Mr TAM Siu-cheuk (Chairman)	Mr CHAN Yiu-hung, Jimmy, MH
Mr LAM Wai (Vice-chairman)	Mr TSANG Wing-fai
Mr YU Siu-lun	Ms CHING Hoi-yan
Mr YU Ka-ming	Ms FENG Yungsi
Mr NG Ting-fung	Mr WONG Chun-ping, MH, JP
Mr LUI Tung-hai, MH	Mr WONG Kai-san
Ms LEE Shuk-woon, Sophia	Mr LAU Kar-wah
Mr LEE Ka-hang	Mr CHENG Keung-fung
Mr LAM Fung, MH	Mr LAI Wing-chun, MH
Ms KAM Kin	Mr KAN Ming-tung, MH
Mr MA Yat-chiu, MH	Mr KWAN Kin-wing
Mr CHEUNG Yiu-pan	Mr PANG Chi-sang
Mr CHEUNG Pui-kong	Ms CHAN Ka-man (Co-opted Member)
Ms FU Pik-chun, MH	Mr CAI Zi-liang (Co-opted Member)
Mr HSU Yau-wai	

In Attendance

Mr CHEUNG Ka-long, Kelvin	Assistant District Officer (Kwun Tong)2
Mr CHOW Lap-kan, Douglas	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Kwun Tong District Office
Ms LAW Kit-nor	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Kwun Tong), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr FUNG Chun-kin	Chief Health Inspector (Kwun Tong)1, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr HO Pok-man	Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control) Kwun Tong 2,

Dr ZHAO Quan Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East)3,
Environmental Protection Department

Mr LAW Hang-kong Deputy District Leisure Manager (Kwun Tong)1,
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms TSANG Yuen-ping, Florence Housing Manager/Kowloon East 4,
Housing Department

Secretary

Mr WONG King-yui, Bobby Executive Officer (District Council)1,
Kwun Tong District Office

Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all Members of the Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee (“FEHC”) and government representatives to the 6th meeting of FEHC under the 7th Term Kwun Tong District Council (“KTDC”).

I. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

2. Members had no further comments and the minutes of the 5th meeting were confirmed.

II. Progress report on environmental hygiene issues by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
(KTDC FEHC Paper No. 21/2024)

3. The representative of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (“FEHD”) presented the paper.

4. The Chairman thanked FEHD for once again conveying to the department the improvement suggestions previously raised by Members regarding the gravidtrap survey areas.

5. The Chairman stated that the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (“AFCD”) dispatched a dedicated enforcement team on 27 September to take enforcement action under the newly amended Wild Animals Protection Ordinance (Cap. 170). The team issued a fixed penalty notice of \$5,000 to a person who illegally fed feral pigeons on the podium of Telford Gardens in Kowloon Bay.

The Chairman added that FEHC had been following up on various environmental hygiene blackspots in Kwun Tong District and inspected the blackspots for feeding feral pigeons in the district on 29 October 2024. The Chairman hoped that all Members would continue to strive for the improvement of the district's environmental hygiene.

6. Members noted the relevant matters.

III. Environmental Hygiene Problems in Kwun Tong District
(KTDC FEHC Paper No. 22/2024)

7. The Secretary presented the paper.

8. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:

8.1 Members praised FEHD for seriously following up on environmental hygiene issues in the district.

8.2 Members pointed out that a large number of pigeons gathered on the footbridge in Hing Tin Estate, Lam Tin, affecting environmental hygiene.

8.3 Members hoped that FEHD would follow up on the issue of feeding feral pigeons at Kwong Tin Shopping Centre and considered it necessary for the Government to take interdepartmental action to effectively remedy the issue.

8.4 Members requested FEHD to take note of the situation where members of the public disposed of large furniture on the streets after the year-end clean-up.

8.5 Members stated that monkeys had recently appeared in the Anderson area, snatching handbags from passersby. They urged AFCD to be aware of the nuisance caused by wild monkeys to residents.

8.6 Members suggested that FEHD install dog excreta collection bins in the Anderson area.

8.7 Members urged FEHD to step up the clearing of debris and stagnant water on the footpaths of Lee On Road and New Clear Water Bay Road.

8.8 Members indicated that the lift project at the subway of Lok Wah South Estate had led

to rodent infestation in the surrounding area and suggested that FEHD and the Housing Department (“HD”) strengthen rodent control.

8.9 Members suggested that HD enhance the cleaning of housing estates before Lunar New Year.

9. The representative of FEHD responded to Members’ views and enquiries as follows:

9.1 FEHD stated that it would actively follow up on the environmental hygiene issues raised by Members.

9.2 FEHD indicated that it would conduct inspections in the Anderson area and install dog excreta collection bins at appropriate locations.

9.3 FEHD stated that it would adjust the arrangements for household waste collection services to meet year-end demand.

10. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:

10.1 Members indicated that there were often dog owners allowing their dogs to relieve themselves indiscriminately around Sau Ming Road and the Sau Yun House footbridge in Sau Mau Ping, and enquired whether FEHD would initiate prosecution. Additionally, since dog keeping was prohibited in public housing estates, Members enquired whether HD could follow up on the issue of dog fouling under this regulation.

10.2 Members stated that the drain next to the Hiu Kwong Nursing Centre was frequently blocked by fallen leaves and enquired about what long-term measures FEHD would take to address the problem.

10.3 Members pointed out that there were sightings of wild pigs around Pik Wan Road near Kwong Tin Estate.

10.4 Members hoped that FEHD would enhance the clearing of gravel at the junction of Clear Water Bay Road and On Sau Road and remind the project contractor to take note of the problem.

11. The representative of FEHD responded to Members’ views and enquiries as follows:

- 11.1 FEHD indicated that it would regularly dispatch staff to clean the drain next to the Hiu Kwong Nursing Centre to keep the pipes clear.
- 11.2 FEHD stated that it had issued summonses to dog owners who allowed their dogs to relieve themselves indiscriminately in the Sau Ming Road area and would continue to follow up on the issue.
- 11.3 FEHD explained that it had consistently dispatched staff to clear gravel on Clear Water Bay Road, and larger rocks would be referred to the Highways Department for follow-up. The department would inspect the relevant location and communicate with the persons in charge of the construction sites when necessary, requesting them to clear the gravel themselves.
- 11.4 FEHD indicated that it would notify AFCD to follow up on the wild pig issue.

12. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:

- 12.1 Members pointed out that many tenants of public rental housing estates, such as Po Tat Estate and Sau Mau Ping Estate, disregarded regulations and kept dogs. They hoped that HD would strengthen communication with estate management staff to assist them in enforcing the relevant regulations.
- 12.2 Members deemed it necessary for government departments to carry out joint operations on the issue of dog fouling in order to improve environmental hygiene.

13. The Chairman concluded Members' views and (i) requested Members to provide the Secretariat with details of the above hygiene blackspots for follow-up; (ii) suggested inviting staff from AFCD to attend the next meeting to explain to Members how to handle the issues of wild monkeys and pigs and to respond to Members' enquiries about the relevant legislation; and (iii) requested HD to report at the next meeting on the enforcement action figures in Kwun Tong District for the past year regarding the issues of dog fouling and feeding feral pigeons.

14. Members noted the paper.

IV. Any Other Business

15. Members did not raise any other discussion items.

V. Date of Next Meeting

16. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 2:30 p.m. on 14 January 2025 (Tuesday).
17. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting were confirmed on 14 January 2025

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