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**Minutes of the 8th Meeting of
Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee,
the 7th Term Kwun Tong District Council**

Date: 18 March 2025 (Tuesday)

Time: 2:30 p.m. – 3:24 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 HSU Yau-wai
Mr LAM Wai (Vice-chairman)	Mr CHAN Yiu-hung, Jimmy, MH
Mr YU Siu-lun	Mr TSANG Wing-fai
Mr YU Ka-ming	Ms CHING Hoi-yan
Mr NG Ting-fung	Ms FENG Yunsi
Ms LEE Shuk-woon, Sophia	Mr WONG Kai-san
Mr LEE Ka-hang	Mr LAU Kar-wah
Mr FONG Yat-kwan	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)

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

Mr LAW Hang-kong
Environmental Protection Department
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

In Attendance by Invitation

Mr LI Kai-lun
Senior Health Inspector
(Administration & Development) Special Duties,
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Item II

Miss LAM Ka-han
Health Inspector
(Administration & Development) Special Duties 2,
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all Members of the Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee (“FEHC”) and government representatives to the 8th 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 7th meeting were confirmed.

**II. Green Burial
(KTDC FEHC Paper No. 6/2025)**

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

4. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:

4.1 Members enquired with FEHD about the utilisation situation of the commemorative

plaque mounting services for the deceased in Gardens of Remembrance and enquired whether the department would provide designated areas in Gardens of Remembrance for people to pay tribute to the deceased.

- 4.2 Members enquired whether FEHD would offer previous users of the service of scattering cremains at sea, as well as their relatives and friends, free ferry rides to the designated waters during the grave-sweeping seasons to pay tribute to the deceased.
- 4.3 Members enquired whether the bereaved were obliged to follow the wishes of their deceased family members who had registered for green burial when handling after-death arrangements for them.
- 4.4 Members enquired about the commissioning date of the Shek Mun Columbarium in Sha Tin.
- 4.5 Members noted the satisfactory outcomes of the Guided Life and Death Exploration Tours and enquired how FEHD would strengthen the promotion of life and death education in the community.
- 4.6 Members suggested that FEHD incorporate more traditional Chinese cultural elements into the green burial services.
- 4.7 Members enquired how FEHD would handle after-death arrangements for elderly singletons who had registered for green burial.

5. The representative of FEHD responded to Members' views and enquiries as follows:

- 5.1 FEHD stated that adequate space had been provided in all Gardens of Remembrance to accommodate the mounting of commemorative plaques for the deceased and approximately 80% of the users of the service of scattering cremains in Gardens of Remembrance opted for this arrangement.
- 5.2 FEHD pointed out that people would generally pay respect to the deceased at the locations where the cremains were scattered. In addition, dedicated areas were set up in both Kwai Chung and Cape Collinson Gardens of Remembrance for people to pay tribute to the deceased. The department was planning to provide similar facilities in Diamond Hill Garden of Remembrance.
- 5.3 FEHD stated that free memorial sails would be organised every year around the grave-sweeping seasons for previous users of the service of scattering cremains at sea, with

free ferry services provided to take them to the designated waters to pay tribute to the deceased.

5.4 FEHD replied that most of the bereaved would honour the wishes of the deceased, though some failed to perform green burial for the deceased due to individual circumstances, such as emigration.

5.5 FEHD expected the Shek Mun Columbarium in Sha Tin to be commissioned in the second half of the year, and the specific date would be announced later.

5.6 FEHD explained that the Guided Life and Death Exploration Tours were intended primarily for secondary and university students. Schools could register for the tours via the department's website.

5.7 FEHD said that some of the bereaved had switched to green burial for the deceased who had already been buried due to various reasons.

5.8 FEHD stated that, in response to the trend of digitalisation, the department had launched the Internet Memorial Service website (memorial.gov.hk) and mobile application, providing the public with an additional means to pay tribute to the deceased.

5.9 FEHD explained that social welfare organisations would follow up on after-death arrangements for elderly singletons.

6. The Chairman summarised Members' views and requested FEHD to provide the Secretariat with information on the commissioning date of the Shek Mun Columbarium in Sha Tin once it was confirmed.

7. Members noted the relevant matters.

III. Progress report on environmental hygiene issues in Kwun Tong District by FEHD (KTDC FEHC Paper No. 7/2025)

8. The representative of FEHD presented the paper.

9. The Chairman indicated that the new demarcation arrangements for Gravidtrap Index survey areas had been set out in the paper, and he called upon Members to explain to their respective Area Committee members that such index was used to monitor the dengue vector of Aedine mosquitoes.

10. Members enquired whether FEHD could regularly dispatch staff to public and private housing estates to provide guidance on pest control work.
11. The representative of FEHD said that the department had launched the “Anti-rodent Charter”, and staff from the Pest Control Advisory Section would also visit various public and private housing estates to explain pest control measures.
12. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:
 - 12.1 Members commended FEHD for conscientiously following up on environmental hygiene issues in the district, which had led to significant improvements in the rodent infestation problem in Ping Shek Estate. They also suggested that the department dispatch staff to the estate again to follow up on the pest control work.
 - 12.2 Members enquired whether the reprovisioning works of the Ling Nam Sun Tsuen Public Toilet could be completed before the first quarter of 2026.
 - 12.3 Members pointed out that there were cases of birds accidentally consuming the rodenticides placed in Kai Tin Estate.
13. The representative of FEHD responded to Members’ views and enquiries as follows:
 - 13.1 FEHD stated that it would ask the relevant staff to follow up on the anti-rodent work in Ping Shek Estate and would continue to promote pest control messages in the district.
 - 13.2 FEHD indicated that the Architectural Services Department was planning to adopt another technology for the public toilet reprovisioning works, which would commence upon issuance of the permit by the relevant department. FEHD expected the works to be completed by the first quarter of 2026.
 - 13.3 FEHD said that it would switch to placing T-shaped bait boxes at suitable locations outside Kai Tin Estate to avoid accidental consumption of rodenticides by other animals.
14. The Chairman summarised Members’ views and encouraged Members to report on hygiene issues in the district so that various departments could improve the hygiene conditions in the district through joint operations.
15. Members noted the paper.

IV. Environmental Hygiene Problems in Kwun Tong District
(KTDC FEHC Paper No. 8/2025)

16. The Secretary presented the paper.
17. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:
 - 17.1 Members pointed out that a large amount of pigeon droppings had accumulated on the roof of the footbridge at Hing Tin Estate in Lam Tin, which affected environmental hygiene.
 - 17.2 Members proposed that FEHD strengthen and conduct regular inspections at (i) the area outside Yau Tong Centre on Yan Wing Street in Yau Tong and (ii) the back alleys of shops at Sam Ka Tsuen in Lei Yue Mun.
 - 17.3 Members pointed out that shops at the junction of Ka Wing Street and Yan Wing Street in Yau Tong tended to dump food waste at the roadside at night, causing rodent infestation and affecting environmental hygiene.
 - 17.4 Members expressed concern about the pigeon issue at Ngau Tau Kok and Hing Tin Estate and hoped that the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (“AFCD”) would address the issue of pigeon congregation at source.
 - 17.5 Members commended AFCD for organising publicity and education activities themed “All For No Feeding” in primary and secondary schools.
 - 17.6 Members reported the issue of accumulation of miscellaneous items and incidents of people obeying calls of nature in the subway beside Chi Tai House in On Tai Estate.
 - 17.7 Members hoped that AFCD would follow up on the issue of the frequent appearance of wild pigs on the hillside near On Tai Estate.
 - 17.8 Members urged FEHD to follow up on the problem of unpleasant odour at the temporary public toilet near the bus stop at On Tai Estate.
 - 17.9 Members raised concern about the abandonment of bicycles and accumulation of miscellaneous items on the footbridge connecting Kai Yip Estate to Richland Gardens and hoped that FEHD would strengthen inspections and clearance.

18. The representative of FEHD responded to Members' views and enquiries as follows:

18.1 FEHD indicated that it would clean the footbridge at Hing Tin Estate at least once a week, while the Highways Department ("HyD") was responsible for cleaning the footbridge roof. HyD had arranged for the cleaning of the footbridge roof earlier, and FEHD would also follow up with HyD on the hygiene conditions of the footbridge as and when appropriate.

18.2 FEHD stated that the department would actively follow up on other environmental hygiene issues raised by Members.

19. The Chairman summarised Members' views and (i) asked Members to provide the Secretariat with details regarding the abovementioned hygiene blackspots to facilitate follow-up; and (ii) suggested increasing the inspection frequency at certain hygiene blackspots with a view to improving the hygiene conditions.

20. Members noted the paper.

V. Any Other Business

21. Members did not raise any other discussion items.

VI. Date of Next Meeting

22. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 2:30 p.m. on 13 May 2025 (Tuesday).

23. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting were confirmed on 13 May 2025.

Kwun Tong District Council Secretariat

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