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**Minutes of the 9th Meeting of
Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee,
the 7th Term Kwun Tong District Council**

Date: 13 May 2025 (Tuesday)

Time: 2:30 p.m. – 4:07 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 LAM Wai (Vice-chairman)

Mr YU Siu-lun

Mr YU Ka-ming

Mr NG Ting-fung

Ms LEE Shuk-woon, Sophia

Mr LEE Ka-hang

Mr FONG Yat-kwan

Mr LAM Fung, MH

Ms KAM Kin

Mr MA Yat-chiu, MH

Mr CHEUNG Yiu-pan

Mr CHEUNG Pui-kong

Ms FU Pik-chun, MH

Mr HSU Yau-wai

Mr CHAN Yiu-hung, Jimmy, MH

Mr TSANG Wing-fai

Ms CHING Hoi-yan

Ms FENG Yunsi

Mr WONG Kai-san

Mr LAU Kar-wah

Mr CHENG Keung-fung

Mr LAI Wing-chun, MH

Mr KAN Ming-tung, MH

Mr KWAN Kin-wing

Mr PANG Chi-sang

Ms CHAN Ka-man (Co-opted Member)

Mr CAI Zi-liang (Co-opted Member)

In Attendance

Mr CHEUNG Ka-long, Kelvin

Mr CHOW Lap-kan, Douglas

Miss CHOW Tak-sum, Amy

Ms LAW Kit-nor

Mr FUNG Chun-kin

Assistant District Officer (Kwun Tong)2

Senior Executive Officer (District Council),

Kwun Tong District Office

Senior Executive Officer (District Management),

Kwun Tong District Office

District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Kwun Tong),

Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Chief Health Inspector (Kwun Tong)1,

Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Ms CHAU King-mui, Alice	Chief Health Inspector (Kwun Tong)2, 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, 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
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In Attendance by Invitation

Mr LEUNG Fo-man	Senior Superintendent (Market Development)1, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	Item II
Miss WU Chor-wing, Valerie	Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Waste Reduction & Community Recycling)14, Environmental Protection Department	Item III

Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all Members of the Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee (“FEHC”) and government representatives to the 9th 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 8th meeting were confirmed.

**II. Closure of Yee On Street Market
(KTDC FEHC Paper No. 11/2025)**

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

4. The Chairman enquired with FEHD about the short-term use of the Yee On Street Market (“market”) site.
5. The representative of FEHD stated that no decision had been made for the time being. The department would follow established procedures to open the market site for applications by other government departments for short-term use.
6. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:
 - 6.1 Members enquired about the arrangements for the 28 tenants of the market.
 - 6.2 Members enquired about the maximum duration for which the market site could be designated for short-term use.
 - 6.3 Members enquired whether FEHD would open the market site for rental by other organisations for commercial purposes if no government department applied to use the site for short-term use.
 - 6.4 Members suggested that FEHD consider developing a multi-purpose public facility building at the market site under the “single site, multiple use” model to provide livelihood facilities for nearby residents.
7. The representative of FEHD responded to Members’ views and enquiries as follows:
 - 7.1 FEHD stated that approximately 60% of the market tenants intended to cease operations, while the remaining 40% wished to relocate to the nearby Shui Wo Street Market to continue their business.
 - 7.2 FEHD stated that short-term uses generally had a maximum duration of three years. Priority would be given to opening the market site for use by government departments. If non-governmental organisations wished to rent the site, they must obtain policy support from the relevant government bureau/department.
 - 7.3 FEHD responded to the enquiry about long-term development, and stated that the site was expected to be handed over to the Health Bureau (“HB”) for the establishment of facilities related to primary healthcare. HB was also conducting the relevant preliminary studies and would consult KTDC in due course in accordance with the established procedures.

8. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:
 - 8.1 Members enquired whether the adjacent rest garden and the toilets within the market would remain open.
 - 8.2 Members hoped that FEHD would develop the market site under the “single site, multiple use” model.
 - 8.3 Members suggested transforming the market site into a community space, such as a community canteen or a public open space.
9. The representative of FEHD responded to Members’ views and enquiries as follows:
 - 9.1 FEHD stated that the rest garden connected to the top floor of the market had a separate entrance, which could remain open until the site was handed over to HB. However, the toilets within the market would be closed.
 - 9.2 FEHD replied that HB was conducting preliminary studies on the project, with redevelopment or refurbishment of the existing building under consideration. Relevant government departments and KTDC would be consulted in due course.
 - 9.3 Regarding community building, FEHD stated that, before HB finalised the long-term use, it would invite applications from other government departments for short-term use of the market site through the Government Property Agency.
10. The Chairman summarised Members’ views and requested FEHD to consider Members’ suggestions regarding the “single site, multiple use” development model. The Chairman also urged the department to invite the relevant government departments to present the relevant development plans to KTDC before finalising the short- and long-term uses of the site.
11. Members noted the relevant matters.

III. Community Recycling Network in Kwun Tong District

12. The representative of the Environmental Protection Department (“EPD”) presented the paper.
13. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:
 - 13.1 Members considered that traditional recycling bins lacked proper management and

suggested that EPD install more smart recycling bins to provide incentives to encourage the public to recycle.

- 13.2 Members pointed out that the traditional recycling bins in some public housing estates had become aged and damaged, and enquired with EPD about the procedures for replacing the bins and the related support measures.
- 13.3 Members indicated that some GREEN\$ gifts were often out of stock and suggested that EPD should properly manage the gift inventory.
- 13.4 Members enquired whether EPD would cease using traditional gift redemption units by the end of May.
- 13.5 Members suggested that EPD arrange for ambassadors to assist members of the public in public housing estates with installing the GREEN\$ mobile app and to explain to them the electronic redemption function.
- 13.6 Members enquired about the installation of food waste smart recycling bins (“FWSRBs”) in private housing estates and suggested that EPD strengthen its promotion of food waste recycling to private housing estates to encourage more estates to install FWSRBs.

14. The representative of EPD responded to Members’ views and enquiries as follows:

- 14.1 EPD stated that when private housing estates applied to the Environmental Campaign Committee (“ECC”) for recycling bins, they must undertake to arrange for recyclers to collect the recyclables regularly, so as to ensure that the recyclables were properly handled.
- 14.2 EPD mentioned that it would relay Members’ suggestions regarding installing more smart recycling bins to the relevant personnel.
- 14.3 EPD indicated that it would provide supplementary information to Members after the meeting regarding the replacement of traditional recycling bins.

[Post-meeting note: The Housing Department was responsible for the procurement, management, and maintenance of traditional recycling bins in public housing estates. If Members noticed any recycling bins that were aged or damaged, they might report the matter directly to the estate office concerned. For recycling bins in private housing estates/buildings participating in the Programme on Source Separation of Domestic

Waste, property management companies could apply directly to ECC for replacement bins if any were damaged.]

- 14.4 EPD stated that it had reminded the GREEN@COMMUNITY operators to properly manage their gift inventories.
- 14.5 EPD explained that, to streamline operations and enhance cost-effectiveness, all gift redemption units would cease operation by the end of May 2025. Members of the public could redeem e-rewards with GREEN\$ points through the mobile app. After the cessation of gift redemption units, the public might still redeem gifts at GREEN@COMMUNITY recycling facilities or at Recycling Spots (i.e. mobile collection booths).
- 14.6 EPD reported that it had arranged for the Green Outreach to carry out publicity and educational activities in the community. The team would also visit public housing estates with gift redemption units to assist residents in using the electronic redemption function and to explain the arrangements for the cessation of gift redemption units.
- 14.7 EPD reported that, to date, it had received about 250 applications under the Pilot Scheme on Food Waste Smart Recycling Bins in Private Housing Estates (“pilot scheme”), of which over 100 had been approved, and FWSRBs were being progressively installed. Among the applications received, there were 19 eligible applications from private housing estates in Kwun Tong District, of which eight had been approved and had commenced food waste recycling.
- 14.8 EPD stated that, to encourage private housing estates to continue participating in food waste recycling after the completion of the pilot scheme, EPD would further enhance the scheme by switching from leasing to purchasing FWSRBs from contractors. Upon completion of installation, the ownership of the FWSRBs would be transferred to the participating estates, such that they could continue food waste recycling. After the initial two-year warranty period, the participating estates would be responsible for the expenses incurred in the daily operation and maintenance of the FWSRBs, while EPD would continue to provide supporting services such as food waste collection, GREEN\$ rewards, and publicity and education work.
- 14.9 EPD mentioned that residents of “three-nil buildings” and single-block residential buildings could make use of Public Food Waste Recycling Points for food waste recycling. About 200 fixed or mobile Public Food Waste Recycling Points had been strategically set up across the territory at public refuse collection points, GREEN@COMMUNITY Recycling Stations, public markets, outlying islands transfer

facilities and Food Waste Recycling Spots. At present, there were 13 fixed or mobile Public Food Waste Recycling Points in Kwun Tong District.

15. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:
 - 15.1 Members asked how EPD would ensure that the public could continue to redeem GREEN\$ gifts smoothly after the cessation of gift redemption units.
 - 15.2 Members enquired about the progress of installing FWSRBs at the Shun Lee Disciplined Services Quarters.
 - 15.3 Members suggested that EPD consolidate information on GREEN@COMMUNITY services so that the public could clearly understand the recycling and gift redemption arrangements in each district.
 - 15.4 Members suggested that EPD allow the public to redeem GREEN\$ points for electronic vouchers for supermarkets and chain restaurants.
 - 15.5 Members enquired with EPD about the costs involved for private housing estates to maintain the operation of FWSRBs after the completion of the pilot scheme.
 - 15.6 Members proposed that EPD collaborate with more merchants to offer the public a wider variety of rewards.
16. The representative of EPD responded to Members' views and enquiries as follows:
 - 16.1 EPD stated that it had arranged for the Green Outreach to carry out publicity activities in various districts and could provide DC Members with promotional leaflets to explain to the public the arrangements after the cessation of gift redemption units.

[Post-meeting note: On 21 May 2025, the Secretariat forwarded to Members supplementary information from EPD regarding the cessation of gift redemption units.]
 - 16.2 EPD advised that members of the public could currently redeem GREEN\$ points for supermarket vouchers, and that EPD would explore collaboration with more merchants in the future.
 - 16.3 EPD indicated that it planned to install FWSRBs at the Shun Lee Disciplined Services Quarters in the second quarter of this year.

- 16.4 EPD stated that it would provide information on the maintenance costs for FWSRBs after the meeting.

[Post-meeting note: In the past, the Government mainly procured FWSRBs from suppliers through rental arrangements. The average monthly rental fee for each FWSRB was about HK\$1,500, which included service fees for transportation, installation, inspection, repairs and maintenance, wireless network, software updates and replacement of consumables. To enhance the Pilot Scheme on Food Waste Smart Recycling Bins in Private Housing Estates, EPD would switch from leasing to purchasing FWSRBs from contractors, with ownership of the FWSRBs to be transferred to the participating estates. As a result, the estates would in future only need to bear the reasonable maintenance costs of the FWSRBs, which would be lower than the current rental fees.]

17. The Chairman summarised Members' views and requested EPD to (i) provide the Secretariat with the schedule of publicity activities conducted by the Green Outreach in Kwun Tong District and details regarding the cessation of gift redemption units; (ii) report on the progress of installing FWSRBs in private housing estates in Kwun Tong District; and (iii) invite GREEN@COMMUNITY operators to attend meetings and brief Members on their services.

[Post-meeting note: On 21 May 2025, the Secretariat forwarded to Members the schedule for publicity activities conducted by EPD's Green Outreach in Kwun Tong District, details regarding the cessation of gift redemption units, and information on the progress of installing FWSRBs in private housing estates in Kwun Tong District.]

18. Members noted the paper.

IV. Combating Air-conditioner Water Dripping to Improve Community Environment

19. The representative of FEHD presented the paper.

20. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:

- 20.1 Members enquired about the enforcement procedures for combating water dripping from air-conditioners.
- 20.2 Members enquired about the process of FEHD's cooperation with private housing estates in tackling air-conditioner water dripping.

21. The representative of FEHD responded to Members' views and enquiries as follows:
- 21.1 FEHD stated that upon discovering cases of water dripping from air-conditioners, its staff would first identify the unit involved and then issue a "Nuisance Notice" to the owner or occupant of the premises. FEHD could institute prosecution if the person concerned failed to comply with the notice.
- 21.2 FEHD advised that the Scheme of Participation by Property Management Agents ("PMAs") in Tackling Dripping Air-conditioners had been implemented in certain private housing estates. PMAs of private housing estates would help identify the source of dripping and advise the occupants to rectify the problem. If such effort of the PMA could not resolve the complaint, FEHD would intervene and follow up on the case.
22. The Chairman encouraged Members to report locations of water dripping from air-conditioners to FEHD to support the department's enforcement actions against such cases.

V. Progress report on environmental hygiene issues by FEHD
(KTDC FEHC Paper No. 12/2025)

23. The representative of FEHD presented the paper.
24. Members noted the paper.

VI. Environmental Hygiene Problems in Kwun Tong District
(KTDC FEHC Paper No. 13/2025)

25. The Secretary presented the paper.
26. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:
- 26.1 Members commended FEHD for its conscientious follow-up on environmental hygiene issues in the district.
- 26.2 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.

26.3 Members suggested that AFCD display banners and step up publicity at pigeon congregation blackspots to remind the public not to feed feral pigeons.

26.4 Members urged FEHD to step up monitoring of the mosquito infestation issue in the hillside area of Sau Mau Ping.

27. The representative of FEHD stated that the department would actively follow up on the environmental hygiene issues in the district raised by Members.

28. The Chairman summarised Members' views and requested the Secretariat to report pigeon blackspots to AFCD for follow-up.

29. Members noted the paper.

VII. Any Other Business

30. Members did not raise any other discussion items.

VIII. Date of Next Meeting

31. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 2:30 p.m. on 15 July 2025 (Tuesday).

32. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting were confirmed on 15 July 2025.

Kwun Tong District Council Secretariat
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