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**Minutes of the 129th Meeting
of the Kwai Tsing District Council**

Date: 11 May 2021

Time: 10:01 a.m. – 5:35 p.m.

Venue: K&T DO Conference Room

<u>Attendee</u>	<u>Time of Arrival</u>	<u>Time of Departure</u>
Mr SIN Chung-kai, SBS, JP (Chairman)	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr CHEUNG Man-lung (Vice-chairman)	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr CHAN Chi-wing	10:05 a.m.	5:31 p.m.
Mr CHEUNG Kwan-kiu, Steve	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr CHOI Nga-man	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr CHOW Wai-hung, Rayman	10:08 a.m.	End of Meeting
Mr HON Chun-yin	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr HUI Kei-cheung	Start of Meeting	1:07 p.m.
Miss KWOK Fu-yung	2:30 p.m.	5:31 p.m.
Mr KWOK Tsz-kin	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr LAM Siu-fai	Start of Meeting	2:49 p.m.
Mr LAU Chi-kit	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Ms LAU Kwai-mui	Start of Meeting	2:49 p.m.
Mr LEUNG Chi-shing	11:24 a.m.	5:09 p.m.
Miss LEUNG Ching-shan	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr LEUNG Kam-wai	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Ms LEUNG Kar-ming	Start of Meeting	5:31 p.m.
Mr LEUNG Kwok-wah	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr LEUNG Wing-kuen	10:04 a.m.	End of Meeting
Miss LO Yuen-ting	10:08 a.m.	5:31 p.m.
Mr NG Kim-sing	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr SIN Ho-fai	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr TAM Ka-chun, Warren	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr TONG Ho-man	10:06 a.m.	End of Meeting
Mr TSUI Hiu-kit	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr WONG Bing-kuen	10:22 a.m.	1:07 p.m.
Mr WONG Chun-tat	10:09 a.m.	End of Meeting

Miss WONG Pit-man	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr WONG Yun-tat, Ivan	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting

In Attendance

Mr CHENG Kin, Kenneth, JP	District Officer (Kwai Tsing), Kwai Tsing District Office
Ms HO Mun-ye, Money	District Lands Officer (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing), Lands Department
Ms HUNG Yuen-ching	Administrative Assistant/Lands (Acting), (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing), Lands Department
Ms MAR Suk-fong	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Kwai Tsing), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr FUNG Hon-wa, Harris	District Leisure Manager (Kwai Tsing), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr TSE Chun-chung, John	District Commander (Kwai Tsing), Hong Kong Police Force
Ms WONG Wai-yin	Assistant District Commander (Crime) (Kwai Tsing), Hong Kong Police Force
Ms TSE May-may	Police Community Relations Officer (Kwai Tsing), Hong Kong Police Force
Ms KWAN Nga-man	Officer-in-charge, District Intelligence Section, Kwai Tsing District, Hong Kong Police Force
Ms MA Sau-ching, Annisa	District Social Welfare Officer (Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing), Social Welfare Department
Ms LIU Tze-kwan, Fiona	Chief Engineer/West 2, Civil Engineering and Development Department
Ms LUI Hiu-fai, Monica	Chief Transport Officer/New Territories South West, Transport Department
Mr CHAN Tsz-kim, Joe	Senior Housing Manager (Kwai Chung), Housing Department
Mr TSE Pui-keung, Derele	District Planning Officer/Tsuen Wan & West Kowloon, Planning Department
Mr CHAN Chung-yun, Stephen	Senior Town Planner/(Kwai Tsing), Planning Department
Mr LEUNG Chi-foon	Chief Engineer/Special Duties (Works), Civil

Mr WONG Siu-wah, Pierre	Engineering and Development Department Senior Engineer 1/Special Duties (Works), Civil Engineering and Development Department
Ms YU Pui-sze, Canetti	Senior Planning Officer 6, Housing Department
Mr HONG Ka-yu, Garret	Senior Architect 3 (Acting), Housing Department
Mr Calvin LI	Director, WSP (Asia) Limited
Ms LUI Bik-yuk, Pamela	Associate, WSP (Asia) Limited
Mr LEUNG Kin-ming	Assistant Divisional Officer (Station Commander of Lai Chi Kok Fire Station), Fire Services Department
Mr HO Yu-bong	Assistant Divisional Officer (Station Commander of Tsing Yi South Fire Station), Fire Services Department
Mr WONG Ho-yin	Assistant Divisional Officer (Planning Group) (Acting), Fire Services Department
Mr CHAN Kin-kau	Manager, Squatter Control/Kowloon, Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing Office, Lands Department
Mr LAU Siu-wa	Assistant Manager (Squatter Control)(1), Squatter Control/Kowloon, Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing Office, Lands Department
Mr HEUNG Man-ching, Paul	Building Surveyor/D4-4, Buildings Department
Mr LEUNG Kwong-chung	Senior Engineer/Mainland South 2, Drainage Services Department
Ms FUNG Nga-lai, Alice	Engineer/Tsuen Kwai 3, Drainage Services Department
Ms LEUNG Chui-ha, Jodi	Regional Officer/New Territories West, Independent Commission Against Corruption
Ms MAK Kwok-yee, Markie	Senior Community Relations Officer, Independent Commission Against Corruption
Miss YIM Yik-huen, Bonnie	Assistant District Officer (Kwai Tsing), Kwai Tsing District Office
Mr WONG Man-kit, Timothy (Secretary)	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Kwai Tsing District Office
Miss NG Po-wan, Priscilla (Assistant Secretary)	Executive Officer I (District Council), Kwai Tsing District Office

Absent with Apologies

Mr WONG Tin-yan	(Without prior notice)
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Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all to the 129th meeting of the Kwai Tsing District Council (K&T DC). He said that in view of the spread of the coronavirus disease 2019, a contingency measure would apply to meetings of K&T DC that there would be no petition areas and public galleries at all meetings of K&T DC, Committees and Working Groups (WGs) to reduce the risk of infection due to group gathering. The measure would continue until 30 June 2021.

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Following Meetings:

- i) **128th Meeting of K&T DC Held on 9 March 2021**
- ii) **Special Meeting of K&T DC Held on 31 March 2021**

2. The Chairman said that the Secretariat received proposed amendments from Mr LEUNG Kam-wai before the meeting requesting amendments in the draft minutes to the discussion/resolutions of the discussion items/motions which the Chairman and Mr CHENG Kin, Kenneth, the Kwai Tsing District Officer (the District Officer), said were beyond the statutory functions of a District Council (DC) at the 128th meeting of K&T DC held on 9 March 2021 (the 128th meeting).

3. The Secretary said that the Secretariat had made a written notification before the meeting or had pointed out at the meeting that the motions concerned did not comply with the statutory functions of a DC. Therefore, he reiterated that regardless of the resolutions at the K&T DC meeting, the Secretariat would not include the relevant discussion or resolutions at the 128th meeting in the minutes.

4. The Chairman invited Members to endorse the minutes of the special meeting of K&T DC held on 31 March 2021.

5. Mr TAM Ka-chun, Warren moved a motion. The motion was seconded by Miss WONG Pit-man. Members endorsed the minutes of the special meeting of K&T DC held on 31 March 2021.

Discussion Items

Engineering Feasibility Study for Site Formation and Infrastructure Works for Public Housing Development at Tsing Yi Road West and Proposed Amendments to Tsing Yi Outline Zoning Plan No. S/TY/30

(Proposed by the Planning Department, Civil Engineering and Development Department and Housing Department)
(K&T DC Paper No. 17/D/2021)

6. Mr TSE Pui-keung, Derele, District Planning Officer/Tsuen Wan & West Kowloon, Planning Department (PlanD), and Mr LEUNG Chi-foon, Chief Engineer/Special Duties (Works), Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD), introduced the paper.

7. Mr LAU Chi-kit put forth opinions and enquiry as follows:

- (i) The public had a strong demand for public housing.
- (ii) He enquired about the area of the public transport interchange and whether it could accommodate large vehicles.
- (iii) The relevant departments claimed that the development area would be connected to the nearby Cheung Hong Estate by a footbridge and would rely on the living area of Cheung Hong Estate (Phase II). It was mentioned that the development project would provide a total of 3 800 units and projecting on that basis, the population growth would be equivalent to the population of a constituency. He doubted whether there was comprehensive planning on supporting facilities in the development project to meet local residents' needs and requested the relevant departments to provide more data to prove that the supporting facilities were sufficient to meet local residents' needs.

8. Mr HON Chun-yin put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) He agreed to build more public housing but site selection should be given serious consideration.
- (ii) There had been a number of public and private housing construction projects in Tsing Yi Southwest in recent years. After the completion of a total of 465 units in Ching Chun Court in 2017, the traffic load was rather heavy. In addition, 2 blocks of Ching Fu Court, 4 buildings of Ching Hong Road and private buildings such as The Grand Marine would be completed soon. He questioned whether that area could accommodate another 3 800 public housing units.

- (iii) He suggested that the relevant departments should have detailed traffic planning to ensure that traffic of that area could meet residents' needs.

9. Mr LEUNG Wing-kuen put forth opinion and enquiry as follows:

- (i) He worried that river diversion for building public housing would cause ground settlement. In the case of ground settlement at the junction of Wo Yi Hop Road and Lei Muk Road, since the Government filled up the watercourse for building housing over 30 years ago, ground settlement occurred there every several years. He hoped that the relevant departments would learn a lesson.
- (ii) He enquired where the footbridge would connect to.

10. Mr LEUNG Chi-foon responded as follows:

- (i) There would be franchised bus stops and a taxi stand in the public transport interchange. The Transport Department (TD) would submit a route proposal for the franchised bus service to K&T DC for consultation 2 years prior to completion of the proposed public housing.
- (ii) Preliminary technical assessments had given consideration to the demand for infrastructure facilities from the proposed public housing development project and its adjacent housing estates. Assessment results showed that there were no insurmountable technical issues in terms of traffic, water supply, drainage, sewage discharge, etc.
- (iii) The preliminary traffic impact assessment (TIA) had given consideration to the vehicular flow generated by the proposed public housing development project and its adjacent planned housing development sites.
- (iv) The proposed footbridge would stretch across Tsing Yi Road West and connect to a section of the pavement outside Cheung Hong Estate.
- (v) Based on the preliminary design, the proposed stream diversion would not pose a risk of ground settlement to the site for future formation. He noted the Member's concern and would pay more attention when producing the

detailed design in the next phase.

11. Mr Calvin LI, Director, WSP (Asia) Limited, responded that based on the recommendation of preliminary technical assessments, there would be 2 franchised bus stops and 1 taxi stand in the proposed public transport interchange for public use.

12. Mr NG Kim-sing put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) He did not oppose building public housing in principle but the housing construction plan put forth by PlanD could not improve housing conditions on a large scale.
- (ii) What the number of recreational facilities per capita in Kwai Tsing District was according to the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines (HKPSG), and whether PlanD was committed to increasing recreational facilities in the district.
- (iii) The population density of Kwai Tsing District ranked seventh in Hong Kong but recreational facilities were highly insufficient. Whether PlanD would address the problems of population density and insufficient recreational facilities in the district when carrying out new development projects.
- (iv) Even if K&T DC passed a motion on the discussion item, the Town Planning Board (TPB) would only count that as an opinion.

13. Ms LEUNG Kar-ming put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) She agreed to build public housing but worried that other home ownership housing would eventually be built under the project.
- (ii) Shing Hong constituency was one of the most affected areas. With a growing population but not increasing ancillary transport facilities, traffic in the area would be overloaded.
- (iii) She suggested building barrier-free facilities.
- (iv) Residents opposed that housing construction project. She suggested that

the relevant departments should solve the present social problems before launching housing construction projects.

14. Miss LO Yuen-ting put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) She was disappointed that the relevant departments only issued the information paper 3 days before the meeting and requested the departments to submit the presentation slides to Members after the meeting for information.
- (ii) The TIA lacked supporting data and it was hard to believe that the local traffic problem would be alleviated.
- (iii) Planning on livelihood facilities was too conceptual and there were no concrete data and plan.

15. Mr TSE Pui-keung, Derele responded as follows:

- (i) According to the requirements in HKPSG and calculated on the basis of population planning and the present supply of planned open space, the surpluses of district open space and local open space in Kwai Tsing District were about 0.93 hectare and 66.49 hectares respectively whereas the surpluses of district open space and local open space in Tsing Yi were 0.75 hectare and 29.07 hectares respectively.
- (ii) According to the established town planning process, proposed amendments to and Members' comments on the Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) would be submitted to the Metro Planning Committee (MPC) under TPB for its consideration. If TPB agreed with the proposed amendments, the revised OZP would be exhibited for public inspection and the public could submit written representations and make comments on the representations received to TPB. TPB would invite persons who had submitted written representations or made comments to attend a hearing and be heard by TPB.

16. Mr LEUNG Chi-foon responded as follows:

- (i) In designing the proposed footbridge, barrier-free access facilities would be built for the use of members of the public in need.

- (ii) The existing footbridge west of Ching Wah Court was situated on the pavements on the sides of Tsing Yi Road West. The proposed footbridge would also stretch across Tsing Yi Road West and connect to a section of the pavement outside Cheung Hong Estate.

17. The Chairman asked CEDD and the consultancy firm whether a TIA had been conducted on the housing construction project.

18. Mr Calvin LI responded as follows:

- (i) According to the preliminary TIA, after factoring in the projections of the proposed public housing project, the ratio of the traffic volume to capacity of Tsing Yi Road West was 60% to 70% whereas that of Ching Hong Road was 70% to 80%.
- (ii) After factoring in the projections of the proposed public housing project, the remaining traffic capacity of the junction of Tsing Yi Road West and Ching Hong Road (signalised junction) was about 30% and the ratio of the traffic volume to capacity of Tam Kon Shan Interchange was 80% to 90%.

19. The Chairman requested PlanD and CEDD to submit the TIA report for perusal.

20. Mr TSE Pui-keung, Derele responded that the research report would be attached to TPB's meeting paper on proposed amendments to the OZP for TPB members' consideration and the public could read the paper. As final consolidation of the report was needed at the current stage, the report could not be submitted to K&T DC.

21. Mr HUI Kei-cheung put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) The housing construction project would lead to crowded living space.
- (ii) He opined that the research report was too brief and requested the relevant departments to submit a detailed one as soon as possible.
- (iii) The selected site of the housing construction project was situated on a hill used for separating an oil depot in Tsing Yi West. In early planning, the hill was seen as a natural barrier that protected nearby residents from

possible explosions of the oil depot.

22. Mr TSUI Hiu-kit put forth opinions and enquiry as follows:

- (i) He was disappointed that the relevant departments issued the information paper only 3 working days before the meeting and as a result, Members did not have enough time to consult residents in the whole district.
- (ii) Since the ratio of the traffic volume to capacity of Ching Hong Road was over 70%, if the development project which would soon be completed was factored in, he worried that traffic near Cheung Hong Estate (Phase II) and Ching Wah Court would be overloaded.
- (iii) The housing construction project might affect the views of Mount Haven and Ching Wah Court.
- (iv) He doubted why the relevant departments selected a Green Belt (GB) site for developing a housing project and enquired whether consideration had been given to changing the site to Tsing Yi North.

23. Mr CHAN Chi-wing put forth opinions and enquiry as follows:

- (i) Information on the housing construction project submitted by the relevant departments was insufficient.
- (ii) He enquired whether consideration had been given to selecting a site in Tsing Yi North instead to avoid developing a GB zone.
- (iii) He doubted whether it was feasible to transplant the Incense Trees and other species of conservation value in the GB zone.
- (iv) He agreed to build public housing but worried that other home ownership housing would eventually be built under the project.

24. Mr TSE Pui-keung, Derele responded that the Government identified suitable GB sites for housing development from a two-stage GB review. The first stage mainly covered areas which were formed, deserted and devegetated, but possessed potential for residential development. The second stage covered zones in the fringe of built-up areas

close to urban areas and new towns, and those vegetated areas with relatively less buffering effect and lower conservation value. The public housing development project in question belonged to the second stage of review. Tsing Yi North was mainly used for shipyards and industrial purposes that relied on shipping. Planning for residential use in that area had not been considered at the current stage.

25. Mr LEUNG Chi-foon responded as follows:

- (i) After the proposed public housing development project was completed and residents had moved in, the ratio of the traffic volume to capacity of Tam Kon Shan Interchange would be 84%. The preliminary assessment showed that traffic conditions were acceptable.
- (ii) It was expected that after the project was completed and residents had moved in, the remaining traffic capacity of the junction of Tsing Yi Road West and Ching Hong Road would be about 30%, showing that traffic conditions were acceptable.
- (iii) Preliminary TIA results showed that the public housing development project would not place an unbearable burden on the traffic in the district.

26. Mr Calvin LI responded that a risk assessment had been conducted on the oil depot southwest of the proposed public housing development project in accordance with the Hong Kong Risk Guidelines. The result showed that the “individual risk” met the requirements in the guidelines and the “societal risk” had been reduced to as low as reasonably practicable. The risk assessment report had been submitted to the Co-ordinating Committee on Land-use Planning and Control Relating to Potentially Hazardous Installations for vetting and approval.

27. Mr CHOW Wai-hung, Rayman put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) The relevant departments and the consultancy firm did not answer Members’ enquiries.
- (ii) Construction of new housing would worsen the current problem of illegal parking in Tsing Yi that resulted from a lack of parking spaces.
- (iii) He requested the consultancy report to include detailed data on school

places and the use of community services for analysing whether services provided by social welfare institutions in the area could meet residents' demands; if not, the report should also include solutions.

- (iv) After completion of Kwai Luen Estate and Kwai Tsui Estate, Members found that the community facilities that departments promised during consultation were not seen. He worried that the same would happen again.
- (v) Time for consultation was insufficient and local residents could not be fully consulted.

28. Mr WONG Yun-tat, Ivan put forth enquiries and opinion as follows:

- (i) The heights of the buildings and the number of storeys. He worried that the buildings would affect the views.
- (ii) The reasons for not selecting flat land and non-GB zones for housing construction.
- (iii) The reasons for the site selection of the vehicular entrance.

29. Mr WONG Chun-tat put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) Whether the public housing construction project would become construction of Green Form Subsidised Home Ownership Scheme (GSH) flats.
- (ii) Whether the traffic capacity was calculated based on the vehicular flow during peak hours or the daily average vehicular flow.
- (iii) Having taken into account the completion of new housing and the East Lantau development plan, he worried that traffic in that area would be overloaded.
- (iv) If parking spaces were built in accordance with the current standards, the problems of insufficient parking spaces and illegal parking would continue to worsen after the completion of new housing.

30. Mr TSE Pui-keung, Derele responded as follows:

- (i) According to the requirements in HKPSG and calculated on the basis of population planning and the present supply of planned facilities, the “Government, Institution or Community” facilities in Tsing Yi were on the whole sufficient.
- (ii) HKPSG had incorporated the latest population standards on community care services for the elderly, residential care homes for the elderly and child care centres. These standards were requirements for long-term planning. There was a shortage of related facilities in Tsing Yi but in the process of planning and development, the Social Welfare Department would provide suitable services and facilities based on actual needs.
- (iii) There was a shortage of hospital beds in Tsing Yi. Tsing Yi belonged to Kowloon West Cluster, which was planning expansion of hospitals, including Princess Margaret Hospital in the 10-year Hospital Development Plan, with a view to improving the supply in the long term.

31. Mr Calvin LI responded as follows:

- (i) The remaining traffic capacity of the junction of Tsing Yi Road West and Ching Hong Road was about 30%. If a junction was to be created at the intersection of Tsing Yi Road West and Ching Hong Road to link to the proposed development project, the remaining traffic capacity of the junction would become inadequate. Therefore, the research report recommended a new independent junction to be created on Tsing Yi Road West for connecting to the proposed development project.
- (ii) The traffic performance of roads and junctions was measured based on the vehicular flow during peak hours.

32. Mr LEUNG Chi-foon added that it was still the preliminary technical assessment stage. The junction design proposal would be reviewed in the detailed design at the next stage and improvements would be made wherever necessary.

33. Ms YU Pui-sze, Canetti, Senior Planning Officer 6, Housing Department (HD)

responded as follows:

- (i) The project was rather long-term, maintained the flexibility among different types of public housing to cater for the demands of public rental housing (PRH), GSH and other subsidised sale flats, and would adjust their supply in a timely manner to better respond to market changes and the housing needs of the community at large.
- (ii) She noted Members' suggestions on building PRH.
- (iii) The maximum height of the buildings under the project was 220 metres above the Hong Kong Principal Datum and the preliminary design at the current stage was residential buildings of 40 odd storeys. A site-specific design would be adopted and it was hoped that Members would understand that apart from providing residential units, the public housing project would also try to include various non-domestic facilities to serve the residents and the community. Mitigation measures had been considered under the project, including reserving a buffer zone near the buildings, using appropriate colours for the external walls of the buildings and improving the landscape designs and greening measures as far as possible, so as to minimise the effects of the buildings on the views.
- (iv) At the current stage, space had been earmarked under the project in accordance with the upper limit of parking spaces in HKPSG to meet residents' needs as far as possible. TD was reviewing the standards on parking spaces in HKPSG. Space had been earmarked in the preliminary design for the possibility of adding parking spaces for the change in the standards on parking spaces in the future.

34. Miss WONG Pit-man put forth opinions and enquiry as follows:

- (i) With inadequate traffic capacity of roads, adding a public transport interchange could not solve the current traffic problems.
- (ii) The Tsing Yi OZP showed that the GB was full of precipices and thus not suitable for urban development. However, the buildings in the development project were higher than the hills in the GB. She doubted the feasibility of constructing buildings in the GB.

- (iii) Since the soil for planting Incense Trees was very precious, she worried that the relevant departments might not succeed in transplanting them.
- (iv) She enquired about the concrete proposal of relocating *Nanhaipotamon hongkongense* and *Accipiter trivirgatus*.

35. Mr LEUNG Kam-wai put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) He was disappointed that the relevant departments did not disclose the consultancy report.
- (ii) He opined that the planning was brief and the proposed ancillary transport facilities and livelihood facilities were insufficient, which might not be able to meet the needs of a new population of about 10 000.
- (iii) He worried that the public housing construction project would become construction of other home ownership housing.

36. Mr KWOK Tsz-kin put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) He enquired why the development site was government land and whether there was any title issue with that plot of land.
- (ii) At present, there were about 2 000 residents in Mount Haven and nearly 10 000 residents in Cheung Hong Estate (Phase II) and Ching Wah Court. With no space for widening works in Ching Hong Road, he worried that the new population would overload the traffic.
- (iii) The healthcare facilities in Tsing Yi Southwest were insufficient.
- (iv) He requested the departments to submit the detailed assessment report for further consideration.

37. Mr TSE Pui-keung, Derele responded that the Government had been striving to identify suitable land to address the pressing public demand for public housing, including conducting reviews on GB zones. As regards the public housing development project, CEDD had carried out a series of technical assessments and PlanD would submit the

assessment results and Members' comments to TPB for its consideration in accordance with the established procedures.

38. Mr LEUNG Chi-foon responded as follows:

- (i) TD would submit a proposal for the related franchised bus routes to K&T DC for consultation 2 years prior to completion of the proposed public housing development project.
- (ii) The proposed housing development project was situated at a valley. In view of the needs of housing development, retaining walls would be built and earth filling works would be carried out for site formation for public housing development.
- (iii) According to the preliminary ecological investigation report, 4 Incense Trees were found in the GB and were recommended to be transplanted to a suitable spot nearby. In devising the transplantation plan, relevant departments would be consulted to search for a suitable location.
- (iv) Prior to relocation of *Nanhaipotamon hongkongense*, inspections would be conducted to ascertain their distribution and areas of activity. Cage traps would then be placed in their active areas for capture. Captured *Nanhaipotamon hongkongense* would be relocated to a suitable habitat upstream or downstream for conservation.

39. Mr WONG Siu-wah, Pierre, Senior Engineer 1/Special Duties (Works), CEDD, responded as follows:

- (i) The consultancy firm conducted an ecological investigation from May to October 2019. *Accipiter trivirgatus* resided in Hong Kong throughout the year and was not a migratory species. Hence, the period of ecological investigation should have provided plenty of opportunity to track *Accipiter trivirgatus* and the consultancy firm did not find *Accipiter trivirgatus* in the area affected by the proposed development project.
- (ii) The consultancy report showed that the ecological environment of the GB was not a habitat that *Accipiter trivirgatus* usually chose.

- (iii) The ecological investigation also made reference to the Hong Kong Bird Reports published by the Hong Kong Bird Watching Society from 2007 to 2017, which showed that no *Accipiter trivirgatus* was found in the area of Tsing Yi.

40. Ms HO Mun-ye, Money, District Lands Officer, (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing)(DLO/TW&KT), Lands Department (LandsD), said that the GB zone concerned was government land, part of which held a Government Land Licence or Permit granted at an earlier time, but none was private land.

41. Mr CHOI Nga-man put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) Whether the risk assessment included an assessment on the wind tunnel effect.
- (ii) Whether there would be risk of landslides after the valley was filled up.
- (iii) Other than the ecological investigation conducted from May to October 2019, whether the Government carried out any ecological investigation between 2015 and 2021.
- (iv) There were only 2 bus stops and 1 taxi stand in the proposed public transport interchange, which were not enough.
- (v) At present, the elderly and parking facilities in that area were already insufficient but the paper did not state clearly how to increase those facilities. He suggested that the report should include long-term planning on development and a specific proposal.
- (vi) He requested the departments to submit detailed data of the TIA.
- (vii) He hoped that the departments would send representatives to meetings in the future to follow up matters.

42. Mr SIN Ho-fai put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) He was disappointed that the paper submitted by the departments was too brief.

- (ii) He enquired about the traffic capacity of Tam Kon Shan Interchange and Tsing Yi Interchange after completion of the development project.
- (iii) Whether the TIA report had taken into consideration the impact of Route 11 connecting to Tsing Yi Bridge and relocation of the wholesale poultry market to Tsing Yi.
- (iv) According to the Siu Ho Wan draft OZP, Tsing Yi MTR station would rank second among the 10 stations with the highest number of entries in Hong Kong in 2036 and it was anticipated that 24 000 people would enter the station every hour in the morning. He further asked whether the TIA report had considered the above figure and put forth long-term traffic planning.
- (v) He enquired how many units there were on each floor of the proposed public housing.

43. Mr TAM Ka-chun, Warren put forth opinion and enquiry as follows:

- (i) The current HKPSG was outdated.
- (ii) He enquired why a GB in Tsing Yi was selected for building housing instead of considering other land, such as brownfield sites and idle small house sites.

44. Mr TSE Pui-keung, Derele responded that the Government had identified 13 sites in Kwai Tsing District for residential development and the site concerned was one of them. The Government had been adopting multi-pronged strategies and measures and strived to identify sites elsewhere apart from developing brownfield sites to satisfy the ever-increasing housing demand.

45. Mr HONG Ka-yu, Garret, Senior Architect 3 (Acting), HD, responded that construction of 3 buildings were preliminarily proposed at present, each about 49 storeys high, and would provide about 3 800 public housing units. The department would adopt a site-specific design to minimise the buildings' impact on the views and the environment. Since it was still the planning stage at present, the department would consult K&T DC in due course.

46. Mr Calvin LI responded as follows:

- (i) The preliminary TIA had taken into account other future development projects in Tsing Yi, including the plan to relocate the wholesale poultry market to Tsing Yi.
- (ii) After factoring in the proposed public housing development project and the peak traffic hours, the ratio of the traffic volume to capacity of Tsing Yi Interchange would be about 60% to 70%.

47. Mr CHEUNG Kwan-kiu, Steve put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) The 13 sites that the Government identified several years ago might not all be suitable for residential purpose.
- (ii) The scale of the development project was unreasonable. The department mentioned that each building would provide about 1 266 units, which were far more than those of other PRH estates in Kwai Tsing District, e.g. 614 units in Cheung Wang Estate, 744 units in Kwai Luen Estate and 686 units in On Yam Estate.
- (iii) He doubted whether it was feasible to build such large-scale public housing on that site, which was still a valley.
- (iv) Having referred to the past housing development projects in Tsing Yi, it could be seen that a lack of shopping and community facilities was a common problem, e.g. there was only a supermarket in Cheung Wang Estate to meet residents' needs. He worried that the same would occur after completion of the development project.

48. Mr CHEUNG Man-lung put forth opinions and enquiry as follows:

- (i) The current HKPSG was outdated.
- (ii) The department concerned promised in 2019 to update the standards on parking spaces in HKPSG in 2020 but they still had not been updated yet. If the Government developed buffer areas for residential purpose, after the

related planning standards were updated in the future, it would be hard to identify land for building related facilities to comply with the new standards. He asked if the department updated the standards on parking spaces after completion of the housing development project, how the matter would be dealt with then.

49. Mr TSE Pui-keung, Derele responded that the Government had been reviewing and updating HKPSG in a timely manner. For example, population standards were added in recent years on child care centres, residential care homes for the elderly and community care services and facilities for the elderly.

50. Ms YU Pui-sze, Canetti responded as follows:

- (i) In the preliminary design of the project, the department made reference to HKPSG, which was under review, and maintained close contact with TD and sought its advice. The preliminary TIA and study showed that provision of parking spaces would not bring about adverse traffic effects to that area.
- (ii) The Hong Kong Housing Authority developed public housing under the principles of optimal utilisation of land resources and sustainable development. Although the construction site of the development project was quite complicated, the Housing Authority would adopt the principle of the highest cost-effectiveness of development and utilise the residential and non-residential plot ratios, wherever practicable, to provide public housing units and related facilities. Meanwhile, to raise the quality of public housing and provide a comfortable living environment for residents, reference was made to the relevant guidelines in terms of the layout of buildings to comply with the requirements of building ventilation and the proposed public housing development would be designed appropriately based on the consultancy study and recommendations.
- (iii) She reiterated that the project was still at the preliminary study stage and the related design including facilities and details would be further confirmed at the future detailed design stage.

51. The Chairman enquired whether PlanD could extract related information and data for Members' perusal and submit the proposal to TPB after further discussion and consultation at future meetings.

52. Mr TSE Pui-keung, Derele responded that to avoid affecting the overall progress of public housing development, according to the current work schedule, it was recommended that proposed amendments to the OZP be submitted to TPB for scrutiny in the middle of this year, so K&T DC could not be consulted again before submission of the proposed amendments to the OZP to TPB.

53. Mr LEUNG Chi-foon understood the Chairman and Members' concerns. As some technical details in the TIA report needed to be discussed with TD, the report could not be provided to Members for perusal for the time being.

54. The Chairman enquired again whether the relevant departments could submit the report to K&T DC for discussion and consultation after completing it before submitting it to TPB in the middle of this year. Meanwhile, Members could make good use of the time to consult residents and relay their opinions to the departments so that Members did not have to go to TPB to express opinions one by one.

55. Mr TSE Pui-keung, Derele responded that in order not to affect the progress of public housing development, the department could not consult K&T DC again about the proposed amendments to the OZP before submitting them to TPB.

56. The Chairman put forth enquiries as follows:

- (i) When MPC would convene a meeting to discuss the development project and whether Members could raise comments on the project to MPC at that time.
- (ii) Whether the report submitted to MPC would be available for public inspection at that time.

57. Mr TSE Pui-keung, Derele responded as follows:

- (i) It was expected that the proposed amendments to the OZP would be submitted to MPC under TPB in June to July this year and the research report would be attached to the meeting paper.
- (ii) Meeting papers submitted to MPC by the departments were available online for public inspection.

- (iii) Members of the public could submit written representations in respect of the amendments in the first 2 months the revised OZP was exhibited and make comments on the written representations received in the first 3 weeks TPB exhibited the representations. TPB would then invite persons who had made representations or comments to attend a hearing, where they could be heard by TPB.
- (iv) The department would submit information on the amendments to K&T DC while the revised OZP was exhibited.

58. Miss LO Yuen-ting put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) She did not understand why the relevant departments had planned to submit the report to TPB in June long ago but only consulted K&T DC formally in May.
- (ii) The departments should hold a local consultation before submitting the report to TPB.

59. Mr TAM Ka-chun, Warren said that since Members and the relevant departments could not reach a consensus on the development project, the departments could not state in the report to be submitted to TPB that K&T DC in principle agreed with the development project.

60. The Chairman received an extempore motion:

Motion: The Kwai Tsing District Council Requests the Public Housing Development Project in Tsing Yi Road West to Be Suspended. The Relevant Government Departments Must Make Amendments to Planning, Environment, Traffic, Greening, etc., Provide a Detailed Research Report by the Consultancy Firm to This Council for Reference and Hold a Local Consultation with Detailed Planning. Otherwise, the Project Should Be Shelved or Another Site Be Selected for Commencement of Works. (The Extempore Motion)

(Moved by Mr HON Chun-yin and Mr KWOK Tsz-kin and seconded by Mr CHOI Nga-man)

61. The Chairman put the extempore motion to the vote for acceptance. Of the

Members who participated in the vote, there was 0 vote against and 0 abstention. Members accepted the extempore motion.

62. The Chairman put the motion to the vote.
63. Mr KWOK Tsz-kin proposed putting the extempore motion to the vote in an open ballot.
64. The Chairman put the extempore motion to the vote in an open ballot.
65. The voting result was as follows:
- For: 26 votes
(Mr CHEUNG Man-lung, Mr CHAN Chi-wing, Mr CHEUNG Kwan-kiu, Steve, Mr CHOI Nga-man, Mr CHOW Wai-hung, Rayman, Mr HON Chun-yin, Mr HUI Kei-cheung, Mr KWOK Tsz-kin, Mr LAM Siu-fai, Mr LAU Chi-kit, Ms LAU Kwai-mui, Mr LEUNG Chi-shing, Miss LEUNG Ching-shan, Mr LEUNG Kam-wai, Ms LEUNG Kar-ming, Mr LEUNG Kwok-wah, Miss LO Yuen-ting, Mr NG Kim-sing, Mr SIN Ho-fai, Mr TAM Ka-chun, Warren, Mr TONG Ho-man, Mr TSUI Hiu-kit, Mr WONG Bing-kuen, Mr WONG Chun-tat, Miss WONG Pit-man, Mr WONG Yun-tat, Ivan)
- Against: 0 vote
- Abstention: 0 vote
66. The Chairman announced that the extempore motion was endorsed.
67. Mr HUI Kei-cheung requested the relevant departments to submit the report to K&T DC before submitting it to MPC and relay the content of the meeting to MPC.
68. Mr NG Kim-sing enquired whether one could express opinions after submitting written representations.
69. Mr KWOK Tsz-kin requested PlanD to hold a public consultation about the development project.

70. Mr TSE Pui-keung, Derele added that the public would not be invited to speak at MPC meetings. The department would submit the opinions collected at this meeting, comments from government departments and proposed amendments altogether to MPC for its consideration. If MPC agreed with the proposed amendments to the OZP, TPB would exhibit the revised OZP and the public could submit written representations in respect of the amendments within the first 2 months of exhibition. After that, TPB would exhibit the written representations received and the public could make comments within the first 3 weeks of exhibition. TPB would then hold a hearing and invite all the persons who had made written representations or comments on the amendments to attend the hearing and be heard by TPB. After the hearing, TPB would decide whether to propose amendments to the draft plan to meet the representations.

(Post-meeting note: The Development Bureau had provided a reply in respect of the above motion, i.e. K&T DC Circulation Paper (Information) No. 17/2021.)

Fire Prevention Measures and Policies in Squatter Areas in Kwai Tsing District

(Proposed by Mr CHEUNG Kwan-kiu, Steve and Mr KWOK Tsz-kin)

(K&T DC Paper No. 18/D/2021 & 18a/D/2021)

71. Mr CHEUNG Kwan-kiu, Steve introduced the paper and said that the Government had no fire safety policy on squatter areas at present.

72. Mr WONG Ho-yin, Assistant Divisional Officer (Planning Group) (Acting), Fire Services Department (FSD), responded that FSD would conduct inspections in squatter areas from time to time and update firefighting and rescue strategies based on the distribution of structures and the actual circumstances of the roads in the area at the time to ensure smooth firefighting and rescue operations.

73. Mr CHAN Kin-kau, Manager, Squatter Control/Kowloon, Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing Office, LandsD, responded that the fire safety installations in squatter areas were a dry riser fire services system set up by HD in 1980 for firefighters to fight fires. LandsD took over the squatter control work from HD on 1 April 2009 and provided regular repair and maintenance service for the basic facilities in squatter areas in accordance with the relevant policy but would not provide additional facilities.

74. Mr CHEUNG Kwan-kiu, Steve said that squatter areas would not be eradicated in the short term and hoped that the relevant departments would update the fire safety

systems in the district and formulate fire safety policies on squatter areas.

75. The Chairman enquired whether LandsD would update the fire safety facilities when they could no longer operate.

76. Mr CHAN Kin-kau responded as follows:

- (i) If they found that facilities needed to be repaired, they would report it to the Squatter Control (Headquarters Office) for arranging repairs.
- (ii) According to the record, the department completed inspections of and repairs to the dry riser fire services systems in Cheung Hang Village and Kau Wah Keng Village in September and October 2020 respectively and the certificates had been submitted to FSD for record. The department was carrying out an inspection of and repairs to the dry riser fire services system in 6½ Milestone, Castle Peak Road and would submit the certificate to FSD upon issuance.
- (iii) He would relay Members' opinions on fire safety facilities in squatter areas to LandsD.

77. The Chairman enquired whether LandsD inspected the fire safety facilities in the squatter areas every year.

78. Mr CHAN Kin-kau responded that the department inspected and repaired the fire safety facilities every year.

79. Mr CHEUNG Kwan-kiu, Steve said that only because a fire broke out in Cheung Hang Village in September 2020, firefighters arrived at the scene and found that the fire safety facilities could not operate that LandsD arranged an inspection of and repairs to the dry riser fire services system in the village in the same month.

80. The Chairman suggested that the relevant departments should consider updating the fire safety facilities in squatter areas.

Motion: Requests the Hospital Authority to Explain to the Kwai Tsing District Council Every 4 Months the Progress of the Works of the Expansion of Lai King Building in Princess Margaret Hospital in Kwai Chung and Coordination Between

the Hospital Authority and Various Government Departments

(Proposed by Mr CHOI Nga-man and seconded by Mr CHEUNG Man-lung, Mr KWOK Tsz-kin and Mr WONG Tin-yan)

(K&T DC Paper No. 19/D/2021 & 19a/D/2021)

81. The Chairman said that due to the recent volatile development of the epidemic, the Hospital Authority was busy with its anti-epidemic work and thus could not send staff to attend the meeting.

82. Mr CHOI Nga-man said that the Hospital Authority had not explained the progress of the expansion works of Lai King Building in Princess Margaret Hospital in Kwai Chung since the 126th K&T DC meeting. He requested the Hospital Authority to report to K&T DC every 4 months the specific content and progress of the works.

83. The Chairman put the motion to the vote. Of the Members who participated in the vote, there was 0 vote against and 0 abstention. Members endorsed the motion.

(Post-meeting note: The Hospital Authority provided a reply in respect of the above motion, i.e. K&T DC Circulation Paper (Information) No. 9/2021.)

Motion: The Kwai Tsing District Council Requests the Government Authority to Apply for Injunctions against the Illegal Barbecue Sites at Kau Wa Keng as Soon as Possible

(Proposed by Mr CHEUNG Kwan-kiu, Steve and Mr WONG Tin-yan and seconded by Mr HON Chun-yin)

(K&T DC Paper No. 20/D/2021 & 20a/D/2021)

84. Mr CHEUNG Kwan-kiu, Steve introduced the paper and put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) Since it was not necessary to know the land owner's identity to apply for an injunction, he suggested that the relevant departments should apply for injunctions, not closure orders, against the land occupants to bar them from continuing to operate illegal barbecue sites in Kau Wa Keng.
- (ii) He thanked government departments for their measure of confiscating refrigerators, food, etc. to tackle the illegal barbecue sites but it appeared ineffective. The two barbecue sites continued to operate soon after the

Government's action and were a nuisance to residents.

85. Ms HUNG Yuen-ching, Administrative Assistant/Lands (Acting) (DLO/TW&KT), LandsD, responded that the barbeque sites in Kau Wa Keng were situated on an old lot of agricultural land, which was subject to no land use restrictions. Operating a barbeque site and/or food business on this type of land did not violate lease conditions, so LandsD did not consider handling the above matter by means of injunction.

86. Ms MAR Suk-fong, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Kwai Tsing), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD), responded as follows:

- (i) On deterring unlicensed food business activities, apart from instituting prosecutions by means of summons, FEHD also conducted summary arrest against persistent offenders and applied to the court for closure orders. Under section 128B of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132) (the Ordinance), FEHD was empowered to make a direct application to the court for closure orders to close any unlicensed food premises without applying for prohibition orders. Prohibition orders issued under section 128A of the Ordinance did not apply to unlicensed food premises.
- (ii) Before February 2003, FEHD could issue prohibition orders to unlicensed food premises but later found it ineffective. After amendments were made to the legislation, FEHD was empowered to make a direct application to the court for closure orders to close any unlicensed food premises without applying for prohibition orders.
- (iii) Making an application to the court for closure orders entailed informing the relevant parties, including the occupants and owner of the land, of the time of the trial. However, the illegal barbeque sites in Kau Wa Keng were situated on Tso/Tong land and there was no registered manager of the Tso/Tong land, so the ownership could not be clarified.
- (iv) The department had regularly submitted follow-up reports on the illegal barbeque sites in Kau Wa Keng to the Community Affairs Committee.

87. The Chairman enquired whether FEHD had issued closure orders against the illegal barbeque sites in Kau Wa Keng under section 128B of the Ordinance.

88. Ms MAR Suk-fong responded that FEHD had never issued closure orders against the illegal barbeque sites in Kau Wa Keng under section 128B of the Ordinance.

89. The Chairman enquired about FEHD's timetable for issuing closure orders.

90. Ms MAR Suk-fong responded that based on previous legal advice, it was inadvisable to issue closure orders against the illegal barbeque sites. However, the illegal barbeque sites later changed their modes of operation, so FEHD prosecuted them as unlicensed restaurants. FEHD was currently seeking legal advice on issuing closure orders with regard to the modes of operation of the illegal barbeque sites and registration of managers of Tso/Tong.

91. Mr CHEUNG Kwan-kiu, Steve stressed that the solution he suggested was to issue injunctions, not closure orders or prohibition orders, against the land occupants. That way, the department could ban the illegal barbeque sites in Kau Wa Keng from continuing to operate without clarifying the ownership of the land. He suggested that FEHD should propose his solution to the Department of Justice (DoJ).

92. The Chairman concluded that FEHD could consider the Member's proposal of issuing injunctions to ban the illegal barbeque sites in Kau Wa Keng from continuing to operate before the land ownership could be clarified and closure orders could be issued and the validity period of the injunctions could be set at a time after registration of a manager of the Tso/Tong with a view to solving the problem properly.

93. Ms MAR Suk-fong responded that a prohibition order could bar the person concerned from operating unlicensed food premises and served a purpose similar to an injunction as suggested by the Member. FEHD would continue to invoke laws under its purview to combat unlicensed food premises.

94. Mr NG Kim-sing suggested that FEHD should consult DoJ about the feasibility of issuing injunctions. If FEHD could not issue injunctions, whether DoJ could directly issue injunctions against the land occupants.

95. Ms MAR Suk-fong responded that in respect of Members' opinions, she would consult DoJ whether government departments or FEHD were in a suitable position to apply to the court for injunctions.

96. The Chairman put the motion to the vote. Of the Members who participated in the vote, there were 18 votes for, 0 vote against and 4 abstentions. Members endorsed the motion.

(Post-meeting note: FEHD supplemented that Ms MAR Suk-fong met with the Chairman and Mr CHEUNG Kwan-kiu, Steve on 14 May and said in detail that there were already laws for FEHD to take enforcement action against unlicensed food business activities, so it would not apply to the court for injunctions. Also, DLO/TW&KT and FEHD gave their replies in respect of the above motion, i.e. K&T DC Circulation Paper (Information) No. 8/2021 and 10/2021.)

Requests to Discuss the Follow-up on Wastewater Being Discharged from Fortuna House on Lei Muk Road

(Proposed by Mr LAM Siu-fai and Ms LAU Kwai-mui)

(K&T DC Paper No. 21/D/2021 and 21a/D/2021)

97. Ms LAU Kwai-mui introduced the paper and put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) Since wastewater leaked from Fortuna House in April, the relevant departments had not properly solved the problem.
- (ii) She was disappointed that the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) did not send staff to attend the meeting.
- (iii) She thanked the Drainage Services Department (DSD) for providing proper assistance on the matter of leaked wastewater. After DSD assisted in breaking a government staircase, a cleft was found on a wall of Fortuna House, from where wastewater flowed along the government staircase to the road outside and percolated into the ground.
- (iv) She did not understand why the department gave the building a 6-month period to comply with the repair order. As the epidemic continued, she worried that the wastewater would become a source of virus transmission.

98. Mr LAM Siu-fai put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) He thanked DSD for providing assistance, the Kwai Tsing District Office (K&T DO) for its coordination on the matter of leaked wastewater and

FEHD for its daily street cleansing work.

- (ii) He was disappointed that EPD did not positively respond to the problem.
- (iii) Wastewater flowed along the slope and percolated into the ground. He worried that would cause ground settlement in Lei Muk Road.
- (iv) He suggested that the Buildings Department (BD) should shorten the period of the repair order to 3 months. Meanwhile, while the owners' corporation (OC) of the building did not solve the problem proactively and there was shifting of responsibility between the OC and the merchants, he suggested that BD should issue an urgent repair order so that the Government solved the problem of leaked wastewater first so as to minimise its impact on the residents, the merchants and pedestrians.
- (v) He requested the relevant departments to conduct a site inspection of the leaked wastewater.

99. Mr HEUNG Man-ching, Paul, Building Surveyor/D4-4, BD, responded that apart from the follow-up action mentioned in the reply document, the OC of the building submitted to BD the investigation result that showed the prolonged lack of maintenance of the drainage pipes of the building, was liaising with the merchants concerned to jointly arrange for repair works and would call a meeting to discuss the arrangements in the short term.

100. Ms LAU Kwai-mui put forth opinions and enquiry as follows:

- (i) She enquired about the report on the investigation into the underground pipes by the OC of the building in April this year.
- (ii) BD had given 6 months for the building to comply with the repair order and before that, the residents still had to bear with the nuisance caused by wastewater.
- (iii) As the locations from which wastewater leaked changed constantly and the smell was unbearable, she suggested that the department concerned should request the building to take short-term measures immediately to prevent wastewater from continuing to leak.

101. Mr LAM Siu-fai put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) DSD had constructed temporary drainage pipes to divert wastewater but since the locations from which wastewater leaked changed constantly, the temporary drainage pipes did not divert wastewater successfully, which affected nearby merchants and residents.
- (ii) The peak of wastewater leakage was noon and evening hours. He suggested that the relevant department should carry out site inspections.

102. Mr HEUNG Man-ching, Paul responded that the department would arrange site inspections on a need basis and update its responses.

103. The Chairman said that due to the severity of the problem, he suggested that the representative of BD should conduct a site inspection with Mr LAM Siu-fai and Ms LAU Kwai-mui after the meeting.

104. Ms LAU Kwai-mui put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) The peak of wastewater leakage was noon and 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- (ii) The merchants reflected that no representative of the building or department contacted them and followed up the problem.

105. Mr LEUNG Kam-wai enquired whether BD had a concrete proposal to solve the problem at once.

106. Mr LAM Siu-fai said that according to section 28 of the Buildings Ordinance (Cap. 123), the Building Authority could by an order in writing served on the owner of the building require the carrying out of drainage works within such time as might be specified in the order. In an emergency or in owner's default of an order, however, BD could carry out works on his behalf and recover the cost of the works afterwards, including supervision charge and surcharge from him. He suggested that in an emergency, BD should carry out works to solve the problem of wastewater leakage first.

107. The District Officer said that K&T DO would coordinate with the relevant departments with a view to solving the problem properly as soon as possible to eradicate

the nuisance caused by the wastewater problem to the nearby residents.

108. The Chairman suggested that the representative of BD should conduct a site inspection with Mr LAM Siu-fai and Ms LAU Kwai-mui that evening.

109. Mr LAM Siu-fai enquired whether EPD had relevant orders or penalties to urge the building to follow up the problem proactively instead of barring Members from filming the wastewater leakage of the building and putting the blame on the merchants.

110. Mr NG Kim-sing put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) He suggested that BD should invoke relevant legislation to solve the urgent problem of wastewater leakage as soon as possible.
- (ii) As the epidemic continued, leaked wastewater might become a source of virus transmission.
- (iii) He suggested putting forth an extempore motion to request the relevant departments to solve the problem as soon as possible.

111. Mr LAM Siu-fai said that at present, wastewater was flowing toward the entrance of EPD's recycling station but EPD was not proactive in following up the problem.

112. Mr HEUNG Man-ching, Paul responded that the department would urge the building to solve the wastewater problem and from the responses received so far, the building had proactively followed up the problem, so it should be given a chance to complete the works. Meanwhile, BD was willing to provide appropriate assistance to the owners of the building to assist them in completing the works as soon as possible.

113. The Chairman received an extempore motion:

Motion: The Kwai Tsing District Council Strongly Requests the Buildings Department to Take Real Action and Make Urgent Repairs Immediately to Handle the Problem of Wastewater Leakage at Fortuna House. (Extempore Motion)

(Proposed by Mr LAM Siu-fai and seconded by Ms LAU Kwai-mui)

114. The Chairman announced as follows:

- (i) He put the extempore motion to the vote for acceptance. Of the Members who participated in the vote, there was 0 vote against and 0 abstention. Members accepted the extempore motion.
- (ii) He put the extempore motion to the vote. Of the Members who participated in the vote, there was 0 vote against and 0 abstention. Members endorsed the extempore motion.

(Post-meeting note: BD provided replies in respect of the above motion, i.e. K&T DC Circulation Paper (Information) No. 12/2021 and 16/2021.)

Requests the Illegal Unauthorised Canopies in the Vicinity of Shek Yam Road to be Dealt with

(Proposed by Mr LAM Siu-fai and Ms LAU Kwai-mui)
(K&T DC Paper No. 22/D/2021 & 22a/D/2021)

115. Mr LAM Siu-fai put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) Thanked the Highways Department (HyD) for installing street lights in the rear lanes of the area to alleviate the problem of insufficient lighting caused by unauthorised canopies.
- (ii) The facilities in the parks under the purview of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) were used as supports for unauthorised canopies.
- (iii) Rats could crawl into residential units through the unauthorised canopies, causing nuisance to nearby residents.
- (iv) Worried that typhoons would blow down the canopies and endanger pedestrians.
- (v) Requested the relevant departments to resolve the problem as soon as possible.

116. The Chairman asked whether BD had carried out any large-scale removal operations to eliminate unauthorised building works (UBWs) along Shek Yam Road in

order, including illegal structures affecting building safety, fire safety, environmental hygiene, etc. on rooftops and podiums as well as those in yards/courtyards and lanes of the target buildings.

117. Mr HEUNG Man-ching, Paul responded that although he did not bring along with him the list of the target buildings on Shek Yam Road to the meeting, BD had carried out large-scale removal operations to eliminate UBWs in the target buildings along Shek Yam Road in order. After large-scale removal operations of UBWs were completed, in case the department found or received reports from the public about re-installation of UBWs, BD would follow up to ensure the structural safety of the buildings.

118. The Chairman required BD to submit specific solutions to the issue and explain how many large-scale removals of UBWs had been carried out on the buildings on Shek Yam Road in the past 5 years.

119. Mr HEUNG Man-ching, Paul responded that there was currently no information on the target buildings in the area along Shek Yam Road against which enforcement actions would be taken. In addition to Shek Yam Road, BD was also concerned about the safety standard of buildings in Hong Kong with a view to eliminate UBWs in the target buildings.

120. Mr LAM Siu-fai put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) The unauthorised canopies affected vehicles on the road and endangered road safety.
- (ii) Even if HyD installed additional streetlights in the rear lanes, the unauthorised canopies still blocked the streetlights.
- (iii) Worried that when struck by typhoons, the canopies would be swung from side to side, endangering neighbouring residential buildings.
- (iv) The unauthorised canopies endangered the structural safety of buildings.
- (v) A canopy collapsed in Lion Building and hurt pedestrians. In order to avoid the recurrence of similar incidents, the relevant departments should resolve the problem as soon as possible.

- (vi) Requested LCSD to reply in response to the facilities in Shek Yam Road Garden No. 3 being used as the supporting frame for unauthorised canopy.

121. Mr FUNG Hon-wa, Harris, District Leisure Manager (Kwai Tsing), LCSD responded as follows:

- (i) When LCSD sent staff to inspect the venue under the purview of LCSD, it was found that the supporting frame for the canopy was installed inside the venue and they attempted to contact the owner of the canopy. After enquiring nearby merchants, it was known that the supporting frame of the canopy either belonged to the former shop owner or there was no way to verify who the owner was. LCSD was concerned that removing the supporting frame on its own might affect road safety, so it would keep finding and contacting the owner of the canopy.
- (ii) If LCSD found any supporting frames installed in other venues under its purview, it would remove them upon confirming that road safety would not be affected after removal.
- (iii) LCSD had removed objects attached to its venues without permission, or posted relevant warnings requesting object owners to remove objects placed in its venue without permission within a time limit.

122. Mr LAM Siu-fai put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) Asked whether LCSD could set a time limit and remove the supporting frame of the unauthorised canopy in Shek Yam Road Garden No. 3 after the deadline.
- (ii) Requested BD to deal with the problem of wastewater being discharged from Fortuna House on Lei Muk Road and the unauthorised canopies along Shek Yam Road.

123. Mr NG Kim-sing enquired if the residents found any damage caused by rats crawling into the residential buildings along the canopies which were illegally installed in the venues under LCSD's purview, whether the residents could hold the relevant government departments responsible.

124. Mr FUNG Hon-wa, Harris responded as follows:

- (i) LCSD could only remove objects set up without permission in venues under its purview.
- (ii) Since LCSD was concerned that the removal of the supporting frame of canopy currently set up in the venue would cause the canopy outside the venue to collapse and endanger other road users, the relevant supporting frame could not be removed immediately.

125. The Chairman asked whether BD could assist LCSD in the removal of unauthorised canopies.

126. Mr HEUNG Man-ching, Paul responded that BD would take enforcement actions against UBWs in accordance with law enforcement policy. If UBWs were found, removal orders would be issued to the property owners.

127. The Chairman put forth enquiries as follows:

- (i) If the relevant property owner denied his/her ownership of the UWBs, how BD would handle.
- (ii) Whether BD had issued any removal order of UWBs to the property owners of buildings along Shek Yam Road.

128. Mr HEUNG Man-ching, Paul responded as follows:

- (i) BD would take enforcement actions against UBWs in accordance with law enforcement policy. If UBWs were found in buildings, removal orders would be issued to the property owners regardless of whether the property owners admitted it or not.
- (ii) BD had issued removal orders of UWBs to the property owners of buildings along Shek Yam Road.

129. Mr LAM Siu-fai put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) LCSD stated that it could not confirm the owner of the supporting frame

of the canopy in Shek Yam Road Garden No.3, but the canopy was erected in a shop outside the garden and equipped with electric fan and billboard related to the shop. He suggested that LCSD should follow the power supply of the electric fan to find the owner of the supporting frame of the canopy.

- (ii) Requested the relevant departments to face up to the seriousness of the problem and deal with the unauthorised canopy thereat as soon as possible.

130. The Chairman asked whether K&T DO could coordinate the relevant departments to carry out the removal of unauthorised canopies.

131. Miss YIM Yik-huen, Bonnie, Assistant District Officer (Kwai Tsing), responded that K&T DO had negotiated and exchanged information with the relevant departments on the enforcement measures concerning issues of unauthorised canopies in the district, and would assist in coordinating the removal of unauthorised canopies in the future.

132. Mr LEUNG Chi-shing recommended that in case unauthorised canopies were found to pose potential danger, the roads concerned could be closed to urge shops with unauthorised canopies to take the initiative to remove them.

133. Mr LEUNG Wing-kuen pointed out that the problem of unauthorised canopies had existed for a long time. Canopies could have facilitated business operations and sheltered pedestrians from wind and rain. Therefore, BD had the responsibility to supervise property owners to construct canopies in accordance with relevant regulations.

134. Mr CHOI Nga-man stated that if a canopy was not constructed in accordance with the regulations, it was considered illegal construction. If BD updated the relevant construction standards, they should be announced in due course to let the canopy owners carry out reinforcement works for the canopies in accordance with the new standards.

135. The Chairman invited BD to prepare paper on the subject and report the specific solutions at the next meeting.

(The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1 pm. The meeting resumed at 2:30 pm.)

Motion: The Kwai Tsing District Council Has Concern over the Conservation Status of the Monuments in Kwai Tsing District, Such as the Former Girls' Home in Kwai

Tsing, and Requests Investigation, Research and Conservation Be Conducted for the Historic Buildings and Relics in the District

(Proposed by Mr CHEUNG Man-lung, Mr CHOI Nga-man, Mr KWOK Tsz-kin, Mr WONG Tin-yan, seconded by Mr CHEUNG Kwan-kiu, Steve, Mr HON Chun-yin, Mr LAM Siu-fai, Ms LAU Kwai-mui)

(K&T DC Paper No. 23/D/2021, 23a/D/2021 and 23b/D/2021)

136. Mr CHEUNG Man-lung introduced the paper, and said that the reply document of the Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) did not mention any specific conservation work.

137. Mr LEUNG Kam-wai put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) Enquired about the details of the introduction of the retained components of Block 12 of the former Kwai Shing East Estate.
- (ii) Asked the Housing Authority what components would be retained before clearance of Shek Lei Interim Housing (SLIH) and the specific timetable, and suggested that the Housing Authority should report the content of the clearance plan to K&T DC.

138. Mr KWOK Tsz-kin put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) Requested the relevant departments to give a detailed written reply on the subject.
- (ii) Enquired about the reason why AMO did not send representative to attend the meeting.

139. Mr CHOI Nga-man put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) The reply document did not mention the conservation status of Kwai Chung Public School.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat supplemented that Kwai Chung Public School was not located within the area of Kwai Tsing District and informed Mr CHEUNG Man-lung of that prior to the meeting.)

- (ii) Hoped that AMO could give an account of the specific condition, including internal structure, of the former Salvation Army Kwai Chung Girls' Home.

140. Mr TAM Ka-chun, Warren said that he did not agree with the reply from AMO. If AMO could only provide technical advice from the perspective of heritage conservation because the historic buildings were privately owned, then historic buildings might be used by their owners for commercial purposes that citizens might not be able to relive the appearance of historic buildings in the past.

141. Mr CHEUNG Kwan-kiu, Steve put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) There were 17 historic buildings proposed for grading in Kwai Tsing District, 13 of which were located in Kau Wah Keng Village. He hoped that AMO would strengthen its conservation work and explain the history behind the monuments to the public.
- (ii) Only 3 historic buildings in Kwai Tsing District of which the grading had been confirmed. Subsequent to the grading in 2010, AMO assessed the former Salvation Army Kwai Chung Girls' Home as a Grade 2 historic building in 2020 after 10 years. He hoped AMO would speed up the confirmation of grading for historic buildings.

142. Mr CHOW Wai-hung, Rayman put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) At the beginning, the relevant departments stated that it would retain some of the components of Block 12 of the former Kwai Shing East Estate as the backstage part of the performance venue to let the public understand the design of public housing, but in the end, in order to comply with relevant fire protection regulations, the components retained were not open to people who rented the venue for use, neither was there any sign to explain that the backstage part was a reserved component of Block 12 of the former Kwai Shing East Estate.
- (ii) Queried the significance of retaining the components for SLIH and requested HD to provide a detailed report on the retained components.

143. Mr LAM Siu-fai put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) SLIH was the first generation of public housing completed in the 1960s and shouldered an important responsibility to provide temporary accommodation for residents affected by disasters.
- (ii) Recommended that HD should retain the pictures of the interim housing and the mural walls in it, so as to preserve the public memories and let the public understand the development of public housing in Hong Kong.

144. Mr CHEUNG Man-lung put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) Disappointed that AMO did not send staff to attend the meeting.
- (ii) He did not wish to see that the Government focused on preserving buildings in certain places, such as Central and Western District and rural villages in the New Territories, while neglecting the preservation of historic buildings in other areas.
- (iii) Tsing Yi currently had no graded historic buildings, and the department's written reply did not mention the historic buildings in Tsing Yi, such as the Tsing Yi Fishermen's Children's School. He hoped that AMO could respond again.
- (iv) He hoped that HD would, as stated in the reply document, retain the components and provide a brief introduction of Block 12 of the former Kwai Shing East Estate, and conduct a comprehensive assessment before the clearance of SLIH to examine whether there were certain components that could be and were worth being retained.

145. Mr CHAN Tsz-kim, Joe, Senior Housing Manager (KC), HD, responded as follows:

- (i) The clearance would be carried out at the end of next year after all SLIH residents moved out. The Housing Authority would conduct a comprehensive assessment before clearing SLIH, and would consider the opinions of Members in examining whether there were any components that could be and were worth being retained.
- (ii) The Housing Authority was considering provision of brief introduction of

the retained components of Block 12 of the former Kwai Shing East Estate and would continue to follow up.

146. The Chairman put the motion to the vote. Of the Members who participated in the vote, there were 15 votes for, 0 vote against and 0 abstention. Members endorsed the motion.

(Post-meeting note: HD and AMO provided relevant replies regarding the above motion, i.e. K&T DC Circulation Paper (Information) No. 11/2021 and 15/2021.)

The Opening Status of the Soccer Pitch Near the Tsing Yi Municipal Services Building on Tsing Luk Street in Tsing Yi

(Proposed by Mr SIN Ho-fai, Mr WONG Chun-tat and Miss WONG Pit-man)
(K&T DC Paper No. 24/D/2021 & 24a/D/2021)

147. Mr WONG Chun-tat introduced the paper and put forth enquiries as follows:

- (i) Whether the hiring organisation would partially open the venue for public use.
- (ii) The reply document mentioned that the Tsing Yi Athletic Association had been awarded minor works by K&T DO in 2014 to improve the facilities of the sports ground. DLO then added special clauses to the short-term tenancy (STT) agreement as required by K&T DO. Considering that the cost of the works was less than \$2.3 million, he asked whether DLO would add additional conditions to the STT agreement.
- (iii) Enquired whether DLO had granted relevant STT in Kwai Tsing District to similar groups for use as sports ground.
- (iv) Enquired whether DLO had updated the clauses of the STT agreement.

148. Miss WONG Pit-man put forth enquiries as follows:

- (i) Enquired why there was no lighting system in the soccer pitch.
- (ii) Enquired about the usage rate of the soccer pitch.

149. Mr SIN Ho-fai put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) DLO should supervise the hiring organisation in its procedures regarding public application for using the venues and whether fees were involved.
- (ii) Enquired whether the refurbishment works for sites under STT with public funds was compliant with the regulations.

150. Mr TAM Ka-chun, Warren enquired about the application steps and procedures by the public to use the soccer pitch.

151. Ms HUNG Yuen-ching responded as follows:

- (i) With the support of K&T DO in 1990, an STT was granted to the Tsing Yi Athletic Association for use as sports ground at a nominal rent for a 1-year lease term, which was subject to renewal on a quarterly basis thereafter.
- (ii) Since the applicant organisations applied directly to the hiring organisation to hire the soccer pitch, DLO did not have relevant information.
- (iii) DLO did not receive any enquiries or complaints about failing to hire the soccer pitch.

152. Miss YIM Yik-huen, Bonnie responded as follows:

- (i) The improvement works of the soccer pitch was still in progress and was expected to be completed in May 2021. Therefore, it was believed that there was no need to arrange partial opening of the soccer pitch.
- (ii) K&T DO planned to discuss with the relevant power company the feasibility of installing solar-powered lighting system in the soccer pitch, and conduct a trial project in the basketball court. If the result was positive, the solar-powered lighting system would be installed in other locations. It was hoped that the lighting system would not affect nearby residential buildings when the lighting system came into operation.
- (iii) In response to problems of the soccer pitch like uneven ground, K&T DO arranged maintenance and repairs for it to avoid accidents when used by

members of the public.

153. Mr WONG Chun-tat asked what kind of non-compliance cases would prevent the hiring organisation from renewing the tenancy of the venue. Since the venue was where the Tsing Yi Bamboo Theatre, which was well-received by residents, was held, he worried that the hiring organisation could not renew the tenancy of the venue due to breach of regulations, which would result in the failure to hold the Tsing Yi Bamboo Theatre.

154. Miss WONG Pit-man put forth enquiries as follows:

- (i) The renewal terms and mechanism of the STT.
- (ii) Which department took charge of public complaints regarding the soccer pitch.

155. Mr SIN Ho-fai put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) Whether DLO had supervised the hiring organisation regarding the procedures of public application for using the venues, usage rate and whether fees were involved.
- (ii) DLO received no public enquiries and complaints about not being able to hire the soccer pitch because the public did not know that the soccer pitch was available for hiring.

156. Mr TAM Ka-chun, Warren enquired whether the public should obtain relevant information on the application for the use of the soccer pitch from DLO, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing. If not, DLO, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing should state the relevant application procedures for using the soccer pitch.

157. Ms HUNG Yuen-ching responded as follows:

- (i) With the support of K&T DO in 1990, an STT was granted to the Tsing Yi Athletic Association for use as sports ground at a nominal rent.
- (ii) K&T DO would record the usage rate of the soccer pitch.
- (iii) As far as she knew, if any organisation or member of the public wanted to

hire the soccer pitch but encountered difficulties, DLO was pleased to contact the lessee regarding the lease of the soccer pitch.

158. Miss YIM Yik-huen, Bonnie responded that the rules for the use of the venue and the contact information of the hiring organisation had been posted in the soccer pitch, and she would supplement the procedures for hiring the soccer pitch and its usage rate after the meeting.

159. The Chairman suggested Member should follow up the issue in the Planning and District Facilities Management Committee after receiving supplementary information from K&T DO.

Status of the Free Testing Services in Kwai Tsing District

(Proposed by Mr CHOW Wai-hung, Rayman, Mr LEUNG Chi-shing, Miss LEUNG Ching-shan)

(K&T DC Paper No. 30/D/2021 & 30a/D/2021)

160. Miss LEUNG Ching-shan introduced the paper and put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) Citizens and organisations excessively obtained specimen collection packs and resold them for profit, reflecting the market's demand for testing services.
- (ii) Suggested keeping the arrangement of providing free specimen collection packs.
- (iii) Suggested increasing the distribution points and number of specimen collection packs based on residents' needs.

161. Mr LAU Chi-kit put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) The public had a certain demand for testing services, including employees in kindergartens, nursing homes and restaurants.
- (ii) To achieve the goal of "early identification, early isolation, and early treatment", free testing services in Kwai Tsing District should be maintained.

- (iii) As not everyone was suitable for vaccination, he proposed that the number of specimen collection packs should be increased.

162. Mr LEUNG Kwok-wah stated that the teachers, students and staff of a kindergarten in Shek Lei (I) Estate were required to undergo compulsory testing. Shek Lei Shopping Centre also had many restaurants while employees in the catering industry needed to undergo regular testing. In view of the above requirements, he proposed to increase the distribution points and the number of specimen collection packs to tie in with the relevant testing measures.

163. Mr CHOW Wai-hung, Rayman put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) The number of specimen collection packs distributed could not meet the needs of more than 50 000 residents in the district. As a result, there were citizens who had to take leave to look for specimen collection packs distribution points, go to the testing centres for testing, and go across districts to other distribution points to obtain specimen collection packs.
- (ii) Proposed to increase the distribution points and number of specimen collection packs to tie in with the relevant testing measures.
- (iii) He was disappointed that the Department of Health (DH) did not send representative to attend the meeting.

164. Mr LEUNG Kam-wai put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) The compulsory testing measures and compulsory testing in restricted areas caused inconvenience to residents, and residents reported that it was difficult to obtain specimen collection packs.
- (ii) When Chai Wan was a restricted area for compulsory testing, candidates for the current year's public examinations had priority to undergo the testing and receive the test results upon presentation of the relevant admission tickets. However, other districts did not have such arrangement that candidates might fail to take the examinations. He suggested that the Government should cancel unnecessary compulsory testing measures.

165. Mr KWOK Tsz-kin put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) He regretted that the Food and Health Bureau and DH had not sent representative to attend the meeting since the beginning of the year, and the relevant bureau and department had not specifically responded to the written enquiries and related issues submitted by Members.
- (ii) Suggested that the Government should accept public applications for obtaining specimen collection packs by mail again.
- (iii) Some employees in the catering industry failed to obtain specimen collection packs or could not receive vaccinations due to their physical conditions, so they had to undergo regular testing at their own expense instead. The related testing costs would increase their burden of living.

166. Mr SIN Ho-fai put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) A resident reported that it took 3 days before specimen collection packs were successfully collected at the private clinics when St. Thomas the Apostle Church was subject to compulsory testing. During the process, the staff of the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) advised the resident to put stool specimen into the bottle for deep throat saliva specimens for testing. Although CHP had clarified afterwards, it showed that the instructions of CHP were confusing.
- (ii) The stool specimen bottle had been insufficient since July last year, but the relevant departments had not resolved the problem so far.

167. Mr CHEUNG Man-lung put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) He was disappointed that DH did not send representative to attend the meeting.
- (ii) He hoped that the Government could improve the testing services and ensure that the number of specimen collection packs were sufficient to cater for relevant compulsory testing measures.
- (iii) Suggested that the Government should extend the distribution time of the

specimen collection packs.

168. Ms LEUNG Kar-ming put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) The compulsory testing measures and compulsory testing in restricted areas were effective anti-epidemic measures, but the arrangements for compulsory testing by the relevant departments needed to be improved.
- (ii) The number of specimen collection packs was not enough.
- (iii) The information on the arrangement of the specimen collection packs changed from time to time that the residents were at a loss as to what to follow.
- (iv) At present, grassroots citizens needed to undergo testing across districts. She suggested that the Kwai Chung Sports Ground should be opened to all citizens in need for testing, so as to facilitate crowd management and reduce the risk of group gathering.

Revisions to Guidelines on the Use of K&T DC Funds

(Proposed by the Kwai Tsing District Office / Kwai Tsing District Council Secretariat)

(K&T DC Paper No. 25/D/2021)

169. Mr LAU Chi-kit put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) One of the options for “Sources of Recurrent Cost” in Annex B1 of the “Guidelines on the Use of Kwai Tsing District Council Funds” (the Guidelines) was the Community Chest, whose targets of subsidies were mostly non-governmental organisations (NGOs), so he did not understand why K&T DO opined that social enterprises (SEs) did not meet the eligibility criteria for applying for K&T DC funds in principle.
- (ii) Certain difficulties would be encountered in hiring temporary staff at the current level of limit of remuneration expenditure. In addition, in order to protect the welfare of staff, he proposed to raise the limit of expenditure on temporary staff’s remuneration.

170. Miss LO Yuen-ting put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) Regarding the modification of the definition of “same organisation”, what should be done if the registered organisation did not have secretary and treasurer.
- (ii) Agreed that the job nature and requirements of temporary workers and administrative assistants were not the same, so it was unreasonable to set the limit of expenditure on both at \$62 per hour. However, she agreed that setting the upper limit of expenditure for employment of temporary workers at \$37.5 per hour was not enough.

171. Mr LEUNG Kam-wai put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) It was not that SEs did not meet the eligibility criteria for application for K&T DC funds in principle, but SEs needed to submit documents to prove that they met the eligibility criteria for application for K&T DC funds.
- (ii) It was noted that other DCs did not set a limit of expenditure for employment of temporary staff, but only stated that the employment of temporary staff and related expenditure could not exceed 20% of the total funding applied for a project. The relevant practice allowed organisations to have more flexibility in hiring temporary staff.
- (iii) He disagreed to determine the level of remuneration by level of education, but should be by the nature of the job instead. He opined that the difference between temporary workers and administrative assistants lied in the length of the employment period. After making reference to the relevant remuneration levels in the Government, he suggested that the upper limit of expenditure on temporary workers and administrative assistants should both be set at \$62 per hour.
- (iv) Regarding the limit of expenditure on “temporary workers”, making reference to the statutory minimum wage level (\$37.5 per hour) was not enough.

172. Mr SIN Ho-fai put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) It was not that SEs did not meet the eligibility criteria for application for

K&T DC funds in principle, but it should depend on whether the organisations met the eligibility criteria set out in the Guidelines in actual operation.

- (ii) Agreed that the upper limit of expenditure for employment of temporary workers set at \$37.5 per hour was not sufficient. By making reference to the bidding documents for cleaning contracts of FEHD, the salaries of cleaning workers accounted for a certain percentage of the score in assessment, which showed that the Government was proactively raising the relevant salary level.

173. Mr TAM Ka-chun, Warren stated that many companies/organisations provided the third gender or other options on their forms. K&T DC should keep up with the development of gender identity. Therefore, he proposed to add titles other than “Mr/Ms” to all forms of K&T DC for applicants to choose.

174. The District Officer responded that K&T DO, as the controlling officer of DC funds, needed to make final considerations based on whether the funded projects complied with the relevant funding guidelines and were cost-effective to ensure that public funds were used appropriately.

175. Mr LEUNG Wing-kuen stated that according to the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF)’s application form for the registration of a society, there was no requirement for provision of information on the treasurer, secretary and vice-chairman.

176. Mr CHOW Wai-hung, Rayman added that HKPF’s application form for the registration of a society did not require for provision of information on the treasurer, secretary and vice-chairman, but just let the applicants fill in the relevant information on their own.

177. Mr TAM Ka-chun, Warren stated that according to the paper submitted by the Secretariat, organisations only needed to submit the list of three office-bearers (such as the chairman, treasurer, secretary, etc.) of the registered society. There was no requirement for provision of information on the treasurer, secretary and vice-chairman, so it was suggested to modify the form according to such practice, e.g. to indicate “the names of the office-bearers” only.

178. Mr LAU Chi-kit suggested that the Secretariat should modify the “Treasurer”,

“Secretary” and “Vice-chairman” in the form to “Title in the Society” for applicants to fill in the relevant information as in HKPF's application form for the registration of societies.

179. The Chairman put the suggestions in the paper to the vote one by one. Item (i) (i.e. funding application by local organisations) of paragraph 3 of the paper would be put to the vote first to decide whether the form would be revised according to the aforesaid request by Members. Of the Members who participated in the vote, there was 0 vote against and 0 abstention. Members endorsed item (i) of paragraph 3 of the paper.

180. The Chairman put item (ii) (i.e. funding application by SEs under NGOs) of paragraph 3 of the paper to the vote.

181. The District Officer stated that if Members agreed to the suggestion in item (ii) of paragraph 3 of the paper, there would be no need to revise the relevant content in the Guidelines.

182. The Chairman stated that since no Member suggested revisions regarding item (ii) of paragraph 3 of the paper, there was no need to put item (ii) of paragraph 3 of the paper to vote.

183. The Chairman put item (iii) (i.e. the Member-in-charge mechanism) of paragraph 3 of the paper to the vote. Of the Members who participated in the vote, there was 0 vote against and 0 abstention. Members endorsed item (iii) of paragraph 3 of the paper.

184. Miss LO Yuen-ting said that it was unreasonable to raise the upper limit of expenditure on both temporary workers and administrative assistants at \$62 per hour, and therefore she suggested not putting item (iv) (i.e. the upper limit of expenditure on “temporary staff”) of paragraph 3 of the paper to the vote in a bundle.

185. Mr LEUNG Wing-kuen said that raising the upper limit of expenditure on both temporary workers and administrative assistants together allowed the chairmen of WGs more room of adjustment in drafting the project estimates.

186. Mr TAM Ka-chun, Warren enquired whether the sub-items of “temporary workers” and “administrative assistants” currently under “temporary staff” could be deleted.

187. The Secretary responded as follows:

- (i) The sub-items of “temporary workers” and “administrative assistants” under “temporary staff” set out the benchmark of the upper limit of expenditure adopted by K&T DC all along. The Guidelines also mentioned the differences between “temporary workers” and “administrative assistants”, and hence handling the two items separately had its significance.
- (ii) The job nature and requirements of temporary workers and administrative assistants were not the same, so it was unreasonable to set the upper limit of expenditure on both at \$62 per hour. In accordance with the Secretariat’s observation, the partner organisations could attract enough people to help carry out the projects following the current upper limit of expenditure on temporary workers (\$37.5 per hour) and administrative assistants (\$55 per hour) in organisation of projects. Hence, it was not objectively justifiable to spend more public funds on the item of “temporary staff”, and reiterated that public funds should be used in a prudent manner.

188. Mr LEUNG Kam-wai put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) The Guidelines did not stipulate that the upper limit of expenditure on temporary workers and administrative assistants’ remuneration could not be set at a standardised rate.
- (ii) Could not find out the reason of setting the upper limit of expenditure on administrative assistants’ remuneration at \$55 per hour in the first place.
- (iii) Disagreed that the remuneration of temporary workers who mainly performed manual work was necessarily lower than that of administrative assistants.
- (iv) The partner organisations and the Vetting Committee would make adjustment within the prescribed limit set under the expenditures on temporary staff’s remuneration.
- (v) To state that the employment of temporary staff and related expenditure could not exceed 20% of the total funding applied for a project could already avoid abuse of public funds in the employment of staff.

- (vi) The nature of temporary workers and administrative assistants could be handled by the Administration, Finance, Signature and Other Community Healthcare Projects (AFCSOCH) Committee.

189. Mr CHAN Chi-wing disagreed to set the upper limit of expenditure on temporary workers and administrative assistants' remuneration at a standardised level. Taking the preparation of dragon boat events as an example, if the remuneration of temporary workers had been substantially increased, whereas the proportion of related expenditure to the total funding amount applied for the project could not exceed 20%, it would render the partner organisations unable to hire enough staff to assist in organising the events.

190. The Chairman would first consult Members' opinions on item (iv) of paragraph 3 of the paper and then put it to the vote. First, it was on whether to set the upper limit of expenditure on temporary workers and administrative assistants' remuneration at different levels, and then on whether to adjust the upper limit of expenditure on temporary workers and administrative assistants' remuneration, and then on the upper limit of expenditure on temporary workers and administrative assistants' remuneration, and finally to put them to the vote for resolutions.

191. The Chairman conducted a poll as follows:

- (i) On whether to set the upper limit of expenditure on temporary workers and administrative assistants' remuneration at different levels. Of the Members who participated in the vote, there was 0 vote against and 0 abstention. Members agreed to set the upper limit of expenditure on temporary workers and administrative assistants' remuneration at different levels.
- (ii) On whether to adjust the upper limit of expenditure on temporary workers' remuneration. Of the Members who participated in the vote, there was 0 vote against and 0 abstention. Members agreed to adjust the upper limit of expenditure on temporary workers' remuneration.
- (iii) On whether to adjust the upper limit of expenditure on administrative assistants' remuneration. Of the Members who participated in the vote, there was 0 vote against and 0 abstention. Members agreed to adjust the upper limit of expenditure on administrative assistants' remuneration.

192. The Chairman suggested Members should discuss the upper limit of expenditure on temporary workers and administrative assistants' remuneration before voting for the issue.

193. Mr LEUNG Wing-kuen proposed to set the upper limit of expenditure on temporary workers' remuneration at \$60 per hour.

194. Mr LEUNG Kam-wai put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) Since Members agreed to set the upper limit of expenditure on temporary workers and administrative assistants' remuneration at different levels, he proposed to set the upper limit of expenditure on temporary workers' remuneration at \$62 per hour and then further raise that of administrative assistants.
- (ii) If there was concern that raising temporary workers' remuneration would render partner organisations unable to hire enough staff to organise activities, WGs or partner organisations could make adjustment within the prescribed limit set under the expenditures on temporary workers' remuneration.
- (iii) According to the data published by the Census and Statistics Department in 2020, the average hourly wage of general clerk was \$73.2. Members could consider making reference to the standard in setting the upper limit of expenditure on administrative assistants' remuneration.
- (iv) According to the data published by the Census and Statistics Department in 2020, the average hourly wage of labourer was \$64.5, which was even higher than his suggested upper limit of expenditure on temporary workers' remuneration of \$62 per hour. He explained that the suggested upper limit of expenditure on temporary workers' remuneration was mainly based on point 0 of the Government's Master Pay Scale in the calculation of the related upper limit of expenditure.

195. Mr TSUI Hiu-kit said that proportionally, if the upper limit of expenditure on administrative assistants' remuneration was raised to \$62 per hour, then that of temporary workers should be raised to \$42 per hour correspondingly.

196. Mr TAM Ka-chun, Warren suggested that the upper limit of expenditure on temporary workers and administrative assistants' remuneration be shown in two separate items as it was but the upper limit of expenditure on both should be standardised at the same level.

197. The Chairman said that 3 proposals were received from Members regarding the upper limit of expenditure on temporary workers' remuneration, which were \$40, \$60 and \$62 per hour, and he put them to the vote as follows:

- (i) On whether to set the upper limit of expenditure on temporary workers' remuneration at \$40 per hour. Of the Members who participated in the vote, there were 3 votes for the proposal.
- (ii) On whether to set the upper limit of expenditure on temporary workers' remuneration at \$60 per hour. Of the Members who participated in the vote, there was 0 vote for the proposal.
- (iii) On whether to set the upper limit of expenditure on temporary workers' remuneration at \$62 per hour. Of the Members who participated in the vote, there were 12 votes for the proposal.

198. The Chairman summed up that Members agreed to set the upper limit of expenditure on temporary workers' remuneration at \$62 per hour.

199. The District Officer reiterated that the Home Affairs Department (HAD), being the Controlling Officer of the fund, needed to make final considerations based on whether the funded projects complied with the relevant funding guidelines and were cost-effective to ensure that public funds were used appropriately. If it was found that the remunerations of temporary workers and administrative assistants were both \$62 per hour in the projects, the project content, market conditions and relevant guidelines would be carefully considered by then.

200. Mr LEUNG Kam-wai proposed to set the upper limit of expenditure on administrative assistants' remuneration at \$62 per hour.

201. The Chairman put to the vote as regards whether to set the upper limit of expenditure on administrative assistants' remuneration at \$62 per hour. Of the Members who participated in the vote, there was 0 vote against and 0 abstention. Members agreed

to set the upper limit of expenditure on administrative assistants' remuneration at \$62 per hour.

202. Mr LEUNG Kam-wai moved a motion to set the upper limit of expenditure on temporary workers and administrative assistants' remuneration at \$62 per hour. Mr LEUNG Wing-kuen seconded.

203. The Chairman put to the vote as regards whether to set the upper limit of expenditure on temporary workers and administrative assistants' remuneration at \$62 per hour. Of the Members who participated in the vote, there was 0 vote against and 0 abstention. Members agreed to set the upper limit of expenditure on temporary worker and administrative assistants' remuneration at \$62 per hour.

204. The Chairman suggested that Members should first vote on whether they agreed to include titles other than "Mr/Ms" currently in the funding application form for community involvement (CI) projects, and then had it submitted to AFCSOCH Committee to deal with the revision details of the form, and then Members' opinions would be sought in form of circulation of paper.

205. Mr TAM Ka-chun, Warren suggested revising all related forms of K&T DC together.

206. The Chairman said that since the paper only proposed to revise the funding application form for CI projects, votes should be cast specifically for the proposals of the paper.

207. The Chairman put item (v) (i.e. funding application form for CI projects) of paragraph 3 of the paper to the vote.

208. Mr TAM Ka-chun, Warren requested for an open ballot.

209. The Chairman put it to the vote in an open ballot.

210. The voting result was as follows:

For: 15 votes
(Mr CHEUNG Man-lung, Mr CHEUNG Kwan-kiu, Steve,
Mr CHOI Nga-man, Mr HON Chun-yin, Mr LAU Chi-kit,

Miss LEUNG Ching-shan, Mr LEUNG Wing-kuen, Mr LEUNG Kam-wai, Mr NG Kim-sing, Mr SIN Ho-fai, Mr TAM Ka-chun, Warren, Mr TONG Ho-man, Mr WONG Chun-tat, Miss WONG Pit-man, Mr WONG Yun-tat, Ivan)

Against: 0 vote

Abstention: 3 votes
(Mr CHOW Wai-hung, Rayman, Mr LEUNG Chi-shing, Miss LO Yuen-ting)

211. The Chairman announced the endorsement of including titles other than “Mr/Ms” currently in the funding application form for CI projects.

Revisions to K&T DC Standing Orders

(Proposed by Kwai Tsing District Office/Kwai Tsing District Council Secretariat)
(K&T DC Paper No. 26/D/2021)

212. The Chairman put the proposed revisions to the Kwai Tsing District Council Standing Orders (“the Standing Orders”) in the paper to the vote item by item as follows:

- (i) On whether to pass the revision to Order 18(2) of the Standing Orders. Of the Members who participated in the vote, there was 0 vote against and 0 abstention. Members endorsed the revision to Order 18(2) of the Standing Orders.
- (ii) On whether to pass the revision to Order 19(2) of the Standing Orders. Of the Members who participated in the vote, there was 0 vote against and 0 abstention. Members endorsed the revision to Order 19(2) of the Standing Orders.
- (iii) On whether to pass the revision to Order 20(1) of the Standing Orders. Of the Members who participated in the vote, there was 0 vote against and 0 abstention. Members endorsed the revision to Order 20(1) of the Standing Orders.
- (iv) On whether to pass the revision to Order 21(1) of the Standing Orders. Of the Members who participated in the vote, there was 0 vote against and

0 abstention. Members endorsed the revision to Order 21(1) of the Standing Orders.

- (v) On whether to pass the revision to Order 21(3) of the Standing Orders. Of the Members who participated in the vote, there was 0 vote against and 0 abstention. Members endorsed the revision to Order 21(3) of the Standing Orders.
- (vi) On whether to pass the revision to Order 38(7) of the Standing Orders. Of the Members who participated in the vote, there was 0 vote against and 0 abstention. Members endorsed the revision to Order 38(7) of the Standing Orders.
- (vii) On whether to pass the revision to Order 38(9) of the Standing Orders. Of the Members who participated in the vote, there was 0 vote against and 0 abstention. Members endorsed the revision to Order 38(9) of the Standing Orders.
- (viii) On whether to pass the revision to Order 44(2) of the Standing Orders. Of the Members who participated in the vote, there was 0 vote against and 0 abstention. Members endorsed the revision to Order 44(2) of the Standing Orders.

213. The Secretary stated that according to the views of HAD and DoJ, a Member had to submit a written application to K&T DC before the meeting, and provide reasons for K&T DC to consider the application on a reasonable and fair basis, and appropriately exercise its discretion to accept the Member's absence. Based on the above reasons, K&T DO/the Secretariat put forward relevant suggestion in the paper regarding revision to Order 44(1) of the Standing Orders proposed by Members.

214. Mr CHEUNG Kwan-kiu, Steve agreed to the suggestion put forward by the Secretariat.

215. The Chairman stated that the suggestions put forward by the Secretariat was in compliance with the requirement set in the District Councils Ordinance.

216. Mr TAM Ka-chun, Warren enquired how to handle in case there was objection to the leave application of the Member at the meeting.

217. The Chairman responded that if there was Member who did not accept the leave application at the meeting, the Member concerned would be regarded as being absent from the meeting.

218. The Chairman conducted a vote on whether to pass the revision to Order 44(1) of the Standing Orders. Of the Members who participated in the vote, there was 0 vote against and 0 abstention. Members endorsed the revision to Order 44(1) of the Standing Orders.

Introduction of Paper

2021-2022 Work Plan of Regional Office (New Territories South West), Independent Commission Against Corruption

(Proposed by Independent Commission Against Corruption)
(K&T DC Paper No. 27/I/2021)

219. Ms LEUNG Chui-ha, Jodi, Regional Officer/New Territories West, Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), introduced with slides the 2021-2022 Work Plan of Regional Office (New Territories South West), ICAC.

220. The Chairman stated that ICAC proposed to organise the Youth Integrity Fest Programme in Kwai Tsing District titled Light Up My Integrity (lit.) and invited K&T DC to be a supporting organisation.

221. Member unanimously endorsed K&T DC to become a supporting organisation for the Youth Integrity Fest Programme in Kwai Tsing District titled Light Up My Integrity.

Information Paper

Briefing on Public Order Situation on February 2021 and March 2021

(Proposed by the Hong Kong Police Force)
(K&T DC Paper No. 27/I/2021)

222. Chief Superintendent Mr TSE Chun-chung, District Commander (Kwai Tsing), HKPF, introduced the law and order situation in Kwai Tsing and the main points were as follows:

- (i) A total of 923 crimes were recorded in Kwai Tsing District from January to March 2021, an increase of 107 cases (approximately 13.1%) from 816 cases from October to December 2020.
- (ii) The increase was mainly attributed to fraud, illegal debt collection and shop theft. The total number of the three types of crimes increased by 136 cases. In addition, violent crimes fell from 148 cases to 135 cases, a decrease of 13 cases (approximately 8.8%). The number of burglaries dropped from 20 cases to 11 cases whereas there was no record of robbery cases in the first quarter of this year.
- (iii) In the past month, the Kwai Tsing Police District (KWTPD) had detected a number of serious crimes in the district, including burglaries, indecent assaults, and burglaries with intent to rape. In addition, a number of cross-district restaurant burglaries, illegal debt collection-related criminal damage cases, serious drug cases, etc. were also detected.
- (iv) The Police Force formulated the Commissioner's Operational Priorities every year. KWTPD also formulated its operational priorities in response to the overall crime situation in the district. KWTPD would later release its operational priorities for the coming year.
- (v) KWTPD would focus on preventing and fighting crime, take intelligence-led actions and step up patrols at high-risk locations to curb crimes, and cooperate with relevant stakeholders with a focus on people's livelihood and public order issues that were of concern to the community and the public, especially in combatting crimes occurred in buildings and violent crimes, including burglaries, illegal debt collection activities and sexual crimes.
- (vi) KWTPD would continue to strengthen liaison with the community, for example, by posting in the Facebook page "kwt tickalert", and contacting District Councillors, schools and other stakeholders to enhance the understanding of the work of the Police by the public, with a view to promoting crime prevention information and curb the rise in crime.
- (vii) In terms of anti-epidemic work, in the past 2 months, KWTPD had conducted 272 inspections, 6 inter-governmental joint operations, issued

204 summonses, and smashed 8 party rooms and illegal gambling stalls. KWTPD would continue to take “stand steadfast at posts and fight the disease together” as its mission, and work with the public to fight the disease and curb the spread of the epidemic.

223. Ms LEUNG Kar-ming put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) Thanked the Police and frontline personnel for their assistance in the fight against the epidemic, including compulsory testing in the restricted areas.
- (ii) Residents reported that there were suspicious symbols in their estates. She asked the Police whether they had found similar symbols in Kwai Tsing District and had related follow-up work.

224. Mr TSE Chun-chung responded as follows:

- (i) As regards the suspicious symbols the residents suspected to be left by criminals in the housing estates, the Police had not received similar requests for assistance from residents, but would pay close attention to and follow up the incident.
- (ii) KWTPD alerted the security personnel of all public housing estates in the district to pay more attention through an instant messaging group for the housing in Kwai Tsing. If the above situation was discovered, the Police should be notified immediately. Earlier, the Police had received reports of suspicious symbols found in Shek Yam East Estate, Kwai Shing East Estate, Shek Yam Estate, Tsing Yi Estate, Cheung On Estate and Kwai Chung Estate. After preliminary investigation by the Police, they were believed to be old traces and no suspicious signs had been found.
- (iii) KWTPD would deploy additional uniformed officers to conduct patrols and remind the security personnel to be vigilant, increase the number of patrols, and better monitor the entry and exit of residents in the estates.
- (iv) The New Territories South Regional Crime Prevention Bureau would also provide recommendations on security inspections and security measures to the property management offices and residents in the district.

- (v) KWTPD would continue to post more crime information on the Facebook page “kwt tickalert” for the public.

225. Mr CHAN Tsz-kim, Joe responded as follows:

- (i) HD had strengthened security control, including strict enforcement of visitor registration at the entrance of the buildings and the requirement for security guards to pay attention to and report abnormal matters, such as suspicious marks, debt collection and vandalism, to the office during daily patrols.
- (ii) HD headquarters had put up notices at the end of April to remind residents of anti-theft measures.

226. Ms LEUNG Kar-ming hoped that the Police continued to post information on relevant social media platforms. She would share relevant information with residents of the district so they could grasp the crime information in Kwai Tsing District and beware of crimes.

227. Mr TSE Chun-chung noted Member’s suggestions.

228. Miss LO Yuen-ting put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) Thanked the Police for following up the destruction of her banner earlier and bringing the culprit to justice.
- (ii) Recently, the Police had conducted a number of anti-crime operations in the industrial area and issued summonses to illegal party rooms. She enquired as the epidemic continued, what the Police’s responses were as regards illegal business and public order issues in the industrial area.

229. Mr TSE Chun-chung responded as follows:

- (i) In 2020, there were 214 cases related to industrial buildings in the district, and there were 79 cases from January to March 2021, an increase of 29 cases (58%) from October to December 2020. Major crimes included frauds, burglaries, thefts and criminal damage cases.

- (ii) The Police believed that the closure of business under the epidemic caused unlicensed bars, party rooms and illegal gambling stalls to take the opportunity to attract those consumers. Therefore, the Police would conduct high-profile patrols from time to time and regularly conduct the Security Guards Alertness Campaign in a bid to increase the alertness of the security personnel on duty. In the past, the Police took a number of intelligence-led operations and successfully smashed a number of criminal cases in the industrial areas, including burglaries and drug-related cases.
- (iii) From January to April 2021, KWTPD officers conducted a total of 149 inspections in the industrial area, raided 134 party rooms, unlicensed bars, hookah bars and illegal gambling stalls, and issued 157 summonses to those who had breached the gathering restriction order.
- (iv) The Police worked in collaboration with the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups (HKFYG). When any young people were found to be suspected of carrying out or participating in illegal activities in industrial buildings, they would be referred to HKFYG. It was hoped that social workers could intervene in the cases as early as possible and provide appropriate assistance to the young people. Since the beginning of the scheme, 30 young people in need of assistance had been successfully referred, with a success rate of 97%. The Police hoped that in addition to law enforcement, they could cooperate with social workers to help high-risk young people in need.

230. Mr TSUI Hiu-kit put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) The problem of illegal parking in the district had been greatly improved, and he hoped that the Police could continue to strengthen relevant law enforcement actions.
- (ii) Seeing that illegal debt collection-related criminal damage cases or drug trafficking crimes mostly involved young people, he asked whether the Police would maintain close contact with schools to bring anti-crime messages to students and parents.

231. Mr TSE Chun-chung responded as follows:

- (i) In terms of traffic law enforcement, the Police had always adopted a “zero tolerance” approach to traffic black spots that caused serious obstruction or posed danger to the public. In addition to issuing penalty tickets, the Police would also take towing operations. In 2019, KWTPD had issued an average of about 6 800 penalty tickets per month. In 2020, an average of 11 000 penalty tickets had been issued every month and 18 offending vehicles were towed away. Nonetheless, in the first 3 months of 2021, the average monthly figure of penalty tickets had reached 15 000, and 28 offending vehicles had been towed away.
- (ii) KWTPD had established a district traffic enforcement team in mid-January this year, which was responsible for strategic analysis of the traffic conditions in the district at different times and conducting proactive and targeted enforcement at traffic black spots. In 2020, there had been an average of 1 360 traffic complaint cases each month. Since the establishment of the enforcement team, there had only been an average of 1 120 complaint cases per month in 2021, a decrease of 17.6%, showing that the new measure was effective.
- (iii) Although no significant increase was seen in the overall number of juvenile crimes compared to last year, there had been a significant increase in the number of illegal debt collection-related criminal damage cases and drug trafficking crimes, as well as cases of teenagers being victims of “naked chat” cases. In response to the above situation, the Police had strengthened liaison with schools and parent-teacher associations, and regularly sent relevant crime messages to students through school representatives and parent-teacher associations to prevent them from going astray.

232. Mr CHOW Wai-hung, Rayman put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) Enquired what crimes that most of the criminal damage cases in the report involved and whether the relevant crimes had been detected.
- (ii) The age group and relevant background of the people involved in blackmail cases.
- (iii) The reason of the significant increase in the number of blackmail cases.

- (iv) Thanked the Police for intercepting suspicious vehicles at Kwai Shing Circuit on the 14th of last month and in the morning of the meeting respectively and discovered drugs in the vehicles and arrested persons involved aged 23, 18 and 22. He wanted to know how the Police identified suspicious vehicles and prevented young people from committing drug offences.

233. Mr TSE Chun-chung responded as follows:

- (i) From January to March 2021, a total of 122 criminal damage cases were recorded in KWTPD, 89 of which involved illegal debt collection, an increase of about 50% from 60 cases from September to December 2020. The Police believed that the increase in the numbers was mainly due to various insolvency issues in the society because of the impact of the epidemic.
- (ii) Since August 2020, the Police had arrested 19 persons in anti-illegal debt collection operations, in which 14 criminal damage cases and 90 units were involved.
- (iii) The Police and representatives of the security industry in public housing estates in the district had established a real-time mutual communication platform. When there was crime, group members would immediately send out messages to let other members obtain real-time information. In addition, the Police would also step up patrols to curb crimes.
- (iv) The Police recorded a total of 33 blackmail cases from January to March 2021, of which 24 were related to “naked chat” cases. Nearly half of the victims were students. Therefore, the Police would strengthen relevant education work.
- (v) There were 39 drug cases in 2019 and 60 cases in 2020, but there were already 27 cases from January to March 2021, and the upward trend was obvious. The proportion of young people involved in drug cases in the overall drug cases had also increased from 14% in 2019 to 26% in 2020 and 31% from January to March 2021.

234. Mr LEUNG Wing-kuen put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) Nuisance behaviours of South Asians were seen in On Yam Estate recently and the relevant problems had been reported to the estate manager. Residents lodged complaint to HD about the above-mentioned nuisance behaviour. HD had security guards to mediate, but those South Asians retaliated against the security guards after the incident, such as by throwing eggs at the guards. He asked whether the Police could step up patrols in such situation.
- (ii) Recently, there had been a case of indecent assault involving South Asian in Northeast Kwai Chung. A woman was harassed by a South Asian on On Chuk Street. He asked the Police for the solution.

235. Mr TSE Chun-chung responded as follows:

- (i) The Police had arrested a young South Asian man for loitering earlier because he was involved in nuisance behaviour near the school. The Police attached great importance to such cases and would actively follow up.
- (ii) Regarding nuisances caused by ethnic minorities, the Police would step up patrols and communicate with relevant NGOs and ethnic minority leaders in the district.
- (iii) The Police would pay attention to the incidents from multiple perspectives. Regarding the gathering of individual ethnic minorities, the Police had sent crime officers to communicate with them to prevent them from being recruited by the triad societies.

236. Mr TAM Ka-chun, Warren put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) Disagreed that only young people committed the above crimes. If the problem was dealt with in the form of punishment only, it would not solve issues of juvenile delinquency. He asked the Police whether they could first understand the reasons behind when they dealt with young people involved in “recreational drugs”, and contact relevant NGOs or social welfare organisations that were familiar with the relevant cases to assist

in dealing with youth problems.

- (ii) It was noted that police officers of other police district had accused a young person of drug trafficking in order to make the young person who was involved in the case disclose the accomplice. The penalties for drug trafficking and possession of drugs were very different. He had reservations about the way the police officers of that police district handled the case.

237. Mr TSE Chun-chung responded as follows:

- (i) Regarding Member's opinions, the Police agreed that the drug abuse problem of young people could not be solved by punishment alone, but absolutely disagreed to use "recreational drugs" to sugarcoat the issue of youth drug abuse.
- (ii) The Police Force was a law enforcement agency and enforcing the law was the responsibility of the Police. The Police agreed that assistance should be provided to young people before a crime was committed. Therefore, the Police and HKFYP launched a referral programme in the hope that social workers could intervene in the cases as early as possible and provide young people with appropriate assistance to prevent them from going astray.
- (iii) The number of youth crime figures provided by the Police were only objective figures, rather than highlighting the problem of juvenile delinquency.
- (iv) The Police disagreed to cover up and sugarcoat soft drugs as "recreational drugs". That kind of sugarcoating would undermine young people's awareness of soft drugs, and even result in ignorance of the consequences of breaking relevant laws. In response to young people's lack of awareness of drug-related laws and related penalties, the Police had invited a retired magistrate to help explain, in a bid to prevent young people from going astray through education.

238. Mr LEUNG Kwok-wah put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) The Police once had an ethnic minority liaison officer. He asked whether the Police would create the post again to deal with issues regarding ethnic minorities.
- (ii) The Police should arrange more activities to educate the ethnic minority youngsters about anti-crime knowledge.
- (iii) Proposed to install district facilities for ethnic minorities to use.

239. Mr TSE Chun-chung responded as follows:

- (i) There was still one ethnic minority liaison officer at present.
- (ii) The Police Force agreed there was need to strengthen communication with ethnic minorities and had hired ethnic minorities to join the Force. KWTPD had also arranged ethnic minority youngsters to visit the police station from time to time and invited them to join the Junior Police Call (JPC) to help them integrate into the community through JPC's activities to prevent them from going astray.

Report Item

Reports of the K&T DC Committees

(Submitted by the Secretariat of K&T DC)

(K&T DC Paper No. 29/R/2021)

240. Members noted the above paper.

Any Other Business

241. The Chairman received an extempore motion:

Motion: The Kwai Tsing District Council Requests the Lands Department to Give an Account of the Current Practice Regarding the Handling of Unauthorised Banners. (The Extempore Motion)

(Moved by Miss WONG Pit-man, seconded by Mr CHOW Wai-hung, Rayman, Mr KWOK Tsz-kin, Mr TAM Ka-chun, Warren, Mr WONG Chun-tat)

242. The Chairman put the extempore motion to the vote for acceptance. Of the Members who participated in the vote, there was 0 vote against and 0 abstention. Members accepted the extempore motion.

243. Miss WONG Pit-man said that unauthorised banners often appeared in Tsing Yi. Residents had made enquiries to LandsD about the issue, and LandsD had replied that the banners could not be removed. She asked why she had been fined for unauthorised banner, but LandsD could not remove the banners mentioned above.

244. Mr WONG Chun-tat said that LandsD had responded regarding the unauthorised banners in Tsing Yi, stating that it was difficult to find the owners of the banners that it was unable to take further follow-up actions. Yet, the unauthorised banners discovered recently all had portraits, names and contact information. He asked whether LandsD would recover the fines from the people concerned.

245. Mr KWOK Tsz-kin requested LandsD to give an account of the situation concerning unauthorised banners in Kwai Tsing District.

246. Miss LEUNG Ching-shan requested LandsD to give the number and display locations of the unauthorised banners.

247. Ms HUNG Yuen-ching responded as follows:

- (i) The number of unauthorised banners in Kwai Tsing District would be supplemented later.
- (ii) According to the established procedures, LandsD would work with other relevant departments to process the promotional materials displayed at the designated display locations. If complaint was received regarding the content or format of the unauthorised banner, investigations would be conducted on whether the banner had been hung without approval. If the relevant area had been approved by LandsD to display banners, LandsD would investigate whether the content and format of the banner was in violation of related regulations. If violation was found, LandsD would require the owner of the banner to remove or repair it within a specified time limit. If the owner did not make follow-up actions required by the department within the specified time limit, the department would work with FEHD to remove the relevant banner. FEHD would consider

imposing fines for the owner of the banner after the removal.

- (iii) As far as she knew, since the unauthorised banner mentioned by Miss WONG Pit-man was a cross-district application, the application had been approved by LandsD, and the Special Duties Task Force (the Task Force) was processing the relevant complaint.
- (iv) DLOs were required to report individual complaint cases of unauthorised banners to LandsD. If Members thought that there was a delay in the processing time, reports would be made to LandsD after the meeting.

248. Mr CHEUNG Kwan-kiu, Steve said that the Task Force handled most of the issues related to the unauthorised banners, but it had never sent staff to attend meetings to explain related issues or respond to questions from Members. He asked the department representatives to relay the content of the above discussions to the Task Force, and asked the Task Force to give a written reply.

249. The Chairman put the motion to the vote. Of the Members who participated in the vote, there was 0 vote against and 0 abstention. Members endorsed the extempore motion.

(Post-meeting note: LandsD and DLO, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing replied in response to the above motion, i.e. K&T DC Circulation Paper (Information) No. 13/2021.)

250. The Chairman received Mr LAU Chi-kit's application and related authorisation letter prior to the meeting to make an oral statement on behalf of Mr WAN Siu-kin, Andrew, Member of the Shek Yam constituency.

251. Mr LAU Chi-kit made an oral statement on behalf of the former K&T DC Member, Mr WAN Siu-kin, Andrew. He stated that after completing the work at hand, Mr WAN Siu-kin, Andrew issued a letter of resignation on May 10 to resign as the Member of the Shek Yam constituency and the term of office would be until May 11, which marked the end of his 18-year public service career. The Shek Yam constituency was the starting point and end point of Mr WAN Siu-kin, Andrew's political career. He had always insisted on serving the needy communities. It was very encouraging to see that Members still tried their best to serve the residents of Kwai Tsing District. Mr WAN Siu-kin, Andrew thanked all Members for their continued support and would always care about social affairs.

252. The Chairman received two extempore motions as follows:

Motion: This Council Thanked Mr WAN Siu-kin, Andrew for His Service to Kwai Tsing District and This Council over the Years. (Extempore Motion 1)

(Moved by Mr SIN Chung-kai, Mr NG Kim-sing, Mr LEUNG Wing-kuen, Mr LEUNG Kwok-wah, Mr TONG Ho-man, Mr HON Chun-yin, Mr LAU Chi-kit, seconded by Mr CHEUNG Man-lung, Mr CHOW Wai-hung, Rayman, Mr WONG Yun-tat, Ivan, Mr LEUNG Kam-wai, Mr CHEUNG Kwan-kiu, Steve, Mr CHOI Nga-man, Mr TAM Ka-chun, Warren, Mr SIN Ho-fai, Miss WONG Pit-man, Mr WONG Chun-tat, Mr KWOK Tsz-kin, Miss LEUNG Ching-shan)

Motion: This Council Thanked Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung for His Service to Kwai Tsing District and This Council over the Years. (Extempore Motion 2)

(Moved by Miss LEUNG Ching-shan, seconded by Mr SIN Chung-kai, Mr NG Kim-sing, Mr LEUNG Wing-kuen, Mr LEUNG Kwok-wah, Mr TONG Ho-man, Mr HON Chun-yin, Mr LAU Chi-kit, Mr CHEUNG Man-lung, Mr CHOW Wai-hung, Rayman, Mr WONG Yun-tat, Ivan, Mr LEUNG Kam-wai, Mr CHEUNG Kwan-kiu, Steve, Mr CHOI Nga-man, Mr TAM Ka-chun, Warren, Mr SIN Ho-fai, Miss WONG Pit-man, Mr WONG Chun-tat, Mr KWOK Tsz-kin)

253. Ms LEUNG Kar-ming opined that the above extempore motions were irrelevant to K&T DC's duties.

254. The Chairman put Extempore Motion 1 to the vote for acceptance. Of the Members who participated in the vote, there were 19 votes for, 2 votes against and 0 abstention. Members accepted Extempore Motion 1.

255. The Chairman put Extempore Motion 1 to the vote in an open ballot.

256. The voting result was as follows:

For: 19 votes
(Mr CHEUNG Man-lung, Mr CHEUNG Kwan-kiu, Steve, Mr CHOI Nga-man, Mr CHOW Wai-hung, Rayman, Mr HON Chun-yin, Mr KWOK Tsz-kin, Mr LAU Chi-kit, Miss LEUNG Ching-shan, Mr LEUNG Wing-kuen, Mr LEUNG Kam-wai, Mr LEUNG Kwok-wah, Mr NG Kim-sing, Mr SIN

Chung-kai, Mr SIN Ho-fai, Mr TAM Ka-chun, Warren, Mr TONG Ho-man, Mr WONG Chun-tat, Miss WONG Pit-man, Mr WONG Yun-tat, Ivan)

Against: 2 votes
(Ms LEUNG Kar-ming, Miss LO Yuen-ting)

Abstention: 0 vote

257. The Chairman declared that Extempore Motion 1 was endorsed.

258. The Chairman put Extempore Motion 2 to the vote for acceptance. Of the Members who participated in the vote, there was 0 vote against and 0 abstention. Members accepted Extempore Motion 2.

259. Miss LEUNG Ching-shan thanked everyone for their continued support on behalf of the former K&T DC Member Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung. Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung was elected as K&T DC Member in 1985. Over the years, he had been actively assisting residents in the constituency in solving many problems in the area and improving district facilities. Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung's 36 years of career in K&T DC would come to an end. He thanked all the Members for their contributions to K&T DC and service to the residents. He would continue to make concerted efforts together with grassroots workers.

260. The Chairman put Extempore Motion 2 to the vote in an open ballot.

261. The voting result was as follows:

For: 19 votes
(Mr CHEUNG Man-lung, Mr CHEUNG Kwan-kiu, Steve, Mr CHOI Nga-man, Mr CHOW Wai-hung, Rayman, Mr HON Chun-yin, Mr KWOK Tsz-kin, Mr LAU Chi-kit, Miss LEUNG Ching-shan, Mr LEUNG Wing-kuen, Mr LEUNG Kam-wai, Mr LEUNG Kwok-wah, Mr NG Kim-sing, Mr SIN Chung-kai, Mr SIN Ho-fai, Mr TAM Ka-chun, Warren, Mr TONG Ho-man, Mr WONG Chun-tat, Miss WONG Pit-man, Mr WONG Yun-tat, Ivan)

Against: 0 vote

Abstention 0 vote

262. The Chairman announced the endorsement of Extempore Motion 2 and closure of meeting.

Date of Next Meeting

263. The next meeting was scheduled to be held on 13 July 2021 (Tuesday).

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