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Sai Kung District Council
Housing & Environmental Hygiene Committee
Minutes of the Second Meeting in 2018

Date: 15 March 2018 (Thursday)

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Venue: Conference Room of the Sai Kung District Council

<u>Present</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Mr LING Man-hoi, BBS, MH (Chairman)	9:30 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
Mr AU Ning-fat, Alfred, MH	9:30 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
Mr CHAN Kai-wai	9:30 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
Mr CHAN Pok-chi, Jonathan	9:30 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
Mr CHAU Yin-ming, Francis, BBS, MH	9:30 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
Mr CHEUNG Mei-hung	9:40 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
Mr CHUNG Kam-lun	9:33 a.m.	10:54 a.m.
Hon FAN Kwok-wai, Gary	9:30 a.m.	10:50 a.m.
Ms FONG Kwok-shan, Christine	9:30 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
Mr HIEW Moo-siew	9:30 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
Mr HO Man-kit, Raymond	10:09 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
Mr LAI Ming-chak	9:40 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
Mr LAM Siu-chung, Frankie	9:30 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
Mr LAU Wai-cheung, Peter, MH	9:40 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
Mr LI Ka-leung, Philip	9:30 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
Mr LUI Man-kwong	9:30 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
Mr LUK Ping-choi	9:30 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
Mr SING Hon-keung, BBS, MH	9:30 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
Mr TAM Lanny, Stanley, MH	9:35 a.m.	11:40 a.m.
Mr TSE Ching-fung	9:30 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
Mr WAN Kai-ming	9:30 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
Mr WAN Yuet-cheung, BBS, MH, JP	9:30 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
Mr YAU Yuk-lun	9:30 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
Mr CHAN Yiu-wing, Yorick (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council)1, Sai Kung District Office	

In Attendance

Mr KWOK Chung-kai, Peter Assistant District Officer (Sai Kung)1, Sai Kung District Office

Miss LAU Sze-nga, Vivicia	Liaison Officer i/c (Youth Development/Tseung Kwan O (Central)), Sai Kung District Office	
Mr LAU Ching-kwong, Wallace	Senior Property Service Manager (Kowloon West and Sai Kung), Housing Department	
Ms MAR Suk-fong	Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)1, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	
Ms YEUNG Yuk-lai	Health Inspector (Pest Control) Sai Kung, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	
Mr YAU Wan-po, Wallace	Deputy District Leisure Manager (Sai Kung)2, Leisure and Cultural Services Department	
Mr MA Ki-tin, Geli	Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East)4 (Acting), Environmental Protection Department	
Mr LI Man-yim	Administrative Assistant/Lands (Acting), District Lands Office, Sai Kung	
Ms YUEN Ka-wai	Senior Engineer/Flood Control, Drainage Services Department	} For agenda item II
Mr TAM Ying-fan	Engineer/Flood Control 5, Drainage Services Department	
Mr CHAN Chi-wai, Stanley	Technical Director, AECOM Asia Company Limited	
Mr YEUNG Wing-fung	Senior Engineer, AECOM Asia Company Limited	} For agenda item III
Mr GIANG Tsz-sheung, Keith	Principal Assistant Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development (Communications and Creative Industries)A	
Miss HUI Ching-chi, Elaine	Assistant Director (Market & Competition), Office of the Communications Authority	
Ms LAI Yuen-shan, Helen	Head, Market & Competition 1, Office of the Communications Authority	
Mr LO Tsz-him, Andrew	Senior Regulatory Affairs Manager (Market & Competition 13), Office of the Communications Authority	
Mr WONG Wing-tat, Matthew	Regulatory Affairs Manager (Market & Competition 13)2, Office of the Communications Authority	} For agenda item IV
Mr CHEUK Fan-lun	Assistant Director/Planning & Services, Marine Department	
Mr CHAN Fook-chiu, Adrian	General Manager/Planning, Development & Port Security (Acting), Marine Department	
Mr SUN You-jin	Senior Marine Officer/Planning & Development (1) (Acting), Marine Department	
Ms WONG Nga-yin, Amy	Senior Statistician, Marine Department	

Absent

Mr KAN Siu-kei

Mr CHONG Yuen-tung

Mr LEUNG Li

Welcome Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all Members and attendees to the meeting.

2. The Chairman said Mr LEUNG Li and Mr KAN Siu-kei had submitted the Notifications of Absence from Meeting before the meeting as required. They could not attend the meeting because of other important commitment and overseas commitment respectively. Besides, Mr CHONG Yuen-tung had verbally informed the Secretariat before the meeting that he could not attend the meeting today. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the applications for absence from meeting were approved in accordance with Order 51(1) of the Sai Kung District Council Standing Orders (SKDC Standing Orders).

I. Confirmation of Minutes of the First Special Meeting of HEHC in 2018 Confirmation of Minutes of the First Meeting of HEHC in 2018

3. The Chairman said the Secretariat had not received any proposed amendment before the meeting. As no other amendment was proposed, the Chairman declared that the minutes of the above two meetings were confirmed.

II. Review of Drainage Master Plan in Sha Tin and Sai Kung – Feasibility Study Briefing on Recommended Drainage Improvement Works in Sai Kung (SKDC(HEHC) Paper No. 28/18)

4. The Chairman welcomed the following representatives to the meeting:

- Ms YUEN Ka-wai, Senior Engineer/Flood Control, Drainage Services Department (DSD)
- Mr TAM Ying-fan, Engineer/Flood Control 5, DSD
- Mr Stanley CHAN, Technical Director, AECOM Asia Company Limited
- Mr YEUNG Wing-fung, Senior Engineer, AECOM Asia Company Limited

5. Ms YUEN Ka-wai, Senior Engineer/Flood Control, DSD introduced the paper and the works based on the presentation slides played.

6. The views and enquiries of Members were consolidated as follows:

- Members welcomed the captioned project, and reflected that the residents, in particular those living in the vicinity of Kap Pin Long, Sha Kok Mei and Sun On Tsuen, also hoped that the implementation of the related works could start as soon as possible;
- Members hoped that DSD would continue to communicate with villagers, and investigate whether other stormwater conveyance works would be required at the related road sections after the commencement of the works at Po Lo Che Road;
- Members supported the suggestion of DSD on the improvement works at Pak Kong River. However, the drainage problems of Pak Kong River at the position near the bus stop had not been solved effectively. As the rainy season was approaching, Members hoped that DSD, the Highways Department (HyD) and the Transport Department (TD) would follow up the flooding problem that occurred at the bus stop opposite Pak Kong River frequently during the rainy season as soon as possible;
- During the rainy season last year, flooding had occurred twice at the section of Po Lam Road North between Ma Yau Tong Village and Mau Wu Tsai Village, and vehicles had to be diverted to Tseung Kwan O Tunnel Road as a result. Members asked DSD whether the improvement works would include areas in Tseung Kwan O;
- Members asked DSD to follow up on the drainage or flooding problems at the following locations: the low-lying areas between Pak Shek Wo Tsuen and Pak Shek Wo San Tsuen, the section of Clear Water Bay Road next to Sai Kung bound of the relevant road tunnel, the section of Clear Water Bay Road near Pik Uk Prison, Tseng Lan Shue, Lung Ha Wan, Ha Yeung Road near Clear Water Bay Road and Po Toi O near the Village Office;
- Members asked whether DSD was planning to improve the flooding problem at Nai Chung;
- Members hoped that DSD would pay attention to the drainage blockage problem at roadside.

7. Ms YUEN Ka-wai of DSD responded as follows:

- DSD noted that Po Lo Che Road was a very busy road with one-lane two-way traffic. DSD would seek the assistance from Members of the Sai Kung District Council (SKDC) in arranging relevant local consultations before commencement of the works, so that the drainage improvement

works at the related road sections could be commenced and completed smoothly;

- Regarding the two flooding incidents occurred at Ma Yau Tong Village, DSD had deployed staff to check the location concerned. It was found that the gullies were blocked by debris, and rainwater couldn't be effectively discharged to the drainage system. Subsequently, DSD had cooperated with HyD to follow up on the problem. HyD had built additional gullies at Po Lam Road so that rainwater could be discharged through the gullies into the underground drainage systems to improve the situation. Besides, the contractor of DSD would carry out on-site inspection during heavy rainstorms. If blockage of the drainage systems was found, the blockage would be removed immediately. If the flooding problem affected the traffic of nearby areas, DSD would also immediately inform relevant departments to follow up;
- DSD had completed the review study of the drainage systems in Tseung Kwan O in 2009, the results showed that the performance of the existing drainage systems in Tseung Kwan O generally complied with the relevant standards. If resources were available in the future, DSD would review the drainage systems in Tseung Kwan O again as soon as possible. Regarding individual drainage conditions in Tseung Kwan O, DSD would contact the relevant Members to understand the details and take follow-up actions after the meeting;
- Nai Chung was within the boundary of the Tai Po District. DSD had conducted the Drainage Master Plan review study for Tai Po District and formulated relevant options according to the review results to solve the flooding problem in Nai Chung;
- Regarding the drainage blockage problem at roadside, DSD had all along been communicating with HyD. When necessary, DSD would request HyD to build additional gullies to improve the discharging capacity of the drainage.

8. Mr Stanley CHAN, Technical Director, AECOM Asia Company Limited supplemented that with regard to the flooding problem at Pak Kong River near Tai Chung Hau Road, DSD had formulated long term improvement plans which included the proposal for box culvert underneath the road section to increase the drainage capacity of Pak Kong River and coordinating the relevant government departments to alleviate the flooding problem at that road section when flooding occurred.

9. The Chairman concluded that Members could discuss the drainage problems at

individual locations with DSD after the meeting, while DSD could contact the residents and make coordination through the Members of the respective constituencies. HEHC noted the relevant studies and works proposals, and supported DSD to continue to conduct in-depth study and the project assessment of the next phase.

III. Subsidy Scheme to Extend Optical Fibre Networks to Villages in Remote Areas in the New Territories and Outlying Islands (SKDC(HEHC) Paper No. 29/18)

10. The Chairman welcomed the following representatives to the meeting:

- Mr Keith GIANG, Principal Assistant Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development (Communications and Creative Industries) A
- Miss Elaine HUI, Assistant Director (Market & Competition), Office of the Communications Authority (OFCA)
- Ms Helen LAI, Head, Market & Competition 1, OFCA
- Mr Andrew LO, Senior Regulatory Affairs Manager (Market & Competition 13), OFCA
- Mr Matthew WONG, Regulatory Affairs Manager (Market & Competition 13)2, OFCA

11. Miss Elaine HUI, Assistant Director (Market & Competition), OFCA and Ms Helen LAI, Head, Market & Competition 1, OFCA introduced the paper and the scheme based on the presentation slides played.

12. The views and enquiries of Members were consolidated as follows:

- Members supported the subsidy scheme, and suggested OFCA to contact the Rural Committees and village representatives to review the demand for broadband service in all villages in the Sai Kung District;
- The villages in the Sai Kung District which already have fibre-based networks reaching the vicinity of the village entrances were listed in Annex II. However, as the village entrances of some villages were quite far from the village houses (e.g. Nam Shan Village and Sha Kok Mei Village), there were considerable differences in the broadband speeds provided. Likewise, the exact locations for the proposed rollout of network to the village entrances would also considerably affect the broadband speed to be accessed by villagers living in different locations;
- Luk Mei Tsuen and Pik Shui Sun Tsuen should be covered under the subsidy

scheme;

- Some villages proposed to be covered under the subsidy scheme were close to Sai Kung town centre, including those numbered from 32 to 45 in Annex I (except O Long Village), or geographically close to locations already covered with fibre-based networks, e.g. Man Yee Wan New Village was only 20 metres away from Sai Kung Garden which was covered with fibre-based networks already. Members suggested OFCA to prioritise the rollout of fibre-based networks to villages far from Sai Kung town centre (e.g. Sai Wan Village and Pak Lap Village);
- As some villages covered a larger area, there might not be financial incentives for fixed network operators (FNOs) to provide broadband services for residents in these villages, including Pak Shek Terrace, Tseng Lan Shue, Tseung Kwan O Upper Village, Pak Shek Wo San Tsuen and Sun Tei Village;
- Although there was no permanent resident in Tai She Wan Village and Tit Kim Hang Village, there was demand for mobile services from visitors. Besides, although there was no resident in Wong Keng Tsai Village, many residents were living in nearby areas and Pak Fa Lam. Members asked OFCA to consider the above situations;
- Members suggested the Government or contractors to set up Wi-Fi hot spots at the village entrances to fully utilise the resources allocated, which would not only improve the mobile network coverage, but would also provide wireless Internet access service to hikers;
- Members asked whether the selected FNO had to roll out networks to all villages in the Sai Kung District to be covered under the subsidy scheme;
- Members hoped that OFCA would make known the assessment criteria for selecting contractors to stakeholders in the future. They also asked the ways in which OFCA would introduce competition to prevent an individual FNO from monopolising all works contracts;
- Members agreed that the direction of the subsidy scheme was correct. However, they considered there were grey areas in the terms of tender, including not specifying the minimum number of hubs and connectors to be installed, and not indicating whether the selected FNO was allowed to share the same network with the housing estates nearby after rolling out the network to the relevant villages;
- Members considered that the improved minimum speed of 25 Mbps or above specified under the subsidy scheme failed to keep up with the times and was not cost effective;
- Members hoped that other public services, such as gas supply connection

services, could be provided for villagers in remote areas with Government subsidy just like this scheme.

13. Ms Elaine HUI of OFCA responded as follows:

- She thanked Members for expressing their views and hoped that Members could continue to air their views to make the information provided in the paper more accurate;
- OFCA has already planned to consult the relevant Rural Committees on the proposed villages to be covered under the subsidy scheme;
- OFCA would consider and follow up on the situations that entrances of individual villages might be far from the actual residences of villagers;
- OFCA would follow up on the individual villages mentioned by Members to confirm whether they were eligible for the subsidy scheme;
- She pointed out that under the subsidy scheme, the Government would subsidise the selected FNOs to roll out fibre-based lead-in connections from the backbone networks to the vicinity of the entrances of the villages concerned. The works were usually carried out on unleased government lands. Regarding the rollout of fibre-based networks within private land areas of the villages, FNOs would need to reach an agreement with the relevant property owners so that the subsidised fibre-based lead-in connections could be fully utilised and the villagers could enjoy high speed and high quality broadband services;
- She explained that villages without usual residents would not be covered under the subsidy scheme. She pointed out that the subsidy scheme would not only enhance the coverage of fibre-based networks in rural areas, but would also provide the infrastructure necessary for the development of other types of telecommunications services, including mobile services and Wi-Fi services, in addition to fixed broadband services. Mobile network operators would be able to provide mobile services with better mobile network coverage in rural areas through leasing these fibre-based networks in the future;
- OFCA would study and follow up on the views of Members on details of the tendering exercise. The relevant requirements would be specified in the tender documents to reduce the chance of exploiting any possible loopholes by the selected FNO.

14. Ms Helen LAI of OFCA supplemented that in addition to benefiting the villagers in the villages concerned, the fibre-based networks newly built under the subsidy scheme

was also expected to provide FNOs with higher financial incentive to extend broadband services to other nearby areas so that residents in the vicinity could benefit from it. On the whole, the subsidy scheme has not only taken into account the needs of villagers in the villages concerned, but could also improve the network coverage in rural areas, as well as the speed of the fixed broadband and mobile broadband.

15. The further views expressed by Members were consolidated as follows:

- Members suggested that the subsidy scheme should also subsidise FNOs to roll out fibre-based networks within the villages, and asked OFCA to cooperate with the District Lands Office, Sai Kung (DLO/SK) to brief the Rural Committees or the villagers about the scheme with a view to encouraging them to open up the relevant private lands in villages;
- Members suggested that OFCA might communicate closely with the Rural Committees and SKDC to understand the situation of individual villages. Taking Tseng Lan Shue as an example, the roll out of network was underway at the junction. However, due to geographical issues, FNOs were reluctant to extend their networks to the village. Members hoped that OFCA could improve the subsidy scheme, such as shortening the distance between fibre-based lead-in connections and village houses ;
- Members hoped that OFCA would study the technical requirements of the tender documents in detail. They considered that the requirement that “the selected FNO would be required to open up at least half of the capacity of the newly built fibre-based networks for use by other FNOs free of charge” might reduce the incentives of FNOs to bid because they might plan to free ride on the subsidised fibre-based networks. Besides, Members considered that FNOs might excuse that the reason for slower broadband service speed experienced by customers than the claimed speed was because of property owners not allowing the companies to roll out their fibre-based networks to the relevant properties. This kind of cases usually results in customer complaints.

16. The Chairman requested OFCA to consider carefully the views expressed by Members, including the terms and conditions of the tender and the list of villages to be covered under the subsidy scheme. He also requested OFCA to communicate more with the relevant Rural Committees and stakeholders to understand the actual situation of individual villages. HEHC supported the scheme in principle, and hoped that OFCA would refine the subsidy scheme and seek funding approval as soon as possible so that villagers could benefit from it as early as possible.

**IV. Proposal on Laying of New Private Moorings in Sai Kung (including Yim Tin Tsai Typhoon Shelter)
(SKDC(HEHC) Paper No. 30/18)**

17. The Chairman welcomed the following representatives to the meeting:

- Mr CHEUK Fan-lun, Assistant Director/Planning & Services, Marine Department (MD)
- Mr Adrian CHAN, General Manager/Planning, Development & Port Security (Acting), MD
- Mr SUN You-jin, Senior Marine Officer/Planning & Development (1) (Acting), MD
- Ms Amy WONG, Senior Statistician, MD

18. Mr SUN You-jin, Senior Marine Officer/Planning & Development (1) (Acting), MD introduced the paper and the proposal based on the presentation slides played.

19. A Member said due to the lack of berthing spaces in the Sai Kung District, he supported the captioned proposal. According to the conceptual plan for the private mooring areas (PMAs) in Tso Wo Hang provided by MD, the proposed expansion area was close to the existing pier and residential buildings. The Member hoped that MD would pay attention to the possible noise and pollution problems created by the mooring vessels in the future, and formulate relevant monitoring measures accordingly. Besides, he asked whether the mooring facilities at Ah Kung Wan were already in use. If they were proposed facilities, he suggested that MD reserve part of the sea space for aquatic activities, and consult the residents of the area on the proposal.

20. Mr Adrian CHAN, General Manager/Planning, Development & Port Security (Acting), MD responded as follows:

- The conceptual plan for the PMAs in Tso Wo Hang was drafted based on the length of local vessels, the water depth of the area and the number of vessels currently berthed there;
- The dots on the conceptual plan showing locations of the existing PMAs in Ah Kung Wan and Tsam Chuk Wan were indicative, and were not drawn to scale;
- Noise and pollution problems would be fully considered at the planning stage;
- MD would communicate with the stakeholders of the area to improve the

planning and the detailed arrangements.

21. The Chairman concluded that HEHC supported the captioned proposal in principle, and asked MD to contact the Members of the respective constituencies after the meeting to collect more views.

V. FEHD Achievements of the Sai Kung District 2018 Year-end Clean-up (SKDC(HEHC) Paper No. 31/18)

22. Ms MAR Suk-fong, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)¹, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) introduced the paper, and thanked Members for participating the promotional activities of the year-end clean-up conducted on 26 and 29 January.

23. A Member said the problem of accumulating miscellaneous articles was particularly serious at the roadside of King Ling Road of Tiu Keng Leng (near the exit of the Hong Kong Design Institute) near the Chinese New Year's eve, causing pests to appear. The problem not only affected environmental hygiene, but also became an eyesore. He and other housing estate organisations had reflected the problem to the relevant government departments. However, the problem had not been solved effectively. He hoped that FEHD would step up inspection and handle the problem as soon as possible.

24. The Chairman asked FEHD to follow up on the issue.

VI. Environmental, Hygiene and related matters

(A) Matters Arising (Environmental, Hygiene and related matters)

**(1) Condition Survey and Rehabilitation of Underground Sewers and Stormwater Drains - Stage 1
(Paragraphs 4 to 11 of the minutes of last meeting)**

25. There being no other comment from Members, the Chairman suggested and Members agreed to delete this item.

**(2) Construction of Departmental Quarters for Customs and Excise Department at Tseung Kwan O Area 123 Po Lam Road
(Paragraphs 12 to 16 of the minutes of last meeting)**

26. There being no other comment from Members, the Chairman suggested and Members agreed to delete this item.

**(3) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Anti-rodent Campaign 2018 (Phase I) in Sai Kung District
(Paragraphs 17 to 19 of the minutes of last meeting)**

27. There being no other comment from Members, the Chairman suggested and Members agreed to delete this item.

**(4) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Anti-mosquito Campaign 2018 (Phase I) in Sai Kung District
(Paragraphs 20 to 24 of the minutes of last meeting)**

28. There being no other comment from Members, the Chairman suggested and Members agreed to delete this item.

**(5) Working Groups under the HEHC
(Paragraphs 43 to 45 of the minutes of last meeting)**

29. The Chairman said the Working Group on “Green Stall” at the Hong Kong Flower Show 2018 had submitted a funding application to the Finance & Administration Committee through the Secretariat in January this year, and was granted a funding of \$60,000. The Secretariat then selected a contractor in accordance with the procurement criteria of the Government for the design and layout of booths, and the ordering of game items and souvenirs, the design was also submitted to the Convener for approval. The exhibition booth in the Flower Show would be opened from 16 to 18 March and from 24 to 25 March respectively. The taking of group photos at the booth was scheduled for 16 March. Members were reminded to pay attention to the above dates.

**(6) Request to promptly install noise barriers or pave low noise surfacing material for the busy road sections that are close to the estates in Tseung Kwan O
(Paragraphs 46 to 48 of the minutes of last meeting)**

30. There was no other comment from Members. The Chairman asked the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) to continue to follow up the captioned issue.

**(7) Issues related to the operation of Temporary Fill Bank at Tseung Kwan O Area 137 and the South East New Territories Landfill
(Paragraphs 49 to 52 of the minutes of last meeting)
(SKDC(HEHC) Paper Nos. 32/18, 33/18 and 34/18)**

31. Members noted the report on the operation of Landfill and the report of the operation of Temporary Fill Bank submitted by EPD and the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) respectively, and the reply from CEDD.

32. A Member asked EPD about the follow-up situation of an issue raised at the last meeting, i.e. the font size of the complaint hotline on the banner being too small.

33. Mr Geli MA, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East)⁴ (Acting), EPD said banners showing the complaint hotline in a larger font size had been hanged at the relevant locations on 13 March.

**(8) Statistics on Environmental Hygiene Service and Itinerant Hawkers in Sai Kung District
(Paragraphs 53 to 54 of the minutes of last meeting)
(SKDC(HEHC) Paper Nos. 35/18 and 36/18)**

34. Members noted the statistical report on environmental hygiene service and the statistics on the enforcement actions against illegal hawkers carried out by the Hawker Control Teams of the Sai Kung District for the period from January to February 2018 submitted by FEHD.

35. There was no other comment from Members. The Chairman asked FEHD to continue to follow up the captioned issue.

**(9) Strongly request to provide an exact relocation date of the waste recycling yards at Wan Po Road which has been causing nuisance to residents
(Paragraphs 55 to 56 of the minutes of last meeting)**

36. The Chairman said a question raised by a Member was relevant to this motion. The Chairman suggested and Members agreed to discuss them together.

**Enquiry about the tenancy status of the waste recycling yards at Wan Po Road opposite LOHAS Park Phase 2 in Tseung Kwan O
(SKDC(HEHC) Paper Nos. 40/18 and 50/18)**

37. The Chairman said the question was raised by Mr LUK Ping-choi.
38. Members noted the reply from DLO/SK.
39. A Member asked DLO/SK about the progress of relocation of the captioned waste recycling yards, and said some mobile recyclers had been occupying the areas near the entrance for operating business for a long time, which had generated noise nuisance to nearby residents. Besides, some residents found that the ground near the waste recycling yards was uneven and the wire meshes around the waste recycling yards were often damaged. They hoped that DLO/SK would enclose the area to reduce the nuisance caused by the operation of the mobile recyclers.
40. Mr LI Man-yim, Administrative Assistant/Lands (Acting), DLO/SK said the tenancy term for the 10 short-term tenancies of the waste recycling yards would be extended to the end of June, in response to the request from a Member for granting of a grace period to the recyclers for making arrangement for relocation. Such arrangement had been agreed by other relevant government departments after discussion. Regarding the problem of the mobile recyclers, DLO/SK suggested fencing off the areas in question to narrow the entrance after discussing the specific and feasible arrangements with the relevant government departments. However, such arrangements could only be implemented after a consensus was reached among all relevant government departments.
41. The further views and enquiries of Members were consolidated as follows:
- Members considered that the Lands Department (LandsD) failed to keep the promise of terminating the relevant tenancies at end-March;
 - Members asked the department to name the Member who requested for a postponement in terminating the tenancies;
 - The nuisance problem caused by mobile recyclers had been lasted for a long time, yet, DLO/SK failed to properly handle the problems, making it difficult for them to explain to the residents.
42. Mr LI Man-yim of DLO/SK replied that the Member in question was a Member of the Legislative Council (LegCo). Besides, DLO/SK estimated that one to two weeks would be needed before the plan to handle the problems caused by mobile recyclers operating at the entrance could be implemented.
43. The further views expressed by Members were consolidated as follows:

- Mobile recyclers operating at the entrance affected environmental hygiene of nearby areas, and might also endanger the safety of pedestrians and lead to traffic accidents. Members requested DLO/SK to fence off the area as soon as possible;
- Members learnt that the termination of the relevant tenancies only required one-month notification. They considered that enough time had been given for recyclers to arrange the relocation. Extending the relevant tenancies was unfair to the residents who had been suffering the nuisance problem and enduring the adverse hygiene conditions for many years;
- Members requested DLO/SK to give further information on the LegCo Member who requested for a postponement in terminating the tenancies;
- Members considered that the tenancy termination date should not be postponed. Otherwise public grievances might be induced.

44. Mr LI Man-yim of DLO/SK said it was inappropriate to disclose the identity of the LegCo Member concerned. Besides, LandsD needed to arrange the tenancy of the relevant lot according to the Land Sale Programme of data centres. There was temporarily no other information indicating that the termination date of the relevant tenancies needed to be further postponed.

45. The further views expressed by Members were consolidated as follows:

- Members considered that LandsD had adopted the views of different parties in a selective manner, which was unfair to them. Members asked LandsD to attach importance to and fully consider the views of Members of SKDC;
- Members did not understand the reason why it was inappropriate to disclose the identity of the LegCo Member concerned;
- Members requested LandsD to arrange the termination of tenancies as soon as possible if they were renewed on a monthly basis;
- If the arrangement of the tenancies had to match with the Land Sale Programme, the Government should seek more time to handle the residual contaminants on the relevant land instead of keeping on postponing the termination of tenancies;
- The relevant location should be re-allocated for community facilities such as building community halls, libraries, markets, etc., instead of building data centres.

46. The Chairman requested the department to implement the relevant arrangements

and handle the problems as soon as possible.

Extempore motion: Request the District Lands Office to abide by its pledge of striving for relocation of the waste recycling yard at Wan Po Road by the end of March to avoid further causing nuisance to residents in the vicinity, and that the issue must not be postponed until June

47. Mr CHEUNG Mei-hung moved an extempore motion, the wording of which was: “Request the District Lands Office to abide by its pledge of striving for relocation of the waste recycling yard at Wan Po Road by the end of March to avoid further causing nuisance to residents in the vicinity, and that the issue must not be postponed until June”. The motion was seconded by Ms Christine FONG.

48. In accordance with Order 13(2) of SKDC Standing Orders, the Chairman asked Members to vote on whether the extempore motion raised by Mr CHEUNG Mei-hung should be included in the agenda of the meeting by a show of hands. With the agreement of more than half of the Members present at the meeting, the Chairman declared that the extempore motion would be included in the agenda.

49. A Member inquired whether it was possible for the recyclers to relocate before end-March. If it was not possible, he considered that the recyclers must relocate before end-June because they had been given sufficient time to make the relocation arrangements.

50. Mr LI Man-yim of DLO/SK said the relevant arrangements needed to be made in accordance with the terms of tenancy. He would relay the aspirations and views of Members to the relevant colleagues.

51. There being no amendment or objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the extempore motion was carried, and asked DLO/SK to follow up.

**(10) Request to solve the problem of pigeons congregating within the MTR area off the TKO Gateway, Hang Hau
(Paragraphs 65 to 71 of the minutes of last meeting)**

52. Ms MAR Suk-fong of FEHD said a site visit to the captioned location had been conducted with the representatives of the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) and the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD), the Chairman and Member of the respective constituency after the last meeting. AFCD had introduced

the living habits of pigeons and discussed with the above parties the methods and facilities to prevent birds from congregating. MTRCL said cleaning work would be stepped up at the captioned location and warning banners of FEHD would be erected to advise the public to refrain from feeding wild birds. At the same time, FEHD would continue to carry out cleaning operations and enforcement actions. FEHD had issued a fixed penalty notice for fouling public places by feeding birds in the operation in February.

53. The views of Members were consolidated as follows:

- Members thanked the departments for assisting in handling the problem and there was no further deterioration in the situation;
- Members hoped that the departments would continue to take effective measures to prevent avian influenza;
- Members suggested MTRCL install needle-shape facilities at the ventilation openings to prevent pigeons from roosting. However, AFCD was concerned that the practice would lead to the migration of pigeons to places nearby, affecting other places closer to residential areas;
- Members said a large number of pigeons congregated at Po Lam Area. If pigeons were driven away from a congregating point, they would move to another place and congregate there. Members considered that the problem was difficult to solve;
- Members suggested that the poster produced by FEHD include larger and clearer images to enable members of the public to receive the relevant messages easier.

54. The Chairman asked FEHD to continue to step up enforcement actions to create deterrent effect. A letter would be sent to MTRCL to propose the installation of needle-shape facilities at the captioned location.

(B) 3 Motions Presented by the Members (Environmental, Hygiene and related matters)

(1) Request for improving the ventilation system and air quality of the public transport interchange in Tseung Kwan O, achieving the goal of having zero emission buses and updating the air quality objectives of the Practice Note on “Control of Air Pollution in Semi-confined Public Transport Interchanges” (SKDC(HEHC) Paper Nos. 37/18, 45/18 and 46/18)

55. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Mr CHAN Kai-wai and seconded by Ms Christine FONG and Mr CHEUNG Mei-hung.

56. Members noted the replies from EPD and TD.

57. There being no amendment or objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the motion was carried.

(2) Request for extending the coverage of the “From Methane to Town Gas” scheme to the restored Tseung Kwan O Landfill Stage 1 (i.e. opposite Hemera) to provide fuel supply for the future water sports centre or other leisure and cultural facilities in the vicinity of Area 77, and following up the noise problem of the methane-emitting chimney as reflected by residents of Hemera (SKDC(HEHC) Paper Nos. 38/18, 47/18, 48/18 and 52/18)

58. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Mr CHEUNG Mei-hung and seconded by Ms Christine FONG and Mr CHAN Kai-wai.

59. Members noted the replies from EPD, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department.

60. The views of Members were consolidated as follows:

- Members hoped that HEHC would write to the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals (TWGHs) proposing for the study of transforming methane produced from the landfill into energy for the showering facilities or lighting system in the eco-village;
- Members considered that the Government should utilise the resources generated by the “From Methane to Town Gas” scheme effectively and provide subsidy to assist organisations on using methane produced from the landfill in nearby facilities such as the water sports centre or the football training centre, etc.

61. There being no amendment or objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the motion was carried. HEHC would write to TWGHs to convey the views of Members.

**(3) Suggestion of improvement to the planning measures for the Tseung Kwan O Stage 1 Landfill Revitalisation to become eco-village, with a view to developing a symbolic landmark in the district
(SKDC(HEHC) Paper Nos. 39/18 and 49/18)**

62. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Mr Philip LI and seconded by Mr CHONG Yuen-tung.

63. Members noted the reply from EPD.

64. There being no amendment or objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the motion was carried.

(C) 1 Question Presented by the Members (Environmental, Hygiene and related matters)

**(1) Enquiry about the tenancy status of the waste recycling yards at Wan Po Road opposite LOHAS Park Phase 2 in Tseung Kwan O
(SKDC(HEHC) Paper Nos. 40/18 and 50/18)**

65. The Chairman said the question had been discussed earlier at the meeting.

VII. Public Housing and related matters

(A) Matters Arising (Public Housing and related matters)

**(1) Request to resolve the access congestion at Kin Ming Estate and to install an elevator or escalator at the appropriate location
(Paragraphs 72 to 75 of the minutes of last meeting)
(SKDC(HEHC) Paper No. 41/18)**

66. Members noted the statistical report on the flow of people submitted by the Housing Department (HD).

67. A Member said since there was a large resident population in Kin Ming Estate and new housing estates would also be built in the vicinity, HD should install escalators for residents to travel between the shopping centres, the market and their residences.

68. The Chairman asked HD to continue to follow up on the issue.

- (2) Request to install digital monitoring system (“sky eye”) at Shin Ming Estate, Sheung Tak Estate and Kin Ming Estate
(Paragraphs 76 to 79 of the minutes of last meeting)
(SKDC(HEHC) Paper No. 42/18)**

69. Members noted the Situation Report on Object Dropped from Height in Housing Estates in Tseung Kwan O submitted by HD.

70. There was no other comment from Members.

- (3) Situation Report on Itinerant Hawkers
Urge government departments to coordinate in solving the problem of itinerant hawkers in Tseung Kwan O
(Paragraphs 80 to 83 of the minutes of last meeting)
(SKDC(HEHC) Paper No. 43/18)**

71. Members noted the situation report on illegal hawkers in the public housing estates of Tseung Kwan O for the period from January to February 2018 submitted by HD.

72. A Member considered that the Government should improve the licensing regime related to illegal hawkers in response to market demand, and vacate some vacant areas for illegal hawkers to run their business, for example setting up small bazaars, on the premise of not affecting the public. It would be reasonable for the Government to carry out enforcement actions only if illegal hawking problem still existed in other areas after the above measures had been taken.

73. The Chairman said the views of the Member were not related to this issue. However, the views expressed would still be recorded.

(B) 1 Motion Presented by the Members (Public Housing and related matters)

- (1) Request the Housing Department to carry out full-scale refurbishment of the bird garden at Sheung Tak Estate, provide more recreational and sports facilities, improve the environmental hygiene and collaborate with the Police to step up efforts in combating illegal gambling in the garden
(SKDC(HEHC) Paper Nos. 44/18 and 51/18)**

74. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Mr LUK Ping-choi and seconded by Mr TSE Ching-fung.

75. Members noted the reply from HD.

76. A Member said the illegal gambling problem in the bird garden had persisted for many years. The raid operations carried out by the management company or security guards had not been very effective in tackling the problem. He had seen many gambling equipment not being cleared by security guards because the equipment were locked in the garden by metal chains. He considered that although the refurbishment of the garden might help solving the problem of illegal gambling, in the long run, HD should deploy the Task Force to carry out enforcement actions and maintain close communication with the Police to jointly tackle the problem.

77. There being no amendment or objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the motion was carried. The Chairman asked HD to follow up on the captioned issue. The views of the Member would be conveyed to the Hong Kong Police Force.

VIII. Other Matters

(A) Matters Arising (Other matters)

(1) Review on the working groups established under HEHC and re-election of conveners (Paragraphs 25 to 41 of the minutes of last meeting)

78. There being no other comment from Members, the Chairman suggested and Members agreed to delete this item.

(2) Request to strengthen the monitoring of whether the Link REIT and owners of shopping centres have breached the land leases and consider buying back the Link REIT's properties with a district-based approach (Paragraphs 90 to 93 of the minutes of last meeting)

79. There being no other comment from Members, the Chairman suggested and Members agreed to delete this item.

IX. Any Other Business

(A) Matters related to recyclables collection services

80. A Member said the residents of a housing estate reflected that FEHD did not

collect the recyclables in the four-coloured waste separation bins regularly. The Member asked FEHD and EPD about the relevant measures and follow-up situations.

81. Ms MAR Suk-fong of FEHD said FEHD would provide collection service for the four-coloured waste separation bin in public places or collection points at FEHD venues, but housing estates were not included.

82. A Member asked whether the Government had provided contractors of housing estates with information on the collection points where the collected recyclables could be further processed.

83. Mr Geli MA of EPD said he was unable to provide the relevant information for the time being and would refer the views of Members to the relevant colleagues for following up.

【Post-meeting note of EPD: FEHD provided management and recyclables collection services for waste separation bins placed in public places through outsourcing contracts. As for public housing estates and private estates/buildings, the management of collection bins and the collection of recyclables were arranged by the management company or cleansing contractor of the respective estate/buildings. Management companies or cleansing contractors could look for the suitable recovery/recycling companies in the “Directory of Recovery/Recycling Companies in Hong Kong” on the Hong Kong Waste Reduction Website of EPD, or inquire through EPD’s hotline at 2838 3111.

Link:

https://www.wastereduction.gov.hk/en/quickaccess/vicinity.htm?collection_type=collect&material_type=all&district_id=0&view=%E5%8E%BB】

X. Date of Next Meeting

84. The Chairman said the next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, 17 May 2018 at 9:30 a.m. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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