

Sai Kung District Council
Environmental Hygiene, Climate Change, Agriculture and Fisheries Committee
Minutes of the Third Meeting in 2021

Date: 20 May 2021 (Thursday)

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Venue: Conference Room of the Sai Kung District Council

<u>Present</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Ms CHAN Ka-lam, Debby (Chairman)	9:30 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
Mr CHUN Hoi-shing (Vice-Chairman)	9:30 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
Mr CHAU Yin-ming, Francis, BBS, MH	9:30 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
Mr CHENG Chung-man	9:30 a.m.	11:16 a.m.
Mr CHEUNG Wai-chiu	9:30 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
Mr CHOI Ming-hei	9:30 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
Ms FONG Kwok-shan, Christine	9:30 a.m.	10:25 a.m.
Mr FUNG Kwan-on	10:00 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
Mr HO Wai-hong, Stanley	9:30 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
Mr LAI Wai-tong	9:30 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
Mr LAM Siu-chung, Frankie	9:30 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
Mr LEE Ka-yui	10:15 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
Ms LEUNG Hin-yan	10:38 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
Mr LUI Man-kwong	9:30 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
Mr TSE Ching-fung	9:30 a.m.	11:35 a.m.
Ms WONG Cheuk-nga, Valerie	10:00 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
Mr YIP Brandon Kenneth	10:00 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
Mr YU Tsun-ning	9:47 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
Ms YU Hau-ling, Candy (Secretary)	Executive Assistant (District Council) 9, Sai Kung District Office	

In Attendance

Mr CHOW Tat-wing, Cyrus	Assistant District Officer (Sai Kung) 1, Sai Kung District Office
Mr CHENG Chi-wing, Ken	Senior Liaison Officer (1), Sai Kung District Office
Ms TSE Ka-ying, Kimmy	Liaison Officer i/c (Tseung Kwan O) N, Sai Kung District Office
Mr KWOK Tun-yiu, Donald	Executive Assistant (District Council) 10, Sai Kung District Office
Mr CHAN Ka-leong	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Sai Kung), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Ms HO Sau-ying	Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung) 1, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Ms LAM Wai-ki	Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung) 2, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	
Mr YU Kin-lok	Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control) Sai Kung 1, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	
Ms CHAN Wan-ching	Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control) Sai Kung 2, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	
Miss WONG Bo-yee	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	
Ms CHAN Yuen-lai, Joanna	Administrative Assistant/Lands, District Lands Office, Sai Kung	
Miss WONG Ho-ying, Connie	Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East) 4, Environmental Protection Department	
Ms LAM Man-ching, Heidi	Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Waste Reduction & Recycling) 8, Environmental Protection Department	
Dr CHENG Kin-wui	Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Assessment & Noise)2, Environmental Protection Department	} For agenda item III (A)
Mr CHAN Chi-ming, Lawrence	Senior Engineer 2/Noise Mitigation, Highways Department	
Mr SHEK Man-pong	Engineer 3/Noise Mitigation, Highways Department	
Mr Martin CHEUNG	Deputy Managing Director, Mannings (Asia) Consultants Limited	
Mr Frankie YEUNG	Project Manager, Mannings (Asia) Consultants Limited	} For agenda item IV (B)
Ms HUI Yuk-ling, Helen	Country Parks Officer (Sai Kung), Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department	

Absent

Mr LEE Yin-ho, Ryan

Welcome Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all Members and attendees to the meeting.

2. The Chairman reminded that due to the recent development of COVID-19 pandemic, all Members should refrain from eating in the Conference Room and wear masks throughout the meeting.
3. The Chairman said Mr Ryan LEE was unable to attend the meeting due to personal affairs. He had submitted the Notification of Absence from Meeting before the meeting as required.
4. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the application for absence from meeting was approved in accordance with Order 51(1) of the Sai Kung District Council Standing Orders.

I. Confirmation of Minutes of the 1st and 2nd Environmental Hygiene, Climate Change, Agriculture and Fisheries Committee (EHCCAFC) Meeting held on 25 February 2021 and 18 March 2021

5. The Chairman said the Secretariat had not received any proposed amendment before the meeting. There being no other proposed amendment, the Chairman declared that the captioned minutes were confirmed.

II. New items

6. The Chairman welcomed the following representatives from the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) to the meeting:

- Mr CHAN Ka-leong, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Sai Kung)
- Ms HO Sau-ying, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung) 1, who was the successor of Ms OR Siu-shan
- Mr YU Kin-lok, Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control) Sai Kung 1

(A) Anti-mosquito Campaign 2021 (Phase II) in Sai Kung District (SKDC(EHCCAFC) Paper No. 76/21)

7. Ms HO Sau-ying, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung) 1, FEHD, briefed Members on the content based on the meeting paper.
8. Members noted the above paper.

**(B) FEHD The Strategies and Work of Improving the Environmental Hygiene of Hong Kong and District Action Plan
(SKDC(EHCCAFC) Paper No. 77/21)**

9. Ms HO Sau-ying of FEHD briefed Members on the content based on the meeting paper.

10. Mr LAI Wai-tong said the Joint Office for Investigation of Water Seepage Complaints (JO) currently applied dated methods on detecting water seepage in buildings and enquired whether FEHD would plan to use new equipment to detect water seepage in buildings. In addition, water seepage problem in private buildings was handled by the property management agents of the housing estates. He enquired whether JO would follow up complaints when property management agents failed to do so.

11. Mr Francis CHAU said some districts had already applied new technologies to detect water seepage in buildings and asked when Sai Kung district would follow suit. He suggested that FEHD should collaborate with the Water Supplies Department (WSD) to extend the application of new technologies to Sai Kung district, so as to effectively handle the problem of nuisance to residents caused by water seepage.

12. Ms Christine FONG said among the recent complaints over water seepage, new infrared technologies were applied in some cases to identify the sources of water seepage and owners were advised to repair the drainage pipes with water seepage. She hoped that FEHD would fully extend the application of new technologies and explain JO's performance targets of this year.

13. The Vice-Chairman enquired when FEHD would fully apply the new testing technologies for water seepage and suggested inter-departmental operations to improve the efficiency of handling the water seepage problem. He also suggested that FEHD should enhance manpower to handle emergency matters related to public hygiene in the district, illegal feeding of wild birds and reinforcement of prosecution actions.

14. The Chairman made the following enquiries to FEHD:

- Whether FEHD would promote publicity and education in rural areas and handle the problem of litter blackspots.
- Whether FEHD would propose measures, if any, for handling illegal extension of restaurants in Sai Kung district, including seafood restaurants at the waterfront of Sai Kung town.
- Whether FEHD could offer other solutions, in addition to promotion of new testing

technologies, to handle the water seepage problem.

- Proposals on how to revitalise Sai Kung Market.

15. Ms LAM Wai-ki, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung) 2, FEHD, responded to Members' questions as follows:

- JO's investigation of water seepage cases was carried out in three stages. The first stage was confirmation of water seepage condition; the second stage was initial investigation, which included colour water test of drainage pipes or reversible pressure test for water supply pipes; the third stage was professional investigation when JO would engage outsourced consultants to assist in carrying out detailed investigation, including moisture monitoring at seepage locations, ponding test for floor slabs, water spray test on walls, reversible pressure test for water supply pipes, etc. For more complicated cases, JO would consider using new testing technologies including infrared thermography, microwave tomography, etc. for investigation at the third stage.
- After identification of the source of water seepage, JO would issue "nuisance notice" in accordance with the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132) to the responsible party, demanding abatement of the nuisance within a specified period.
- New technologies to handle water seepage cases had not been fully adopted in Sai Kung district. However, for more complicated cases and cases in which the source of water seepage could not be identified by conventional testing methods, JO would consider using new testing technologies for investigation at the third stage on a case-by-case basis.
- JO was refining the technical guidelines and procedures relating to the use of the new testing methods and planned to gradually extend such technologies to other districts.
- While new testing methods could not be effectively applied under some circumstances, such as cases involving ceilings with concrete spalling, ceilings with tile finishes and blockage by pipes or building services, JO would resort to conventional methods in carrying out investigation.
- FEHD was now finalising the details of making use of vacant market stalls and announcements would soon be made.

16. Ms HO Sau-ying of FEHD responded to Members' questions as follows:

- To maintain environmental hygiene, FEHD would request the relevant cleansing service contractors to expeditiously clean up vomitus and excreta in public areas.
- FEHD noted Members' concerns on environmental hygiene problems caused by feeding of wild birds in the district. FEHD would step up inspection and take

appropriate actions to maintain environmental hygiene.

- FEHD noted Members' views on publicity and education activities related to environmental hygiene in rural areas.

17. The Chairman invited FEHD to respond to the problem of illegal shop extension and enquired about the timeline of handling vacant stalls in Sai Kung Market and the contact information of the responsible officers. She also enquired whether FEHD would apply new testing technologies to deal with more complicated water seepage cases in the district.

18. Ms LAM Wai-ki of FEHD responded to Members' questions as follows:

- For more complicated cases or cases in which the source of water seepage could not be identified by conventional testing methods, JO would consider using new testing technologies for investigation at the third stage on a case-by-case basis.
- FEHD was currently reviewing the arrangements on vacant stalls in Sai Kung Market and exploring the feasibility of different arrangements, including the imposition of short-term tenancies for vacant stalls and would confirm the details as soon as possible.
- FEHD would step up inspection of stalls in Sai Kung district to monitor whether they had occupied the pavements. FEHD would institute prosecution when there was sufficient evidence.

19. Ms Christine FONG took the view that conventional testing methods could not effectively identify the source of water seepage and hoped that FEHD would expedite the full implementation of new technologies. The problem of mosquitoes and biting midges was severe at Tseung Kwan O Waterfront Promenade and she suggested different departments launch joint operations to handle the problem. In addition, she hoped that the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) would strengthen measures to tackle the problem of mosquitoes and biting midges at the restored landfill near Tseung Kwan O Waterfront Promenade.

20. Mr LAI Wai-tong said property management agents of the private housing estates usually handled the problem of water dripping from air-conditioners and seepage from water pipes. However, he asked whether FEHD would take any remedial actions when property management agents could not help owners fix the problem. He hoped that FEHD would explain the application procedures of outdoor cafes and expedite the processing of applications for outside seating of the restaurants in Tseung Kwan O South. Moreover, he hoped that FEHD would step up actions in cleaning dog faeces along the streets of Tseung Kwan O South.

21. The Vice-Chairman enquired about the timeline of full implementation of new testing technologies for water seepage and asked FEHD to increase manpower for handling public hygiene emergency in the district.

22. Mr Frankie LAM said many buildings in his constituency had problems of water seepage. He hoped that FEHD would expedite the full implementation of new testing technologies for water seepage to effectively help residents resolve the problem of water seepage.

23. The Chairman enquired FEHD about the application procedures and time needed for vetting of licences for outside seating accommodation. The outside seating accommodation of restaurants at the waterfront of Sai Kung town was granted by the Lands Department (LandsD) on short-term tenancies, whereas FEHD was not the department responsible for issuing licences. Therefore, she asked whether departments had double standards towards outside seating accommodation and how the above issues could be addressed.

24. Ms LAM Wai-ki of FEHD responded to Members' questions as follows:

- JO was comprised of both the Buildings Department (BD) and FEHD, with a focus on handling problems related to water seepage in buildings.
- Since the second half of June in 2018, JO had begun to fully implement infrared thermography and microwave tomography in Kowloon City, Wan Chai and Central and Western Districts at the third stage of investigation.
- JO had also started implementing new technologies in Sham Shui Po, Kwai Tsing, Tuen Mun, Tai Po and North Districts since September 2019.
- Although Sai Kung district was not the trial location of the new testing technologies for water seepage, JO would consider using new technologies for investigation at the third stage on a case-by-case basis, for more complicated cases or cases in which the sources of water seepage could not be identified by conventional testing methods.
- JO would continue to refine the technical guidelines and procedures relating to the use of the new testing technologies and planned to gradually extend such technologies to other districts.

25. Ms HO Sau-ying of FEHD responded to Members' questions as follows:

- At present, 11 housing estates in Tseung Kwan O had participated in the "Scheme of Participation by Property Management Agents in Tackling Water Seepage in Residential Buildings and Dripping Air-conditioners". Under such scheme, staff from property management agents would assist in identifying the source of water seepage when performing daily duties in the housing estates and advise the occupants to rectify the situation. If property management agents were unable to handle the

complaints, FEHD would intervene to follow up cases concerned.

- There were currently eight restaurants in Tseung Kwan O applying for licences for outside seating accommodation. These applications had been submitted to the Licensing Office for following-up.
- FEHD had clearly briefed shops on the application procedures of retrofitting of outdoor cafes and they could contact FEHD when necessary.
- After receiving applications from shops, the Licensing Office would first verify whether land owners had granted consent to the applications and then seek assistance from the Home Affairs Department to conduct local consultation.
- Apart from strengthening cleansing services at hygiene blackspots fouled by dog faeces and urine, FEHD would step up inspection to maintain environmental hygiene.

26. The Chairman invited FEHD to provide supplementary information after the meeting on the average time for processing licences for outside seating applications. Sai Kung District Lands Office was asked to explain the differences between renting outdoor cafes on short-term tenancies and FEHD's licences for outside seating accommodation.

27. Ms Joanna CHAN, Administration Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Sai Kung), responded to Members' questions as follows:

- The outside seating accommodation of some restaurants located at the waterfront of Sai Kung was granted on short-term tenancies after Sai Kung District Council (SKDC) endorsed such special arrangements.
- Government land was usually allocated for short-term tenancies by means of open tender.
- Before the allocation of short-term tenancies, LandsD would first consult relevant departments and stakeholders and incorporate their requests into the short-term tenancy agreements.

28. Mr Francis CHAU said after the outbreak of SARS, the Government encouraged tenants to apply for retrofitting of outdoor cafes by means of short-term tenancies, with a view to boosting the economy. These applications must fulfil the requirements set by BD and the Fire Services Ordinance, and take geographical locations into consideration. SKDC had set up a working group to follow up with the applications back then and at last around ten shops could successfully apply for extension. Since the applications for shop extension required consent from both owners and government departments, the Working Group on Economic Development and Tourism might be called upon to follow up with the issue if necessary.

III. Matters Arising

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

Highways Department

- Mr Lawrence CHAN, Senior Engineer 2/Noise Mitigation
- Mr SHEK Man-pong, Engineer 3/Noise Mitigation

Environmental Protection Department

- Dr CHENG Kin-wui, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Assessment and Noise)

Mannings (Asia) Consultants Limited

- Mr Martin CHEUNG, Deputy Managing Director
- Mr Frankie YEUNG, Project Manager

- (A) PWP Item No. 6766TH – Retrofitting of Noise Barriers on Po Lam Road North**
PWP Item No. 6817TH – Retrofitting of Noise Barriers on Po Ning Road
PWP Item No. 6871TH – Retrofitting of Noise Barriers on Po Lam Road North near Hong Sing Garden and King Ming Court
Request for installing noise barriers at Chiu Shun Road
Request for using low noise road surface material at Po Ning Road, Chiu Shun Road and Ngan O Road
Enquire about the works progress of installing noise barriers at Po Ning Road and invite representatives of relevant government departments to attend and report at the meeting of TTC
(SKDC(EHCCAFC) Paper Nos. 78/21 and 97/21)

30. Members noted SKDC(EHCCAFC) Paper Nos. 78/21 and 97/21, i.e. the replies from EPD and Highways Department (HyD).

31. Mr Lawrence CHAN, Senior Engineer 2/Noise Mitigation, HyD, said the consultation documents and presentation slides regarding the above works had been prepared and asked representatives of Mannings (Asia) Consultants Limited to brief Members on the latest progress of the works.

32. Mr Frankie YEUNG, Project Manager, Mannings (Asia) Consultants Limited, introduced the progress of the works based on the presentation slides shown.

33. Mr LAI Wai-tong asked, with reference to the document submitted to the Legislative Council, whether the works design of Sheung Ning Road had aligned with the road widening works at Ying Yip Road launched by the Civil Engineering and Development Department

(CEDD); whether their works schedules overlapped with each other; and whether there would be any temporary traffic arrangements during the works.

34. Mr Frankie LAM hoped to expedite the progress of retrofitting works of noise barriers near King Ming Court.

35. Mr Lawrence CHAN of HyD responded to Members' questions as follows:

- During the design stage of noise barriers, HyD had discussed multiple times with CEDD regarding the proposed works at Ying Yip Road and the proposed design of the noise barriers. The works schedules had been well co-ordinated.
- During the works, HyD and CEDD would make temporary traffic arrangements with the Transport Department and Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) to minimise the impacts on nearby residents and traffic.
- HyD would liaise with the Transport and Housing Bureau regarding the procedures of gazettal and work phases once SKDC endorsed the retrofitting works of noise barriers near King Ming Court.

36. Mr Francis CHAU hoped HyD and CEDD would report to SKDC as soon as possible regarding the design and temporary traffic arrangements of the works at Po Ning Road and Sheung Ning Road so as to minimise the impacts on nearby residents.

37. The Chairman asked whether fences would be erected near the pavement in the above construction works.

38. Mr Lawrence CHAN of HyD responded to Members' questions as follows:

- HyD had co-ordinated with CEDD to work out the design and works schedule of the proposed noise barriers.
- During construction, road closure would be avoided as far as practicable and fences would be erected at suitable locations under the temporary traffic arrangements to minimise the impacts on nearby residents and traffic.
- After completion of the works of noise barriers, the planters would be relocated to promote greenery.
- Supplementary information on the extent and details of works would be provided after the meeting when necessary.

39. Mr CHOI Ming-hei enquired about the location of pavements to be closed during retrofitting of noise barriers near King Ming Court.

40. Mr Lawrence CHAN of HyD responded to Members' questions as follows:

- During the works, the project team would reserve suitable locations for pedestrian crossing and supplementary information on the temporary traffic arrangements at the above locations could be provided after the meeting.
- To minimise the impacts of works on nearby residents, the works staff on site would brief Members of the relevant constituency on the temporary traffic arrangements and take residents' views into account before implementing the arrangements concerned.

41. The Chairman asked HyD to provide the supplementary documents mentioned above after the meeting. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared to delete the above item at the next meeting and asked HyD to report to SKDC on the latest progress of the works in due course.

**(B) Issues related to the operation of Temporary Fill Bank at Tseung Kwan O Area 137 and the South East New Territories Landfill
(SKDC(EHCCAFC) Paper Nos. 79/21 and 80/21)**

42. Members noted SKDC(EHCCAFC) Paper Nos. 79/21, 80/21 and 98/21, i.e. the reports and replies from CEDD, EPD and HKPF.

**(C) Statistics on Environmental Hygiene Service and Itinerant Hawkers in Sai Kung District
(SKDC(EHCCAFC) Paper Nos. 81/21 to 83/21)**

43. Members noted SKDC(EHCCAFC) Paper Nos. 81/21 to 83/21, i.e. the reports from FEHD and the Housing Department (HD).

**(D) Enquiry about the targeted annual recycling quantities as stipulated in the contracts of GREEN @ SAI KUNG and GREEN @ PO LAM
Enquiry about the positioning of GREEN @ SAI KUNG and GREEN @ PO LAM
Enquiry about the downstream recyclers for various recyclables of GREEN @ PO LAM and GREEN @ SAI KUNG
Enquiry about the area and monthly rent of the shop where GREEN @ PO LAM is located
(SKDC(EHCCAFC) Paper No. 84/21)**

44. Members noted SKDC(EHCCAFC) Paper No. 84/21, i.e. the reply from EPD.

45. Ms Heidi LAM, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Waste Reduction & Recycling) 8, EPD, briefed Members on the situation and progress of recycling in Sai Kung district based on the presentation slides shown.

46. Mr Francis CHAU suggested that EPD should arrange meetings with SKDC and the operator of “GREEN @ SAI KUNG” as soon as possible to allow Members to express views on the operations of “GREEN @ SAI KUNG”.

47. Ms Heidi LAM of EPD said the operator of “GREEN @ SAI KUNG” engaged by EPD also operated recycling stations in other districts. She recommended Members to first visit recycling stations in use, including “GREEN @ SHA TIN” or “GREEN @ KWUN TONG”. When Members understood the daily operations of recycling stations, they could exchange views on the development of “GREEN @ SAI KUNG”.

48. Ms LEUNG Hin-yan asked EPD to respond to her following questions:

- Whether EPD would assist the housing estates which had participated in the Programme on Source Separation of Domestic Waste (the Programme) to handle recyclables.
- The details on the door-to-door collection services and the service provider.
- Whether new recycling stores would be installed in Sai Kung.
- Whether the operator had the right to decide the locations of new recycling stores on their own.
- Recommendations on arranging site visits and direct conversation with the operator before the operation of “GREEN @ SAI KUNG”.
- Recommendations on setting up a regular recycling store by utilising vacant stalls in Sai Kung Market.

49. Mr LUI Man-kwong suggested that EPD should arrange site visits and meeting with the operator of “GREEN @ SAI KUNG” before its commencement of operation. He also asked whether there would be any conditions and restrictions imposed on the newly added recycling stores.

50. Ms Heidi LAM of EPD responded to Members’ questions as follows:

- EPD would liaise with the Secretariat to arrange site visits as soon as possible.
- Although the venue of “GREEN @ SAI KUNG” had been handed over to the operator, the venue had not been equipped with any facilities. Therefore, the operator recommended Members to first visit the recycling stations in use, such that Members

could be shown the recycling facilities and exchange views on operational matters in Sai Kung district.

- EPD was currently conducting a tender exercise on the newly added recycling stores and planned to add one new recycling store in Sai Kung district.
- The locations of recycling stores were decided by the operator and EPD would take local context into consideration, including the population distribution, locations of housing estates which had participated in the Programme, distribution of villages, etc.
- EPD would provide information on the Programme and assist the housing estates which had joined the Programme to apply for free recycling bins or subsidies for installation of recycling facilities via the Environmental Campaign Committee.
- Housing estates must contact downstream recyclers on their own to handle the recyclables collected from households. Individual housing estates could approach EPD if they required further assistance.
- There were regular recycling stores in Sai Kung town with fixed operating hours and locations, including Lakeside Garden. Its operating hours were from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturdays.
- EPD would add one recycling spot near the green minibus terminus in Sai Kung town in the second half of June.

51. The Chairman hoped that after arranging a site visit to “GREEN @ SHA TIN”, EPD could also arrange a site visit to “GREEN @ SAI KUNG”. She enquired whether the current recycling spot in Sai Kung town was the same as the recycling store EPD was currently tendering for. She also suggested that EPD should utilise vacant stalls in Sai Kung Market to set up recycling stations.

52. Mr LAI Wai-tong asked whether EPD could monitor the housing estates which had participated in the Programme to ensure that they had found the appropriate downstream recyclers. In addition, he recommended more specific categorisation of recyclables under the Programme. He enquired whether the operator would collect recyclables from property management agents or from households directly during door-to-door collection services. Furthermore, he hoped that EPD would set up recycling stations in Tseung Kwan O South.

53. Ms Heidi LAM of EPD responded to Members’ questions as follows:

- Participation in the Programme was voluntary in nature, therefore property management agents or owner’s committees were responsible for monitoring.
- Property management agents or owner’s committees could contact EPD if they had questions on the Programme.
- The door-to-door collection services at “GREEN @ PO LAM” were offered by property management agents or cleansing companies. Property management agents

or cleansing companies were primarily responsible for collecting recyclables, which would then be recycled by the operator.

- Due to limited resources, the operator would not visit individual households to provide door-to-door collection services.
- If Members considered that housing estates had to seek assistance from “GREEN @ PO LAM” in providing door-to-door collection services, they could contact EPD after the meeting.

54. Mr LAI Wai-tong said there were no recycling facilities in Yung Ming Court thus far and hoped that EPD would contact the housing estate for the installation of recycling bins. He said recycling bins had been removed by some housing estates due to the pandemic and enquired whether EPD could offer measures for co-ordination.

55. Ms LEUNG Hin-yan hoped that site visits to “GREEN @ SAI KUNG” could be arranged as soon as possible. She took the view that current door-to-door collection services were in name only as the job responsibilities had been passed on to property management agents or cleansing companies. She recommended to set up a new recycling point in Sai Kung town. There were recyclers, which had been handling street recyclables, collecting recyclables at housing estates at present and she hoped that EPD could explain the situation and remedial actions.

56. The Chairman considered that collaboration among EPD and housing estates was obscure. She suggested EPD add the condition that new recycling stores could only open in Tseung Kwan O South or rural Sai Kung in tender requirements.

57. Ms Heidi LAM of EPD responded to Members’ questions as follows:

- Yung Ming Court was an estate under the Home Ownership Scheme with new intake in the district. EPD had deployed staff to visit the estate and assist property management agent in joining the Programme and other recycling programmes.
- EPD understood that some housing estates had removed recycling facilities due to the pandemic. However, since the participation in the Programme was voluntary in nature, EPD could only urge housing estates to continue to perform clean recycling.
- EPD could provide housing estates with promotion posters and publicity materials on clean recycling, or training sessions for front-line cleaners when necessary.
- EPD would continue to explore the feasibility of arranging regular recycling services at Sai Kung Market after the meeting.
- Individual housing estates could contact “Green Outreach” if they had any questions related to recycling.

58. The Chairman asked EPD to provide supplementary information after the meeting and arrange site visits with the Secretariat as soon as possible. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared to delete the above item at the next meeting.

**(E) Request for provision of ancillary facilities for mountain bike races in Tseung Kwan O Stage I Landfill Site including trail and training ground
(SKDC(EHCCAFC) Paper No. 85/21)**

59. Members noted SKDC(EHCCAFC) Paper No. 85/21, i.e. the reply from EPD.

60. The Chairman said EPD and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) had arranged site visits with EHCCAFC and representatives of mountain bike organisations on 28 April. The feasibility at the above location would be re-considered if follow-up on matters related to public space or greenery in the district was required. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared to delete the above item at the next meeting.

**(F) Enquire how the increases of 400 refuse collection vehicles and 85 container trucks running in Tseung Kwan O and on Clear Water Bay Road and Wan Po Road daily will affect the traffic, transport and residents' livelihood in Sai Kung district
(SKDC(EHCCAFC) Paper No. 86/21)**

61. Members noted SKDC(EHCCAFC) Paper No. 86/21, i.e. the reply from EPD.

62. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared to delete the above item at the next meeting.

(G) EV-charging at Home Subsidy Scheme

63. Members noted that Link Asset Management Limited had no supplementary remarks regarding the above item. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared to delete the above item at the next meeting.

**(H) Carrying capacity of the Sai Kung Country Park
(SKDC(EHCCAFC) Paper No. 87/21)**

64. Members noted SKDC(EHCCAFC) Paper No. 87/21, i.e. the reply from the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD).

65. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared to delete the above item at the next meeting.

**(I) Enquiry about the biodiversity of the Lions Nature Education Centre
(SKDC(EHCCAFC) Paper No. 88/21)**

66. Members noted SKDC(EHCCAFC) Paper No. 88/21, i.e. the reply from AFCD.

67. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to make an enquiry to AFCD in writing, regarding the reason of launching the ecological monitoring and habitat management plan at the Wetland Park but not at the Lions Nature Education Centre. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared to delete the above item at the next meeting.

**(J) Request an immediate review and switch to the use of lightweight GPS tracker on cattle; and request the department's preservation of the natural environment where cattle dwell
(SKDC(EHCCAFC) Paper No. 89/21)**

68. Members noted SKDC(EHCCAFC) Paper No. 89/21, i.e. the reply from AFCD.

69. The Chairman said during an earlier inspection of cattle situation outside Chong Hing Water Sports Centre, it was recommended to improve the vegetation cover there. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman said the above item would be referred to the Working Group on Situation of Animals and the Environment in the District for follow-up.

**(K) Enquiry about the illegal display of banners in Sai Kung and Tseung Kwan O
(SKDC(EHCCAFC) Paper No. 90/21)**

70. Members noted SKDC(EHCCAFC) Paper No. 90/21, i.e. the reply from FEHD.

71. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared to delete the above item at the next meeting.

**(L) Enquiry about the details of past joint operations by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
(SKDC(EHCCAFC) Paper No. 91/21)**

72. Members noted SKDC(EHCCAFC) Paper No. 91/21, i.e. the reply from FEHD.

73. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared to delete the above item at the next meeting.

74. The Chairman said the following meeting would be chaired by the Vice-Chairman.

IV. Motions Raised by Members

(The Vice-Chairman chaired the meeting)

(A) The 3 motions raised by Members

(1) Request inter-departmental and organisational efforts in strengthening the prevention and control of mosquitoes and biting midges along Tseung Kwan O South Waterfront Promenade, as well as the provision of information on mosquito and biting midge infestation at Tseung Kwan O South Waterfront Promenade (SKDC(EHCCAFC) Paper No. 92/21)

75. The Vice-Chairman said the motion was raised by Mr LAI Wai-tong and seconded by Messrs LUI Man-kwong and Frankie LAM.

76. Members noted SKDC(EHCCAFC) Paper Nos. 104/21 to 109/21, i.e. the replies from FEHD, LCSD, Sai Kung District Lands Office, EPD, Jockey Club HKFA Football Training Centre and CEDD.

77. Mr LAI Wai-tong said the paper stated that biting midges were not major disease-borne vectors and therefore FEHD did not plan to monitor them. Nonetheless, as the climate warmed up, the habitats of insects had been affected to a certain extent and the problem of biting midges had impacted the lives of residents. Therefore, he hoped FEHD would allocate more resources to handle the problem of biting midges. He enquired whether the existing mosquito control measures could effectively solve the problem of biting midges infestations. In addition, he suggested EPD strengthen mosquito control measures in the restored areas of the Tseung Kwan O Stage I Landfill.

78. Mr Francis CHAU hoped there would be persistent inter-departmental operations on mosquito control to solve the problem of mosquito infestation in Tseung Kwan O South. He asked the Secretariat to request WSD and EPD in writing to persistently monitor the problem of mosquito and biting midge infestation at the construction site of desalination plant and strengthen mosquito and biting midges control measures.

79. Ms HO Sau-ying of FEHD responded to Members' questions as follows:

- Biting midges were minute blood sucking flies that bred in aquatic or semi-aquatic environment and could be found in damp places or in mud. Due to the short flight

range of biting midges, they were generally found concentrated near places where there was a suitable breeding environment, e.g. soil surface with lots of fallen leaves and withered plants, sand traps, or choked surface channels.

- As these breeding places of midges were somewhat similar to those for *Aedes albopictus*, control actions taken for elimination of potential mosquito breeding places, e.g. removal of fallen leaves from soil surface or choked surface channels, before the rainy season would also be effective towards biting midges.
- LCSD and HD noted FEHD's suggestion on prevention and control of biting midges, including using techniques such as plough or draining to keep the moisture content of soil surface low; removing fallen leaves on soil surface and choking matters in drainage channels; using plough to reduce the moisture content of soil surface; removing refuse and fallen leaves on slopes and flowerbeds, trimming vegetation and applying insecticide on a regular basis.
- The number of complaints related to biting midges in the territory decreased by 51% in 2019-20.

80. Mr LAI Wai-tong hoped FEHD would improve communication with the stakeholders of housing estates in Tseung Kwan O South and suggested informing stakeholders in advance before carrying out mosquito control actions, such that stakeholders could prepare relevant measures and the effectiveness of mosquito control in the area could be enhanced.

81. There being no objection from Members, the Vice-Chairman declared that the motion was carried and would be deleted at the next meeting. The Vice-Chairman asked FEHD to note Members' views and the Secretariat to convey Members' requests to WSD and EPD in writing.

(2) Request the early provision of recycling facilities in Tseung Kwan O South (SKDC(EHCCAFC) Paper No. 93/21)

82. The Vice-Chairman said the motion was raised by Mr LAI Wai-tong and seconded by Mr LUI Man-kwong.

83. Members noted SKDC(EHCCAFC) Paper No. 99/21, i.e. the reply from EPD.

84. There being no objection from Members, the Vice-Chairman declared that the motion was carried and would be deleted at the next meeting.

(3) Urge for addressing and reducing light pollution in Sai Kung rural areas (SKDC(EHCCAFC) Paper No. 94/21)

85. The Vice-Chairman said the motion was raised by the Chairman and seconded by Messrs CHEUNG Wai-chiu, LAI Wai-tong, LEUNG Hin-yan, LUI Man-kwong, he himself and Frankie LAM.

86. Members noted SKDC(EHCCAFC) Paper Nos. 100/21 to 102/21, i.e. the replies from AFCD, Marine Department (MD) and HyD.

87. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to convey the following views to the relevant departments in writing:

To write to MD and AFCD and request/recommend:

- The departments could distribute pamphlets on bright light fishing to District Councils for reference.
- SKDC could assist in the distribution of pamphlets on bright light fishing to related stakeholders.

To write to HyD to enquire:

- The intensity of LED street lights could affect the nocturnal activities of insects. Members hoped HyD could provide information on the locations of street lights which required intensity adjustments after conducting ecological assessments in Sai Kung district.
- Whether Members could, upon receiving complaints over nuisance of LED street lights, request HyD to adjust the intensity of street lights at the relevant locations.

88. There being no objection from Members, the Vice-Chairman said the motion was carried and would be deleted at the next meeting. The Vice-Chairman asked the Secretariat to convey the Chairman's requests to relevant departments in writing.

(B) One question raised by Members

**(1) The cleaning and management of beaches in country parks
(SKDC(EHCCAFC) Paper No. 95/21)**

89. The Vice-Chairman welcomed Ms Helen HUI, Country Parks Officer (Sai Kung), AFCD to the meeting.

90. The Vice-Chairman said the question was raised by the Chairman.

91. Members noted SKDC(EHCCAFC) Paper No. 103/21, i.e. the reply from AFCD.

92. The Chairman said many citizens chose to camp at the beaches in country parks. Since no refuse collection bins were placed in the beaches of country parks, she enquired how AFCD would handle the refuse left by citizens. Moreover, she enquired whether AFCD would cease removing the broken tree branches left in beaches after the passage of Typhoon Mangkhut and just let them decompose naturally.

93. Ms Helen HUI of AFCD responded to Members' questions as follows:

- AFCD encouraged citizens to "take their litter home". When necessary, citizens could make use of the refuse collection bins or recycling bins in designated campsites.
- To maintain environmental hygiene, AFCD regularly collected refuse gathered from beaches and would step up cleaning subject to number of visitors.
- AFCD had completed the relief work of Typhoon Mangkhut in the first half of 2019. Since the fallen trees or branches belonged to part of nature, many were placed in nearby habitats to allow re-absorption of nutrients in the soil after decomposition.

94. The Vice-Chairman said the following meeting would be chaired by the Chairman.

V. Any Other Business

(The Chairman chaired the meeting)

(A) Motions referred by the Sai Kung District Council (SKDC) meeting:

(1) Enquire about the Hong Kong Offshore Wind Farm in Southeastern Waters (SKDC(M) Paper Nos. 157/21, 171/21 and 172/21)

95. The Chairman said the Secretariat had written to the Environment Bureau and CLP Power Hong Kong Limited (CLP) and recommended to improve communication with SKDC regarding the issue of wind farms.

96. On behalf of Mr Ryan LEE, Ms Valerie WONG enquired about the estimated level of tsunamis and earthquakes wind farms could withstand, as well as whether wind farms would affect marine ecology.

97. Mr Francis CHAU hoped CLP could regularly report to SKDC on the latest progress of wind farms.

98. Mr LAI Wai-tong suggested arranging site visits to the location of wind farms.

99. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to convey Members' views to CLP and the Environment Bureau in writing and make further enquiries. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared to delete the above item at the next meeting.

(2) Request the Development Bureau to cease the study on relocation of the concrete batching plant in Yau Tong to Area 137, Tseung Kwan O for protecting the health and living environment of Tseung Kwan O residents in view of the Environmental Protection Department's rejection of the licence renewal application for the concrete batching plant due to its failure to comply with the Air Pollution Control Ordinance (SKDC(M) Paper No. 179/21)

100. The Chairman said the above was the extempore motion carried at SKDC Full Council meeting on 4 May. The Secretariat had written to the Development Bureau and a reply was still pending.

101. Mr Francis CHAU said Tseung Kwan O Area 137 was designated as a comprehensive development area. The proposed concrete batching plant and desalination plant were closely located and might affect the nearby waters and overall living environment. He suggested expressing SKDC's strong opposition to the project to the Development Bureau and retaining the above item for follow-up.

102. Mr LAI Wai-tong said the prevailing winds were southeasterlies during summertime in Hong Kong. If the concrete batching plant was set up in Area 137, the pollutants would be dispersed by wind to the vicinity of Tseung Kwan O South and affect residents. He hoped that relevant bureaux/departments could first consult SKDC and conduct an environmental impact assessment study before planning.

103. Ms LEUNG Hin-yan enquired about the limitations of building the concrete batching plant and desalination plant within the same area.

104. Miss Connie WONG of EPD responded to Members' questions as follows:

- If the Development Bureau planned to build the concrete batching plant in Area 137, an environmental assessment would be conducted.
- Generally speaking, desalination plants were not listed as affected facility with regard to the operations of concrete batching plants.
- Since it was merely a preliminary plan to set up the concrete batching plant in Area 137, the Development Bureau could not provide any supplementary information and she was unable to make further comments.

105. Mr Francis CHAU said the operation period of the fill bank in Area 137 was limited and he was worried that departments might propose extending the operation period of the fill bank concerned. He suggested that SKDC should initiate discussions on the above issue as early as possible.

106. Mr Brandon YIP said the operation of concrete batching plants could discharge sewage. Since the desalination plant would pump in polluted seawater for desalination, he was worried about the water safety after water desalination.

107. Ms LEUNG Hin-yan hoped EPD could explain the operation details of the desalination plant and concrete batching plant and whether the plants would affect one another adversely.

108. Mr LUI Man-kwong questioned about the feasibility of setting up a concrete batching plant adjacent to the desalination plant. He worried that the desalination plant would directly pump polluted seawater discharged by the concrete batching plant, which could lead to problems in drinking water safety.

109. Mr LAI Wai-tong said Members should be informed of the future planning initiatives of Area 137, where different initiatives could restrict the construction of different facilities. Therefore, he recommended departments to report to SKDC as early as possible on the future planning initiatives of Area 137. If the Government planned to provide a concrete batching plant in Area 137, he hoped EPD would take heed of the problem of pollutant emissions. He suggested writing to WSD to enquire whether the proposed concrete batching plant in Area 137 would affect the operation of desalination plant.

110. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to convey Members' views to WSD in writing and make further enquiries.

111. Miss Connie WONG of EPD responded to Members' questions as follows:

- The discharge of sewage by the proposed concrete batching plant would require applications for licences with reference to the Water Pollution Control Ordinance. The discharge of sewage would also be monitored.
- No sewage pipes were laid around the proposed concrete batching plant. EPD was requesting the Development Bureau to provide more information about measures to handle effluents and sewage for review.
- EPD would gather evidence with reference to the Water Pollution Control Ordinance and initiate prosecutions if there was any illegal discharge of pollutants.

112. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to write to the Development Bureau and enquire about the criteria for the plan to relocate the concrete batching plant in Yau Tong to Area 137, and the measures to control discharge of pollutants. The Chairman declared to retain the above item at the next meeting for discussion.

**(B) Funding applications under the 2021-22 Sai Kung Community Involvement Programme
(SKDC(EHCCAFC) Paper No. 96/21)**

113. The Chairman said two funding applications under the 2021-22 Sai Kung Community Involvement Programme were set out in the SKDC(EHCCAFC) Paper No. 96/21, namely “Like Country, Like Hong Kong” and “Eco-Guide Ambassador Training Program in Tseung Kwan O”. The application numbers were 18/21-22(CA) and 19/21-22(CA) respectively and the total amount for approval was \$295,852. The information on the declaration of interests by Members in the paper was prepared based on the Secretariat’s past records. Regarding the two current funding applications, no Members had made declaration of interests. In case there were errors or omissions, Members were asked to make declaration immediately and complete the declaration form after the meeting for the Secretariat’s record. Members should declare interests or update the information before the meeting for the Secretariat to send the information on Members’ declaration of interests to all Members by email for reference. If there was any question on the declaration of any Member or his relationship with the organisations, the attendees should raise it at the meeting for discussion and resolution.

114. Mr Frankie LAM declared that his relative was a member of the executive committee of the applicant organisation (The Women’s Association of Tseung Kwan O Community) so he would withdraw from the discussion at the meeting.

Vetting funding applications

115. The Chairman said the funding applications reviewed by the Secretariat for submission to EHCCAFC for consideration were recommended for approval by the Secretariat according to the “Guidelines/Procedures on the Use of Sai Kung District Council Funds for Community Involvement Projects”. Members were asked to vet the two funding applications prudently with a view to making more effective use of resources.

116. The Chairman asked Members to decide whether to approve the funding application of “Like Country, Like Hong Kong” and consider the need to adjust the amount of expenses, including those for “non-standard items”, i.e. budget expenses nos. 5-7 and 12:

5) Professional video shooting \$48,000

- 6) Post-production video editing \$48,000
- 7) Borrowing of video shooting equipment \$28,200
- 12) Speaking fees (online videos and education-themed talks/with educational information)
\$39,200

117. Mr Francis CHAU took the view that the amount of funding applied was relatively large, in which most of the expenses were used for video shooting and sharing at talks. He was concerned about the effectiveness of the videos and asked how the applicant organisation could ensure that the public would join the talks or watch the videos.

118. Ms LEUNG Hin-yan said hikers and participants who attended talks in community halls belonged to two different groups and considered it not worthwhile to spend a huge sum of money while being unable to reach out to hikers. She believed that it was more practical to deploy “Activity Ambassadors” to hiking trails for promotion.

119. Mr LUI Man-kwong took the view that video shooting could not spread the message to hikers and deploying staff to hiking trails was the most effective way for promotion.

120. Mr LEE Ka-yui had no comments on the video shooting fees but placed importance on how to attract interested participants to watch the videos.

121. Mr CHEUNG Wai-chiu enquired whether the Secretariat could provide any specific data from the Women’s Association of Tseung Kwan O Community such as the number of participants in previous video shooting activities or video view counts for reference.

122. Ms Valerie WONG said there were several clips featuring the introduction of SKDC in the video gallery of SKDC webpage. However, they were shot in 2018 and she recommended that the Secretariat should upload past video clips by organisations showing how SKDC handled district matters.

123. The Chairman enquired whether Members approved video shooting in principle, while the video content or promotion strategies might need further discussion.

124. Ms LEUNG Hin-yan opposed to video shooting and considered that there were video clips with the same kind of information online so it was not worthwhile to spend money on shooting new video clips.

125. Mr LAI Wai-tong said he had no objection-in-principle to video shooting. Nonetheless, the applicant organisation should ensure that the videos were viewed by people who liked

hiking to achieve its expected promotion effectiveness. He considered that it would be more effective to deploy “Activity Ambassadors” to hiking trails for promotion.

126. Mr FUNG Kwan-on suggested inviting “Key Opinion Leaders (KOL)” to participate in video shooting in the form of a day-tour along the hiking trails of Sai Kung. He believed the message of “Leave No Trace” could be more effectively promoted this way.

127. Mr Francis CHAU said Members should first decide whether SKDC agreed with the promotion objectives of the applicant organisation before deciding whether to collaborate or not. He suggested rejecting the funding application and inviting the applicant organisation to re-submit the funding application to SKDC after taking Members’ views into account.

128. Mr LUI Man-kwong suggested that the applicant organisation should take Members’ views into account and attend the next EHCCAFC meeting to present the content.

129. Mr Brandon YIP said SKDC had approved considerable amounts of funding for district organisations to shoot video clips last year. However, the effect was far from satisfactory and therefore he did not support the recommendation of the above funding application.

130. Mr Stanley HO hoped the applicant organisation could clearly state the target age group of activity participants. Since participants of different age groups required different promotion strategies, he suggested that the applicant organisation should attend the next EHCCAFC meeting to deliver a presentation.

131. The Chairman suggested shelving the funding applications first and asked the applicant organisation to take Members’ views into account and attend the next EHCCAFC meeting to deliver a presentation. The Chairman consolidated Members’ views as follows:

- EHCCAFC was dubious about the activity’s effectiveness and hoped the applicant organisation would explain the differences between its videos and those of the same category online, and the reason for requesting funds from SKDC to shoot video clips.
- EHCCAFC enquired how the applicant organisation could secure more view counts for its video clips.
- EHCCAFC enquired how the applicant organisation could ensure reaching its target audience through the video clips.
- EHCCAFC suggested that the applicant organisation should deploy “Activity Ambassadors” to promote in country parks.
- EHCCAFC suggested that the applicant organisation should invite “Key Opinion Leaders (KOL)” to participate in shooting.

132. The Chairman asked Members to decide whether to approve the “Eco-Guide Ambassador Training Program in Tseung Kwan O” application and consider the need to adjust the expenses.

133. Mr Francis CHAU said the fare per person for the above activity was not affordable and enquired whether the applicant organisation would have any follow-up activities for long-term development.

134. Ms LEUNG Hin-yan enquired about the webpage design, fare, purpose of renting binoculars, design and style of rental binoculars and whether there were more affordable alternatives with regard to the above activity.

135. The Chairman shared his experiences of participating in bird watching classes and said it was common to use binoculars for bird watching. She believed that there would be more activities on urban eco-guide ambassadors in the future to teach citizens to appreciate their communities.

136. Mr Francis CHAU recommended the applicant organisation to consider organising more follow-up activities and reminded them to take heed of the arrangements on social gathering restrictions. He also recommended to co-ordinate with LCSD regarding the use of space for activities outside the Hong Kong Velodrome Park.

137. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to request supplementary information from the applicant organisation upon Members’ request, and endorsed the application of “Eco-Guide Ambassador Training Program in Tseung Kwan O” as well as the recommendation of the above funding application to the Finance and Administration Committee.

138. Mr LAI Wai-tong said the vegetation cover adjacent to Tseung Kwan O Highway was full of refuse, including the slope between Po Shun Road and Po Lam Road South. He enquired whether FEHD would regularly cleanse the above areas.

139. Mr FUNG Kwan-on suggested that FEHD should allocate additional resources to purchase electronic trolleys, which could assist the cleansing workers in transferring the refuse gathered from Pak Lap Village in Sai Kung to refuse collection vehicles and therefore minimise the occurrence of work-related accidents.

140. The Chairman said due to the influx of visitors to Pak Lap recently, the amount of refuse increased substantially and she recommended enhancing the manpower and equipment for the rural cleansing workers. She also received complaints regarding the cleansing workers in Yim Tin Tsai washing refuse collection bins in the sea and hoped FEHD could follow up with the complaints.

141. Ms LEUNG Hin-yan enquired about measures to follow up with the problem of pedestrian crossing outside Tui Min Hoi Market.

142. Mr Francis CHAU suggested that Members should liaise with FEHD after the meeting regarding the locations in the district where more cleansing was required.

VI. Date of Next Meeting

143. The Chairman declared that the next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, 22 July 2021. The meeting ended at 1:15 p.m.

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