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**Sai Kung District Council**  
**Minutes of the First Meeting in 2021**

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Date: 2 February 2021 (Tuesday)

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Venue: Conference Room of the Sai Kung District Council

<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>From</u></b>	<b><u>To</u></b>
Mr CHUNG Kam-lun (Chairman)	9:30 a.m.	4:30 p.m.
Mr CHAU Yin-ming, Francis, BBS, MH (Vice-Chairman)	9:30 a.m.	4:30 p.m.
Ms CHAN Ka-lam, Debby	9:36 a.m.	4:30 p.m.
Mr CHAN Wai-lit	9:30 a.m.	4:30 p.m.
Mr CHAN Yiu-chor, Andrew	9:30 a.m.	4:30 p.m.
Mr CHENG Chung-man	9:32 a.m.	3:45 p.m.
Mr CHEUNG Chin-pang, Edwin	9:31 a.m.	4:30 p.m.
Mr CHEUNG Mei-hung, Chris	9:35 a.m.	4:20 p.m.
Mr CHEUNG Wai-chiu	10:01 a.m.	4:30 p.m.
Mr CHOI Ming-hei	9:30 a.m.	4:30 p.m.
Mr CHUN Hoi-shing	9:30 a.m.	4:30 p.m.
Mr FAN Kwok-wai, Gary	9:30 a.m.	4:30 p.m.
Ms FONG Kwok-shan, Christine	9:30 a.m.	3:45 p.m.
Mr FUNG Kwan-on	9:40 a.m.	4:30 p.m.
Mr HO Wai-hong, Stanley	9:30 a.m.	4:30 p.m.
Mr LAI Ming-chak	9:30 a.m.	4:30 p.m.
Mr LAI Wai-tong	9:30 a.m.	4:30 p.m.
Mr LAM Siu-chung, Frankie	9:30 a.m.	4:30 p.m.
Mr LAU Kai-hong	9:30 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
Mr LEE Ka-yui	10:06 a.m.	4:30 p.m.
Mr LEE Yin-ho, Ryan	9:30 a.m.	4:30 p.m.
Ms LEUNG Hin-yan	9:50 a.m.	4:30 p.m.
Mr LEUNG Li	9:30 a.m.	4:30 p.m.
Mr LUI Man-kwong	9:30 a.m.	4:30 p.m.
Mr LUK Ping-choi	9:30 a.m.	10:31 a.m.
Mr OR Yiu-lam, Ricky	9:30 a.m.	11:41 a.m.
Mr TSE Ching-fung	9:30 a.m.	4:30 p.m.

Ms WONG Cheuk-nga, Valerie	9:30 a.m.	4:30 p.m.
Mr WONG Shui-sang	9:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Mr YIP Brandon Kenneth	9:30 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
Mr YU Tsun-ning	9:42 a.m.	4:30 p.m.
Ms TSOI Leung-leung, Teresa (Secretary)	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Sai Kung District Office	

### **In Attendance**

Mr CHIU Yin-wa, David, JP	District Officer (Sai Kung), Sai Kung District Office
Mr CHOW Tat-wing, Cyrus	Assistant District Officer (Sai Kung)1, Sai Kung District Office
Mr NG Wai-chung, Justin	Assistant District Officer (Sai Kung)2, Sai Kung District Office
Mr CHENG Chi-wing, Ken	Senior Liaison Officer (1), Sai Kung District Office
Ms LAM Yee-mang, Dawn	Senior Liaison Officer (2), Sai Kung District Office
Mr NG Wai-ming	Senior Liaison Officer (3), Sai Kung District Office
Mr LIU Chung-him, Michael	Executive Officer I (District Council), Sai Kung District Office
Ms LAM Shu-tsook, Kitty	Senior Town Planner/Tseung Kwan O, Planning Department
Ms LUI Siu-ying, Micy	District Social Welfare Officer (Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung), Social Welfare Department
Mr Mark Ronald ANSTISS	District Commander (Tseung Kwan O), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr LEE Chin-wang, Chris	Police Community Relations Officer (Tseung Kwan O) (Acting), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr CHOI Tung-tsoi	District Commander (Wong Tai Sin), Hong Kong Police Force
Ms SHUM Pok-yu	Divisional Commander (Sai Kung), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr CHENG Chun-tung, Seann	Police Community Relations Officer (Wong Tai Sin), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr LO Sai-pak, Sunny	Chief Engineer/E1, Civil Engineering and Development Department
Ms LING Kuk-yi	Chief Manager/Management (KWS), Housing Department
Mr CHENG Chi-hung	Housing Manager/KWS12, Housing Department
Ms AU Chui-hing, Amy	Property Service Manager/S(KWS) 6, Housing Department
Mr WONG Chak-kwan, Byon	Chief Transport Officer/Goods Vehicle, Transport Department
Mr CHENG Kwok-kuen, Chris	District Leisure Manager (Sai Kung), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms CHEUNG Nga-yan, Amy	Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Sai Kung, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr NG Kwok-lun, Wilson	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Sai Kung), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr MA Hon-yim, Francis	District Lands Officer/Sai Kung, District Lands Office, Sai Kung
Mr YEUNG Wai-dor	Administrative Assistant/Lands (Acting), District Lands Office,

	Sai Kung	
Mr LEUNG Chung-lap, Michael, JP	Project Manager(E), Civil Engineering and Development Department	} For agenda item II (A)
Mr YU Chun, Calvin	Senior Executive Officer(Planning)22, Leisure and Cultural Services Department	
Ms WONG Kwan-ting, Zoe	Country Parks Ranger Services Officer (East), Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department	} For agenda item V(A) (10)
Ms HUI Yuk-ling, Helen	Country Parks Officer (Sai Kung), Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department	

The Chairman said a quorum was present and the meeting commenced officially.

2. The Chairman welcomed all Members and attendees to the meeting, in particular –

- Mr NG Wai-ming, Senior Liaison Officer (3), Sai Kung District Office;
- Mr Chris CHENG, District Leisure Manager (Sai Kung), Leisure and Cultural Services Department, who had taken over the duties from Ms KONG Po-ye, Alice on transfer;
- Ms Amy CHEUNG, Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Sai Kung, Leisure and Cultural Services Department;
- Mr YEUNG Wai-dor, Administrative Assistant/Lands (Acting), District Lands Office, Sai Kung, who attended the meeting on behalf of Mr TSANG Ka-lok, Raymond, Administrative Assistant/Lands;
- Ms Kitty LAM, Senior Town Planner/Tseung Kwan O, Planning Department, who attended the meeting on behalf of Ms TAM Yin-ping, Donna, District Planning Officer/Sai Kung & Islands;
- Mr CHENG Chi-hung, Housing Manager/KWS12, Housing Department;
- Ms Amy AU, Property Service Manager/S(KWS) 6, Housing Department.

3. The Chairman said he had not received any Notification of Absence from Meeting today.

**I. Confirmation of Minutes of the Sixth Meeting of Sai Kung District Council (SKDC) held on 3 November 2020**

4. The Chairman noted that the Secretariat had not received any proposed amendment to the above meeting minutes before the meeting. There being no other proposed amendment at the meeting, the Chairman declared that the above minutes were confirmed.

**II. New Items**

(A) SKDC Progress Report of Major Projects 2020-21  
(SKDC(M) Paper No. 1/21)

5. The Chairman welcomed:

- Mr Michael LEUNG, Project Manager(E), East Development Office, Civil Engineering and Development Department
- Mr Sunny LO, Chief Engineer/E1, Civil Engineering and Development Department
- Mr Chris CHENG, District Leisure Manager (Sai Kung), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
- Mr Calvin YU, Senior Executive Officer(Planning)22, Leisure and Cultural Services Department

6. The Chairman said Members might raise questions to other government departments on the above item. The Secretariat or the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) would convey Members' questions and comments to relevant government departments. The Chairman asked the Project Manager(E) to introduce the report.

7. Mr Michael LEUNG, Project Manager(E), CEDD, introduced the progress report of works projects to Members based on the presentation slides.

8. Mr Gary FAN enquired about the completion dates of the associated works of Tseung Kwan O – Lam Tin Tunnel (TKO-LTT) and the Cross Bay Link. He remarked that some workers of the projects mentioned had been tested positive for the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) earlier and many confirmed cases in Yau Ma Tei were suspected to be related to the TKO-LTT sites. It was indicated in the report that CEDD would closely monitor the overall impact of the epidemic on the project and some unforeseen events were particularly stated; hence, he would like to understand the improvement work carried out in response to works suspension due to the epidemic, whether the time delay corresponded with the works suspension period and the specific circumstances referred to as unforeseen events.

9. Mr LAI Ming-chak said the Cross Bay Link and TKO-LTT projects were expected to be completed in 2022 and by the end of 2021 respectively. As works delay was highly likely, he enquired if CEDD had any contingency plan to handle the future situation in which the Cross Bay Link project was completed while the TKO-LTT project was still in progress. He noted that CEDD, the Transport Department (TD) and the bus companies were discussing the commissioning date of the Tseung Kwan O Tunnel Bus-to-Bus Interchange (BBI) (Kowloon-bound) and asked TD about the commissioning date of the BBI. He hoped that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) would be invited to attend the meeting and introduce

the service units newly established in Area 65C2, Tseung Kwan O for facilitating Members to refer cases to relevant service units for follow-up work.

10. Mr LUI Man-kwong enquired whether the Cross Bay Link and TKO-LTT projects could possibly be completed according to schedule as reported in the newspapers or how likely they would be delayed, as well as whether the two infrastructures could be commissioned in parallel. He had received a public complaint about the construction noise generated from the site of the building of the Immigration Department (ImmD). Installation of sheet piles during the first half of 2020 had caused noise nuisance and the problem had improved in the middle construction phase, but the noise problem recurred at present. He enquired when the works procedures that generated loud noise would be completed and hoped that the department would use different noise mitigation facilities and learn from this experience to avoid giving rise to similar situation during construction of the joint-user building beside the ImmD building.

11. Mr LAI Wai-tong asked CEDD about the works progress of the BBI (Kowloon-bound) project. He would like to know the estimated date of handing over the BBI by CEDD to TD and the bus companies for installing passenger facilities. He also enquired when the Ancillary Facilities Block near Yung Ming Court, Chi Shin Activity Centre of Sai Kung District Office (SKDO) and SWD's facilities would officially commission intake or commence operation. In the report, two location plans showed an overview of the major projects in progress, and there were two cavern projects in the Anderson Road development area. Apart from the cavern development of Tai Sheung Tok Transfer Station, Public Works Central Laboratory and Government Records Service, he would like to understand whether there would be other facilities in the Anderson Road development area or nearby areas that were under study but were not shown in the location plans, as these facilities would bring a huge impact on residents in Sai Kung district, including the traffic and residents' accessibility in Sai Kung rural areas from Hiram's Highway and Clear Water Bay Road to Po Lam Road.

12. Mr Ricky OR noted that the land of a private residential estate was involved in the lift installation project for a footbridge, but he learnt that the works departments had not formally discussed the matter with relevant stakeholders yet, and negotiation between both parties might arise during the discussion. He asked relevant departments about the latest arrangements.

13. The Chairman asked Mr Ricky OR about the specific location of the footbridge concerned.

14. Mr Ricky OR supplemented that he referred to the footbridge connected to Beverly Garden and other related footbridges. If the location or connection point did not fall on

government land, issues related to private land would be involved.

15. As no representative of the Highways Department (HyD) was present at the meeting, the Chairman expressed that the enquiry would be recorded and handled in subsequent meetings.

16. Mr TSE Ching-fung raised two questions. First, he would like to understand the construction progress of the Ancillary Facilities Block of SWD in Area 65C2. To his knowledge, SWD had arranged for non-profit-making organisations to move in, but some organisations were still not informed of the handover date. Second, he asked TD and CEDD about the completion date of the BBI (Kowloon-bound) and how TD would attract more passengers to use the BBI (Tseung Kwan O-bound) after the BBI (Kowloon-bound) was commissioned, so as to resolve its problem of low utilisation rate.

17. Ms Debby CHAN said many issues had been discussed at the meetings of different Committees and Working Groups. However, the latest development of the issues was not known due to cancellation of meetings during the epidemic. She enquired whether the issues would continue to be discussed at SKDC meetings. Besides, she enquired about the latest progress of the Sai Kung Promenade Improvement project. The department had expressed that the project would commence in 2021, but only the preliminary design had been discussed at an earlier meeting. She commented that the progress report had not reflected the latest progress under the epidemic. Furthermore, she hoped that CEDD would provide additional design details of the Improvement Works at Leung Shuen Wan Pier as villagers were concerned about berthing spaces for vessels, in particular the water depth and orientation of vessels during sea parade in Tin Hau Festival. Villagers could not tell from the plan provided by the department whether the water depth to the north of the pier was sufficient.

18. Mr Frankie LAM asked CEDD whether TKO-LTT project could be completed as scheduled and when the BBI (Kowloon-bound) would be handed over to TD for trial run. Since some locations had been connected to the footbridge, he continued to enquire about the works schedule of other connection works.

19. Ms LEUNG Hin-yan opined that on page 43 of the report, “concerns” in the phrase “some SKDC members expressed their views and concerns on the gazettal road scheme” should be changed to “oppositions”. At the previous Committee and Working Group meetings, Members had expressed objection for many times, and the motion had been passed. She asked CEDD to note the papers and opposing views of Members. She continued to enquire whether the Sai Kung Promenade Improvement project would continue to be implemented.

20. The Chairman said CEDD was required to submit a progress report on projects to SKDC every year. Regardless of whether the items had been discussed or pursued earlier, CEDD had the responsibility to submit the progress report to the Council regularly. Based on his understanding, CEDD had co-ordinated with relevant departments and consolidated information in the last quarter of 2020. Even though CEDD could not submit the report as scheduled in 2020, the Chairman hoped that the department would submit the report in mid-2021 as planned.

21. Mr Michael LEUNG of CEDD responded to Members' questions as follows:

- TKO-LTT project would be completed by end of 2021 the soonest, but the works had been suspended due to the epidemic and the supply of materials was affected. The schedule had to be reviewed subject to the impact of the epidemic on the project.
- The Cross Bay Link project was targeted for completion in 2022 and its progress was also affected by the epidemic albeit to a relatively smaller extent.
- The BBI (Tseung Kwan O-bound) had been open to the public in October 2020 and construction of roads and covered walkways at the BBI (Kowloon-bound) was largely completed. Trial run would be arranged by the bus companies in early 2021. Subsequent works required co-ordination with TD and the bus companies, such as installation of display panels, power connection, etc. Reply from TD on the detailed schedule for the commissioning of the BBI was pending.
- CEDD was refining the improved design of the Sai Kung Promenade and would provide a concrete proposal to the District Council.

22. Mr Sunny LO, Chief Engineer/E1, CEDD, expressed that the TKO-LTT project had been suspended twice in late 2020 and early 2021 due to some workers' contraction of COVID-19. Each works suspension period lasted for more than two weeks, which affected the works progress, and the contractor had subsequently sanitised the site. CEDD attached great importance to workers' safety and had adopted various anti-epidemic measures. On cleaning and sanitisation, CEDD engaged a company to provide professional sanitisation services and disinfect offices and places often visited by workers and colleagues, including washrooms, common areas and the works site. The contractor was also required to use 1:99 diluted disinfectant to cleanse the places twice a day. On testing, apart from requiring colleagues to measure their temperature before going to work and to wear masks as well as providing them with protective gear, colleagues were also required to undergo the test additionally. All colleagues entering the site had to undergo the test beforehand and had to present a negative test result. On meal break arrangements, CEDD adopted flexible meal hour arrangement and provided more space for having meals and taking rest, and partitions were used to separate colleagues in the meal area. CEDD also limited the number of people using the container offices, enhanced ventilation facilities in the container offices and rest area

and improved shower facilities to achieve effective partitioning. The changing area was divided into individual cubicles to avoid close contact among workers or colleagues during changing before and after work.

23. The Chairman asked CEDD to give supplementary project information on the Anderson Road development area.

24. Mr Michael LEUNG of CEDD explained that the report on Anderson Road works was compiled by gathering updated information from various departments, which included completed projects as well as those under planning and in progress for Members' reference.

25. The Chairman asked TD and SWD to respond to the enquiries about the BBI (Kowloon-bound) and Area 65C2.

26. Mr Byon WONG, Chief Transport Officer/Goods Vehicle, TD, responded that as mentioned by CEDD, TD and CEDD had conducted trial run twice together with the bus companies in December 2020 and January 2021. TD had also liaised with the bus companies for the allocation of bus stop locations. Moreover, the bus companies had submitted proposals for installation of passenger facilities and fare concession, and the concerned departments were reviewing the proposals. TD would assess the progress of relevant work and would submit information paper to SKDC in February to report the work progress and the expected commissioning date and arrangements.

27. Ms Micy LUI, District Social Welfare Officer (Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung), SWD, responded to Members' questions as follows:

- There were five social welfare units in Area 65C2 and one of them was an Integrated Family Service Centre (IFSC) under SWD. SWD had conducted a pre-handover inspection with the Housing Department (HD) last week, and some defect rectifications and repair works were required to be carried out. It was hoped that the IFSC would commence operation in the first quarter of 2021. The remaining four service units were to be run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs). SWD hoped to officially take over the venue in the first quarter of 2021 and had reserved funding to carry out renovation. Renovation works would commence after taking over the venue and SWD hoped that the units would come into operation in 2021 or within the financial year 2021-22.
- Regarding the social welfare facility in Mount Verdant, it was an Integrated Community Centre for Mental Wellness. SWD had taken over the site and the operating organisation had made a funding application for renovation. Renovation works would be implemented after SWD's approval and it was hoped

that the facility would start operation in 2021.

28. Mr Gary FAN said confirmed cases related to the TKO-LTT site had appeared in December 2020, and more confirmed cases had emerged after a period of time. He hoped that CEDD would verify the number of occurrences of works suspension and give an account of the implementation schedule of various epidemic prevention measures in response to the recommendations made by the Centre for Health Protection (CHP), thereby knowing if the measures were implemented before or after discovery of confirmed cases, or if the second wave of confirmed cases occurred after the measures had been put in place. He asked if CHP had appointed experts to follow up the situation on the site and whether there were more effective measures to cope with the enclosed environment in the container offices. He hoped that CEDD would provide the works completion schedule and explain the works delay caused by supply of materials. CEDD was asked to clarify whether the materials referred to fabricated components produced in the Mainland as mentioned on page 20 of the report and if the materials were for the tunnel or the bridge of the Cross Bay Link. With the postponement of works, he enquired whether the works could be completed before 2022 if no confirmed cases were found again; and whether the works completion had to be postponed until 2023 if confirmed cases were reported.

29. Mr Brandon YIP considered no need to raise concern about workers' safety and epidemic prevention measures on works sites. Some Members had earlier conducted inspection on works sites and requested additional restrictions to be imposed on workers, but he opined that manual workers had their own work culture and practices. Restrictions on the number of workers, their practice of wearing masks, their social manners, etc., should not be introduced.

30. Mr LAI Wai-tong enquired about the progress of Subhead B100HX Cat. D (Site Formation and Infrastructure Works for Development near Po Lam Road South in Tseung Kwan O – Feasibility Study) under Head 711 on page 34 of the progress report and asked about the time for reporting to SKDC. The study had commenced in May 2018 to review the feasibility of utilising the land near Po Lam Road South for public housing developments. Four locations were mentioned in the study, namely (1) the site to the west of Tsui Lam Estate; (2) the site to the south of Po Lam Road; (3) the site near the bus terminus to the south of Hong Sing Garden and to the north of Mau Wu Tsai; and (4) the site to the north of Po Lam Road South. In 2017, SKDC had expressed strong opposition to the construction of public housing on the four Green Belt sites and had anticipated that the community would have a lot of opinions on the matter in the future. He therefore asked government departments to report the relevant progress. On the other hand, the development projects in Anderson Road development area also required the use of Po Lam Road. He asked CEDD how to handle the overall traffic planning and calculate the traffic volume data. Since various projects had

conducted their own traffic impact assessments, the capacity of Po Lam Road in fact was not sufficient to cope with the traffic burden if all works projects were taken into consideration. He pointed out that there were many development projects on Clear Water Bay Road, serious traffic congestion would occur in the future.

31. The Chairman asked CEDD when the review of TKO-LTT project would be completed and when SKDC would be informed of the latest situation. Regarding Ms Debby CHAN's enquiries about the Sai Kung Promenade Improvement and the Improvement Works at Leung Shuen Wan Pier, he asked if CEDD would draw up a timetable for discussion and liaise with Ms Debby CHAN and relevant village representatives to understand their views on the project. The Chairman also asked Members if the views of Mr LUI Man-kwong on the noise problem of ImmD building should be reflected to the Architectural Services Department through CEDD or the Secretariat.

32. On TKO-LTT project, Ms Christine FONG reminded CEDD to enhance monitoring work. Although CEDD requested workers to undergo the test three days before entering the works site and present a proof of negative test result, she made enquires as to how to prevent the spread of virus at the works site, improve communication with South Asian workers and solve the problem of workers not wearing masks most of the time on the works site. She continued to enquire the delivery time of the components of the Cross Bay Link main bridge and the completion date of the BBI (Kowloon-bound). She also asked if a workshop would be organised to consult the community on the planning of Area 137, Tseung Kwan O, in particular the planning of the height and volume of the South East New Territories Landfill as well as the study progress of the Southern Bridge, desalination plant and Sai Kung Sewage Treatment Works. Furthermore, she pointed out that the information on the escalators and lifts near Hong Sing Garden and Metro City on Po Lam Road North was missing in the progress report and asked CEDD and the Environment Bureau to respond to the question.

33. Mr Chris CHEUNG said CEDD had consulted SKDC on matters related to Area 137, Tseung Kwan O in 2018 and most of the Members opposed the extension of operation period of the fill bank in Area 137. CEDD intended to extend its operation for five years, but it was decided to be extended for only three years after discussion and the validity of the permit would expire by the end of 2021. The fill bank in Area 137 had a huge impact on road traffic and environmental hygiene in the district, giving rise to a few thousands of dump trucks and refuse collection vehicles passing Tseung Kwan O Tunnel, Wan Po Road and all residential estates in Tseung Kwan O South every day. He advised CEDD to give up the idea of applying for extension of the operation of the fill bank in Area 137 and enquired about the arrangements for relocating the fill bank.

34. Mr LAI Ming-chak said if Members considered epidemic prevention to be of

paramount importance, they should understand that delay in the works progress of TKO-LTT and Cross Bay Link projects was highly likely due to the epidemic. In the future, Members should avoid using banners to reproach CEDD and workers for not completing the works on schedule.

35. Mr FUNG Kwan-on said after observing the recently completed projects, he discovered that the entrance of the BBI had some structural problems allegedly caused by tight work schedule, with water leakage at multiple spots, such as the area above the passenger waiting area. Currently many projects were underway, including BBI (Kowloon-bound) works project, he hoped that the department would re-examine the leakage control work of all projects. If new facilities had water seepage, it would give rise to more problems in the long run, and worse still, it might lead to a more dangerous situation if installation of ventilation facilities or laying of cables was needed in the future.

36. Mr LUK Ping-choi said the Elevated Walkway between Tong Ming Street and Tong Tak Street, Tseung Kwan O had been completed in January 2020, but some members of the public complained about the unsatisfactory hygiene condition of the area connecting the walkway and the shopping mall entrance. He hoped that CEDD would carry out greening or beautification work.

37. Ms LEUNG Hin-yan hoped that the Drainage Services Department (DSD) would clarify the progress of relocating the Sai Kung Sewage Treatment Works. As indicated in the report, the feasibility study had been substantially completed in December 2018. She asked whether currently the project was completed or substantially completed or was pending completion. To her understanding, the environmental impact assessment was valid for 36 months, but it had been two years since the project had been substantially completed. Even though the department expressed that the project was technically feasible, the completion date was unknown. She asked DSD when or how to decide whether a project was implemented in a timely manner and whether it was only suitable to continue the project after Stage 2 Project had commenced.

38. The Vice-Chairman hoped to discuss the works projects and planning of large-scale development projects at the concerned Committee and Working Group meetings again. The Anderson Road development area involved a site of 40 acres, and departments concerned discussed the development plans by different stages at the Council meetings. The project involved Tai Sheung Tok and other areas, such as Clear Water Bay Road or Po Lam Road, which were closely connected with Sai Kung and Kwun Tong districts, and the overall planning was rarely discussed in the past. Hence, he hoped to discuss the matter with the Planning Department (PlanD) and relevant departments. He suspected that the departments intended to delay the planning of Area 137, Tseung Kwan O, which explained why the

planning study had not been available. It was hoped that the departments would submit the study report as early as possible and initiate a focused discussion on the planning of Area 137 and the feasibility of housing sites. Moreover, he pointed out that the progress report did not cover some of the projects in the Five-Year Plan of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), such as the water sports centre in Area 4, Sai Kung and the heated swimming pool in Area 65 discussed at previous meetings. He opined that the report should include the projects so that the relevant progress could be reviewed.

39. The Chairman supplemented on Mr Chris CHEUNG's question on the fill bank in Area 137, Tseung Kwan O and pointed out that the current-term SKDC had invited CEDD to attend the meeting of the Environmental Hygiene, Climate Change, Agriculture and Fisheries Committee (EHCCAFC) for many times to discuss alternative proposals for the fill bank, but CEDD had declined to attend the meetings because no updated information was available. The Secretariat had record of CEDD's refusal to attend meetings to respond to the question. If CEDD could not identify another place to handle the fill and needed to apply for extension of the operation of the fill bank in the future, SKDC would not be held accountable for the consequence.

40. Mr Chris CHEUNG said the fill bank in Area 137, Tseung Kwan O involved environmental hygiene and road safety problems. The traffic volume of a few thousands of dump trucks had exceeded the capacity of Tseung Kwan O Tunnel. Operation of the fill bank had been extended since 2000 and the consequent problems had lasted for more than 20 years. In response to residents' request in earlier years, the extension period of the fill bank had been shortened from five years to three years. If the application for further extension of operation was approved, it would defeat the original purpose of shortening the extension period. Therefore, he hoped that related questions would be discussed at the full Council meeting and considered that SKDC could not accept the application for extending operation of the fill bank.

41. The Chairman hoped that the record of CEDD's refusal to attend meetings would be disclosed. SKDC had been looking forward to seeking solutions with CEDD, but CEDD had refused to attend the meeting on various occasions.

42. Mr Michael LEUNG of CEDD responded to Members' questions as follows:

- Regarding the progress of the housing development on Po Lam Road, Leung Shuen Wan Pier and Tseung Kwan O Desalination Plant as well as the arrangements of the fill bank in Area 137, Tseung Kwan O and matters on sewage treatment works, he would refer them to relevant divisions after the meeting.
- On the works progress of TKO-LTT, CEDD had been very concerned about

workers' health and site safety and the works were required to be implemented under safe conditions. Although CEDD was recovering the delay, the department was reviewing the schedule in view of the volatile epidemic situation, and the confirmed schedule would be reported to SKDC later.

- In 2020, the Legislative Council had approved funding for the Southern Bridge project and the contract had been awarded. Construction was currently underway.
- The planning study on Area 137, Tseung Kwan O had been conducted for a period of time and focus should be placed on handling traffic problems. Two trunk roads were mainly used for access to and from Tseung Kwan O, namely Tseung Kwan O Tunnel and TKO-LTT, but the latter needed to connect to the Cross Bay Link, Trunk Road T2 and Central Kowloon Route. Route 6 was proposed for completion in 2026, therefore, the development time frame of Area 137 had to be formulated based on the schedule of Route 6.
- No water leakage report had been received since the commissioning of the BBI (Tseung Kwan O-bound), he therefore asked Members to provide further information after the meeting. Leakage control work at the BBI (Kowloon-bound) would also be enhanced.

43. Mr Sunny LO of CEDD responded that with the impact of the epidemic, TKO-LTT works had been suspended twice. CHP officers had inspected the works sites with CEDD staff and offered advice on how to step up epidemic prevention measures. CEDD had also referred to the recommendations made by CHP and implemented measures such as restriction on the number of people using the container offices and changing rooms as well as provision of small and separate changing cubicles. To address the needs of workers of different ethnicities, CEDD used different languages in its publicity in order to enhance communication with foreign workers' representatives and to facilitate their understanding of the latest anti-epidemic information.

44. The Chairman further asked about the progress of the review of the TKO-LTT development.

45. Mr Michael LEUNG of CEDD expressed that it was difficult to submit a review timetable to SKDC due to fluctuations of the epidemic.

46. Mr Calvin YU, Senior Executive Officer(Planning)22, LCSD, stated that LCSD had consulted Members on the preliminary project scope and proposed facilities of "Sports Centre and Town Plaza at Sai Kung" in Area 4 in Sai Kung town centre at the fifth meeting of the District Facilities Management Committee (DFMC) in 2020. With the approval-in-principle given by DFMC for the works project at that time, LCSD had subsequently based on the

project plan prepared a Project Definition Statement and carried out further study of the relevant technicalities. As Members hoped to understand the “Water Sports Centre in Area 77, Tseung Kwan O” project, LCSD was preparing relevant information, which would be reported to SKDC in the first half of 2021. LCSD was directing its resources to implementation of works projects in the Five-Year Plan, and further planning of the “Sports Centre-cum-Indoor Heated Swimming Pool and Riverine Park in Area 65, Tseung Kwan O” would be carried out subject to the implementation progress of the Five-Year Plan. With regard to the “Town Park in Area 68, Tseung Kwan O”, LCSD would submit the project to the Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs for discussion on 8 February 2021.

47. In respect of the question raised by Mr LUK Ping-choi, the Chairman asked CEDD about its role in relation to the elevated walkway on Tong Chun Street in Tseung Kwan O.

48. Mr Michael LEUNG of CEDD said the question would be referred to the relevant division after the meeting.

49. Mr FUNG Kwan-on said although CEDD agreed to examine the water leakage at the BBI (Tseung Kwan O-bound) and enhance leakage control work when needed, he hoped that CEDD would review the water leakage situation as early as possible because serious water leakage occurred at multiple spots on rainy days, and the water leak area above the passenger waiting area was quite large. Furthermore, he commented that CEDD was slow in responding. CEDD had invited SKDC to convene a small-scale meeting to discuss noise barriers issues that had been lingering for about two years, but the department kept delaying the submission of relevant information. He hoped that CEDD would provide perspective drawings, a detailed survey report and the number of households affected by the installation of noise barriers to SKDC as soon as possible, thereby facilitating Members to consult residents and conduct further discussion.

50. Ms Christine FONG pointed out that CEDD had not responded to the enquiries about the lift in Hong Sing Garden and the expansion of the South East New Territories Landfill and hoped that LCSD would respond on the progress of the recreation centre in Area 86. She continued that CEDD should focus on handling the planning of Tai Sheung Tok in Kowloon and Area 137, Tseung Kwan O. At present, the fill bank in Area 137 had added a few thousands of dump trucks to the traffic volume in Tseung Kwan O every day, which was not favourable to community management. Moreover, the development of the Three-Runway System Project at the Hong Kong International Airport required shipping of fill from the fill bank in Tseung Kwan O to the runway site. She doubted why the fill recycled was not stored near the runway site. She further remarked that maintenance contractors of heavy vehicles and relevant equipment had been occupying government land near Tseung Kwan O Industrial Estate. Resultant management problems had not been alleviated for many years.

She asked CEDD if the issue could be included in the planning of Area 137.

51. Mr Michael LEUNG of CEDD said Members' questions would be referred to relevant departments after the meeting. He emphasised that follow-up work on water leakage spots at the BBI would be carried out and leakage control measures at the BBI (Kowloon-bound) would be enhanced.

52. The Chairman hoped that LCSD would provide CEDD with supplementary information on the Five-Year Plan in the future for CEDD to compile the progress report, so that the public and Members could understand the progress of works projects in Tseung Kwan O or Sai Kung in the coming year by referring to the same paper. Regarding the lift installation for a footbridge involving private land, the Chairman pointed out that the matter was not within the purview of CEDD. To his understanding, HyD had contacted Members about lift installation under the Universal Accessibility Programme. Even though the meeting of the Traffic and Transport Committee (TTC) could not be convened due to the epidemic, Members could express their opinions through circulation of papers. The Chairman suggested that HyD should be invited to the TTC meeting to address Members' enquiries.

53. Mr Calvin YU of LCSD said the existing sports centres and those under planning in Sai Kung district were adequate to meet the needs of residents in Sai Kung district; hence, currently there was no plan to build a sports centre in Area 86, Tseung Kwan O.

54. The Chairman asked CEDD to convey Members' views to relevant divisions and hoped that CEDD would provide SKDC with supplementary information on TKO-LTT project. He understood that public health was the paramount consideration and works progress might be affected by the epidemic. If CEDD was aware that some projects could not be completed by end-2021, the department should inform the District Council as early as possible, so as to make known to the public the latest works progress.

### **III. Matters Arising**

#### **(A) Follow-up on motions of the sixth meeting of SKDC held on 3 November 2020**

#### **Request the Government to address the difficulties faced by Sai Kung during holidays and to formulate sustainable tourism policy for Sai Kung and implement the relevant measures in Sai Kung Town**

55. The Chairman said it had been decided at the previous meeting that the above item would be retained for further discussion at this meeting. The Marine Department (MD), TD

and the Tourism Commission (TC) had given supplementary information on the motion after the last meeting and their replies had been uploaded onto the SKDC website.

56. Ms LEUNG Hin-yan said she was not aware of any department responding to the matter of regulating canoeing activities and asked which department was responsible for handling the matter.

57. Mr David CHIU, District Officer (Sai Kung) (DO(SK)), SKDO, responded that currently most members of the public who were engaged in canoeing activities at sea rented canoes in their personal capacity. Although the activities involved marine safety issues, there was no legislation regulating the matter at the moment. SKDO would join forces with relevant departments to continue reviewing the safety problem of water sports activities and whether operators of canoe rental businesses had illegally occupied government land.

58. Ms Debby CHAN welcomed the provision and improvement of “visitor signage” in Sai Kung Town by TC and enquired about the details of the scheme. She pointed out that water sports activities were a tourist attraction in Sai Kung, but no government department was responsible for regulation of water sports activities and provision of appropriate guidelines, neither did any government departments respond to the sustainable tourism policy in Sai Kung district. She suggested that LCSD regulate the quality of services and coaches of canoe rental companies; meanwhile, she also hoped that TC would provide training for tour guides.

59. The Chairman said as no government department responded on how to handle the problem of canoes in Sai Kung district, he suggested writing to the Transport and Housing Bureau (THB) to enquire which department was responsible for handling the matter.

60. Ms Debby CHAN said matters of marine spatial planning and management had been discussed at a previous meeting. At that time, PlanD had responded that it was only responsible for planning facilities on land. She suggested making enquiries with THB and the Development Bureau (DEVB) regarding the above matters.

61. Ms LEUNG Hin-yan agreed to make enquiries with THB and DEVB regarding the above matters. She remarked that she had suggested providing electronic display panels at three different locations in Sai Kung Town earlier in the hope that vehicle owners would know the latest road conditions before entering Clear Water Bay Road and Hiram’s Highway, but TD replied that electronic display panels would only be installed at Fuk Man Road. She hoped that TD would give a detailed account of the reasons for choosing the location and the criteria for installation of electronic display panels.

62. Mr Byon WONG of TD said he would ask his colleagues who were responsible for the project after the meeting to explain the matter to Ms LEUNG Hin-yan directly.
63. The Chairman hoped that the representative of TD responsible for the project would attend the TTC meeting on 4 February and provide supplementary information on the matter.
64. Ms LEUNG Hin-yan asked the representative of TD whether Mr Byon WONG was the supervisor of Mr WANG Ran, Thomas and why he could not respond to her enquiry.
65. Mr Byon WONG of TD explained that Mr Thomas WANG was a staff member from Traffic Engineering Division responsible for Sai Kung district whilst he was not the supervisor of Mr Thomas WANG.
66. The Chairman pointed out that since no government department was responsible for handling matters of marine spatial planning, he suggested writing to THB, DEVB and the Chief Secretary for Administration's Office to enquire about relevant distribution of work and responsibilities. The Chairman suggested retaining the item.
67. The Chairman continued that SKDC had passed 11 motions and 1 extempore motion at the sixth meeting of SKDC in 2020 and had written to relevant organisations and government departments in respect of the motions passed and some questions discussed to express the requests and views of SKDC. The Secretariat had forwarded the replies received to Members by email and had uploaded them onto the SKDC website. SKDC would continue to keep an eye on the matter and the item would be deleted at the next meeting.

#### **IV. Report Items**

(A) Financial Position of the District Council Funds as at 21 December 2020  
(SKDC(M) Paper No. 2/21)

68. Ms Debby CHAN said she could not inspect the above paper on the SKDC website.
69. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to prepare printed copies of the relevant paper for Members' reference and opined that the above matter would be discussed later on.

(Please refer to paragraph 321 below.)

(B) Progress Report of the District Council Committees

- (1) Education, Health and Social Welfare Committee

- (2) District Facilities Management Committee
  - (3) Traffic and Transport Committee
  - (4) Housing, Planning and Development Committee
  - (5) Environmental Hygiene, Climate Change, Agriculture and Fisheries Committee
  - (6) Community Building and Social Innovation Committee
  - (7) Finance and Administration Committee
- (SKDC(M) Paper Nos. 3/21 to 9/21)

70. Members endorsed the above reports.

(C) Progress Report of the Working Group established under SKDC

- (1) Working Group on Hiram's Highway Improvement Project  
(SKDC(M) Paper No. 10/21)

71. Members endorsed the above report.

**V. Motions Raised by Members:**

(A) The 22 motions raised by Members:

- (1) Strongly request the Highways Department to honour its pledge and expedite installation of a lift at the yellow bridge**  
(SKDC(M) Paper No. 11/21)

72. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Mr CHOI Ming-hei and seconded by Mr Frankie LAM.

73. Members noted the written reply from HyD (SKDC(M) Paper No. 39/21).

74. Mr CHOI Ming-hei said the matter had been raised in March 2020, HyD had replied that construction would commence in the latter half of 2020, but the works had not started to date. Subsequently, HyD explained that due to preparation of relevant legal documents, the project would be postponed and implemented in mid-2021. He remarked that many residents in the district hoped that the yellow bridge would be constructed as early as possible and were very dissatisfied with the performance of HyD.

75. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the above motion was passed and the requests of SKDC would be conveyed to HyD in writing. The item was referred to TTC for further follow-up work.

- (2) Request the Hong Kong Housing Authority to upgrade the standard provisions of Home Ownership Scheme flats upon handover, to proactively inspect the water seepage situation and carry out repairs for Yung Ming Court residents, to provide a longer maintenance period and to postpone the deadline for Green Form purchasers of Yung Ming Court flats to surrender their public rental housing units**

(SKDC(M) Paper No. 12/21)

76. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Mr LAI Wai-tong and seconded by Messrs Gary FAN, CHUN Hoi-shing, he himself, Messrs LUI Man-kwong, Frankie LAM, LAI Ming-chak and LEUNG Li.

77. Members noted the written reply from HD (SKDC(M) Paper No. 56/21).

78. Mr LAI Wai-tong hoped that HD would continue to follow up the water seepage problem in Yung Ming Court, co-ordinate with the contractors and the management company to carry out water seepage inspection for the affected units and give an account of the details of households affected to SKDC. At present, contractors would only remedy water seepage with visible signs and had not carried out comprehensive water seepage inspection and rectifications and repairs for the flats concerned. In the long run, he hoped that HD would upgrade the handover standards of Home Ownership Scheme (HOS) flats.

79. Mr TSE Ching-fung said many residents of Yung Ming Court had sought assistance from him in solving the water seepage problem. He had assisted some households in requesting HD to handle the problems, but the cases were turned down by HD. Hence, he asked HD about the criteria for handling water seepage. HD had been extending the time required for rectifications and repairs of the units while requesting affected public rental housing (PRH) tenants to surrender the units as scheduled, which he considered undesirable. He hoped that HD would explain the standards of provisions and exercise discretion in extending the time for surrendering the PRH flats.

80. The Chairman was aware of some videos on the Internet showing Yung Ming Court residents spraying water on the wall in the washroom and water seeping into the wall of the dining room. He therefore found the standards of Yung Ming Court flats unacceptable. The price of HOS flats was lower due to the incomplete ownership, but residents had to pay the premium upon transaction of the properties in the future. Hence, the overall selling price of HOS flats was not lower than that of private residential units. He opined that HD had the responsibility to ensure the quality of HOS flats. In recent years, the quality of housing units sold by the Hong Kong Housing Society and the Urban Renewal Authority was comparable to that of private residential units. As such, he commented that HD had not made its best

efforts in ensuring the conditions of flats. The Chairman hoped that HD would proactively assist Yung Ming Court residents in carrying out the water seepage test, solving the water seepage problem and extending the deadline for surrendering the PRH flats.

81. Ms LING Kuk-yi, Chief Manager/Management (KWS), HD, acknowledged the concern of Yung Ming Court residents. Upon taking over the properties, owners might submit a form to HD listing the required rectifications and repair works through the service ambassadors of the contractor. If water seepage was identified in the unit, the contractor would make repairs subject to the circumstances and carry out the water seepage test again under the supervision of HD staff, so as to ensure that the repairs and rectifications had been completed properly. If owners suspected that their units had water seepage, they might report to HD and HD would arrange for the contractor to carry out the test. Generally speaking, the Structural Safety Guarantee of HOS flats was valid for a period of ten years as stated in the sales brochure. According to the policy of “Surrender of Public Rental Housing Flats upon Acquisition of Other Forms of Subsidised Housing” currently adopted by the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA), PRH tenants were required to terminate the original tenancies and surrender the existing PRH flat to HA within 60 days upon (i) the date of taking over keys of the flats purchased under HOS/ Green Form Subsidised Home Ownership Scheme/ Private Sector Participation Scheme / Subsidised Sale Flats Projects; or (ii) the 10<sup>th</sup> working day from the date of assignment (both dates inclusive), whichever is earlier. The purpose was to facilitate PRH flats to be renovated and allocated to the needy as early as possible. If tenants had special needs, they might submit an application for extended stay in PRH flats to their estate office and HD would exercise discretion in handling applications having regard to the individual circumstances.

82. Mr CHENG Chi-hung, Housing Manager/KWS12, HD, said HD had received a total of 98 water seepage cases, among which 32 did not require follow-up work as owners needed to carry out interior renovation works; 43 cases involved water seepage between the door frame and threshold, but irrelevant to the waterproofing layer; and the remaining 23 cases involved problems of the waterproofing layer. Repairs works for all water seepage cases had been completed.

83. Mr Ricky OR opined that HD did not adopt a desirable approach. He pointed out that not all residents knew how to test whether their units had water seepage. If residents only discovered the water seepage problem a few years after moving in and the rectification period provided by HD had expired, residents would have to carry out repairs by themselves. Besides, he asked how the 23 cases involving waterproofing layer were handled and the acceptance standards adopted by HD during building inspection at the handover stage.

84. Mr CHENG Chi-hung of HD said if owners suspected that their units had water

seepage, they might submit the rectification form to HD and HD would arrange for staff to carry out the water seepage test. HD had kept reminding owners of such arrangement. HD planned to issue a notice again to remind owners to check whether their units had water seepage problems, and waterproofing works had been conducted again in the 23 units. In addition, HD would exercise discretion in extending the 60-day period for Green Form residents to surrender their PRH flats.

85. Mr LAI Wai-tong was satisfied with the detailed information provided by the HD representatives and suggested that the Secretariat put it on record. He hoped that HD would provide an official written reply after the meeting for record. Meanwhile, he suggested that HD distribute building inspection guidelines to owners during the intake period, assist the elderly in inspecting the unit, provide spirit levels or electronic spirit levels for residents in need so as to check whether the floor surface in the unit was even. He considered that the planning of and ancillary measures near Yung Ming Court were inadequate, and the department had not taken account of the traffic conditions in the area. He hoped that HD would carry out proper planning in future public housing developments including the public housing development on Ying Yip Road.

86. Mr TSE Ching-fung hoped that HD would explain why cases were not handled even after residents had submitted a rectification form to HD. Operation of most government departments was affected by the epidemic, he therefore hoped that HD would extend the deadline for surrendering PRH flats and elaborate on the meaning of special circumstances.

87. Mr CHENG Chi-hung of HD responded that HD would consider Members' views. HD would issue a notice again to remind owners to report to HD if they suspected water seepage in their units and asked security guards to pay special attention to the situation of elderly owners. Mr CHENG also appreciated Members' suggestion regarding the provision of spirit levels. HD had convened an inter-departmental meeting with the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) and HyD to address the road obstruction problem near Yung Ming Court, and the situation had improved. Since there were many applicants on the Waiting List for PRH, Green Form residents were required to surrender their PRH flats expeditiously for HD to allocate PRH resources properly. If individual Green Form residents needed to extend the deadline for surrendering PRH flats, they might submit an application to their estate office. Where the situation permitted, HD would give special consideration.

[Post-meeting note from HD: The estate management office displayed a notice at the building lobby, reminding owners to submit the Defects Report Form to the Intake Ambassador or the management office if they discovered or suspected defects in their flats during the maintenance period, so that the contractor could follow up.]

88. Ms Christine FONG said construction of housing at the Green Belt site on Ying Yip Road would give rise to many problems. She suggested that the Government acquire the abandoned land near Silverstrand Beach Road roundabout to improve traffic congestion and the bottleneck problem at the proposed location.

89. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the above motion was passed and the requests of SKDC would be conveyed to HA in writing.

**(3) Request for proactively following up the hygiene problem of the slope opposite the pumping station PS136 on Po Lam Road North and delineating the responsibilities**

(SKDC(M) Paper No. 13/12)

90. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Mr CHOI Ming-hei and seconded by Mr Frankie LAM.

91. Members noted the written replies from the Lands Department (LandsD), HyD and FEHD (SKDC(M) Paper Nos. 40/21 to 42/21).

92. Mr CHOI Ming-hei said he had written to FEHD twice and had conducted inspection with its representatives in 2020. In the responses from LandsD and HyD, it was pointed out that the hygiene problem of the above location was not within their purview, and FEHD claimed that the hygiene condition of the above location was not a huge problem. However, he found out that the hygiene problem of the above location remained unresolved and therefore hoped that FEHD would account for this.

93. Mr Wilson NG, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Sai Kung), FEHD, said cleansing workers normally used some tools to clean slopes connecting to footpaths during daily street sweeping. If Members opined that the hygiene conditions of individual locations were unsatisfactory, he might contact Members after the meeting to follow up the matter.

94. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the above motion was passed and the requests of SKDC would be conveyed to LandsD, HyD and FEHD in writing.

**(4) Object to the setting up of a lacrosse centre beside O King Road (TKO TL55)**

(SKDC(M) Paper No. 14/21)

95. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Mr Brandon YIP and seconded by Mr CHAN Wai-lit.
96. Members noted the written reply from LandsD (SKDC(M) Paper No. 43/21).
97. Mr LAI Wai-tong enquired if the short term tenancy (STT) of the open space beside O King Road was granted, then who could ultimately benefit from it and whether the public could use the facilities.
98. Ms Christine FONG said many Ocean Shores residents had expressed opposition to the lacrosse centre through the owners' committee and the organisation had withdrawn its application in January 2021. She hoped that LandsD would elaborate on the situation.
99. Mr Francis MA, District Lands Officer/Sai Kung, District Lands Office, Sai Kung (DLO/SK), responded that after DLO/SK had received the application for STT from the lacrosse centre, it had consulted relevant departments and local stakeholders according to the established procedures. If opposing views were received during the consultation period, they would be passed to the applicant for consideration and handling. In January 2021, DLO/SK had received notification from the lacrosse centre of withdrawing the STT application; hence, the handling process of the application had been suspended. NGOs or social enterprises might submit applications to DLO/SK for leasing the unleased government land. As operators had different operational modes and service targets, it was difficult to make a general conclusion. In granting STTs, DLO/SK would take into consideration the views of local stakeholders and other factors like whether there was policy support.
100. Mr LAI Wai-tong said O King Road was managed by the Ocean Shores. If drivers needed to go to O King Road, they might gain access through the gate at Ocean Shores and also via Lam Tin. Pedestrians might also enter via Wilson Trail or locations in Lam Tin, but he did not consider the route very convenient. He asked DLO/SK how to ensure the public could gain convenient access to the location of which STT was planned to be granted.
101. Mr Francis MA, District Lands Officer/Sai Kung, responded that before granting STTs, DLO/SK would consider limitations imposed by relevant land grant provisions and purposes of applying for STTs.
102. Ms Christine FONG said it was not desirable for a private residential estate to manage government land. At present, 1 600 residents had jointly signed to express their wish of handing over the management of Pung Loi Road off Oscar by the Sea to the Government. She asked DLO/SK and PlanD to consider taking over the management of the road.

103. Mr Brandon YIP said in the guidelines on applying for STTs, it was stated that if opposing views were received, the applicant had to respond to the opinions. He therefore hoped that DLO/SK would urge the lacrosse centre to respond to his enquiries. If public space was to be developed on private land, one had to consider its accessibility and function of fostering sociability. In the case of the location on O King Road, it required an Ocean Shores resident card to gain access. Hence, he hoped that DLO/SK would consider the above factors in granting the STT. He further enquired how the lacrosse centre would handle the consequent problem of light pollution and asked DLO/SK about the application progress of the lacrosse centre.

104. Mr Francis MA, District Lands Officer/Sai Kung, responded that as the lacrosse centre had already withdrawn the STT application, DLO/SK would not further process the application and the lacrosse centre would not respond to Mr Brandon YIP's enquiries.

105. The Chairman said although the lacrosse centre had withdrawn the application, he still hoped that the discussion on the above matter would be recorded. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the above motion was passed and the requests of SKDC would be conveyed to DLO/SK in writing.

106. The Chairman said as Motions (5) to (7) were similar and there being no objection from Members, the three motions would be discussed together.

**(5) Request the Government to consult different bicycle users before revising the design of cycle tracks**

(SKDC(M) Paper No. 15/21)

107. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Mr CHUN Hoi-shing and seconded by Messrs Gary FAN, LAI Ming-chak, LUI Man-kwong, LAI Wai-tong, LEUNG Li, Frankie LAM and he himself.

108. Members noted the written reply from TD (SKDC(M) Paper No. 67/21).

**(6) Request for provision of ancillary facilities for mountain bike races in Tseung Kwan O Stage I Landfill Site including trail and training ground**

(SKDC(M) Paper No. 16/21)

109. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Mr Frankie LAM and seconded by Messrs CHOI Ming-hei, LEUNG Li, CHUN Hoi-shing, the Vice-Chairman, Mr LAI Ming-chak, Ms Debby CHAN, Ms Valerie WONG, Messrs Ryan LEE, Stanley HO, Gary FAN, Ms LEUNG Hin-yan, Messrs LUI Man-kwong and CHENG Chung-man.

110. Members noted the written reply from the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) (SKDC(M) Paper No. 44/21).

**(7) Request for an inter-departmental review of the bicycle-friendly policy and designation of areas for temporary parking of bicycles at suitable locations in Sai Kung and Tseung Kwan O on a trial basis to meet the needs of residents who use bicycles**

(SKDC(M) Paper No. 17/21)

111. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Mr LAI Wai-tong and seconded by Ms LEUNG Hin-yan, Messrs LUI Man-kwong, Frankie LAM, LAI Ming-chak, Gary FAN, the Vice-Chairman, Ms Debby CHAN, Messrs Stanley HO, CHUN Hoi-shing, LEUNG Li, CHEUNG Wai-chiu and Brandon YIP.

112. Members noted the written replies from LandsD, HD, LCSD and TD (SKDC(M) Paper Nos. 45/21, 46/21, 57/21 and 58/21).

113. Mr Frankie LAM said EPD in its reply to Motion (6) mentioned that Tseung Kwan O Stage I Landfill Site was not suitable for mountain bike races. Since a football training pitch and pet garden were currently provided near the site concerned, he enquired about the criteria for provision of cultural and leisure facilities at the landfill site. If the motion was passed, he suggested referring the matter to the Community Building and Social Innovation Committee for follow-up work.

114. Mr Chris CHEUNG agreed to the suggestion of providing mountain bike trails in the district. Yet, he was of the view that the choice of site should not be confined to Tseung Kwan O Stage I Landfill Site, and various suitable locations in Sai Kung and Tseung Kwan O should also be taken into consideration.

115. Mr CHUN Hoi-shing pointed out that according to TD's written reply to Motion (5), TD had consulted the local community and government departments before revising the design of cycle tracks. However, some bicycle users were of the view that the parties consulted might not ride bicycles or use cycle tracks frequently, which was the reason why he had particularly requested TD to consult bicycle users with a view to enhancing the design of cycle tracks. In response to the suggestion of designating areas for temporary parking of bicycles, HD had indicated that changes to uses specified in land leases and deeds of mutual covenant required approval from LandsD. Yet, with the popularisation of shared bicycles, many shared bicycles were parked in housing estates and had to be removed by estate management staff. In view of the above, he had made the suggestion of designating areas

for temporary parking of bicycles to facilitate parking of bicycles by residents and bicycle users, and he hoped that HD would consider the suggestion.

116. Mr LAI Wai-tong said according to the reply from TD, removing plastic protective bollards without permission and leaving only the base on cycle tracks would pose danger to other users on cycle tracks. He hoped that TD would explain whether it was substantiated that someone had removed the plastic bollards or whether it was simply a presumption. He also enquired whether the Police had received any related reports. Furthermore, he opined that TD should improve the design of cycle tracks to avoid the bollards from affecting users on cycle tracks. On the suggestion about areas for temporary parking of bicycles, he understood that the Government might not be able to offer support, but still hoped that SKDO or relevant district management schemes would provide a co-ordination platform, encouraging various departments to set up pilot zones in Sai Kung or Tseung Kwan O. He also hoped that HD, TD and DLO/SK would respond to the suggestion.

117. Mr Brandon YIP said illegally parked bicycles in the district were often removed by various departments. Some members of the public had lost their bicycles and thus had sought assistance from him. Given that many members of the public would only use their bicycles when needed, he considered the 24-hour notice period given by the department not long enough for owners to remove their bicycles, and as a result, owners suffered losses. Furthermore, he commented that the use of shared bicycles was worth promoting, and the Government should be friendlier to the operators of bicycle-sharing service, including providing bicycle parking spaces at suitable locations for shared bicycles to reduce the area of public space occupied by illegally parked bicycles, and at the same time, people who needed to travel by cycling did not have to bring their own bicycles. He suggested inviting the bicycle-sharing operators to briefly introduce their services to SKDC.

118. Mr FUNG Kwan-on said plastic bollards on cycle tracks were mainly installed to make cyclists slow down. In other districts, the road surface of cycle tracks was designed to make cyclists lower their speed, and reflective stones or cat's eyes stones were even embedded on the road surface of some sections to draw cyclists' attention at nighttime, thereby enhancing road safety. He pointed out that Taiwan was currently studying the addition of arrows along roadsides to make drivers accelerate, which was based on the principle that vision would affect the message-receiving function of the brain, thereby relieving road congestion. He opined that the Government could make reference to the above measure to reduce the occurrence of accidents. In view of residents' concerns about road safety, he suggested hanging banners on railings next to cycle tracks to remind members of the public not to walk onto cycle tracks in order to avoid accidents.

119. Mr LUI Man-kwong was of the view that the department should adopt an open

attitude towards the suggestion about areas for temporary parking so as to facilitate the parking of privately owned bicycles or shared bicycles. He pointed out that although SKDC had made similar proposals to TD in the past, TD had maintained the existing policies. Yet, he still believed that TD should progress with the times by providing areas for temporary parking for members of the public who did not have adequate space to accommodate bicycles at home. Regarding the design of cycle tracks, although he believed that plastic bollards on cycle tracks would bring inconvenience to users on cycle tracks, he wished to know why plastic bollards on the cycle tracks in O Tong constituency were damaged.

120. The Chairman said Members had expressed concern over plastic bollards at the downhill sections of the cycle track along Tseung Kwan O South Waterfront Promenade to TD before the meeting, after which TD had issued a consultation paper to SKDC through SKDO. He understood that TD had installed plastic bollards with the aim of enhancing safety on cycle tracks, and the department might not necessarily consult the public on safety-related alterations under normal circumstances. However, installation of plastic bollards was in fact a major alteration, and bicycle users held different views on how to enhance safety on cycle tracks. Therefore, he opined that TD should not simply consult Members by way of circulation of paper. Instead, it should have formal discussions with Members at the full Council meeting or Committee meeting of SKDC, and the content of discussions and views of bicycle users should be recorded in the minutes of the meeting. In view of this, he asked TD to arrange for responsible staff to give an account of the matter and discuss ways to consult bicycle users with Members at the upcoming TTC meeting.

121. Mr Byon WONG of TD gave a consolidated response as follows:

- TD had noted the comments made by Members in the motion.
- He would reflect the relevant suggestions of assisting cyclists to lower their speed so as to enhance safety on cycle tracks to the Strategic Studies Division of TD.
- Violation on rules on cycle tracks was enforced by the Police.
- As it was mentioned in the motion that the plastic protective bollards on cycle tracks had been unauthorised removed, TD had given a soft reminder in its written reply yet TD had no information on actual cause of the damage. TD did not wish to see any wilful damage to public properties. TD had entrusted HyD to repair the damaged bollards upon receipt of the case.
- He would relay the Chairman's suggestion to relevant colleagues so as to facilitate discussion on safety issues concerning downhill sections of the cycle track along Tseung Kwan O South Waterfront Promenade at the upcoming TTC meeting.

(The Vice-Chairman temporarily took the chair of the meeting.)

122. The Vice-Chairman agreed to refer the matter to TTC for further discussion on the design of cycle tracks. He asked HD and SKDO to respond to the suggestion about areas for temporary parking of bicycles.

123. Ms LING Kuk-yi of HD said HD could contact the SKDC Member of the constituency involving Sheung Tak Estate, in order to study the suggestion of providing more bicycle parking facilities in Sheung Tak Estate. Besides, she indicated that if Members gave specific views on provision of such facilities in places other than Sheung Tak Estate, HD would also follow up those suggestions.

124. Mr David CHIU, DO(SK), said subject to the feasibility of the proposals and the availability of suitable sites, SKDO would be pleased to play a co-ordinating role among various government departments. Before the meeting, various departments had responded to the matter of site selection, which could be further discussed. In terms of feasibility, designation of temporary parking areas would give rise to management and law enforcement problems, and he was worried that problems related to the existing bicycle parking spaces would recur in the temporary parking areas. Therefore, relevant departments should give further consideration to the matter. If Members or departments identified suitable locations in the future, relevant departments would consider the feasibility of the suggestion having regard to individual circumstances of the proposed locations.

125. Ms LEUNG Hin-yan agreed that the community had not provided a friendly environment for shared bicycles. At present, there was only one remaining bicycle-sharing operator in the district, and many of its bicycles had been disposed of after they were left in housing estates or public facilities of the Government. She considered the above practice not desirable. For the general public, shared bicycles could serve as a convenient mode of transport. However, owing to the lack of policy support, bicycle-sharing operators faced operational difficulties. She therefore hoped that TD would study how to support the operation of bicycle-sharing operators and expected that the matter could be discussed in depth at the TTC meeting. Furthermore, she suggested that SKDO should notify the bicycle-sharing operator before clearing illegally parked bicycles, enabling the operator to remove its bicycles, thereby avoiding wastage.

126. Mr David CHIU, DO(SK), said SKDO had contacted responsible persons of the bicycle-sharing operators before removal of bicycles in the past. Upon identifying shared bicycles parked at inappropriate locations, SKDO had also tried notifying the relevant operators to follow-up.

127. The Vice-Chairman suggested referring Motion (7) to TTC for follow-up work so that Members could liaise with relevant departments on bicycle-sharing issues and then

formulate follow-up plans.

128. Mr Brandon YIP suggested inviting the bicycle-sharing operator to attend the TTC meeting.

129. The Vice-Chairman replied that the suggestion would be referred to TTC for follow-up action.

130. Mr Mark Ronald ANSTISS, District Commander (Tseung Kwan O), HKPF, replied that the Police had not received any reports on the removal of plastic bollards on cycle tracks. If the Police received any reports on plastic bollards being stolen or damaged, it would take appropriate actions. He pointed out that repair works were currently being carried out for the damaged plastic bollards on cycle tracks in Tseung Kwan O, which posed difficulties in using the cycle tracks or led to traffic conflicts between pedestrians and cyclists. Bicycle patrol officers would give verbal advice if they observed pedestrians or joggers using cycle tracks, for example, during the operation at cycle tracks in Tseung Kwan O last weekend, the Police had given verbal advice to 24 members of the public jogging on cycle tracks. To enhance public education, the Police hoped to spread the relevant message through the help of Members in order to reduce the risk of accidents on cycle tracks.

131. The Vice-Chairman said pedestrians were not allowed to walk on cycle tracks, and he suggested that TTC draw inspiration from the concept of the pedestrian walkway outside Hong Kong Velodrome and study the shared use of roads by pedestrians and cyclists without breaching the law or affecting safety. He also invited TD and HKPF to discuss issues relating to bicycle-friendly environment and plastic bollards on cycle tracks with Members at the TTC meeting. Regarding areas for temporary parking, although the relevant departments had already submitted written replies, he hoped that the departments could consider Members' suggestions. As regards Motion (6), he suggested that EPD and LCSD study the facilities suitable for provision in Stage I Landfill Site. When he served as a member of the Steering Committee on Restored Landfill Revitalisation Funding Scheme on behalf of SKDC earlier, he had suggested that the Government should first seek resources to provide infrastructure in the Stage I-III Landfill Sites and then make the infrastructure available for use by NGOs or other government departments instead of leaving the matter to NGOs for their own handling. To his understanding, Tung Wah Group of Hospitals had been awarded contract of the EcoPark project in Tseung Kwan O Stage I Landfill Site by tender. Echoing Mr Frankie LAM's views, he suggested writing to EPD, requesting the department to examine facilities suitable for provision with LCSD and to discuss the matter with SKDC afterwards.

132. Mr Frankie LAM said as applications for use of Tseung Kwan O Stage I Landfill Site had been gradually received from organisations, he hoped to discuss the suggestion of

constructing mountain bike trails with EPD at EHCCAFC meetings to explore relevant remedial measures.

133. The Vice-Chairman opined that Members might also consider discussing the matter at the DFMC meeting for handling matters concerning participation in district affairs. However, EPD should first deal with the infrastructure on the landfill site, which remained the foremost task.

134. There being no objection from Members, the Vice-Chairman declared that Motions (5), (6) and (7) were passed. To convey its requests, SKDC would write to TD with regard to Motion (5); EPD and LCSD with regard to Motion (6); and TD, HD, DLO/SK and LCSD with regard to Motion (7). He also asked SKDO to follow up Motion (7) in DFMC to study the feasibility of setting up pilot zones in the district.

(The chairmanship of the meeting was passed back to the Chairman.)

135. The Chairman said Motions (5) and (7) would be referred to TTC for follow-up work, while Motion (6) would be referred to EHCCAFC for follow-up action.

**(8) Urge the Government to draw a lesson from the fatal traffic accident in Pak Sha Wan on 6 December 2020. Request for discontinuation of gazetting the widening works to provide four lanes and an immediate study on the provision of a cycle track on Hiram's Highway**  
(SKDC(M) Paper No. 18/21)

136. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Mr Stanley HO and seconded by Mr Ryan LEE, Ms Valerie WONG, Mr Frankie LAM, Ms LEUNG Hin-yan and Ms Debby CHAN.

137. Members noted the written reply from TD (SKDC(M) Paper No. 59/21) and the joint written reply from THB and HyD (SKDC(M) Paper No. 68/21).

138. Mr Stanley HO said residents were saddened by the captioned accident in which a 60-year-old Colombian man had died. However, the responses from TD and HyD gave an impression that the Government was “permitting land resumption for providing four lanes while forbidding villagers to ride bicycles”. In the past few months, Members had kept reflecting the views of villagers to the Government, and several elected members including himself had held a consultation session on Hiram's Highway. It was not the first time SKDC had put forward the suggestion of providing cycle tracks along Hiram's Highway. Rural residents were keen on riding bicycles, and more importantly, villagers used bicycles as a

mode of transport in their daily lives, he therefore hoped that government departments would, while busy preparing for the works to provide four lanes, conduct feasibility studies in response to the suggestion of providing cycle tracks. Apart from providing cycle tracks along both sides of Hiram's Highway, the Government might also consider constructing cycle subways or designating areas on the widened Hiram's Highway as bicycle-friendly space for cyclists' use. He hoped that the Strategic Studies Division of TD would consider including Members' suggestions in its scope of study.

139. Ms Debby CHAN raised the following views:

- If no cycle track was provided along a certain road section, cyclists could ride on the road. However, as most of the roads in Hong Kong were designed only for vehicles, she asked whether TD had taken into account the safety issues of cycling on the road.
- According to the responses from the departments, the widening of Hiram's Highway to provide four lanes involved land resumption arrangements. She did not understand why the Government was willing to resume land for constructing carriageways but was reluctant to provide cycle tracks, pointing out that the Government had no comprehensive policy on cycling.
- She opined that the Government knew little about rural residents' use of bicycle as a mode of transport and therefore suggested that the officials conduct inspections in the district.
- On cycling safety, even if the Government would not provide cycle tracks, it should still consider how to re-design the existing roads so that members of the public could cycle on the road safely.
- She did not know whether the representatives of various departments had any experience of cycling on the road, but if they tried it for a short while, they would know that bicycles, when keeping to the left, would be affected by roadside kerbs, manhole covers, etc. and areas near the kerb were usually uneven due to disrepair. All those reflected that the actual situation was very inconvenient for people cycling on the road.
- She enquired whether the department had conducted studies on cycling on the road. She also enquired how the cycling environment could be improved if no cycle track was to be provided.

140. Ms LEUNG Hin-yan was disappointed that TD had not directly responded to the above accident. Regarding TD's written reply, she hoped that the department would clarify where the sentence "Sai Kung is a developed area" was derived from. She did not understand why Sai Kung was a gateway, rural area, and developed area at the same time. She would also like to know why cycle tracks could not be provided in Sai Kung just because

it was a developed area and requested a reasonable explanation from TD. Furthermore, it was indicated in the response that provision of cycle tracks would definitely have impacts on nearby residential areas. She pointed out that impacts could be positive or negative, and Hiram's Highway Improvement Stage 2 Project would definitely have a negative impact on residential areas nearby. Therefore, TD could not rationalise the decision of not constructing cycle tracks. Besides, the statement "the two ends of Hiram's Highway were not connected to cycle tracks" was mentioned again in the response, but in fact, the two edges of Tseung Kwan O were not connected to cycle tracks either. She therefore asked TD how the first cycle track in Hong Kong had come into existence. If TD failed to answer her question, she hoped that the department would not use the above description again. Lastly, she hoped that TD would make an effort to understand the lifestyle of Sai Kung residents.

141. Mr Chris CHEUNG agreed that there was a need to review cycle tracks in Sai Kung and Tseung Kwan O. DEVB had once indicated its intention to construct a super cycle track in the New Territories East connecting Ma On Shan and Sai Kung, with a view to enhancing the cycle track network in Tseung Kwan O. He hoped that TD would respond to the matter, including how it would review cycle tracks in Sai Kung and Tseung Kwan O.

142. Mr Byon WONG of TD responded as follows:

- Where road safety and conditions permitted, the Government would implement its bicycle-friendly policy, especially in new towns and development areas, to promote cycling as a green mode for short-distance travel or a connection to public transport services, thereby reducing the need for other means of transport. In addition, various bureaux/departments would take forward bicycle-related policies in their respective scopes of work, which included carrying out comprehensive planning for cycle track networks in new development areas so as to take forward the New Territories Cycle Track Network project; while THB and TD would promote cycling as a mode of transport for first mile or last mile connection to public transport in new towns. He had no information about the first cycle track as enquired by the Member.
- He would reflect the views on repairs to road surface to HyD.
- TD welcomed Members' views on bicycle-related proposals and safety issues associated with cycling on the road, which would be relayed to the division concerned for further study.

143. Ms Debby CHAN hoped to know how various departments would look into the causes of the above accident after it had occurred. Government departments were responsible for studying the conditions of the road sections concerned and making improvements, and mischance should not be used as an excuse. She pointed out that even if

the Government would not provide cycle tracks on Hiram's Highway, people would still cycle on the road. Therefore, it was necessary for the Government to examine ways to prevent recurrence of similar accidents. She hoped that relevant departments would further follow up the matter and respond to Members' enquiries on the safety of bicycle users at subsequent meetings. Besides, she had once moved a motion suggesting that the Government consider allowing the public to cycle on pavements by introducing the GreenWay, but TD had rejected her suggestion by reasons that the pavements on both sides of Hiram's Highway were too narrow and pavements did not belong to leisure facilities. She commented that the Government had ignored the fact that people cycled on Hiram's Highway or on the pavements on both sides of Hiram's Highway every day. A responsible government official should consider formulating different policies to ensure the safety of bicycle users or fully prohibiting cycling on the road, rather than tolerating cycling on the road on one hand but disregarding the safety of cyclists on the other. Lastly, she reckoned that the Government had adopted double standards in handling matters concerning roads and cycle tracks, and its policies were unfair to bicycle users.

144. Ms LEUNG Hin-yan pointed out that TD had indicated that it would keep an open mind and listen to different views, and she had repeatedly suggested providing a cycle track on Hiram's Highway. She opined that the Government had deployed enormous resources in improving Hiram's Highway and conducting various preliminary studies. If TD considered Members' suggestion unfeasible, it should use data to convince Members instead of giving no consideration to the suggestion with the excuse that resumption of more land was required because the Hiram's Highway Improvement Project itself involved land resumption arrangements.

145. Mr LAI Ming-chak said if the Government considered it not worthwhile to resume more land for developing cycle tracks, it could make reference to the overseas practice of designating areas for cycling on the road with different colours for easy identification by bicycle users and drivers, thus reducing the safety risk. He opined that such an arrangement could be implemented on a trial basis at road sections involved in Hiram's Highway Improvement Stage 1 Project. As land resumption was not required, he believed that the implementation of the arrangement would be easier.

146. Mr Stanley HO agreed that if the road sections were to be widened, the Government should consider how to ensure the safety of bicycle users in the future, including considering the suggestion of designating areas for cycling. He knew that vehicles and bicycles could share the use of the road. However, owing to the outdated design and limited width of Hiram's Highway, traffic conflicts between vehicles and bicycles often occurred. He opined that TD should not deny Members' suggestions in a broad-brush manner and suggested referring the motion to TTC for follow-up work.

147. Mr LUI Man-kwong took Tseung Kwan O town centre as an example to illustrate the incomprehensive network of existing cycle tracks, which often led to the situation of people cycling on pavements or on the road. Although the feasibility of designating areas for cycling remained debatable, there were often people cycling on Hiram's Highway. While failing to reduce the number of bicycles on the road effectively, the Government should study different ways to guarantee the safety of bicycle users, including the designation of cycling areas or provision of "GreenWay" etc., to prevent recurrence of accidents.

148. The Chairman opined that the matter should be handled in terms of hardware, but TD should also remove barriers on the other hand. He pointed out that government policies mainly encouraged the use of public transport to alleviate the burden on road traffic. Therefore, he believed that TD would be willing to study proposals that encouraged walking or use of other means as an alternative to using public transport, for example, beautifying back alleys through the Energizing Kowloon East initiatives, or trialling other modes of transport at Tseung Kwan O South Waterfront Promenade, etc. He suggested referring the motion to the Working Group on Hiram's Highway Improvement Project for follow-up work. He also asked Mr Byon WONG of TD to invite the division or branch responsible for newly-emerged modes of transport to attend subsequent meetings of the Working Group and to study other solutions, including the suggestions given by Members such as provision of "GreenWay", designation of cycling areas on the road, etc. TD also needed to examine feasible proposals under the existing legislative framework with a view to encouraging cycling as a transport means. In addition, he agreed that Members were not hoping that the two ends of Hiram's Highway would be connected to other cycle tracks. Instead, Members were expecting that residents along Hiram's Highway could reach their destinations by cycling or other modes of transport. He believed that such an arrangement could not only shorten the time required for residents to reach their destinations, but could also alleviate the traffic burden on Hiram's Highway. Therefore, he hoped that the TD staff specialising in newly-emerged modes of transport would seek solutions to the problems along Hiram's Highway in collaboration with SKDC or the three Members of rural constituencies.

149. Mr Byon WONG of TD expressed that he would ask the colleagues responsible for planning and studies to follow up Members' suggestions.

150. Ms Debby CHAN reiterated that TD should examine the causes of the accident on that day and identify which sections of Hiram's Highway might pose risks to the safety of bicycle users. She also enquired whether the suggestion of referring the matter to the Strategic Studies Division for follow-up work was appropriate.

151. The Chairman said causes of the accident might have to be investigated by the Police,

but he believed that footage of the accident could enable Members understand more about the causes. He opined that if necessary, the Working Group on Hiram's Highway Improvement Project could invite police representatives to attend the meeting and see whether the Police could provide the relevant information.

152. Ms Debby CHAN said she was worried about the potential safety hazards of the road design to road users, and she did not know whether the Police would look into the causes of the accident from an engineering perspective. According to TD's reply, the department seemed to have conducted studies on the provision of cycle tracks. In her view, regardless of whether TD had finished preparing the relevant report, it should provide the preliminary study on the safety of the road sections for cycling.

153. The Chairman asked TD to consolidate the relevant information based on the above accident for Members' reference.

154. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the motion was passed and the requests of SKDC would be conveyed to THB, HyD and TD in writing. The written replies, especially the one from THB, focused mainly on the Hiram's Highway Improvement Project without mentioning the role of bicycles as a mode of transport along Hiram's Highway. He hoped that THB would give further explanation on that part. The Chairman also declared that the motion would be referred to the Working Group on Hiram's Highway Improvement Project for follow-up work.

**(9) Oppose the extensive expansion of private moorings at Tso Wo Hang Pier and recommend the use of existing facilities such as Kwun Tong Typhoon Shelter, improvement of facilities with low utilisation rates like Yim Tin Tsai Typhoon Shelter or provision of anchorage facilities at the artificial shoreline including Tolo Harbour**

(SKDC(M) Paper No. 19/21)

155. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Ms Debby CHAN and seconded by Ms LEUNG Hin-yan.

156. Members noted the written reply from MD (SKDC(M) Paper No. 60/21).

157. Ms Debby CHAN said she was disappointed that MD did not send a representative to attend the meeting. She had personally contacted MD many times on the matter concerned but the written reply from MD this time was similar to the previous ones which were rather general. She pointed out that there were many vessels in the sea off Tso Wo Hang. She even collected more than 200 signatures from people expressing opposition. She asked if

the joint letter could be forwarded to MD through the Secretariat. If the motion was carried, she hoped to convey to MD that SKDC opposed the construction of private moorings at Tso Wo Hang. In addition, she suggested inviting MD to attend committee meetings as appropriate so that she could make enquiries in person.

158. The Chairman remarked that since the definition of planning was not just for land, he proposed inviting MD to handle the matter through the Housing, Planning and Development Committee (HPDC) if the motion was carried.

159. Mr Gary FAN urged SKDO to do its utmost in inviting officers of MD to attend meetings to facilitate discussion with Members.

160. The Vice-Chairman said MD was a standing representative of the District Management Committee (DMC). He considered that the relevant officer should attend the committee meetings under SKDC where necessary so he asked SKDO for assistance. In addition, the marine reserve, including Tso Wo Hang, was a designated location for fishermen to take water. Currently, the seawater quality there was up to standard and could be used by fishermen to culture seafood. If the Government continues to develop in Tso Wo Hang, there would be irreversible impact on the environment, making it difficult for fishermen to find other convenient locations to take water. In the long run, this would affect food safety. Therefore, he hoped to have prompt action to prevent the situation from getting worse.

161. The Chairman said that designated locations for water taking might be a scope under the purview of FEHD. He also expected MD to send representatives to attend meetings of HPDC.

162. Ms Debby CHAN said as the mooring arrangement for vessels had come into effect in November 2020 and there was now an increasing number of vessels berthed in the area, she hoped that MD would arrange for officers to attend the next meeting of HPDC as far as possible to update Members on the latest situation. Regarding the issue on water quality, MD might be unfamiliar with how things were handled. Therefore, she would like to know whether EPD and FEHD had relevant guidelines or updated water quality reports.

163. Mr Wilson NG of FEHD responded that FEHD would not define individual locations as designated locations for water taking. On the contrary, it would only designate certain locations as locations where water taking was prohibited. In addition, FEHD would not inspect the water quality at specific locations.

164. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the motion was carried and the requests of SKDC would be conveyed to MD in writing. The motion would

be referred to HPDC for follow-up.

**(10) Urge the department to make enhancements of the Lions Nature Education Centre of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department in areas including educational information, facilities and peripheral ancillary facilities as well as its educational and recreational functions in the district**

(SKDC(M) Paper No. 20/21)

165. The Chairman welcomed:

- Ms Zoe WONG, Country Parks Ranger Services Officer (East), Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department; and
- Ms Helen HUI, Country Parks Officer (Sai Kung), Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department.

166. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Mr Stanley HO and seconded by Ms LEUNG Hin-yan and Ms Debby CHAN.

167. Members noted the written replies from the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD), TD, HyD and SKDO (SKDC(M) Paper Nos. 81/21 to 84/21).

168. Mr Stanley HO thanked AFCD for sending representatives to attend the meeting and respond to questions by Members. His views were as follows:

- He had visited the Lions Nature Education Centre (the Centre) of AFCD and found the condition of the pond appalling. As many members of the public would visit the Centre during holidays and residents of the district would walk their dogs there, he enquired whether AFCD had a specific plan to improve the condition of the pond.
- It was hoped that AFCD would follow up on the problem of a lack of dog excreta collection bins in the Centre so that it would be more convenient for dog walkers to use the facilities in the Centre.
- The Centre ought to be a disability inclusive place. However, necessary facilities were lacking within the Centre and at the bus stop outside the Centre, making it difficult for the visually impaired to access the Centre and use the facilities inside. Moreover, the tiles in the exhibition area were too slippery. It was therefore hoped that TD could review the facilities for the disabled in the Centre together with AFCD.
- The problem of illegal parking in the vicinity of the Centre was severe during holidays, affecting access of residents in Tsiu Hang Village and Che Keng Tuk

Village. Therefore, it was hoped that the Police could strengthen law enforcement during holidays.

- The Centre had been operating for many years and was an important ecological resource in Sai Kung district. Therefore, he would like to ask AFCD to arrange a visit to the Centre for all Members and brief them on strategies related to teaching resources.

169. Ms Debby CHAN said that some residents had expressed their opinions to her about the ecological problems in the Centre, particularly the removal of the lotus pond after restoration as well as the poor maintenance and sanitary conditions of the Centre. Therefore, she asked AFCD whether the Centre was managed according to Cap. 208 Country Parks Ordinance or other guidelines, and whether ecological statistics would be collected before the restoration to prove that the biodiversity in the premises had not decreased. She also hoped that AFCD would explain how it would improve the biodiversity in the Centre. Besides, she enquired about the plan for public participation: in addition to opening hours and road signs, whether the Government would utilise new technology and mobile applications to launch new plans.

170. Ms Helen HUI, Country Parks Officer (Sai Kung), AFCD, responded as follows:

- Regarding the management of the lotus pond, AFCD would carry out a series of restoration works in the next one to two months, including removing excessive algae in the pond to restore a favourable environment for the growth of lotus and replanting lotus afterwards. Maintenance of the boardwalk around the pond and weeding would also be carried out.
- Restoration works were being carried out in other ecological locations of the Centre such as other ponds. Ponds with leakage problems were in need of repair. Upon the completion of repair, AFCD would provide favourable habitats for the growth of the organisms concerned to restore the vitality of the ponds. AFCD had previously conducted ecological surveys, and would do the assessment again after the works to ensure that the restoration was successful, fulfilling the Centre's function in nature education.
- Regarding dog excreta collection bins, AFCD had placed 39 rubbish bins at outdoor areas of the Centre to collect refuse and dog faeces. Based on past experience, the existing arrangement was sufficient to meet the needs.

171. Ms Zoe WONG, Country Parks Ranger Services Officer (East), AFCD, added that apart from providing rubbish bins for dog walkers to dispose of dog faeces, staff of the Centre would also communicate with dog walkers and put up banners in the Centre to remind visitors to dispose of rubbish properly. In addition, AFCD had been reviewing the facilities for the disabled in the Centre. Apart from installing non-slip strips on the ramps recently, AFCD

would continue to explore with relevant departments with a view to enhancing the accessible facilities in the Centre. With regard to public participation, AFCD had been organising guided tours for schools from Monday to Friday and a variety of educational activities on Saturdays and Sundays. AFCD would continue to review the arrangements and design more activities of different kinds as necessary.

172. The Chairman noted that AFCD was willing to arrange a visit by Members to the Centre and considered that arrangements could be made when the epidemic became more stabilised.

173. Mr Stanley HO asked the Police to respond to the problem of illegal parking in the vicinity of Tsiu Hang during holidays.

174. Mr CHOI Tung-tsoi, District Commander (Wong Tai Sin), HKPF, said increased patrols by police officers would be arranged in response to the illegal parking on Saturdays and Sundays in the hope of minimising the impact brought to residents in Tsiu Hang and Che Keng Tuk.

175. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the motion was carried and the requests of SKDC would be conveyed to AFCD, TD, HyD and SKDO in writing. AFCD was also asked to arrange a visit by Members to the Lions Nature Education Centre.

176. The Chairman said as Motion (11) was similar to Motion (12) and there being no objection from Members, the two motions would be discussed together.

**(11) Request the Government to handle the fresh water contamination problem in Tseung Kwan O, Sai Kung as early as possible and to make compensation to ease the worries of the public**  
(SKDC(M) Paper No. 21/21)

177. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Mr CHENG Chung-man and seconded by Messrs Andrew CHAN and FUNG Kwan-on.

**(12) Request for investigation into the sources of black spots of fresh water and elaboration of the ways to handle the fresh water problem**  
(SKDC(M) Paper No. 22/21)

178. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Mr FUNG Kwan-on and seconded by he himself, the Vice-Chairman, Mr CHEUNG Wai-chiu and Ms Valerie WONG.

179. Members noted the written replies from the Water Supplies Department (WSD) and HD (SKDC(M) Paper Nos. 61/21 and 69/21).

180. The Chairman said as WSD did not send any representatives to attend the meeting, the motion might be referred to HPDC for follow-up.

181. Mr FUNG Kwan-on asked whether WSD would send any representatives to attend the next full council meeting.

182. The Chairman said the District Council could consider inviting officers of WSD to attend the next meeting of HPDC.

183. Mr FUNG Kwan-on considered that the presence of black spots in fresh water was a serious problem which could not be dealt with in a short time. Mr BOEDIHARDJO Johnathan, Ding Chian of WSD had told him that WSD would formulate short-, medium- and long-term solutions and replace all old pipes in the long run. However, the department had so far only added strainers to the pipes where spalling of bitumen was suspected. He considered that such a measure could not properly solve the problem and prevent the spalling of bitumen. When black particles were first found in fresh water in Po Lam Estate, he immediately requested WSD to arrange the provision of a water tank for Po Lam Estate. The water tank was still placed there and it was unknown whether the water tank would be removed after the implementation of short-, medium- and long-term solutions. He found it unreasonable that the public had to fetch water from the water tank every day because WSD advised residents not to install water filters and this seriously affected residents' daily life. In view of the above situation, he hoped that WSD would send representatives to the meeting to explain the transitional arrangements under the short-, medium- and long-term solutions and to respond whether it would enhance communication with housing estates as it had taken a long time to determine the cause of the problem in the fresh water incident in Po Lam Estate. WSD should enhance communication with SKDO and Members, and provide information on new plans or initiatives as soon as possible, rather than waiting for more than a week to submit reports and remind residents of matters needing attention. He pointed out that many housing estates were unaware of the problem in pipes and were not notified until after the incident. As a result, they were still unable to solve the problem.

184. Ms Valerie WONG said WSD used strainers to tackle the problem of spalling of bitumen time after time but to no avail. Therefore, she considered that only by replacing all pipes could the problem be solved. The department stated in the paper that the bitumen, after examination, was found to contain no substances harmful to human body. Nonetheless, people normally would not drink the water if black particles were present while in reality,

residents had to use and consume fresh water containing black particles every day. WSD was unable to solve the problem in a short period of time and just kept changing the strainers and cleaning the water tank. As a result, the water supply was suspended from time to time. After the water tank was cleaned, even more particles appeared in the water and blocked the pipes. She was concerned about when the Government would be able to resolve the frequent suspension of the supply of salt water and fresh water, as well as the problem of presence of bitumen in the water. She hoped that the relevant departments could respond.

185. Mr CHENG Chung-man said the problem concerned had been plaguing residents for a period of time. Since the above incident, the owners' corporation (OC) of Wo Ming Court and many residents had expressed concern over the problem with the fresh water and were not comfortable with the use of problematic fresh water. He had always considered it necessary for the Government to offer compensation for the problem caused by public pipes. Moreover, the management company needed to clean the water tank using additional resources and residents had to keep cleaning the water outlets. The black particles even caused damage to residents' electrical appliances so residents had to spend money on repairs. Although WSD stated that there were established procedures for compensation claim by residents, according to the department's statement in December last year, the claiming process would have to be commenced after the department had notified OC, the management company or the person concerned. However, the department had not yet notified the persons concerned of the claiming method so far. Therefore, he hoped that WSD could reply as soon as possible.

186. Mr LEE Ka-yui said that the same situation also occurred in Sheung Tak Estate. Residents had to install water filters on their own to deal with the problem. They also discovered quite a large amount of black particles within the filters. He suspected that such problem had taken place in housing estates one after the other across the territory and he believed that it was related to aged pipes. In the long run, he hoped HD could gradually replace the water supply system and pipes in housing estates.

187. Mr LUI Man-kwong said that the problem of presence of black particles in water happened from time to time. He also considered that the problem was caused by aged pipes and that WSD ought to arrange the gradual replacement of pipes as soon as possible. Yet WSD had never actively followed up on the matter. He hoped WSD could recognise the fact that the pipes had aged, causing the problem of presence of black particles in fresh water in housing estates one after the other. Regarding compensation claim, based on experience, WSD would, after working on parts of the public water supply system, only recommend housing estates to clean water tanks and pipes on their own with the costs borne by tenants themselves or the housing estates, which resulted in expensive water bills for the tenants. Although he had asked WSD in the past to take up the costs arising from the spalling of

bitumen, residents had to bear the costs themselves in the end and he considered such an arrangement undesirable.

188. Mr CHENG Chung-man remarked that abnormality in water quality was present in both Hau Tak Estate and Po Lam Estate. Therefore, he asked whether HD had taken any follow-up action and what information did HD have. Moreover, he would like to know whether WSD had found out which segment of the pipe was faulty and enquired whether it was now necessary to apply for funding to replace problematic pipes.

189. Ms LING Kuk-yi of HD said that HD had received reports at the end of last year from residents of Hau Tak Estate on the presence of black particles in fresh water. HD had inspected the water supply system at once and confirmed that it was operating normally. HD had subsequently arranged the cleaning of fresh water tanks for the entire estate and notified WSD of the problem. WSD had taken water samples at Hau Tak Estate in response to the problem and noted that the fresh water was suitable for drinking after examination. In addition, WSD had installed strainers in the water tanks, hoping to prevent impurities from entering the water supply system of Hau Tak Estate, and had arranged to clean the water meters for the affected households. According to the observation of HD, the water quality had improved. However, one week before the meeting, residents reported the presence of black sediments in the water. HD had notified WSD of the situation, and WSD had arranged for staff to clean the water meters for residents. HD would remain in contact with WSD and co-operate with its work where necessary. As the management body of the housing estate, HD would be responsible for ensuring the normal operation of the fresh water system in the housing estate and was willing to discuss other improvement measures with WSD.

190. Mr FUNG Kwan-on pointed out that HD was just repeating the content of WSD's written reply, which was not very meaningful. He asked HD why it did not immediately post a notice to inform residents after learning of the test report on the fresh water in Po Lam Estate. In fact, there were still tenants in Po Lam Estate and HD was responsible for tenants while OC was only responsible for property owners. In his view, HD had repeatedly tried to shirk its responsibility on different issues and simply referred the problem to other departments for response. As for the problem of fresh water in Po Lam Estate, he had never received any written reply, report or notice from HD. Therefore, He asked what action had HD taken in response to the incident.

191. Ms Valerie WONG said she did not understand the work of HD either. The problem of fresh water containing black sediments was still unresolved. Simply washing the water tank and installing strainers could not really solve the problem. She pointed out that HD had never provided residents with any water quality reports, related information or solutions. In her view, HD must find out whether the location of the problem was within the housing estate

or the public water supply system as soon as possible.

192. Ms LING Kuk-yi of HD said Po Lam Estate was a Tenants Purchase Scheme (TPS) estate. According to the Deed of Mutual Covenant, OC was the manager of the housing estate and had already taken over the management of the housing estate. OC said it had conveyed the above incident to WSD and issued a notice notifying residents of the development of the incident, and that it would continue to follow up on the incident. As for Hau Tak Estate, WSD had stated clearly that the problem was caused by the government's pipes, and HD had inspected the fresh water supply system in the housing estate and confirmed that the system was operating normally. HD had also issued a notice to residents about the presence of black sediments in the fresh water. HD could provide the notice after the meeting if Members would like to read it.

193. The Chairman said the issue concerned was under the purview of WSD. He suggested that if the motion was carried, representatives of WSD could be invited through HPDC to attend the meeting.

194. Mr LEUNG Li said as there were problems in the fresh water in different housing estates, he suggested the Secretariat should invite HPDC Members by email after the meeting to comment on the problem of fresh water so that WSD could provide relevant information at the meeting of HPDC.

195. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the above two motions were carried and the requests of SKDC would be conveyed to WSD and HD in writing. The motions concerned would be referred to HPDC for follow-up. The Secretariat was asked to invite Members by e-mail after the meeting to provide related information concerning their constituencies so that WSD could respond to Members' questions.

196. The Chairman declared that the meeting was adjourned for lunch break.

(The meeting resumed at 2:40 p.m.)

**(13) Request the Government to provide the current and future directions of restoration plan for drains in Tui Min Hoi, Sai Kung Town**  
(SKDC(M) Paper No. 23/21)

197. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Ms LEUNG Hin-yan and seconded by Ms Debby CHAN, Messrs Stanley HO, Brandon YIP and CHEUNG Wai-chiu.

198. Members noted the written reply from DSD (SKDC(M) Paper No. 47/21).

199. Ms LEUNG Hin-yan considered that attendees from CEDD and the written reply from DSD had not yet responded to the matter which she mentioned, i.e. the Feasibility Study on Relocation of Sai Kung Sewage Treatment Works to Caverns (PWP No. 4402DS). She asked CEDD about the time of completion of the feasibility study and the exact time of consultation. She also asked DSD about the width of the new trunk sewer constructed in the Tui Min Hoi area of Sai Kung Town and the places from which the new trunk sewer could collect sewage.

200. Mr Sunny LO of CEDD noted the views of Member and would relay them to related colleagues for follow-up.

201. Ms LEUNG Hin-yan hoped CEDD could submit a reply after meeting.

202. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the above motion was carried and the requests of SKDC would be conveyed to DSD in writing.

**(14) Request the Sai Kung District Council to formulate guidelines to avoid use of plastic and wastage as far as possible**  
(SKDC(M) Paper No. 24/21)

203. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Mr Brandon YIP and seconded by Mr CHAN Wai-lit, Ms Debby CHAN, Mr CHEUNG Wai-chiu and Ms LEUNG Hin-yan.

204. Members noted the written reply by SKDC Secretariat (SKDC(M) Paper No. 70/21).

205. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the above motion was carried and would be referred to the Finance and Administration Committee for follow-up.

**(15) Request the department to strengthen communication with management companies and owners' corporations in making cleaning arrangements for units in buildings with confirmed cases of Coronavirus Disease 2019**  
(SKDC(M) Paper No. 25/21)

206. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Mr FUNG Kwan-on and seconded by he himself, the Vice-Chairman, Mr CHEUNG Wai-chiu and Ms Valerie WONG.

207. Members noted the written reply from FEHD (SKDC(M) Paper No. 48/21).

208. Mr FUNG Kwan-on said some residents had reported that strong bleach was used to clean the buildings. Yet HD said that in Po Lam Estate, for example, the cleaning arrangements for public areas of the buildings were made by OCs. He said that cleaning staff in many buildings would pour undiluted bleach on the ground and then dilute it by pouring clean water over it. This not only diluted the bleach in an incorrect ratio, but also produced a large amount of pungent odour, which would make children and the elderly uncomfortable. Therefore, he hoped that HD would remind OCs of the proper use of bleach and the dilution ratio when attending meetings of OCs. He also said that previously, OC of Po Lam Estate hoped to convene a meeting but HD representatives refused to attend because they were working from home. As a result, the meeting failed to be convened. He hoped that HD representatives could communicate with OC through other means and explore the use of different cleaning agents to clean the buildings.

209. The Chairman asked whether HD could relay the message by Mr FUNG Kwan-on.

210. Ms LING Kuk-yi of HD responded that HD would convey Members' views to OC after the meeting and ask OC to remind cleaning staff to use bleach correctly and consider using different cleaning agents to clean the buildings.

211. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the above motion was carried and the requests of SKDC would be conveyed to FEHD in writing.

**(16) Request the Sai Kung District Office to maintain sufficient stock of masks and distribute them to residents, security guards and cleaning workers of buildings with confirmed cases of Coronavirus Disease 2019**

(SKDC(M) Paper No. 26/21)

212. The Chairman said the motioned was moved by he himself and seconded by the Vice-Chairman, Messrs Andrew CHAN, CHENG Chung-man, CHEUNG Wai-chiu, CHOI Ming-hei, CHUN Hoi-shing, Gary FAN, LAI Ming-chak, LAI Wai-tong, Frankie LAM, Ryan LEE, LEUNG Li, LUI Man-kwong, LUK Ping-choi, Ricky OR, TSE Ching-fung and Ms Valerie WONG.

213. Members noted the written reply from SKDO (SKDC(M) Paper No. 71/21).

214. Mr Gary FAN considered this motion important. If the epidemic persisted, it was necessary for SKDO to keep a sufficient stock of masks. He learned that up till December last year, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) had distributed a total of 17 million masks to societies, district councils, members of district councils, community groups, schools, rural committees, etc. He also observed that SKDO had distributed masks to Sai Kung Rural

Committee twice, but the number of masks distributed to education groups was relatively small. Therefore, he asked SKDO about the proportion and criteria for the distribution of masks. He hoped that masks could be distributed in an appropriate proportion in Sai Kung district so that residents, security guards, cleaning staff, etc. could be given enough masks.

215. Mr LAI Ming-chak said that at present, residents of a building were required to undergo compulsory testing if one or more confirmed cases with unknown sources were found in the building. He asked whether SKDO would consider relaxing the criteria and distribute masks to every resident who needed to undergo compulsory testing so that the residents know both SKDO and SKDC took the development of the epidemic in Sai Kung district seriously.

216. The Chairman said the matter raised by Mr LAI Ming-chak was worth discussing. Originally, if there were two or more confirmed cases in a building, SKDO would distribute masks to residents. However, now that compulsory testing was implemented, District Officers would assist in setting up mobile testing stations. According to his understanding, masks would be distributed at mobile testing stations to residents who were subject to compulsory testing. He considered that the criteria for the distribution of masks could be discussed. He also considered that while it became easier for residents to obtain masks, security guards and cleaning staff might not be allocated with enough masks. Therefore, he hoped to adjust the number of masks given to security guards and cleaning staff.

217. Mr David CHIU, DO(SK), responded that as stated in the reply paper, since December last year, SKDO had arranged the distribution of a box of 50 masks per household free of charge to the residents and staff of buildings with consecutive confirmed cases in the district. Since mid-December, SKDO had distributed a total of more than 10 000 boxes of masks to 18 buildings, not including buildings listed in the compulsory testing notice. Masks given to residents after compulsory testing were also provided by SKDO. Therefore, SKDO would maintain the current practice and distribute masks to residents subject to compulsory testing.

218. The Chairman enquired whether SKDO could distribute masks to residents of a building if there was a confirmed case of known source in the building.

219. Mr LAI Ming-chak asked whether SKDO would distribute masks to the staff of the building in case of the above situation, and whether the practice in other areas would be the same as that in Sai Kung district.

220. Mr David CHIU, DO(SK), responded that in case of the above situation, the staff of the building would also be required to undergo compulsory testing and therefore be given masks. According to his understanding, members of the public could also be given masks after compulsory testing at mobile specimen collection stations in other areas but masks might not

be distributed for undergoing compulsory testing at community testing centres or other places.

221. Mr LAI Wai-tong hoped that SKDO would provide adequate support to security guards and cleaning staff. He also expressed his hope that SKDO and SWD could support the elderly in need and centres providing community service for the elderly because the price of masks was still high despite the abundant supply.

222. Ms Micy LUI of SWD responded that SWD would continue to provide masks to all residential care homes. Regarding centres for the elderly, district social welfare offices had been working closely with district organisations to distribute masks donated by such organisations to those in need after matching.

223. Mr David CHIU, DO(SK), responded that since the outbreak of COVID-19 last year, SKDO had distributed masks several times to NGOs, including Rural Committees and residents' organisations. In collaboration with SWD, SKDO had also distributed masks to organisations in need. SKDO would continue to collaborate with SWD on this.

224. The Chairman hoped SKDO would adjust the number of masks given to security guards and cleaning staff. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the above motion was carried and the requests of SKDC would be conveyed to HAD and SKDO in writing.

**(17) Request the Government to include storm surge alert, flood alert and traffic conditions after typhoon in the scope of emergency alert system messages**  
(SKDC(M) Paper No. 27/21)

225. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Mr CHUN Hoi-shing and seconded by Messrs LAI Wai-tong, Gary FAN, Frankie LAM, LUI Man-kwong, LAI Ming-chak, LEUNG Li and he himself.

226. Members noted the joint response from the Office of the Communications Authority (OFCA) and Hong Kong Observatory (SKDC(M) Paper No. 62/21).

227. Mr LAI Wai-tong considered that OFCA did not answer some of the questions in the motion paper. He asked: whether parallel imported mobile phones could receive emergency alert system messages; about the details of test messages, including the method, time and frequency of sending the test messages; and from which department(s) the public would receive the messages. He also hoped that OFCA would study the inclusion of district information in the emergency alert system messages and submit a reply after meeting.

228. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the above motion was carried and the requests of SKDC would be conveyed to OFCA and Hong Kong Observatory in writing.

**(18) Request the Government to grant rates concession for all four quarters in 2021-22 of no less than \$3,000 per quarter for each domestic rateable tenement**  
(SKDC(M) Paper No. 28/21)

229. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Mr LAI Ming-chak and seconded by Messrs LUI Man-kwong, Gary FAN, LEUNG Li, CHUN Hoi-shing, LAI Wai-tong, Frankie LAM and he himself.

230. Members noted the written reply from the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau (SKDC(M) Paper No. 49/21).

231. There being no objection, the Chairman declared that the above motion was carried and the requests of SKDC would be conveyed to the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau in writing.

**(19) Request the Transport Department to provide free one-year renewal for holders of Learner's Driving Licence this year**  
(SKDC(M) Paper No. 29/21)

232. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Ms Valerie WONG and seconded by Messrs FUNG Kwan-on, Ryan LEE, CHUN Hoi-shing, TSE Ching-fung, LEE Ka-yui and Stanley HO.

233. Members noted the written reply from TD (SKDC(M) Paper No. 63/21).

234. Ms Valerie WONG considered that although the existing legislation did not require candidates to hold a valid Learner's Driving Licence to take the driving test, the postponement of driving test would affect the study period of candidates. Therefore, she found the reply from TD irresponsible.

235. Mr FUNG Kwan-on said that candidates must hold a valid Learner's Driving Licence when learning to drive, and the postponement of driving test would make candidates unable to take the test during the period when holding a valid Learner's Driving Licence. He noted that TD had increased manpower and provided additional driving tests on Saturdays to expedite the process. However, he hoped that TD would make it more convenient for the public and allow free one-year renewal for holders of Learner's Driving Licence this year so

as to reduce the burden on the public and the administrative work of TD.

236. The Chairman hoped TD would allow free one-year renewal for holders of Learner's Driving Licence by exemption or payment by the Government. There being no objection, the Chairman declared that the above motion was carried and the requests of SKDC would be conveyed to TD in writing.

**Extempore motion: Request the Planning Department to disclose and give an account of the progress of all development plans in the Tseng Lan Shue Outline Zoning Plan and Clear Water Bay Peninsula North Outline Zoning Plan as well as to consider the planned developments in neighbouring areas when submitting the reports of environmental impact assessment and traffic impact assessment, including but not limited to the development of Anderson Road Quarry site, Tai Sheung Tok Transfer Station, hospital in Clear Water Bay, Clearwater Bay STEAM and Innovation School, redevelopment of the former Shaw Studio in Comprehensive Development Area (2), Ying Yip Road public rental housing development and redevelopment of the film studio in Area 92**  
(SKDC(M) Paper No. 89/21)

237. Mr YU Tsun-ning moved an extempore motion, which read: "Request the Planning Department to disclose and give an account of the progress of all development plans in the Tseng Lan Shue Outline Zoning Plan and Clear Water Bay Peninsula North Outline Zoning Plan as well as to consider the planned developments in neighbouring areas when submitting the reports of environmental impact assessment and traffic impact assessment, including but not limited to the development of Anderson Road Quarry site, Tai Sheung Tok Transfer Station, hospital in Clear Water Bay, Clearwater Bay STEAM and Innovation School, redevelopment of the former Shaw Studio in Comprehensive Development Area (2), Ying Yip Road public rental housing development and redevelopment of the film studio in Area 92".

238. The extempore motion was seconded by Ms LEUNG Hin-yan, Mr CHEUNG Wai-chiu, Mr Stanley HO, Ms Debby CHAN, Messrs LAI Wai-tong, Frankie LAM, CHAN Wai-lit and LUI Man-kwong.

239. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the extempore motion was added to the agenda.

240. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the above extempore motion was carried and the requests of SKDC would be conveyed to the PlanD in writing. The Chairman also declared that the motion would be referred to HPDC.

**Extempore motion: Request the Buildings Department and the Independent Checking Unit to postpone due dates in mandatory window inspection statutory notices until the epidemic is fully under control**

(SKDC(M) Paper No. 90/21)

241. Mr TSE Ching-fung considered that the epidemic situation was severe at present. However, the Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme of the Buildings Department (BD) was not suspended, thus residents who had received BD's notice for mandatory window inspection were rather worried. Taking Bauhinia Garden in Tseung Kwan O as an example, about 3 200 households were notified of the mandatory window inspection by BD on 22 January this year. If residents invited window inspectors to enter their flats for inspection or repair of windows, the risk of virus transmission would increase. As the services of many government departments were suspended or provided on a limited scale, he asked whether BD could wait until the epidemic was under control before implementing the Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme. Worse still, even after two confirmed cases of COVID-19 were found in Bauhinia Garden on 28 and 29 January this year, the Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme was still not suspended, which made residents very worried. Therefore, he moved an extempore motion, which read: "Request the Buildings Department to postpone due dates in mandatory window inspection statutory notices until the epidemic is fully under control".

242. The Chairman enquired whether the HOS estates and the TPS estates in Sai Kung district were required to undergo mandatory window inspection. If so, the wording of the motion should be amended to: "Request the Buildings Department and the Independent Checking Unit to postpone due dates in mandatory window inspection statutory notices until the epidemic is fully under control". Mr TSE Ching-fung agreed to the amendment.

243. The extempore motion was seconded by Messrs Andrew CHAN, CHENG Chung-man and Ms Valerie WONG.

244. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the extempore motion was added to the agenda.

245. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the above extempore motion was carried, and the requests of SKDC would be conveyed to BD and the Independent Checking Unit of THB in writing.

**Extempore motion: Request the Water Supplies Department to waive water charges for one month to remedy the unfair practice of reporting meter readings**

(SKDC(M) Paper No. 91/21)

246. Mr CHEUNG Wai-chiu moved an extempore motion, which read: “Request the Water Supplies Department to waive water charges for one month to remedy the unfair practice of reporting meter readings”.

247. The extempore motion was seconded by Messrs LUI Man-kwong, FUNG Kwan-on, CHAN Wai-lit, LAI Wai-tong, LAI Ming-chak, Ms LEUNG Hin-yan, Messrs CHOI Ming-hei, Frankie LAM, CHUN Hoi-shing, Ms Debby CHAN, Messrs Stanley HO, LEE Ka-yui, CHENG Chung-man and Ms Valerie WONG.

248. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the extempore motion was added to the agenda.

249. Mr FUNG Kwan-on hoped that WSD would consider this motion seriously because he had received many cases where water charges last year were 1.3 to 1.6 times higher than the previous charges for a similar level of water consumption. In addition, he found that WSD had expanded the calculation formula due to the postponement of self-reading of water meter when calculating water charges. As a result, the water charges to be paid had increased and caused unfairness to the public.

250. Mr CHEUNG Wai-chiu said he had contacted WSD on this matter, and the department had explained how the water charges were calculated. He observed that the department’s calculation method of water charges had changed three times in April, August and December last year. However, members of the public were not informed of the changes and were therefore confused. He had attempted to explain the calculation method to members of the public, but many of them were still unable to fully understand it. Therefore, he hoped that WSD would inform the public and give an explanation in writing when changing the calculation method of water charges.

251. Mr LEE Ka-yui said he had also received many complaints from the public last year about the increase in water charges for no reason, and the public generally believed that the increase in water charges was due to problems in the system of WSD. As the department did not take readings of water meters inside residential units early last year and had changed the calculation method of water charges recently, he considered that the water charges were overestimated. However, even after receiving a considerable number of complaints from the public, the department had only used the increased frequency of hand washing as an explanation for the increased water charges, leading to the dissatisfaction of the public and their loss of confidence in the calculation of water charges. Therefore, he considered that it was necessary for WSD to take responsibility and regain public confidence in the calculation of water charges.

252. Ms Valerie WONG pointed out that she had once moved a motion on the issue of water charges. In her view, the constantly changing calculation method of water charges by WSD had caused confusion to the public. When the public expressed that the water charges were overestimated, the department responded that water meter reading inside residential units could be done but an additional fee of \$810 would be charged if no discrepancies were found. She took the view that the approach was very unfair to the public, especially to singleton elderly with low water consumption.

253. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the above extempore motion was carried, and the requests of SKDC would be conveyed to WSD in writing.

**Extempore motion: Urge the Government to take over the management of Pung Loi Road and Pung Loi Avenue in Tseung Kwan O**

(SKDC(M) Paper No. 92/21)

254. Ms Christine FONG said many bus routes operated via areas in the vicinity of Pung Loi Road, which imposed a burden on public roads in LOHAS Park and Area 137 and increased the maintenance costs. Therefore, she moved an extempore motion, which read: “Urge the Government to take over the management of Pung Loi Road and Pung Loi Avenue in Tseung Kwan O”.

255. The extempore motion was seconded by Mr Chris CHEUNG.

256. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the extempore motion was added to the agenda.

257. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the above extempore motion was carried, and the requests of SKDC would be conveyed to DEVB and DLO/SK in writing.

**(20) Request the Correctional Services Department to ensure provision of sufficient blankets and clothing to keep persons in custody warm in cold weather**

**(21) Object to the mandatory requirement imposed by the Government on the public to use the “LeaveHomeSafe” application in order to protect personal data privacy of the public**

**(22) In view of the ruling of the High Court that failure of police officers to display unique identification (UI) numbers when discharging their duties is in breach of**

**the *Hong Kong Bill of Rights*, the District Council requests the Police to rectify by displaying UI numbers during execution of duties in the future; the District Council also requests the Government to carry out independent investigation into incidents of the Police's use of excessive force in handling the protests in 2019, so as to pursue responsibility and uphold justice**

258. The Chairman said that a letter from SKDO had been received before the meeting, which pointed out that the above three items were incompatible with the functions of DCs as specified in section 61 of District Councils Ordinance (the Ordinance) and were not suitable for discussion at DC meetings. Besides, the Secretariat would not provide any secretariat services. However, he considered that the above items were suitable for discussion at DC meetings.

259. Mr David CHIU, DO(SK), expressed that according to the existing guidelines, SKDO would refer the motions and questions received from Members to relevant bureaux and departments seeking their responses and comments. After the Government had considered the above motions and had sought legal advice where appropriate, these motions were considered incompatible with the functions of DCs as specified in section 61 of the Ordinance and were not suitable for discussion at DC meetings. Besides, the Secretariat would not provide any secretariat services and the SKDC Chairman had been informed in writing before the meeting. Motions (20) and (21) involved territory-wide policies rather than matters at the district level, while Motion (22) involved the operation of law enforcement departments and was not compatible with the functions of DCs. Therefore, they were not suitable for discussion at DC meetings. If the Chairman insisted on discussing the above motions, government officers including the Secretariat staff would not participate in the discussion and would withdraw from the meeting.

260. The Chairman remarked that regardless of whether support services would be provided by government officers, discussion of the motions would continue.

(The Chairman decided to continue the discussion of Motions (20) to (22). SKDO staff and representatives of government departments left the Conference Room.)

[Note: As Motions (20) to (22) were incompatible with the functions of DCs as specified in section 61 of the Ordinance (Cap. 547), the Secretariat would not provide any support services.]

(B) The 10 questions raised by Members:

**(1) Question on whether Hiram's Highway and Clear Water Bay Road are strategic**

**routes**

(SKDC(M) Paper No. 30/21)

261. The Chairman said the question was raised by Ms LEUNG Hin-yan.

262. Members noted the written reply from TD (SKDC(M) Paper No. 64/21).

263. Ms LEUNG Hin-yan considered that TD officers responsible for the above matter should attend the meeting and respond to the questions raised by Members. She indicated that, according to the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines (HKPSG), Hiram's Highway and the section of Clear Water Bay Road within Sai Kung district were not classified as trunk roads. She also enquired whether TD would consider imposing restrictions on the use of Hiram's Highway on holidays by drivers who were not residents of the district. Moreover, as mentioned by TD in the paper (SKDC(M) Paper No. 327/20) submitted last year, Hiram's Highway was a strategic road for residents along the highway to travel between urban Kowloon and Ma On Shan. In this connection, she asked about the definition of "strategic roads" and its legal basis.

264. Mr Byon WONG of TD responded that roads in Hong Kong were classified largely according to the particular functions they were intended to serve. To his understanding, the HKPSG also stated that an exact hierarchy of roads was difficult to define given the historical development of the road network. The design guidelines referred to in the department's written reply were the guidelines in the Transport Planning and Design Manual. In fact, roads were classified broadly according to other functions. Therefore, different road sections of a long rural road could be classified into different road types according to the conditions of individual road sections, including functions, characteristics, operating environment, etc, and would be imposed with different restrictions.

265. Ms LEUNG Hin-yan said HKPSG specified that the recommended width of dual four-lane trunk roads was 14.6 m. She enquired whether Hiram's Highway would be classified as a trunk road after being widened to a four-lane carriageway; if so, whether it was necessary for the relevant departments to conduct an environmental impact assessment for Hiram's Highway Improvement Stage 2 Project. She also asked TD to provide supplementary information on the road types of different sections of Hiram's Highway after the meeting. Furthermore, as mentioned by TD in the paper (SKDC(M) Paper No. 327/20) submitted last year, setting up a temporary road block on Hiram's Highway during holidays would cause traffic problems. She would like to know what those traffic problems were.

266. Mr Byon WONG of TD responded that the Traffic Engineers concerned would exercise professional judgement to ensure compliance of the road design with the requirements based

on the guidelines of the Transport Planning and Design Manual subject to the actual traffic conditions. He continued that he would relay Members' views on the implementation of restrictive measures at individual road sections to the Engineers. Regarding matters related to the Hiram's Highway Improvement Stage 2 Project, he considered that it would be more appropriate for HyD to give a response.

267. The Chairman declared that the issue would be referred to TTC for follow-up.

**(2) 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(M) Paper No. 31/21)

268. The Chairman said the question was raised by Ms LEUNG Hin-yan.

269. Members noted the written replies from EPD and TD (SKDC(M) Paper Nos. 50/21 and 65/21).

270. Ms LEUNG Hin-yan said, as mentioned in EPD's written reply, the department was engaging a consultant to conduct a detailed assessment and surveying of the proposed Tai Sheung Tok Transfer Station and it was expected that the consultancy study would commence in the second quarter of this year. However, as mentioned by the department in the project profile for Development of Tai Sheung Tok Transfer Station, the transfer station would handle about 400 trips of waste collection vehicles and 85 trips of container tractors per day at full operation. She was surprised that EPD had already obtained the relevant figures before conducting the assessment and surveying work, and hoped that the issue would be referred to EHCCAFC for follow-up.

271. The Chairman declared that the issue would be referred to EHCCAFC for follow-up.

**(3) Enquire about the current noise level on both sides of Po Tung Road**

(SKDC(M) Paper No. 32/21)

272. The Chairman said the question was raised by Ms LEUNG Hin-yan.

273. Members noted the written reply from EPD (SKDC(M) Paper No. 51/21).

274. Ms LEUNG Hin-yan said the several questions raised by her at this meeting reflected that the Government might have failed to perform public duties according to the relevant

guidelines and there might even be suspected maladministration issues. Therefore, she believed that it was necessary to raise those questions at the full Council meeting. She continued that according to the paper “Measures to Address Noise Impact of Existing Roads” submitted to the Panels of Environmental Affairs and Transport under the Legislative Council in 2000, the traffic noise of the road section between Marina Cove and Po Tung Road had exceeded 70 decibels at that time. However, as there were bends on that road section, the retrofitting of noise barriers or noise enclosures would obstruct the view of drivers and affect road safety. Therefore, noise barriers could not be installed. Although EPD had mentioned in its written reply that Po Tung Road was within the project limit of Hiram’s Highway Improvement Stage 2 Project (PWP Item No. 6806TH) of HyD, she considered that the department should be responsible for the follow-up. Therefore, she suggested referring the issue to EHCCAFC for follow-up.

275. The Chairman declared that the issue would be referred to EHCCAFC for follow-up.

**(4) Question on the policy implemented by the Transport Department to incentivise the public to use public transport when travelling to and from Sai Kung**  
(SKDC(M) Paper No. 33/21)

276. The Chairman said the question was raised by Ms LEUNG Hin-yan.

277. Members noted the written reply from TD (SKDC(M) Paper No. 66/21).

278. Ms LEUNG Hin-yan said the Government’s transport policy was underpinned by public transport and the public was encouraged to make good use of the public transport network as far as possible, which was why she had raised this question. However, the bus, green minibus (GMB) and taxi services mentioned in TD’s written reply were only basic transport services, and there was no direct answer to how the department would incentivise the public to use public transport when travelling to and from Sai Kung. She continued to enquire whether TD had assessed the effectiveness of public transport services in reducing the number of private cars on the road. If not, she hoped that the department would keep a record of the relevant figures. Moreover, although franchised bus companies provided passengers with real-time arrival information to facilitate their trip planning, the frequencies of individual bus routes were relatively low. For example, the waiting time for Kowloon Motor Bus (KMB) route no. 94 was as long as 40 minutes. Therefore, she hoped that bus companies would increase service frequencies.

279. Ms Debby CHAN mentioned that the service frequency of KMB route no. 94 was too low to meet the needs of residents in the district. In addition, she asked TD how members of the public with pets, large water sports equipment and bicycles could use public transport

when travelling to and from Sai Kung.

280. Mr LAI Wai-tong said, as mentioned in TD's written reply, the Government was financing the establishment of a real-time arrival information system for GMB and would release the relevant information in phases. He asked the department to provide information on the routes of the first batch of minibuses in the district to be installed with on-board positioning devices and suggested that the issue should be referred to TTC for follow-up.

281. The Chairman said the number of private cars on the road had been increasing continuously. In this regard, he asked how TD encouraged the public to switch to public transport to alleviate traffic congestion.

282. Mr Byon WONG of TD responded that TD had been mindful of the increase in the number of private cars. As set out in the written reply, the department had adopted various methods to encourage the public to use the public transport network as far as possible. In response to the increased passenger demand for transport services to and from Sai Kung on holidays, TD had approved the increase in service frequencies by bus companies last year to cater for the passenger demand. Regarding the insufficient service of KMB route no. 94 mentioned by Members, he responded that TD and KMB had been closely monitoring the patronage of the route, while the bus company had also strengthened the service during peak hours. However, as the passenger demand was lower in the night time, the frequency would be adjusted accordingly to optimise the use of resources. If Members noticed a higher passenger demand during certain time periods, they could inform TD for following up with the bus companies for necessary arrangements. Regarding the GMB Real-Time Arrival Information System for GMB, a test launch of the system was being conducted on three Hong Kong Island GMB routes since the end of last year. The routes of the first batch of GMB to be installed with on-board positioning devices also included those serving area within SKDC and TD was testing the system with the relevant minibus operators. TD would collate the relevant information after the meeting before reporting at TTC meetings.

283. Ms LEUNG Hin-yan took the view that the improvement in bus frequencies was not necessarily related to the reduction in the number of private cars on the road. Therefore, she reiterated that it was necessary for TD to assess whether the provision of additional public transport services in the district could effectively alleviate the situation of road traffic congestion. Moreover, she mentioned that the insufficient patronage of KMB route no. 94 during non-peak hours was caused by the low service frequency of the route, which failed to meet the needs of residents. Therefore, residents had chosen other public transport or to drive their private cars, which resulted in a vicious cycle of insufficient patronage and the failure to increase the service frequency. Meanwhile, despite the increase in the service frequency of the route during peak hours, it was inadequate to meet residents' needs. She

hoped that TD would continue to review the statistics of the relevant route and explore the feasibility of adjusting the services.

284. Mr LAI Ming-chak considered that TD could make adaptive responses to the changes in the service demand of different bus routes by flexibly deploying other buses with a low patronage during peak hours to pick up passengers waiting for route no. 94 so that fewer residents would have to hail taxis or drive their private cars.

285. Ms Debby CHAN said residents in the district relayed to her from time to time that there were long queues at the bus stops of route no. 94 and they were unable to board the fully loaded buses. She suggested that TD should deploy staff to conduct an inspection in Sai Kung on holidays to understand the actual situation.

286. The Chairman said it was undesirable that the existing service frequencies of route nos. 94 and 96R had failed to meet the needs of residents in the district. He hoped that TD and the bus companies would discuss how to balance the demands for different routes, and suggested that the department should attend the consultation forum on Hiram's Highway Improvement Stage 2 Project organised by the three SKDC Members in rural areas to listen to the views of residents in the district.

287. Mr Byon WONG of TD responded that TD had noticed the demand for KMB route no. 94 was higher during peak hours on holidays, but no left behind had been observed at en route stops. He continued that he would follow up on Members' views to meet passenger needs.

288. Mr LAI Wai-tong suggested that TD should conduct an inspection in Sai Kung on holidays with the three SKDC Members in rural areas to know more about the service needs and actual waiting situation of route no. 94.

289. Ms Debby CHAN said residents had repeatedly expressed to Members that the service frequency of route no. 94 could not meet the needs of residents and Members had also relayed residents' dissatisfaction to the relevant departments at different meetings. However, the situation had yet to be improved.

290. The Chairman believed that TD would be willing to conduct a site inspection with Members of the respective constituencies, and suggested that the relevant matters be co-ordinated by the Convenor of the Working Group on Bus and Minibus Routes in Sai Kung District.

**(5) Further enquiry about the pollution of the surrounding environment caused by the damage of a submarine sewer off Tui Min Hoi Tsuen**

(SKDC(M) Paper No. 34/21)

291. The Chairman said the question was raised by Ms LEUNG Hin-yan.

292. Members noted the written replies from EPD and DSD (SKDC(M) Paper Nos. 52/21 and 53/21).

293. Ms LEUNG Hin-yan said, as mentioned in EPD's written reply, the department had deployed staff to conduct inspections in Tui Min Hoi Tsuen on many occasions, during which no odour problem had been detected. She asked about the detailed locations of the inspections by EPD. In addition, she pointed out that the departments concerned did not give a detailed response to the question. Therefore, she hoped that the above issue would be referred to EHCCAFC for follow-up.

294. Ms Debby CHAN enquired whether the rehabilitation of underground sewers mentioned by CEDD in the morning session of the meeting included the rehabilitation of the damaged submarine sewer off Tui Min Hoi Tsuen.

295. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to make an enquiry to DSD in writing about whether the pollution problem was related to PWP No. 4393DS – "Rehabilitation of Trunk Sewers in Kowloon, Shatin and Sai Kung". He declared that the issue would be referred to EHCCAFC for follow-up.

**(6) Support for homeless people during the epidemic**

(SKDC(M) Paper No. 35/21)

296. The Chairman said the question was raised by Ms Debby CHAN.

297. Members noted the written replies from SKDO and SWD (SKDC(M) Paper Nos. 54/21 and 55/21).

298. Ms Debby CHAN expressed sadness over the recent passing of a homeless person with whom she had contact. As mentioned in SWD's written reply, the service team operated by the Christian Concern for the Homeless Association continued to conduct outreach visits during the epidemic. She enquired whether the department had closely followed up on the cases of homeless people and whether it had maintained close liaison with service units in the district. Moreover, in regard to SKDO's written reply, she asked why the occupancy rate in the temporary cold shelter was relatively low and suggested that the department could open the Sai Kung Jockey Club Town Hall to provide a temporary cold shelter for persons in need.

299. Ms Micy LUI of SWD responded that, to reduce the risk of community infection, SWD recommended service units operated by NGOs, including the Integrated Services Team for Street Sleepers, to provide public services on a limited scale during the epidemic. However, SWD had also required the relevant service units to maintain liaison with service users by other appropriate means and provide them with urgent and necessary outreach services. In fact, the service team operated by the Christian Concern for the Homeless Association and the four IFSCs in the district had conducted a total of over 25 outreach visits during the epidemic last year to address the urgent welfare needs of street sleepers. She expressed sadness over the passing of the homeless person and appealed to Members present at the meeting to refer cases in need to the IFSCs nearby for follow-up.

300. Mr David CHIU, DO(SK), said under the existing arrangements, a temporary cold shelter was provided in each of the 18 districts in the territory. As the Hang Hau Community Hall had been requisitioned as a community testing centre, when the Cold Weather Warning was in force, SKDO would open the King Lam Neighbourhood Community Centre in King Lam Estate of Tseung Kwan O to provide a temporary cold shelter for persons in need. Although the utilisation rate of cold shelters in the district was not high, SKDO would maintain the service. SKDO kept an open mind on the site selection of cold shelters and would review the service needs at appropriate juncture.

301. The Chairman suggested that SWD should establish a database on homeless people to keep a record of the number and distribution of homeless people in the district for reference by SKDO in the consideration of the site selection of heat or cold shelters. In addition, he suggested that the relevant departments and NGOs subvented by SWD should explore the feasibility of opening their service units to serve as temporary shelters for persons in need and providing them with supplies such as blankets and mattresses.

302. Ms Debby CHAN hoped that the above issue would be referred to the Education, Health and Social Welfare Committee (EHSWC) for follow-up.

303. The Chairman considered that although the median household income of residents in the district was relatively high, there were still some homeless people who needed support from government departments. Therefore, he agreed to refer the issue to EHSWC for follow-up.

304. Ms Debby CHAN hoped to know the distribution of homeless people in the district by setting up a database of them so as to examine whether the King Lam Neighbourhood Community Centre was a suitable site for a cold or heat shelter. Moreover, she enquired about the definition of urgent and necessary outreach services and how Members could refer cases of homeless people, especially those with medical needs.

305. Ms Micy LUI of SWD cited the case, referred by Ms Debby CHAN, involving a person wandering the streets as an example and suggested that Members could refer cases in need to IFSCs nearby for follow-up. IFSCs and the Integrated Services Team for Street Sleepers would assess the nature of the cases and arrange outreach visits if it was an urgent case. She added that homeless people not only faced accommodation problems, some of them also had emotional or mental health problems. Therefore, it took some time for the outreach teams to build trust with them. The members of the Integrated Services Team for Street Sleepers comprised nurses, who would recommend or accompany the street sleepers to psychiatric specialist out-patient clinics of the Hospital Authority for assessment when necessary.

306. Mr LAI Ming-chak took the view that the situation of Sai Kung district was special and rural residents might be unable to reach the cold or heat shelter in the district on foot. Therefore, he hoped to write to HAD and propose the provision of an additional cold or heat shelter in a suitable location.

307. The Chairman asked SWD to understand the distribution and the actual situation of homeless people in the district, and asked the Secretariat to convey the view to HAD in writing that SKDC hoped to provide an additional cold or heat shelter in the district. He continued to declare that the issue would be referred to EHSWC for follow-up.

**(7) Further enquiry about why the Highways Department lied**  
(SKDC(M) Paper No. 36/21)

308. The Chairman said the question was raised by Ms LEUNG Hin-yan.

309. Members noted the written replies from HyD, SKDO, DLO/SK, FEHD, EPD and the Efficiency Office (SKDC(M) Paper Nos. 72/21 to 77/21).

310. Ms LEUNG Hin-yan considered that the information provided by HyD for the full council meeting of SKDC and DFMC could not confirm whether the illegally dumped wastes accumulated on See Cheung Street near Lakeside Garden were construction wastes or personal belongings. She hoped that the relevant departments would make concerted efforts and step up inspections of public roads. If illegal disposal of construction wastes was found or reported by the public, she hoped that staff could be deployed to carry out clearance operations as soon as possible and prosecute the offenders.

**(8) Enquiry about the site office and depot of the fire station-cum-departmental quarters works project in Area 72**  
(SKDC(M) Paper No. 78/21)

- (9) **Whether the Water Supplies Department should prudently monitor outsourced works projects and whether contractors can currently charge for projects at will**  
(SKDC(M) Paper No. 79/21)
- (10) **Enquiry made to the Home Affairs Bureau about the work and direction of SKDC**

311. The Chairman said, as the Member who raised the above questions was not present at the meeting, the questions would not be discussed.

## **VI. Any Other Business**

(A) Motion referred by the Housing, Planning and Development Committee: Urge the Government to carry out marine spatial planning for Sai Kung  
(SKDC(HPDC) Paper Nos. 182/20 and 193/20 to 195/20)  
(SKDC(M) Paper No. 37/21)

312. The Chairman said the above motion was carried and its referral to SKDC for follow-up was endorsed at the sixth HPDC meeting in 2020. Members were invited to note the written reply from DEVB (SKDC(M) Paper No. 37/21).

313. Mr LEUNG Li said, as mentioned in DEVB's written reply, the establishment of a platform for marine users in Sai Kung and the study on the setting of the scope and specifications for different marine activities were not within the policy area of the bureau. Therefore, he suggested that SKDC should convey its views to the Chief Secretary for Administration's Office in writing.

314. Mr LAI Ming-chak said if no government department was responsible for the planning and management of marine space, he suggested that the Government should set up an ad hoc committee to handle issues related to marine spatial planning.

315. Ms Debby CHAN mentioned that the Harbourfront Commission was currently responsible for the development and management of the harbourfront areas and their adjacent waters within the harbour limit, and members of the Commission comprised official and non-official members. She considered that the Government could set up a committee of a similar nature to establish a platform for marine users in Sai Kung, enabling the exchange of views from different stakeholders in the district and the discussion of issues related to marine spatial planning.

316. Ms LEUNG Hin-yan took the view that the marine traffic in the inland sea of Sai Kung was busy, but the Government had not commenced the planning work for marine space and

the high traffic volume had overloaded the existing transport infrastructure in Sai Kung. As residents in the district had been plagued by transport problems, she urged the Government to carry out marine spatial planning in Sai Kung.

317. Mr LAI Wai-tong mentioned that a considerable number of vessels, pleasure boats, canoes, etc. were berthed in the waters of the Eastern Channel near Oscar by the Sea, but there was no existing ordinance in Hong Kong to regulate the berthing of vessels outside the zones prohibiting such activity. He continued that Sai Kung was praised as the “Back Garden of Hong Kong” and members of the public flocked to Sai Kung for recreations during holidays. Therefore, he agreed to convey the view to the Chief Secretary for Administration’s Office in writing that SKDC hoped for the Government’s co-ordination in marine spatial planning for protecting user safety. Moreover, he asked SKDO whether DMC could assist in handling the relevant issues.

318. Mr LAI Ming-chak said the Harbourfront Commission, which was supported by the Harbour Office of DEVB, was responsible for the management and operation of the harbourfront areas, their adjacent waters within the harbour limit and associated facilities. However, not all waters of Sai Kung district were covered. Therefore, he considered that it would be more appropriate to write to the Chief Secretary for Administration’s Office to convey SKDC’s aspiration for the Government to set up an ad hoc committee to be responsible for marine spatial planning.

319. Mr David CHIU, DO(SK), said DMC was mainly responsible for handling some of the issues involving, among others, the management and environmental hygiene of public places, such as the environmental hygiene and illegal hawking problems at the Eastern Channel. The planning of marine space in Sai Kung was not an existing policy of the Government and was also beyond the terms of reference of the departments in attendance at DMC. He considered that SKDC could convey its hope of setting up an ad hoc committee to the Government. Meanwhile, DMC would continue to follow up on matters at the district level.

320. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to convey the request of SKDC to the Chief Secretary for Administration’s Office in writing and declared that the issue would be referred back to HPDC for follow-up.

#### **IV. Report Items (Cont’d)**

##### **(A) Financial Position of the District Council Funds as at 21 December 2020** **(SKDC(M) Paper No. 2/21)**

321. The Chairman said the Secretariat had provided Members with printed copies of the

Financial Position of the District Council Funds. Members noted the above paper.

(Please refer to paragraphs 68 to 69 above.)

**VI. Any Other Business**

**(B) Updated membership list of the Committees/Working Groups established under SKDC**

322. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the above updated list was endorsed.

**VII. Date of Next Meeting**

323. The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, 2 March 2021 at 9:30 a.m. The meeting ended at 4:30 p.m.

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