

Sai Kung District Council
District Facilities and Works Committee
Minutes of the Third Meeting in 2024

Date : 14 May 2024 (Tuesday)

Time : 10:00 a.m.

Venue : Conference Room of the Sai Kung District Council

Present

Mr CHONG Yuen-tung, MH (Chairman)	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHAN Kai-wai (Vice-Chairman)	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Ms FONG Kwok-shan, Christine	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr WANG Wen	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr WONG Shui-sang	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr LI Tin-chi	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr LI Ka-leung, Philip, MH	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Ms LI Ka-yan	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHAU Ka-lok	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr LAM Chun-ka	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Ms KI Lai-mei, MH	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr YAU Siu-hung, Kelvin, MH	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr YAU Ho-lun	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Ms YU Natasha	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Ms SZE Pan-pan	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Ms WU Suet-lin	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHEUNG Mei-hung, Chris	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHEUNG Chin-pang	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHEUNG Man-tim	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Ms CHONG Nga-ting, Angel	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHAN Chi-ho	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHAN Kin-chun, Ken	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHAN Kwong-fai	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHAN Kuen-kwan, MH	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr TSANG Kwok-ka	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr WAN Kai-ming	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr WONG Wang-to, MH	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr WONG Yuen-hong	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Ms KAN Tung-tung	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr LAU Kai-hong	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHENG Yu-hei	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Ms TAM Chuk-kwan	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Miss CHAN Hiu-ying, Kenley (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council)5, Sai Kung District Office

In Attendance

Miss MA King-fan, Kathy, JP	District Officer (Sai Kung), Sai Kung District Office
Miss LAM I-ching	Assistant District Officer (Sai Kung)1, Sai Kung District Office
Miss CHENG Suet-ching, Lucas	Assistant District Officer (Sai Kung)2, Sai Kung District Office
Mr CHENG Chi-wing, Ken	Senior Liaison Officer (1), Sai Kung District Office
Mr NG Wai-ming	Senior Liaison Officer (3), Sai Kung District Office
Miss LEE Kit-ting, Katie	Liaison Officer i/c (Tseung Kwan O) South, Sai Kung District Office
Mr PANG Kam-ping	Senior Inspector of Works (Sai Kung), Sai Kung District Office
Mr HUI Chun-kwan, Simon	Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Sai Kung District Office
Mr CHUNG Kai-yin	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Sai Kung District Office
Miss WONG Chui-ying, Erin	Executive Officer I (District Council), Sai Kung District Office
Ms LUI Tung-ni	Architect (Works)7, Home Affairs Department
Ms CHEUNG Nga-wun, Mimi	Architect (Works)9, Home Affairs Department
Mr CHAU Chun-wing	Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories East), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LEE Lai-sheung, Susan	District Leisure Manager (Sai Kung), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LAI Ka-ye, Jenny	Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Sai Kung, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr YU Chun, Calvin	Senior Executive Officer (Planning)22, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Miss LAM Ka-foo, Tiffany	Executive Officer (Planning)22A, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr CHOW Kin-keung	Administrative Assistant/Lands, District Lands Office, Sai Kung
Mr WONG Chun-lam, Arnold	Engineer/26(East), East Division 1, East Development Office, Civil Engineering and Development Department

Mr Kevin KWONG

Operations General Manager, Haven of
Hope Community Rehabilitation Service,
Haven of Hope Christian Service } For agenda
item II(A)

Welcome Remarks

The Chairman said a quorum was present and the meeting commenced officially. He welcomed all Members and departmental representatives to the third meeting of the Sai Kung District Council District Facilities and Works Committee (DFWC) in 2024.

I. Confirmation of Minutes of the 2nd DFWC Meeting in 2024 held on 12 March 2024

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

II. Report Items

(A) Update of “Tseung Kwan O Heritage Post”
(SKDC(DFWC) Paper No. 13/24)

3. Members noted the above programme plan.

4. The Chairman said that Mr Kevin KWONG, Operations General Manager, Haven of Hope Community Rehabilitation Service, Haven of Hope Christian Service, might leave the meeting first.

(B) Report on Management of Recreation and Sports Facilities in Sai Kung District from March to April 2024 by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department
(SKDC(DFWC) Paper No. 14/24)

5. Members raised the following questions and comments:

- They suggested planting more Bellflower Cherry near Sheung Ning Playground Community Garden to attract visitors to take photos. They also proposed coordinating with the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department on the greening works in the district (e.g. those on Yee Ming Path) to balance between the need for district greening and mosquito/biting midge control.
- The utilisation rates of squash courts during non-peak hours were higher than peak hours. In this connection, they enquired about the definitions of the two terms.

- Due to a shortage of lifeguards in Sai Kung Swimming Pool, the water slides, teaching pool and leisure pool were temporarily closed for 42 sessions, four sessions and 14 sessions respectively in April. They asked the department about measures taken to mitigate the problem of lifeguard shortage, and about its impact on beach-goers.

6. Ms Jenny LAI, Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Sai Kung, Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) responded as follows:

- Members' relevant suggestions were noted and she would look into the suitable location for planting Bellflower Cherry at Sheung Ning Playground Community Garden.
- Members' relevant suggestions were noted and she would coordinate with relevant departments on district greening works to maintain environmental hygiene.
- Peak hours were defined as weekdays after 6:00 p.m., Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays, while the rest of the time was considered non-peak hours. As elderly persons would often play table tennis at Sai Kung Squash Courts, Po Lam Sports Centre and Tsui Lam Sports Centre during non-peak hours, these venues might be more popular in non-peak hours than peak hours.
- LCSD gave prime consideration to the safety of swimmers, and would deploy lifeguards according to the prevailing staff establishment. Currently, various measures were implemented to attract eligible applicants to apply for lifeguards and retain existing lifeguards.

7. The Vice-Chairman asked when the department would replant *Tabebuia rosea* near Tiu Keng Leng Garden on Chui Ling Road.

8. Members said that the utilisation rate of the artificial turf bowling green at Hang Hau Man Kuk Lane Park was relatively low. Therefore, they asked if LCSD had implemented any measures to boost its utilisation rate.

9. Ms Jenny LAI of LCSD added that the department's tree team had planned to replant trees along Chui Ling Road in late May this year. Additionally, LCSD had organised lawn bowls training courses at the artificial turf bowling green at Hang Hau Man Kuk Lane Park for residents in the district. The department would also consider enhancing publicity to increase the utilisation rate.

10. Members said that a lot of lockers in both male and female changing rooms at Tseung Kwan O Swimming Pool were damaged. Moreover, some of the shower cubicles did not provide hot water. They thus suggested carrying out follow-up actions and maintenance works. Furthermore, a drowning incident recently took place at Tseung

Kwan O Swimming Pool. Members thus recommended enhancing the training for lifeguards to ensure swimmers' safety.

11. Ms Jenny LAI of LCSD stated that LCSD would follow up the issues of damaged lockers and shower facilities in the changing rooms of Tseung Kwan O Swimming Pool. Moreover, Members' suggestion to enhance the training for lifeguards was also noted.

12. Members noted the above report.

(C) Report on Community Halls/Community Centre/Activity Centre in Sai Kung District
(SKDC(DFWC) Paper No. 15/24)

13. Members said that following the reopening of Tsui Lam Community Hall upon the completion of emergency repairs and wood flooring replacement works on 28 February this year, water seepage was detected on the ceiling again in April. Furthermore, the newly installed wooden floor bulged in some areas, which was suspected to be caused by water seepage. The bulging floor might injured users. Given the high utilisation rate of Tsui Lam Community Hall, they suggested that government department to follow up the issue and carry out repairs to resolve the problem of water seepage.

14. Mr Simon HUI, Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Sai Kung District Office (SKDO) said that SKDO was aware of the water seepage issue at Tsui Lam Community Hall. The new water seepage area was not where the recent repairs took place. SKDO had already contacted the Housing Department for information and follow up; and would also work with the contractor to explore remedial measures for the bulging floor.

15. Members suggested replacing the materials of the gate rollers of the car park of the Sai Kung Jockey Club Town Hall for better durability.

16. Mr Simon HUI of SKDO noted the suggestion and said he would explore the feasibility of replacing the relevant materials.

17. Members enquired about the progress of the repair works of the air conditioning system of Lohas Park Community Hall, as well as the schedule for resumption of flushing water supply in the washrooms.

18. Mr Simon HUI of SKDO said he would look into the matter after the meeting.

19. Members noted the above report.

- (D) Overview of Projects under the District Minor Works Programme by the Sai Kung District Office
(SKDC(DFWC) Paper No. 16/24)

20. Members raised the following questions and comments:

- Regarding the project “Beautification works and provision of sitting-out facilities at Hang Hau Tin Hau Temple”, they suggested coordinating with the Drainage Services Department (DSD) to improve the drainage capacity of relevant areas to prevent stormwater backflow. They also proposed planting low-growing vegetation with strong soil-binding ability on the vacant areas next to both sides of the temple, and consulting relevant stakeholders on the plaza design to reserve space for holding activities at the Tin Hau Temple.
- Regarding the project “Sitting-out area at Lam Shing Road”, they hoped that the works would be expedited and that the walkway and carriageway would be opened as soon as possible. If the project needed more time to be completed, they suggested enhancing road facilities for residents’ access.
- Regarding the project “Addition of sitting-out facilities at the Tseung Kwan O South Waterfront Promenade”, they reflected that the drains at the cycle track of the waterfront promenade were blocked, and suggested that the department should handle construction-related objects, sand and mud carefully to prevent them from being washed into the drains by stormwater.

21. The Vice-Chairman enquired about the progress of the repair works for the hanging racks next to the pavilion at Black Hill. He added that the drainage facilities at some sections of the waterfront promenade had been positioned higher than the ground. For that reason, he had informed the Civil Engineering and Development Department of the issue for follow-up and attention. He reminded the department to pay attention to the design of drainage facilities when carrying out district minor works.

22. Members further raised the following questions and comments:

- Regarding the project “Addition of sitting-out facilities at the Tseung Kwan O South Waterfront Promenade”, they pointed out that minor flooding had occurred at the waterfront promenade during the recent extreme weather conditions. They reminded relevant departments to pay special attention to the design of the drainage facilities involved in the works.
- Regarding the project “Beautification works and provision of sitting-out facilities at Hang Hau Tin Hau Temple”, they suggested coordinating the drainage works with DSD.
- They enquired about the progress of the provision of a rain shelter on Shek Kok Road and shade structure at Yan Ming Court.

23. Mr PANG Kam-ping, Senior Inspector of Works (Sai Kung), SKDO responded as follows:

- Regarding the project “Beautification works and provision of sitting-out facilities at Hang Hau Tin Hau Temple”, he added that the flooding was mainly due to the large amount of stormwater runoff from the hill behind the temple. Also, some blocked drains had led to backflow of stormwater towards the Tin Hau Temple and the road. SKDO’s works mainly aimed to improve the drainage facilities within the flooring next to both sides of the Tin Hau Temple to collect the stormwater on the granite flooring to improve the drainage capacity. SKDO would work with DSD and the Highways Department (HyD) to study measures to mitigate the flooding issue. In addition, SKDO noted Members’ suggestion to grow green plants on the vacant areas next to both sides of the temple; spaces would also be reserved as far as practicable in the vacant areas next to both sides of the Tin Hau Temple for organising activities, in response to stakeholders’ views on the works design.
- Regarding the provision of a rain shelter on Shek Kok Road, SKDO had obtained the excavation permit and planned to commence the tendering process in May this year.
- Regarding the provision of shade structure near Yan Ming Court, the Works Section of SKDO was working on the design and would communicate with relevant Members and stakeholders of the housing estate in due course.

24. Ms Mimi CHEUNG, Architect (Works)9, Home Affairs Department (HAD) responded as follows:

- Regarding the project “Sitting-out area at Lam Shing Road”, relevant works on the connection of the power supply facilities of the CLP Power Hong Kong were currently underway outside the construction site. It was expected that the affected walkway would be reopened by late May this year. Furthermore, the works on the carriageway would be completed in June this year. The project was being carried out in accordance with the approved temporary traffic control measures, with the focus on site supervision.
- Regarding the project “Addition of sitting-out facilities at the Tseung Kwan O South Waterfront Promenade”, the works team would conduct inspections after rain and on a monthly basis to check for accumulated water and clear debris, sand and mud to prevent blockages.

[Post-meeting note: The walkway that had been temporarily closed due to the project “Sitting-out area at Lam Shing Road” was reopened on 20 May 2024.]

25. Regarding the project “Sitting-out area at Lam Shing Road”, Members expressed concerns that part of the railings might have been removed by members of the public in

order to cross the road due to the temporary traffic control measures. Therefore, they suggested coordinating with HyD to reinstall the removed railings as soon as possible taking into account the works completion date to avoid potential safety hazards.

26. Ms Mimi CHEUNG of HAD stated that HAD would coordinate with HyD to reinstall the removed railings as soon as possible.

27. Members said that the street lighting at the entrance of the children's playground of Chung Ming Court was relatively dim. They suggested cleaning the covers of the street lamps at the relevant location and review their luminosity. Additional street lamps should also be provided if necessary.

28. The Chairman asked Members to inform the Secretariat about the specific location and provide photos for reference. The Secretariat would then forward such information to the relevant departments for their follow-up.

29. Mr PANG Kam-ping of SKDO added that SKDO had already inspected the hanging racks next to the pavilion at Black Hill, and arranged for the contractor to prepare the materials required for the repairs. The repair works would be carried out as soon as possible.

30. Members noted the above report.

III. Motions Raised by Members

(A) The four motions raised by Members

(1) Request improving the lighting problem in the vicinity of Tong Chun Street to Chi Shin Street
(SKDC(DFWC) Paper No. 17/24)

31. The Chairman stated that the motion was moved by Mr WONG Yuen-hong and seconded by Mr CHAU Ka-lok, Mr LAM Chun-ka, Ms LI Ka-yan, Mr Chris CHEUNG, Mr TSANG Kwok-ka, Mr WAN Kai-ming, Mr CHAN Kwong-fai, Ms WU Suet-lin, Ms KAN Tung-tung, Mr WANG Wen, Mr CHAN Chi-ho, Ms KI Lai-mei, Mr Ken CHAN, Mr WONG Wang-to, Ms Angel CHONG, Ms SZE Pan-pan, Mr CHENG Yu-hei, Ms TAM Chuk-kwan, Mr YAU Ho-lun, Mr CHEUNG Chin-pang, Ms Christine FONG, Mr CHEUNG Man-tim and Mr Kelvin YAU.

32. Members noted the written replies from LCSD and HyD (SKDC(DFWC) Paper Nos. 21/24 and 22/24).

33. Members suggested that HyD should notify DFWC of the project completion date, and consider inviting Members to participate in a simple lighting ceremony. Moreover, some branches of the plants inside Evangel College were obstructing the street lamps. They suggested the Education Bureau (EDB) to follow up the matter with the college and arrange regular pruning of the branches protruding to the walkway.

34. Miss Lam I-ching, Assistant District Officer (Sai Kung)1, SKDO said that the Secretariat would relay Members' views to EDB after the meeting.

35. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the motion was passed and requested HyD to follow up.

36. There being no other comments from Members, the Chairman declared that this item would be deleted at the next meeting.

(2) Propose resurfacing the pedestrian link between Ko Shing Building and Ko Fu Building
(SKDC(DFWC) Paper No. 18/24)

37. The Chairman stated that the motion was moved by Mr CHAN Kuen-kwan and seconded by Mr LI Tin-chi, Mr YAU Ho-lun, Mr Philip LI, Ms YU Natasha, Ms LI Ka-yan, Mr WANG Wen, Mr CHEUNG Man-tim, Mr Kelvin YAU, Mr LAU Kai-hong, Mr WAN Kai-ming, Mr WONG Shui-sang, Mr WONG Wang-to, Mr CHENG Yu-hei, Ms KAN Tung-tung, Mr TSANG Kwok-ka, Mr LAM Chun-ka, Ms WU Suet-lin, Ms TAM Chuk-kwan, Mr CHAN Kwong-fai, Mr Ken CHAN, Mr CHAN Chi-ho, Mr Chris CHEUNG, Ms Christine FONG and Mr CHEUNG Chin-pang.

38. Members noted the written reply from HyD (SKDC(DFWC) Paper No. 23/24).

39. Members raised the following comments:

- Some elderly persons might trip and fall when passing through the "Sai Kung Food Street" (the Food Street) (i.e. the area between Ko Shing Building and Ko Fu Building) due to the uneven paving blocks.
- The surrounding area of the Food Street had been repaved with eco-pavers, but the Food Street itself had not undergone the same repaving works. This resulted in inconsistency in the appearance of the Food Street and its surrounding environment. After the surrounding walkways had been reconstructed with eco-pavers, the raised surface of the surrounding walkways made the Food Street prone to water accumulation.
- Some shop operators with ongoing business or those who had relocated to other places had repaved the walkways in front of their shops, resulting in uneven walkway surfaces.

- Flooding had occurred at the Food Street near the drains during the rainstorm earlier. Shortly after being notified, SKDO carried out emergency repairs. However, these small-scale repairs might not be sufficient.
- The Food Street was a well-known local attraction on government land. They recommended that HyD should repave the walkway, and tackle the problem of water accumulation or flooding caused by the uneven surfaces. Additionally, HyD could also revamp the Food Street and beautify the environment (such as using coloured paving blocks to enhance the visual appeal of the walkway) to attract visitors and promote the local economy.

40. As no representative of HyD was present at this meeting, the Chairman asked the Secretariat to relay Members' views to HyD for its follow-up.

41. Miss Lam I-ching of SKDO suggested that Members submit to the Secretariat reference photos of the problem of water accumulation caused by uneven walkway surfaces at the Food Street, so as to facilitate HyD's follow-up.

42. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the motion was passed and requested HyD to follow up.

43. There being no other comments from Members, the Chairman declared that this item would be deleted at the next meeting.

(3) Suggest providing directional signs for "Red Tourist Spots for Patriotic Education" in Sai Kung and promoting local red historical remains to enhance national education
(SKDC(DFWC) Paper No. 19/24)

44. The Chairman stated that the motion was moved by Mr Philip LI and seconded by Mr WONG Shui-sang, Mr LAU Kai-hong, Mr CHAN Kuen-kwan, Mr YAU Ho-lun, Mr LI Tin-chi, and Ms YU Natasha.

45. Members noted the written replies from the Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) and the Tourism Commission (TC) (SKDC(DFWC) Paper Nos. 24/24 and 25/24).

46. Members raised the following questions and comments:

- They recommended publicising Sai Kung's important role in the history of red patriotism.
- Insufficient efforts had been made in introducing the history of the War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression in the district. SKDO should consider providing directional signs with unique features at tourist spots including the Rosary Mission Centre in Wong Mo Ying Village, the Memorial

Garden for Sai Kung Martyrs of the War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression in Tsam Chuk Wan, Chi Lit Path, Tsam Chuk Wan, Sai Kung, etc. The directional signs should provide information including the names of the places, relevant history of patriotism/War of Resistance, and nearby tourism routes. Moreover, they proposed putting up directional signs in Sai Kung town centre to provide information about the history of the War of Resistance and related historic events in Sai Kung.

- They recommended strengthening the promotion of patriotism history and the War of Resistance in Sai Kung through online and other channels to tourists.
- They suggested planning and promoting tourism routes themed around local War of Resistance history, such as the Memorial Garden for Sai Kung Martyrs of the War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression in Tsam Chuk Wan, Chi Lit Path, Tsam Chuk Wan, Sai Kung, villages that had participated in the War of Resistance, and the guerrilla routes of the East River Column. Relevant departments should also consider putting up memorial statues at locations of historic importance.

47. Miss Lacus CHENG, Assistant District Officer (Sai Kung)2, SKDO noted Members' suggestions on providing directional signs for red tourist spots. She added that visitor signage was primarily under the responsibility of TC. As understood, TC might enhance the promotion of the Memorial Garden for Sai Kung Martyrs of the War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression in Tsam Chuk Wan, Chi Lit Path, Tsam Chuk Wan, Sai Kung. In addition, SKDO would follow up the matter with TC. SKDO also regularly assisted in carrying out beautification works and plant pruning at the said memorial monuments, and would relay Members' suggestions on signage to TC.

48. Members further suggested providing directional signs for red tourist spots at other locations besides Tsam Chuk Wan, such as Wong Mo Ying Village and Sai Kung Public Pier, to strengthen tourism promotion. SKDO could consider the examples of Tuen Mun District in which patriotic memorial monuments were provided under the Rural Public Works (RPW) Programme, signs near Sai Kung Public Pier introducing the history of the Geopark and traffic signs provided by TD at Sai Kung Public Pier as reference.

49. Miss Lacus CHENG of SKDO responded as follows:

- The resources available under the RPW Programme were limited. When reviewing the works proposals submitted by the local community and Members, SKDO would take into account various factors, including the public's views, scale of the works, affected areas, technical constraints, surrounding environment and facilities, etc.
- Taking the provision of directional signs as an example, considerations included the surrounding environment, pedestrian flow, and whether the new signs would cause street obstruction.

- SKDO would proactively collaborate with TC to promote Sai Kung’s tourism and culture.
- The priorities of different works projects should be weighed. This year, the RPW Programme in Sai Kung District would focus more on drainage improvement works. In view of the frequent extreme weather in recent years, for example, exceptionally severe rainstorms which caused more flooding and landslides in rural areas of Sai Kung, works projects improving livelihood facilities of Sai Kung District would be accorded with higher priority in the current financial year.

50. The Chairman stated that there were multiple works projects in the current financial year. In addition to promoting patriotic education, the above proposals could also boost tourism. Therefore, he hoped that active consideration would be given to installing the above-mentioned visitor signage at suitable locations, provided that the rural drainage improvement works and other important projects would not be delayed. He also proposed studying whether the Working Group on Boosting Local Economy or TC had additional resources. SKDO could also consider implementing the above proposals under the District Minor Works (DMW) Programme next year.

51. Miss Lam I-ching of SKDO added that TC was responsible for taking forward the “Visitor Signage Improvement Scheme”. Members’ proposals would be implemented more efficiently by TC for a territory-wide standardised visitor signage in Sai Kung. Hence, she suggested the Secretariat to consolidate Members’ views and relay to TC for consideration. Meanwhile, SKDO would assist in communicating with TC to explore the feasibility of expediting the installation of the above-mentioned signage in Sai Kung District.

52. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the motion was passed, and requested AMO and TC to follow up.

53. There being no other comments from Members, the Chairman declared that this item would be deleted at the next meeting.

(4) Propose providing large directional signs and illuminated signs in Sai Kung town centre
(SKDC(DFWC) Paper No. 20/24)

54. The Chairman stated that the motion was moved by Mr LI Tin-chi and seconded by Mr CHAN Kuen-kwan, Ms YU Natasha, Mr Philip LI and Mr YAU Ho-lun.

55. Members noted the written reply from TC (SKDC(DFWC) Paper No. 25/24).

56. Members raised the following questions and comments:

- They suggested building archways (“Pai Fong”) in Sai Kung town centre and improving the lighting there to promote local tourism and liven up the nightlife in the area.
- To further promote local tourism in Sai Kung, they proposed placing directional signs with unique features in Sai Kung town centre. The directional signs could include the estimated walking time to nearby attractions and QR codes to provide visitors with more information and details of events in different languages.

57. Miss Kathy MA, District Officer (Sai Kung), SKDO responded as follows:

- The resources available under the RPW Programme and DMW Programme were very limited. In particular, the DMW Programme had already incurred substantial costs in this financial year for various projects committed. As for resource allocation, SKDO intended to prioritise works projects that would enhance livelihood facilities in recent years. SKDO also attached particular importance to flood prevention in the district. These improvement works were large in scale and the cost of which typically exceeded \$1 million each, placing quite a large financial burden on the RPW Programme.
- Members were welcome to offer concrete recommendations regarding directional signs for tourists, including the proposed locations and content (e.g. with the theme of local tourism with recommended restaurants, entertainment and shops, the War of Resistance, etc.). Nonetheless, she pointed out that some of the suggested information was readily available on the Internet or relevant mobile applications. SKDO could coordinate with TC on Members’ concrete recommendations. She added that TC’s provision of territory-wide standardised visitor signage could ensure consistency in the design of directional signs.
- Regarding the promotion of patriotic attractions, the Rosary Mission Centre in Wong Mo Ying Village was a Grade 2 historic building and a Catholic church. It had been restored under the project “Following Thy Way” by the Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong, which had also arranged volunteers to provide guided tours for visitors. Members interested in learning about the Rosary Mission Centre could join the guided tours through online booking.
- The battlefield where the East River Column took part in the War of Resistance were in mountain woods. SKDO had previously attempted to identify relevant war sites in the vicinity of Wong Mo Ying Village, including the arsenal mentioned by Professor Liu Shuyong, Chairman Ms Lam Chun and villagers, but to no avail.
- She encouraged Members to assist in promoting the East River Column War of Resistance commemorative photo exhibition held in the activity room of the

Sai Kung Jockey Club Town Hall since 2021. Members could also bring residents to the exhibition.

- She emphasised that history must be taken very seriously. Moreover, Members were encouraged to apply for the Community Involvement Fund to invite scholars or professors to visit Sai Kung District, or study and explore the history of Sai Kung with young people. Verified history of Sai Kung could then be publicised by government departments or local organisations through activities.
- Regarding the problem of insufficient street lamps or street lamps being obstructed by trees in the vicinity of Tong Chun Street and Chi Shin Street, the number of street lamps should be determined based on the environment of the location, the needs of nearby residents, and the safety of pedestrians. HyD had planned to install additional lighting for street lamps in mid-June 2024. She suggested that Members could carry out site inspections upon completion of the works.

58. The Chairman stated that the DMW Programme had already included various projects related to livelihood facilities. Members could consider applying for organising promotional activities and activities that could boost the economy under the Community Involvement Programme. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the motion was passed and requested TC to follow up.

59. There being no other comments from Members, the Chairman declared that this item would be deleted at the next meeting.

IV. Any Other Business

60. No other business was raised.

V. Date of Next Meeting

61. The next meeting was scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on 9 July 2024 (Tuesday).

62. The meeting ended at 11:19 a.m.

Sai Kung District Council Secretariat
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