Sai Kung District Council Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee Minutes of the Sixth Meeting in 2024

Date : 29 November 2024 (Friday)

Time : 10:00 a.m.

Venue: Conference Room of the Sai Kung District Council

Present

Mr WONG Wang-to, MH Member of Sai Kung District Council

(Chairman)

Mr CHAN Kin-chun, Ken Member of Sai Kung District Council

(Vice-Chairman)

Ms FONG Kwok-shan, Christine Member of Sai Kung District Council Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr WANG Wen Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr WONG Shui-sang 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 Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr CHAU Ka-lok Mr LAM Chun-ka Member of Sai Kung District Council Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr YAU Ho-lun Ms SZE Pan-pan Member of Sai Kung District Council Ms WU Suet-lin Member of Sai Kung District Council Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr CHEUNG Mei-hung, Chris Mr CHEUNG Chin-pang Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr CHEUNG Man-tim Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr CHONG Yuen-tung, MH Member of Sai Kung District Council Member of Sai Kung District Council Ms CHONG Nga-ting, Angel Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr CHAN Kwong-fai Mr CHAN Kai-wai, MH Member of Sai Kung District Council Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr CHAN Kuen-kwan, MH Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr TSANG Kwok-ka Mr WAN Kai-ming Member of Sai Kung District Council Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr WONG Yuen-hong Member of Sai Kung District Council Ms KAN Tung-tung Mr LAU Kai-hong, MH 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

Mr CHOY Kam-ho Co-opted Member

Miss LIEN Sze-ying, Cecilia Executive Officer (District Council)4,

(Secretary) Sai Kung District Office

In Attendance

Miss LAM I-ching Assistant District Officer (Sai Kung)1,

Sai Kung District Office

Miss CHENG Suet-ching, Lacus 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 CHUNG Kai-yin Senior Executive Officer (District Council),

Sai Kung District Office

Mr HUI Chun-kwan, Simon Senior Executive Officer (District Management),

Sai Kung District Office

Miss LAI Wing-sau, Winsy District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent

(Sai Kung), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Ms CHOW Yuk-chu Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)1,

Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Mr HO Yiu-ming Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)2,

Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Miss WONG Ho-ying, Connie Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East)4,

Environmental Protection Department

Mr YEUNG Wong-pan Senior Property Service Manager/Kowloon West &

Sai Kung, Housing Department

Ms CHAN Mei-yee Deputy District Leisure Manager (Sai Kung)2,

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Mr HO Hay-man Acting Senior Field Officer (Avian Influenza),

Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Ms WANG Qijun, Fairy Maintenance Engineer/Structures (North East),

Highways Department

<u>Absent</u>

Ms KI Lai-mei, MH Member of Sai Kung District Council Ms YU Natasha Member of Sai Kung District Council

Welcome Remarks

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 HO Hay-man, Acting Senior Field Officer (Avian Influenza), Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD);
 - Ms Fairy WANG, Maintenance Engineer/Structures (North East), Highways Department (HyD); and

- Ms CHAN Mei-yee, Deputy District Leisure Manager (Sai Kung)2, Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD).
- 3. The Chairman said that Ms YU Natasha was unable to attend the meeting on that day because of court attendance and had submitted a Notification of Absence from Meeting prior to the meeting as required. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that her application for absence from the meeting concerned was approved in accordance with Order 64(5) of the Sai Kung District Council (SKDC) Standing Orders.
- 4. <u>The Chairman</u> said that Ms KI Lai-mei had notified the Secretariat prior to the meeting that she was unable to attend the meeting as she was not in Hong Kong.

I. <u>Confirmation of Minutes of the 5th Food, Environment and Hygiene</u> <u>Committee (FEHC) Meeting in 2024 held on 12 September 2024</u>

5. <u>The Chairman</u> said the Secretariat had not received any proposed amendment before the meeting. There being no proposed amendment at the meeting, <u>the Chairman</u> declared that the above minutes were confirmed.

II. Matters Arising

- (A) Item referred by the Sai Kung District Council: Summary of District Consultation on the "Issues of Concern to Sai Kung District Environmental Hygiene"
 (SKDC(M) Paper No. 13/24)
- 6. As there were multiple environmental hygiene issues that required follow-up, and there being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that this FEHC meeting would focus on discussing the issues related to feral pigeons. The remaining environmental hygiene issues would be followed up at the subsequent FEHC meetings.
- 7. Members noted the written replies from the Housing Department (HD), the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD), the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF), LCSD and AFCD (SKDC(FEHC) Paper Nos. 100/24 to 103/24 and 106/24).
- 8. Members' views were consolidated as follows:
 - They asked whether AFCD would continue adopting similar measures to control the situation of pigeon infestation after the Trial Programme of Using Contraceptive Drug on Feral Pigeons concluded.
 - They asked FEHD about the criteria for the issuance of different types of fixed penalty notices (FPNs).

- They suggested that LCSD should step up efforts in combating illegal feeding of feral pigeons near the ticket office of the sports ground at the Hong Kong Velodrome Park.
- 9. <u>Ms CHAN Mei-yee, Deputy District Leisure Manager (Sai Kung)2, LCSD</u> noted Members' views. She would relay Members' request for stepping up inspection efforts to the relevant section for follow-up.
- 10. Ms CHOW Yuk-chu, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)1, FEHD said based on onsite evidence, the law enforcement officers of FEHD would issue a FPN of \$3,000 to an offender in accordance with the Fixed Penalty (Public Cleanliness and Obstruction) Ordinance (Cap. 570), or they would issue a FPN of \$5,000 to an offender who fed pigeons or wild birds illegally under the amended Wild Animals Protection Ordinance (Cap. 170). If FEHD's law enforcement officers witnessed a person disposing of waste (including cigarette ends, animal feed, refuse, etc.) in a public place, they would issue a FPN of \$3,000 to the offender for fouling the public place in accordance with the Fixed Penalty (Public Cleanliness and Obstruction) Ordinance (Cap. 570). The law enforcement officers can issue a FPN of \$5,000 to an offender for illegal feeding of feral pigeons or wild birds under the amended Wild Animals Protection Ordinance (Cap. 170) only if they witnessed pigeons eating the bird feed that the person put on the ground. Persons who illegally fed feral pigeons were highly alert to the presence of law enforcement officers. They would often leave the scene at once after scattering the bird feed, and FEHD's law enforcement officers had to chase the offenders immediately afterwards. evidence gathering was somewhat difficult. In November 2024, FEHD had issued FPNs to offenders for fouling public places due to feeding of feral pigeons in accordance with the Fixed Penalty (Public Cleanliness and Obstruction) Ordinance (Cap. 570).
- 11. Members continued to express the following views:
 - They suggested that AFCD should take the lead and coordinate with different departments to conduct more plain-clothes patrols and inter-departmental enforcement operations, as well as stepping up efforts against illegal feeding of feral pigeons at the following locations:
 - Exit A and Exit B of MTR Hang Hau Station and the nearby private housing estates;
 - Tenants Purchase Scheme (TPS) housing esates and Buy-or-Rent Option (BRO) housing courts in the district (e.g. King Lam Estate, Tsui Lam Estate, Po Lam Estate and Choi Ming Court); and
 - Hang Hau Village.
 - They recommended that AFCD should consider relocating feral pigeons to designated locations (e.g. dovecotes) that were relatively far away from residential areas.
 - They suggested that AFCD should enhance education efforts to explain to the public the rationale behind the feeding ban on feral pigeons, and collaborate with citizens to timely prosecute persons who fed feral pigeons.

- They proposed that FEHD should consider expanding the coverage area of the cameras opposite Nan Fung Plaza. They also suggested that AFCD should liaise with relevant stakeholders to consider installing closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras around Exit B of MTR Hang Hau Station, so as to cover the feeding black spot outside Exit B of MTR Hang Hau Station.
- They recommended that the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) should collaborate with AFCD and FEHD to step up efforts in combating illegal feeding of feral pigeons within the precincts of MTRCL, and to clear the food left on the ground due to feeding of pigeons within the precincts of MTRCL.
- They suggested that HD should implement the Marking Scheme for Estate Management Enforcement in Public Housing Estates (the Marking Scheme) for a particular household in Kin Ming Estate who had fed wild animals illegally multiple times.
- 12. <u>The Vice-Chairman</u> asked HD about the reasons for not conducting enforcement actions against illegal feeding of feral pigeons in TPS housing estates and BRO housing courts. He also enquired about the law enforcement arrangements of AFCD in private housing estates.
- 13. <u>Mr HO Hay-man, Acting Senior Field Officer (Avian Influenza), AFCD</u> responded as follows:
 - The two-year Trial Programme of Using Contraceptive Drug on Feral Pigeons started on 17 September 2021 and ended on 17 September 2023. The relevant information had been passed to the City University of Hong Kong for evaluation, of which the results would be published in due course. Currently, AFCD did not adopt measures on feral pigeon contraception.
 - AFCD's law enforcement officers had always been conducting patrols in plain clothes. The department mentioned in its reply (SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 106/24) that the issuance of four FPNs in MTR Hang Hau Station was indeed made by plain-clothes law enforcement officers.
 - At present, offenders fed feral pigeons in many different ways, and their actions were stealthier than before. For instance, some might cut holes in their trouser pockets or trolley bags, and let the food fall on the ground on purpose as they walk. This rendered enforcement actions even more difficult.
 - The scope of law enforcement of AFCD included private buildings, Home Ownership Scheme flats, TPS housing estates, etc. AFCD would carry out inspections upon receiving relevant complaints. As for the problem of food being dropped from a height, AFCD had previously received similar complaints. However, law enforcement officers had to witness clearly the faces of the offenders, the act of feeding the pigeons and the process of the pigeons eating the food. Therefore, gathering evidence and carrying out enforcement actions for cases in private residential areas were more difficult than for cases in open spaces.

- Members of the public could report cases of illegal feeding of pigeons to AFCD via 1823. AFCD would arrange for investigations upon receiving such complaints. If necessary, AFCD would contact the complainants directly for further information (e.g. locations, time, characteristics of the persons concerned).
- 14. Miss Winsy LAI, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Sai Kung), FEHD said that FEHD's law enforcement officers had always been working in plain clothes. Persons who fed feral pigeons illegally were highly alert to the presence of law enforcement officers, therefore the officers had to stand by in hidden spots. Hang Hau MTR Station was surrounded by open spaces with very few spots suitable for law enforcement offices to prepare for ambush, making it more difficult to carry out enforcement actions. As for CCTV cameras, the cameras opposite Nan Fung Plaza were solely used for recording videos of public places to facilitate the department's work. Concerning the recording of videos of private places outside Exit B of Hang Hau MTR Station, relevant arrangements had to be discussed by AFCD and MTRCL. FEHD would continue to participate in the inter-departmental enforcement operations organised by AFCD and step up inspections.
- 15. Mr YEUNG Wong-pan, Senior Property Service Manager/Kowloon West & Sai Kung, HD said the common areas of TPS housing estates and BRO housing courts were managed by the respective Owners' Corporations (OCs) and their appointed property management companies (PMC). HD was responsible for tenancy matters and repairs works inside the units of public housing tenants. In general, the problem of illegal feeding of feral pigeons in the common areas of housing estates/courts would be followed up by the relevant OCs and PMC. HD was also concerned about the problem of illegal Starting from 1 December 2024, all misdeed items under the feeding of feral pigeons. Marking Scheme would be applicable to public rental housing tenants in TPS estates. Feeding wild animals illegally was one of the misdeed items carrying penalty points. Regarding a tenant of Kin Ming Estate who had frequently fed wild animals mentioned by Members, HD could implement the Marking Scheme if a public rental housing household feed wild animals within the boundary of the housing estate where the household lived. HD would contact Members for more information to facilitate follow-up after the meeting.
- 16. Mr HO Hay-man, Acting Senior Field Officer (Avian Influenza), AFCD added that as the locations of dovecotes would affect residents living nearby, AFCD would maintain communication with relevant stakeholders on the suggestion to set up dovecotes. If it was not suitable for the dovecotes to operate by keeping pigeons in captivity, the feral pigeons might fly out of the dovecotes. AFCD would continuously review the feasibility of building dovecotes. Furthermore, AFCD was working with MTRCL to study the feasibility of installing CCTV cameras near Exit B of MTR Hang Hau Station preliminarily. Members would be informed should there be updates.
- 17. <u>The Chairman</u> suggested that HD should follow up the case involving repeated illegal feeding of feral pigeons in Kin Ming Estate. He also recommended that AFCD

and FEHD should step up efforts in combating illegal feeding of feral pigeons. He then asked the Secretariat to relay Members' views to MTRCL.

III. Report Items

- (A) Statistics on Environmental Hygiene Service and Itinerant Hawkers in Sai Kung District
 - (SKDC(FEHC) Paper Nos. 93/24 to 96/24)
- 18. Members' views were consolidated as follows:
 - They suggested enhancing efforts to combat rodent and cockroach infestation in the district, organising more large-scale anti-rodent activities, and gauging views from local communities more often. Additionally, special attention should be drawn to the situation of rodent infestation at the following locations:
 - Beverly Garden;
 - area outside Exit B of MTR Hang Hau Station; and
 - area outside MTR Tseung Kwan O Station.
 - To prevent blockages and breeding of pests, they suggested that FEHD should remind outsourced cleansing workers not to sweep fallen leaves into the drains.
 - They asked FEHD about the reasons for the discrepancy between the number of complaints about water seepage in buildings and the number of dye-tracing tests conducted in the report.
 - They suggested that FEHD should pay more attention to the environmental hygiene issues at the locations listed below:
 - Sheung Tak Bus Terminus (fouling by obeying the call of nature);
 - walkway outside Exit A of Hang Hau Station leading to the Public Transport Interchange (PTI); and
 - area surrounding the public toilet at Chun Yat Street.
 - They recommended that the Drainage Services Department should pay more attention to the water accumulation and odour problems of the drains near the public toilet at Chun Yat Street.
 - They proposed that the Sai Kung District Office (SKDO), the District Lands Office, Sai Kung (DLO/SK), the Transport Department (TD), HyD, the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) and HKPF should enhance inter-departmental collaboration to combat unauthorised placement of skips as well as the resulting waste and environmental hygiene problems at Tseung Kwan O InnoPark (Chun Yat Street and the vicinity of Chun Wang Street near the building of Pat Chun International Limited).
 - They proposed that SKDO, DLO/SK, TD, HyD and FEHD should enhance inter-departmental collaboration to combat illegal parking of bicycles at Sheung Tak Bus Terminus and Hang Hau Station PTI.

- They suggested that EPD and DLO/SK should conduct reviews of the current operator who rented the site adjacent to the fill bank in Tseung Kwan O Area 137 to store skips, as well as its operation. The departments should also consider designating a site for vehicle repairs at the fill bank in Tseung Kwan O Area 137, so as to prevent illegal occupation of streets by operators for repairs.
- 19. <u>The Vice-Chairman</u> said Sai Kung District was plagued by severe rodent infestation. Many citizens had complained about the problem, and there had also been online videos showing the situation of rodent infestation in the district. Some FEHC Members had joined hands with Legislative Council members to capture rodents in the community. He hoped that FEHD would strengthen rodent control work in the district.
- 20. <u>Ms CHOW Yuk-chu, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)1, FEHD</u> responded as follows:
 - The work in respect of complaints about water seepage in buildings and dyetracing tests mentioned in the report was under the purview of another section. She would have to obtain such information from the relevant section after the meeting, and provide supplementary information after the meeting.
 - As for wall and floor cleansing inside the PTI at Exit A of Hang Hau Station, FEHD had already referred relevant matters to TD for follow-up.
 - Regarding the outsourced cleansing workers' practice of sweeping fallen leaves into the drains, the department would approach Members to learn about the specific locations involved after the meeting to follow up the matter.
- 21. Mr HO Yiu-ming, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)2, FEHD responded as follows:
 - In the report, the data for 2023 in item 9(III) was the Rodent Infestation Rate (RIR), whereas the data for 2024 was the Rodent Absence Rate (RAR) calculated based on the Rodent Activity Survey. The RIR was a method for monitoring rodent infestation adopted by FEHD since 2000. approach, FEHD placed baits in designated survey locations and conducted surveys based on the baits gnawed by rodents. The single-digit RIRs for 2023 indicated that rodent infestation was not extensive during the monitoring period in various survey locations in the district. After reviewing the past survey methodology and the availability of new tools in the market, the department had adopted thermal imaging cameras in association with artificial intelligence technologies to replace the traditional census baiting method in 2024. In comparison with the previous RIR, the new technologies adopted in the Rodent Activity Survey had better sensitivity and precision, with a more comprehensive coverage and a lower risk of interference by environmental factors. The method for calculating the RAR (i.e. "the number of snapshots with no rodents detected" divided by "the total

- number of snapshots taken" times 100%) was elaborated in footnote 1 of the report. The RAR of the Rodent Activity Survey for the first half of 2024 in the district was 99.4%. This reflected that no rodents were detected in 99.4 out of 100 thermal images. Therefore, the data of the Rodent Activity Survey for the first half of 2024 indicated that the problem of rodent infestation in Sai Kung District was not extensive. Nevertheless, the department would monitor the situation of rodent infestation in the district continuously, and would step up rodent prevention and control work at rodent black spots.
- The breeding of cockroaches in private places mentioned by Members should be dealt with by professional pest control companies hired by the respective management companies of the locations. FEHD was mainly responsible for pest control work in public places. If FEHD received complaints about pest infestation in private places, the department would send staff to inspect the locations together with the relevant management companies and offer professional advice on pest control. Currently, the problem of cockroach infestation in Sai Kung District was not serious. Generally speaking, the breeding of cockroaches could be prevented by eliminating food sources and keeping places clean.
- 22. <u>Miss Connie WONG</u>, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East)4, <u>EPD</u> said the enforcement against placement of skips on roadside was under the purview of other authorities. That said, regarding the problem of construction waste arising from relevant activities, EPD would support SKDO's inter-departmental enforcement operations at Tseung Kwan O InnoPark by conducting ambush operations after DLO/SK posted the notices, with a view to initiate prosecutions against the act of deposition of construction waste. On the other hand, skips operators could rent spaces from the tenant of the skip yard at the fill bank in Area 137 to avoid placing their skips on roadside.
- 23. Mr Simon HUI, Senior Executive Officer (District Management), SKDO said that SKDO would work with relevant departments to carry out inter-departmental enforcement operations, in order to handle the unauthorised placement of skips at Tseung Kwan O InnoPark. The frequency of operations had been increased from once a month to twice a month. SKDO would review the situation at Tseung Kwan O InnoPark continuously and arrange inter-departmental enforcement operations to address the problem of skips.
- 24. <u>The Chairman</u> suggested that SKDO should step up enforcement and carry out inter-departmental enforcement operations at the road sections where members suggested the problem of unauthorised placement of skips was severe.
- 25. <u>Miss Lacus CHENG, Assistant District Officer (Sai Kung)2, SKDO</u> noted Members' concerns about illegal parking of bicycles at Sheung Tak Bus Terminus. SKDO would arrange inter-departmental enforcement operations appropriately for follow-up. For the problem of persons urinating at Sheung Tak Bus Terminus, it would have to be referred to the relevant department for follow-up.

- 26. <u>The Chairman</u> asked the Secretariat to refer the hygiene problems at Sheung Tak Bus Terminus and Hang Hau Station PTI to TD for follow-up.
- 27. Members continued to express the following views:
 - They enquired about the effectiveness of the ambush operations conducted at Tseung Kwan O InnoPark. They also asked whether EPD would be able to carry out enforcement actions after receiving videos of skips affecting street cleanliness.
 - They suggested that HD should review the operation of CCTV cameras in housing estates, and follow up cases of residents being bitten by dogs.
 - They proposed that TD should review and enhance the management of metered public parking spaces in the district. TD should also improve the situation where metered parking spaces were occupied for vehicle repairs or placement of skips for a prolonged period.
- 28. <u>The Vice-Chairman</u> expressed the following views:
 - He disagreed with the claim that the situation of rodent infestation in Sai Kung District was not severe. The problem of rodent infestation outside Tseung Kwan O MTR Station had been reported by the media in March this year. Moreover, he had spotted rodents at planters when inspecting traffic problems in the district during the daytime.
 - He asked FEHD about the reasons why there were no significant changes in the number of rodents poisoned in the past reports.
 - He suggested that FEHD should organise more large-scale anti-rodent activities and gauge views from local communities on the issue more often. Special attention should also be drawn to the problem of rodent infestation at Beverly Garden.
- 29. <u>The Chairman</u> said the discussion of the issue of metered parking spaces being occupied by skips was not within FEHC's terms of reference. He said the issue should be discussed by the Traffic and Transport Committee for further follow-up.
- 30. Mr Simon HUI, Senior Executive Officer (District Management), SKDO said the Sai Kung District Management Committee under SKDO had all along been concerned about the prolonged occupation of metered parking spaces at Tseung Kwan O InnoPark for vehicle repairs or placement of skips. TD should be responsible for the management and enforcement actions in respect of the metered public parking spaces at the said location.
- 31. Mr HO Yiu-ming, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)2, FEHD responded as follows:

- Although the data in the report indicated that the problem of rodent infestation in the district was not extensive, FEHD had been paying attention to some of the rodent black spots in the district, and would step up rodent control work accordingly.
- As for the problem of rodent infestation within the precincts of MTRCL at Exit B of Hang Hau MTR Station, FEHD had earlier arranged for staff of the Pest Control Advisory Section to inspect the said area together with MTRCL and the management company of The Lane. Rat holes and other traces of rodents were discovered within the area under the purview of the management company. Moreover, the department had offered professional advice to MTRCL on rodent prevention and control. He believed that MTRCL would follow up the matter appropriately.
- Regarding the problem of rodent infestation in public places outside the precincts of MTRCL at Exit B of Hang Hau MTR Station, FEHD had stepped up rodent control work at relevant spots, including roadside planters. However, appropriate adjustment measures had to be taken to prevent feral pigeons from eating the rodent baits.
- The problem of rodent infestation at Beverly Garden was caused by improper placement of goods or miscellaneous articles by shops within the aforesaid estate and property management work. The department had sent staff to inspect with the management company staff of Beverly Garden and offered professional advice on rodent prevention and control. If the aforesaid estate was found to be infested with rodents, the department would request the management company of Beverly Garden in writing to improve the situation.
- The number of poisoned rodents stated in the report was derived from an actual count, which included the number of dead rodents collected at public and private places. The department would review the numbers to avoid errors.
- 32. Mr YEUNG Wong-pan, Senior Property Service Manager/Kowloon West & Sai Kung, HD said that HD had all along been concerned about the hygiene problems in housing estates. If severe cockroach infestation was discovered, the department would deploy staff members or experts to follow up. Concerning the suspected cases of people being bitten by dogs and the issues about CCTV cameras, the department would contact Members for follow-up after the meeting.
- 33. Members noted the above reports.
 - (B) Issues related to the operation of Temporary Fill Bank at Tseung Kwan O Area 137 and the South East New Territories Landfill (SKDC(FEHC) Paper Nos. 97/24 to 98/24)
- 34. Members' views were consolidated as follows:

- They asked whether the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) would install red light cameras with a speed detection function at the Cross Bay Link, Tseung Kwan O.
- They suggested arranging for Members to visit the concrete batching plant operated by K. Wah International Holdings Limited in Tseung Kwan O Area 137, with the aim of learning about the operation, facilities and environment of the plant.
- They recommended stepping up cleansing work for the road surface of Wan Po Road towards the fill bank in Area 137 and the South East New Territories (SENT) Landfill.
- They proposed that EPD should replace the promotional banners about loaded vehicles with new ones at Tseung Kwan O InnoPark.

[Post-meeting Note: SKDC Secretariat arranged a visit on 17 January 2025 to Ka Wah Group's Concrete Batching Plant.]

35. Miss Connie WONG, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East)4, EPD said that both EPD and CEDD had been carrying out road cleansing works along Wan Po Road leading to the SENT Landfill and the fill bank in Area 137. The departments would also check if the loads on vehicles were properly covered within the precincts of the SENT Landfill and the fill bank in Area 137. If the loads on vehicles were found not properly covered in the fill bank in Area 137 or the SENT Landfill, such cases would be referred to the relevant sections of EPD for follow-up with the respective construction sites where the vehicles belonged in accordance with the Air Pollution Control Ordinance. However, the problem of vehicles travelling with insecure loads on road had to be handled by relevant authorities for enforcement actions. EPD noted the matter in relation to the promotional banners about loaded vehicles at Tseung Kwan O InnoPark, and would arrange for replacement after the meeting.

[Post-meeting note: EPD replaced the promotional banners at Tseung Kwan O InnoPark with new ones on 12 December 2024.]

36. <u>The Chairman</u> said since no CEDD representatives were sent to attend this meeting, the Secretariat could relay Members' views to CEDD after the meeting.

[Post-meeting note: The Secretariat relayed Members' views to CEDD or 10 December 2024.]

37. Members noted the above reports.

IV. Motions Raised by Members

(A) The one motion raised by Members

- (1) Request for enhanced efforts to address the hygiene issues on the footbridge connecting Bauhinia Garden and PopCorn shopping mall (SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 99/24)
- 38. <u>The Chairman</u> said the motion was moved by Mr WONG Yuen-hong and seconded by Mr WONG Wang-to, Mr CHENG Yu-hei, Mr CHONG Yuen-tung, Ms Christine FONG, Mr CHEUNG Chin-pang, Ms SZE Pan-pan, Ms TAM Chuk-kwan, Ms Angel CHONG, Mr Chris CHEUNG, Mr CHAN Kwong-fai, Ms WU Suet-lin, Mr WAN Kaiming and Mr Ken CHAN.
- 39. Members noted the written replies from FEHD and HyD (SKDC(FEHC) Paper Nos. 104/24 to 105/24).
- 40. Members' views were consolidated as follows:
 - They suggested stepping up patrols at night to monitor the hygiene situation on the footbridge connecting Bauhinia Garden and PopCorn shopping mall.
 - They suggested placing conspicuous signs near the lift at the exit of Bauhinia Garden to advise the public not to litter.
- 41. <u>Ms CHOW Yuk-chu, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)1, FEHD</u> noted Members' suggestions. FEHD would deploy more manpower to conduct night patrols and step up cleansing work on the footbridge connecting Bauhinia Garden and PopCorn shopping mall.
- 42. <u>Ms Fairy WANG, Maintenance Engineer/Structures (North East), HyD</u> said that HyD would support FEHD's operations. If hygiene issues were found during structural inspections, HyD would conduct cleansing work in collaboration with FEHD.
- 43. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the motion was passed. He then asked FEHD and HyD to follow up the matter.
- 44. There being no other comments from Members, the Chairman declared that the motion would be deleted at the next meeting.

V. Any Other Business

45. No other business was raised.

VI. Date of Next Meeting

46. <u>The Chairman</u> said the next meeting was scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on 16 January 2025 (Thursday).

47. The meeting ended at 11:35 a.m.

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