

Sai Kung District Council
Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee
Minutes of the First Meeting in 2026

Date : 15 January 2026 (Thursday)
Time : 10:00 a.m.
Venue : Conference Room of the Sai Kung District Council

Present

Mr WONG Wang-to, MH (Chairman)	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHAN Kin-chun, Ken (Vice-Chairman)	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Hon 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 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
Mr CHONG Yuen-tung, MH	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Ms CHONG Nga-ting, Angel	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHAN Kwong-fai	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHAN Kai-wai, MH	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 Yuen-hong	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Ms KAN Tung-tung	Member of Sai Kung District Council
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 (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council) ⁴ , Sai Kung District Office

In Attendance

Miss LUI Tsz-kiu, Crystal	Assistant District Officer (Sai Kung)2, Sai Kung District Office
Mr CHENG Chi-wing, Ken	Senior Liaison Officer (1), Sai Kung District Office
Miss WONG Wai-fong, Bonnie	Senior Liaison Officer (2), Sai Kung District Office
Mr NG Wai-ming	Senior Liaison Officer (3), 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
Mr NG Edmond	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 CHOW Wai-chung	Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)2, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Dr HUNG Chi-ho	Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East)44, Environmental Protection Department
Dr WONG Yick-him, Simon	Veterinary Officer (Avian Influenza Surveillance), Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
Dr WU Kai-hang, Ernest	Veterinary Officer (Animal Management)Kowloon, Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation 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

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 of the Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee (FEHC), in particular:

- Dr Ernest WU, Veterinary Officer (Animal Management)Kowloon, Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD).

I. Confirmation of Minutes of the 6th FEHC Meeting in 2025 held on 13 November 2025

3. The Chairman said 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. New Items

(A) Introduction of the 2026 Lunar New Year Fair in Sai Kung District (SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 1/26)

4. The Chairman asked the representatives from the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) to brief Members on the paper.

5. Mr CHOW Wai-chung, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)2, FEHD introduced the paper.

6. Members' views were consolidated as follows:

- They suggested playing Lunar New Year (LNY) music at Sai Kung Market, where no LNY fair would be organised this year, in order to enhance the festive atmosphere.
- They enquired about the reason for having only one fast food stall at the LNY fair this year. They suggested setting up more fast food stalls at future LNY fairs.

7. Mr CHOW Wai-chung, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)2, FEHD noted Members' suggestion to play LNY music. He explained that while two fast food stalls had originally been planned for the LNY fair last year, no bids were received and the stalls remained unlet. In view of this, only one fast food stall would be set up this year. FEHD would review the situation this year, and adjust the number of fast food stalls for next year's LNY fair accordingly.

8. Members continued to express the following views:

- They suggested strengthening refuse collection and toilet cleansing services at the LNY fair.
- They enquired which organisations would receive the unsold flowers and potted plants voluntarily surrendered by florists.

9. The Chairman suggested enhancing publicity efforts and notifying the public and district personalities if any LNY fair stalls remained unlet after the open auction in the future, with a view to encouraging further bidding.

10. Mr CHOW Wai-chung, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)2, FEHD responded as follows:

- Adequate numbers of litter containers would be provided at the LNY fair to collect refuse, while various types of recycling bins would be available for public convenience.
- The existing toilet at Po Hong Park would be utilised. FEHD would arrange for toilet attendants to be on duty to maintain cleanliness and hygiene.
- Volunteer teams would contact residential care homes for the elderly or other organisations in the district to collect unsold flowers and plants. Members were welcome to share suggestions with FEHD on specific locations to receive unsold flowers and plants.
- The LNY fair stalls this year were put up for open auction at the Lai Chi Kok Government Offices on 14 November 2025, during which 88 stalls were successfully let. Of the remaining 5 dry goods stalls, 3 stalls were let at the upset prices on a first-come, first-served basis. The other 2 stalls were allocated to the Police for promotional activities. All stalls were utilised.

11. Members noted the above report.

(B) First Phase of Anti-rodent Campaign 2026 in Sai Kung District
(SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 2/26)

12. The Chairman asked the representatives from FEHD to brief Members on the paper.

13. Mr CHOW Wai-chung, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)2, FEHD reported that this year's Anti-rodent Campaign would be conducted in two phases as in previous years. The first phase would take place from 5 January 2026 to 13 March 2026, and the second phase from 6 July 2026 to 11 September 2026. FEHD would hold the 'Opening ceremony and Publicity Activities for 1st phase of Anti-rodent Campaign 2026 in Sai Kung District' in Sai Kung Town and Tseung Kwan O on 29 and 30 January 2026, with a view to raising public awareness of rodent prevention and control. Members were cordially invited to participate.

14. Members' views were consolidated as follows:

- They enquired about the method for quantifying the respective numbers of live rodents captured and dead rodents collected stated in the paper.
- They suggested paying closer attention to the issue of litter accumulation near the open-air car park at Wan Po Road. They also suggested referring the hygiene issues at that location to the relevant departments or urging the property owner(s) to follow up.

15. Ms CHOW Yuk-chu, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)1, FEHD said that the location of litter accumulation near the open-air car park at Wan Po Road was let under a

short-term tenancy granted by the District Lands Office, Sai Kung (DLO/SK). FEHD had already deployed staff to conduct an investigation and had referred the matter to DLO/SK for follow-up.

16. Mr CHOW Wai-chung, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)2, FEHD said that the number of live rodents captured referred to those caught in cage traps, while the number of dead rodents collected referred to those picked up near locations where poisonous baits had been placed. FEHD would adjust the anti-rodent measures in a timely manner based on the relevant data in order to enhance their effectiveness.

17. The Chairman suggested FEHD timely review the effectiveness of cage traps and snap traps for rodent control, and place the cage traps and snap traps at locations where rodents frequently appeared.

18. Members continued to express the following views:

- They suggested expanding the scope of publicity efforts for the Anti-rodent Campaign to cover areas including Tiu Keng Leng and Hang Hau.
- They suggested stepping up efforts to address littering and other hygiene problems caused by campers or hikers near Ham Tin Public Toilet.
- They suggested exploring the adoption of new technologies to achieve better results in trapping rodents.

19. Mr CHOW Wai-chung, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)2, FEHD said that the launching ceremony and promotional activities for the Anti-rodent Campaign would be held at Tin Hau Temple in Sai Kung Town and Po Lam Station in Tseung Kwan O respectively. Subsequent promotional activities would also be arranged at various locations, including Tiu Keng Leng and Hang Hau. Regarding the effectiveness of rodent control, as rodents were omnivores, FEHD would use different combinations of food baits for more effective resource deployment, and would review and adjust rodent control work continuously.

20. Ms CHOW Yuk-chu, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)1, FEHD said that, in view of the hygiene conditions of the public toilet at Ham Tin/Sai Wan, FEHD had increased the cleansing frequency. During the LNY period, toilet attendants would also be on duty to maintain cleanliness and hygiene. The area outside the toilet where litter had accumulated was within country park area, and should therefore be under the purview of AFCD.

21. The Chairman said that although the area outside Ham Tin Public Toilet fell under the purview of AFCD, if there were serious hygiene problems, FEHD should promptly deploy staff to handle the matter before referring it to AFCD for further follow-up and handling on a long-term basis.

22. Members further suggested that relevant departments strengthen efforts to handle the issue of litter accumulation and other hygiene problems at Ham Tin Wan Campsite and the area outside Ham Tin Public Toilet. Relevant measures could include deploying staff to Ham Tin Wan to advise and remind visitors to dispose of their litter properly, taking enforcement actions when necessary, and stepping up publicity efforts to promote the message “Take Your Litter Home”.

23. The Chairman asked the representatives from FEHD and AFCD to note Members’ views and refer the matter to the relevant sections to follow up the issue of litter accumulation and other hygiene problems at Ham Tin Wan.

24. Members noted the above report.

III. Matters Arising

(A) Summary of District Consultation on the “Issues of Concern to Sai Kung District in 2025 - Environmental Hygiene”
(SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 79/25)

25. The Chairman said the meeting would focus on discussing issues related to feral cat nuisance and street cleansing/sweeping, while the remaining environmental hygiene issues would be followed up at subsequent FEHC meetings.

26. Members noted the written replies from AFCD, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the Housing Department, FEHD, and the Highways Department (SKDC(FEHC) Paper Nos. 14/26 to 19/26).

27. The Chairman suggested that, following the joint operations to clear illegally parked bicycles, FEHD should immediately carry out thorough cleansing of the relevant bicycle parking areas.

28. Members’ views were consolidated as follows:

- They suggested strengthening the monitoring of environmental hygiene issues arising from tents occupying the streets at Tong Ming Street Park and LOHAS Park Station Public Transport Interchange, such as litter accumulation and stagnant water.
- They suggested strengthening the monitoring of public urination and defecation, as well as foul odours at Tong Tak Street (outside The Royal Garden Kowloon East).
- They suggested increasing the frequency of joint operations to clear tents to once every two weeks.

29. Ms CHOW Yuk-chu, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)¹, FEHD said that the joint operations to clear illegally parked bicycles and tents were organised by the Sai Kung

District Office (SKDO), which co-ordinated the participation of various departments (including FEHD, DLO/SK, the Transport Department (TD), and the Hong Kong Police Force) to address the prolonged occupation of public places. FEHD would also take enforcement actions according to the actual circumstances in order to maintain environmental hygiene.

30. Mr Simon HUI, Senior Executive Officer (District Management), SKDO said that SKDO currently co-ordinated two joint operations per month to clear bicycles that were illegally parked for more than 24 hours or abandoned. The operations required prior issuance of traffic notices by TD in order to temporarily close the relevant bicycle parking areas. As for the sweeping of fallen leaves or general street cleansing, such work fell under the purview of FEHD. If there were specific locations requiring enhanced cleansing efforts, relevant details could be relayed to SKDO or FEHD directly for follow-up. SKDO had also been closely monitoring the problem of obstructions caused by tents near Tong Ming Street Park, co-ordinating a joint operation approximately every two months to clear tents that had been placed for a prolonged period and were obstructing the passageway.

31. The Chairman suggested that, FEHD should arrange thorough cleansing of the relevant bicycle parking areas immediately after removing illegally parked bicycles during the joint operations, in order to improve the cleansing efficiency of FEHD. He also suggested SKDO step up the joint operations to clear tents.

32. Mr Simon HUI, Senior Executive Officer (District Management), SKDO added that, under current arrangements, DLO/SK would, in accordance with the powers conferred by the Land (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (Cap. 28), affix a statutory notice on items (including tents) unlawfully occupying unleased government land to require the person concerned to cease the occupation of the relevant government land before a specified deadline. Otherwise, DLO/SK would take possession of and remove the item in accordance with the law. Meanwhile, issues related to street cleansing fell under the purview of FEHD.

33. Ms CHOW Yuk-chu, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)1, FEHD said that FEHD had already been carrying out cleansing work at the relevant bicycle parking areas during the joint operations to clear illegally parked bicycles.

34. Members continued to suggest SKDO conduct multiple consecutive joint operations to clear tents within a specific period of time. They also suggested drawing reference from the approach adopted by Yau Tsim Mong District to handle tents on the footbridge at Sai Yee Street, with a view to resolving the tent problem in Sai Kung District.

35. The Chairman said that the meeting should focus on discussing issues related to street cleansing/sweeping. The problem of tents would be discussed in detail at subsequent FEHC meetings. He also suggested FEHD step up efforts in tackling the problems of public urination and defecation, as well as foul odours at Tong Tak Street

(outside The Royal Garden Kowloon East).

36. Ms CHOW Yuk-chu, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)¹, FEHD said that FEHD would step up cleansing work at the locations mentioned by Members.

IV. Report Items

(A) Statistics on Environmental Hygiene Service and Itinerant Hawkers in Sai Kung District
(SKDC(FEHC) Paper Nos. 3/26 to 6/26)

37. 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. 7/26 to 8/26)

38. Members noted the above reports.

(C) Statistics on Enforcement Actions by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department Against Illegal Feeding of Wild Pigeons in Sai Kung District
(SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 9/26)

39. Members enquired whether AFCD had successfully instituted prosecutions against illegal feeding of feral pigeons after the installation of a closed-circuit television (CCTV) system outside Exit B of Hang Hau MTR Station.

40. Dr Simon WONG, Veterinary Officer (Avian Influenza Surveillance), AFCD said that AFCD issued a fixed penalty notice to each of two persons for feeding feral pigeons illegally outside Hang Hau MTR Station in November following the installation of the CCTV system in late September 2025.

41. Members continued to enquire whether AFCD would remove the CCTV system installed outside Hang Hau MTR Station after a specific period of time.

42. The Chairman suggested AFCD retain the CCTV system installed outside Hang Hau MTR Station, and inform FEHC in advance should AFCD plan to remove the CCTV system in the future.

43. Members noted the above report.

V. Discussion Items Suggested by Members

- (A) Suggest stepping up efforts in combating food safety related offences in Tseung Kwan O area, such as the sale of frozen meat disguised as fresh meat to better protect consumers
(SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 10/26)

44. The Chairman said the discussion item was raised by Mr WONG Yuen-hong, Mr Chris CHEUNG, Mr CHENG Yu-hei, Mr WAN Kai-ming, Mr Ken CHAN, Mr CHEUNG Chin-pang, Mr WONG Wang-to, Ms Natasha YU, Mr CHONG Yuen-tung, Ms TAM Chuk-kwan, and Hon Christine FONG.

45. Members noted the written reply from FEHD (SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 12/26).

46. Members' views were consolidated as follows:

- They enquired about the channels for the public to file complaints to FEHD regarding market stalls selling frozen meat disguised as fresh meat.
- They asked FEHD about the penalty for market stalls selling frozen meat disguised as fresh meat, and whether such malpractice would be regarded as a contravention of the Trade Descriptions Ordinance.
- They enquired about the number of inspections conducted by FEHD at fresh meat shops within markets in the district. They also suggested increasing the frequency of routine inspections to combat the sale of frozen meat disguised as fresh meat more effectively.

47. Ms CHOW Yuk-chu, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)1, FEHD said if members of the public suspected that a fresh provision shop (FPS) was selling chilled or frozen meat disguised as fresh meat, they could file a complaint by calling 1823 or contacting the respective District Environmental Hygiene Offices under FEHD. FEHD had long been committed to combating the sale of chilled or frozen meat disguised as fresh meat, as well as conducting investigations and enforcement operations targeting licensed FPSs suspected of such malpractice. In March and November 2025, FEHD conducted two enforcement operations. A more proactive and vigorous enforcement strategy had also been adopted, which included stepping up routine inspections, enhancing investigation efficiency, and strengthening the vetting mechanism for licence applications. If FEHD staff identified any irregularities while conducting inspections or handling complaints, they would initiate investigations and enforcement operations. As for the number of routine inspections, supplementary information would be provided after the meeting. Regarding Members' enquiry about the Trade Descriptions Ordinance, FEHD's prevailing licensing system had already included a mechanism for combating the malpractice of selling chilled or frozen meat disguised as fresh meat. If FEHD discovered during investigation that a case involved a suspected contravention of the Trade Descriptions Ordinance, the department would refer the case to the Hong Kong Customs and Excise Department (C&ED) for follow-up.

48. Mr Edmond NG, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Sai Kung), FEHD added that since it was difficult to distinguish between frozen meat and fresh meat with the naked eye, FEHD would need to spend considerable time on monitoring and gathering evidence in order to plan blitz enforcement operations. Staff of FEHD's Intelligence Unit would monitor the operation of the relevant meat shops and arrange enforcement operations after gathering sufficient information. In addition to blitz operations, FEHD would conduct regular monitoring and inspections. The past two enforcement operations both required extensive efforts in intelligence gathering as well as deployment and planning. If members of the public or FEHC Members had relevant information, they were welcome to contact FEHD proactively, so as to facilitate timely actions against shops suspected of contravening the law.

49. Members continued to suggest consulting C&ED on whether the Trade Descriptions Ordinance was applicable to the sale of frozen meat disguised as fresh meat by market stalls in the district.

50. The Chairman said it should be determined by FEHD whether a case involved the sale of frozen meat disguised as fresh meat, which might be referred to C&ED for follow-up depending on the circumstances after investigation.

51. Mr Edmond NG, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Sai Kung), FEHD said that the Trade Descriptions Ordinance enforced by C&ED would generally be applicable to packaged items. Under the Ordinance, only if the packaging description did not match the actual contents, would it constitute prima facie evidence supporting enforcement actions. Since fresh meat or frozen meat sold by meat shops was usually unpackaged, it would be more appropriate for FEHD to follow up relevant cases first. Regarding Members' earlier enquiry about the relevant penalty, the FPS licence of a shop contravening the law would be cancelled. During the past two operations, the relevant licences of the two targeted shops had been cancelled. FEHD would not accept the FPS licence applications in respect of the same premises submitted by the relevant licensee or related person within 12 months.

52. Members continued to enquire whether a shop whose licence had been cancelled could cease its original business and start a new business under a different name within 12 months.

53. Mr Edmond NG, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Sai Kung), FEHD said that under FEHD's licensing system, FEHD would not process future FPS licence applications in respect of the same premises submitted by the former licensee or his/her representative/business partner/business proprietor for a period of 12 months from the date of cancellation of the licence. Documentary proof would have to be submitted to FEHD to show that the new applicant did not have any business connection with the former licensee or his/her representative/business partner/business proprietor.

54. The Chairman asked FEHD and C&ED to follow up Members' views.

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

- (B) Suggest reviewing and adjusting GREEN@COMMUNITY recycling facilities in Tiu Keng Leng area to encourage the public to continue the practice of recycling
(SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 11/26)

56. The Chairman said the discussion item was raised by Mr CHAN Kai-wai, Mr LAM Chun-ka, Mr Chris CHEUNG, and Mr CHAN Kwong-fai.

57. Members noted the written reply from the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) (SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 13/26).

58. Members' views were consolidated as follows:

- They suggested setting up indoor mobile recycling spots in Tiu Keng Leng and extending the service hours.
- They suggested installing additional smart recycling bins at Metro Town Shopping Mall in Tiu Keng Leng and arranging timely repairs to malfunctioning recycling bins. They also suggested deploying contract staff to be stationed inside the shopping mall on a short-term basis to handle the issue of overfilling and monitor the abuse of the recycling bins.
- They suggested strengthening communication with the shopping mall management office, keeping a record of users who misused or vandalised the smart recycling bins, and implementing measures such as point deduction or account suspension.
- They suggested simplifying the procedure for electronic gift redemption and offering a wider variety of gifts under the GREEN\$ Electronic Participation Incentive Scheme. They also suggested EPD ensure a sufficient stock of coupons or gifts for redemption to avoid particular items running out of stock.

59. Dr HUNG Chi-ho, Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East)⁴⁴, EPD noted Members' views and would relay their views to the relevant section for consideration and follow-up.

60. The Chairman asked EPD to follow up Members' views.

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

VI. Any Other Business

62. No other business was raised by Members.

VII. Date of Next Meeting

63. The Chairman said the next meeting was scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on 12 March 2026 (Thursday).

64. The meeting ended at 11:15 a.m.

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