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Sai Kung District Council
Minutes of the First Meeting in 2024

Date: 5 January 2024 (Friday)
Time: 9:35 a.m.
Venue: Conference Room of the Sai Kung District Council

Present

Miss MA King-fan, Kathy, JP (Chairman)	District Officer (Sai Kung), Sai Kung District Office
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
Mr CHONG Yuen-tung, MH	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 Kai-wai	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
Mr LAU Kai-hong
Mr CHENG Yu-hei
Ms TAM Chuk-kwan
Mr CHUNG Kai-yin (Secretary)

Member of Sai Kung District Council
Member of Sai Kung District Council
Member of Sai Kung District Council
Member of Sai Kung District Council
Senior Executive Officer (District Council),
Sai Kung District Office

In Attendance

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 NG Wai-ming

Senior Liaison Officer (3), Sai Kung District
Office

Mr HUI Chun-kwan, Simon

Senior Executive Officer (District
Management), Sai Kung District Office

Miss WONG Chui-ying, Erin

Executive Officer I (District Council),
Sai Kung District Office

Mr KWONG Wang-ngai, Walter

District Planning Officer/Sai Kung &
Islands (Acting), Planning Department

Mr NG Wai-lung, David

District Social Welfare Officer (Wong Tai
Sin/Sai Kung), Social Welfare Department

Mr YEUNG Chun-po, Carmelo

District Commander (Wong Tai Sin),
Hong Kong Police Force

Mr WONG Kai-chung

Assistant District Commander (Operations)
(Tseung Kwan O), Hong Kong Police Force
Divisional Commander (Sai Kung),

Ms WAI Kar-yan, Maria

Hong Kong Police Force

Mr TING Ka-ho, Louis

Police Community Relations Officer

Mr WONG Ka-lun, Brandon

(Tseung Kwan O), Hong Kong Police Force
Police Community Relations Officer (Wong
Tai Sin) (Acting), Hong Kong Police Force

Mr NG Chou-keen, Horace

Chief Engineer/East 1, Civil Engineering
and Development Department

Ms MAK Siu-ling, Iris

Chief Manager/Management (Kowloon
West and Sai Kung), Housing Department

Miss HO Kit-ying, Florence

Senior Transport Officer/Sai Kung,
Transport Department

Ms LEE Lai-sheung, Susan	District Leisure Manager (Sai Kung), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LAI Ka-yee, Jenny	Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Sai Kung, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LAI Wing-sau	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Sai Kung), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Ms HO Sau-ying	Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)1, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr HO Yiu-ming	Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)2, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr CHOW Kin-keung	Administrative Assistant/Lands, District Lands Office, Sai Kung

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

2. The Chairman welcomed all Members and attendees to the meeting, and introduced the colleagues from the Sai Kung District Office (SKDO) to Members, including:

- Miss Lacus CHENG, Assistant District Officer (Sai Kung)2;
- Mr Ken CHENG, Senior Liaison Officer (1);
- Ms Dawn LAM, Senior Liaison Officer (2);
- Mr NG Wai-ming, Senior Liaison Officer (3);
- Mr Simon HUI, Senior Executive Officer (District Management);
- Mr CHUNG Kai-yin, Senior Executive Officer (District Council); and
- Miss Erin WONG, Executive Officer I (District Council)

I. Meeting Proceedings and Deliberation Arrangements of Sai Kung District Council (SKDC) and its Committees

(A) Welcome remarks by the Chairman and appointment of the Secretary for SKDC

3. Section 69(1) of the District Councils Ordinance stipulated that for the purpose of carrying out the functions of a District Council (DC), the Chairman of the DC might appoint a public officer to act as the secretary of that DC. Therefore, in accordance with the above provision, the Chairman declared that Mr CHUNG Kai-yin, Senior Executive Officer (District Council) of SKDO, was appointed as the Secretary of SKDC.

(B) Registration and declaration of interests by Members

4. The Chairman said Order 16(1) of the DC Standing Orders (the Standing Orders) provided that every DC member should, within one month from the commencement of each

term, furnish the DC Secretary with particulars of his/her registrable interests by using the sample registration form at Appendix 3 of the Standing Orders. Besides, it was stipulated in Order 18 of the Standing Orders that the DC Secretary should maintain a register of personal interests of DC members and co-opted members. Therefore, in accordance with the above provisions, Members were requested to fill in the form and return it to the Secretariat on or before 26 January 2024. She reminded everyone that Orders 14 to 18 of the Standing Orders provided for the registration of personal interests of DC members, and DC members must read the relevant provisions carefully.

(C) Committees and Working Groups under the seventh term of SKDC
(SKDC(M) Paper No. 1/24)

5. The Chairman said the Committees and Working Group under the incumbent SKDC, as well as their terms of reference, had been set out in the paper. The four Committees were the Committees which must be appointed by the Chairman as stipulated in Order 69(1) of the Standing Orders, including the District Facilities and Works Committee; Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee; Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee; and Traffic and Transport Committee. The tenure of office of the aforesaid Committees would be four years until 31 December 2027. Furthermore, SKDC would set up a Working Group on Boosting Local Economy, and its tenure of office would be one year tentatively until 31 December 2024. Matters related to the Working Group would be discussed in Discussion Item (C) – Specific proposals on the organisation of activities on driving local economic development.

6. The Chairman continued that each Member should join no fewer than three Committees or Working Groups. On 21 December 2023, the Secretariat had invited Members to join the aforesaid Committees and Working Group, and the membership lists were enclosed in Annex VI. Pursuant to Orders 73 and 87 of the Standing Orders, the Chairman should appoint the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of a committee, as well as the Chairman (i.e. the Convenor) of a working group. Therefore, she announced the appointment of the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Committees, as well as the Convenor of the Working Group as follows:

Committee	Chairman*	Vice-Chairman*
District Facilities and Works Committee	CHONG Yuen-tung	CHAN Kai-wai
Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee	WONG Wang-to	Ken CHAN
Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee	Philip LI	Kelvin YAU
Traffic and Transport Committee	LAU Kai-hong	Christine FONG

* The tenure of office of the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Committees would be two

years. The membership lists would be valid for four years.

Working Group	Convenor
Working Group on Boosting Local Economy	CHAN Kuen-kwan

(D) Meeting schedule of SKDC and its Committees in 2024
(SKDC(M) Paper No. 2/24)

7. The Chairman said the meeting schedule in 2024 had been set out in the paper. She also reminded Members that the first joint meeting of the four Committees would be held immediately after the full council meeting.

8. Members noted the meeting schedule.

(E) “Meet-the-Public” Scheme
(SKDC(M) Paper No. 3/24)

9. The Chairman said according to Paragraph 18(1) of the Performance Monitoring Guidelines for Members of the DCs, DC members should participate in the “Meet-the-Public” Scheme (the Scheme) held weekly. Members should be on duty at the offices designated by DC, and SKDO would provide meeting venues at The Sai Kung Jockey Club Town Hall and Hang Hau Community Hall. If needed, Members could swap their duty days with each other and inform the Secretariat of the results for record purposes. She reminded Members to post notices about their duty days at their ward offices. The duty roster would also be uploaded to SKDC’s website.

10. Mr CHEUNG Chin-pang asked whether there were special considerations in determining Members’ duty locations, since both of his duty locations were in Sai Kung. Besides, he asked whether photocopiers would be provided at the meeting venues.

11. The Secretary responded that the duty roster was drawn up in order of Members’ Chinese names. Depending on the situation, Members could swap their duty days with each other. However, they should inform the Secretariat as soon as practicable for publication of the updated information. SKDO would provide meeting venues with basic support services, such as assisting in receiving persons waiting for a meeting, while secretarial or photocopying services would not be offered.

12. The Chairman added that the Scheme would be conducted at community halls. Given that the community halls were not originally designed as offices, the requested provision of photocopiers or other large office equipment could be further reviewed depending on the public’s response and requests after the implementation of the Scheme. Besides, meetings could be arranged under the Scheme by appointment. The Secretariat would first get a brief understanding of the reasons for a member of the public to book an appointment, as well as the matters of concern to him/her. Such information would then be passed to on-duty Members for them to prepare for the meeting. For more complicated cases in which the issues

concerned might not be resolved within the meeting period, she believed that Members would continue the follow-up work at their ward offices, and so the overall impact of the availability of equipment at the meeting venues under the Scheme should not be great.

13. Mr CHEUNG Chin-pang said he would be willing to get in touch with residents from different areas of the district. However, citing himself as an example, he said he was more familiar with the situation in Tseung Kwan O (TKO) and worried that he might not be able to provide prompt responses to the enquiries from Sai Kung residents. In his opinion, it would be more appropriate if the two meeting sessions were held at different locations.

14. The Chairman responded that the duty roster was drawn up in order of Members' names, and no other considerations were involved. If Members wished to arrange a meeting at a particular location on a specific date, they could swap their duty days with each other and inform the Secretariat afterwards. The new-term DCs were composed of appointed seats, District Committees Constituency seats, District Council Geographical Constituency seats and ex-officio seats. Each Member should serve the entire Sai Kung District. Therefore, she was delighted to see that under the Scheme, Members could get in touch with residents whom they seldom had the opportunity to meet in the past.

15. Members noted the duty roster.

(F) Standing Orders of the Sai Kung District Council and Performance Monitoring Guidelines for Members of the District Councils
(SKDC(M) Paper No. 4/24)

16. The Chairman said that the Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs had promulgated the Performance Monitoring Guidelines for Members of the DCs and the Standing Orders at the training-cum-briefing session on 18 December 2023. In accordance with Order 6 of the Standing Orders, the DC Chairman, DC members, co-opted members and all persons attending or observing a meeting of the DC were obliged to observe the Standing Orders where applicable.

II. Discussion Items

(A) Study on the issues of concern to the district and collection of public views
(SKDC(M) Paper No. 5/24)

17. The Chairman introduced the content of the paper and supplemented details on the submission of report forms. The key points were consolidated as follows:

- The new-term DCs had reverted to their positioning stipulated under Article 97 of the Basic Law to perform their advisory and service functions since the commencement of operation on 1 January 2024. DC members should gather views from different channels and assist the Government in grasping and absorbing views of the community in a pragmatic manner, so as to achieve effective two-way

communication between the Government and the public.

- Taking into account the situation in Sai Kung District, she invited Members to collect and collate specific views from the public on the environmental hygiene issues and to put forward feasible proposals with concrete measures to mitigate the problems, foster collaboration between SKDC and the relevant departments in addressing local concerns.
- As environmental hygiene problems varied in Sai Kung, Sai Kung town centre, TKO, Hang Hau and the rural areas, Members should propose pragmatic and concrete measures after consulting the public about their concerns. Subsequently, they should follow up on those issues at DC meetings, its Committees meetings or departmental representative meetings chaired by her.
- To facilitate Members' reporting to SKDC or its Committees, the Secretariat would send report forms to Members via email for public consultation on the environmental hygiene issues. The reports were tentatively scheduled for submission by the end of February, which would then be followed up at the meeting of the Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee to be held in March.
- The public consultation could be carried out in any form, including, inter alia, individual interviews, home visits, street counters, invitations for opinion submission by organisations or individual opinions. Upon collection of views, Members would be asked to come up with practical and feasible solutions using their experience, expertise and professional knowledge.
- She said that the "long-standing, significant and thorny" problems could not be resolved within a short period of time and looked forward to the views collected by Members and their pragmatic and progressive solutions.

[Post-meeting note: The form on the Summary of District Consultation on the "Issues of Concern to Sai Kung District – Environmental Hygiene" was scheduled for submission on or before 20 February 2024.]

18. Mr CHONG Yuen-tung agreed that there were some "long-standing, significant and thorny" environmental hygiene issues in the district, for example, the problem of feral pigeons. Although SKDO and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) had made multifaceted efforts to improve the situation, the problem of feral pigeons persisted. Following the legislation on the regulation of feeding feral pigeons by the Legislative Council, SKDC would have to follow up and carry out publicity work. Moreover, the Government would implement municipal solid waste charging (MSW charging) on 1 April. In that context, many private estates, owners' corporations and citizens in the district had concerns on its charging mechanism. He hoped that the greatest social consensus could be forged before introduction of the MSW charging policy in order to ensure its smooth implementation, such that the recycling and solid waste disposal issues could be addressed in the long run.

19. Mr Chris CHEUNG enquired whether the report form primarily focused on the environmental hygiene issues, and said that he had lately received many enquiries from residents on the implementation of MSW charging on 1 April. He was concerned that the report submission at the end of February might not allow sufficient time for explaining relevant information to the public. Since MSW charging was a major issue, he suggested addressing

it earlier.

20. Mr WONG Wang-to said that the environmental hygiene issues possibly involving policy improvement plans were “long-standing, significant and thorny”. He was of the view that Members could boldly put forward options to promote the improvement plans under the executive-led system within their capabilities. For those related to policy matters, the Chairman could relay them to the relevant bureaux. Further, MSW charging not only involved the housing estates, but also the rural areas. In view of the lack of property management agencies in the rural areas, there might be even more serious problems. He suggested stepping up promotional work in collaboration with the Committees under SKDC.

21. Mr CHAN Kai-wai said MSW charging which could contribute to carbon reduction and environmental protection was a good tool. However, certain property management agencies anticipated that some members of the public might not comply with the legislation. He suggested that SKDC consider issuing letters to the estate management companies in the district in July, to get hold of the number of non-compliance cases and the total amount of penalties within three months after the implementation of MSW charging, and reflect the situation to the bureaux. This would allow the Administration to fine-tune the policies or strengthen law enforcement actions, so as to prevent the situation where rule-abiding citizens would have to subsidise those who failed to adhere to the rules.

22. The Chairman responded to the Members’ views and enquiries as follows:

- The new-term DCs should perform their advisory and service functions. Under the executive-led system, DCs should assist the Government to gauge public sentiments and enable it to put forward specific implementation details in a better way.
- The issues of concern to the district were not limited to those related to environmental hygiene. Nevertheless, if too many matters were raised within a short timeframe, they might not be dealt with effectively at the same time. Additionally, as Sai Kung District was faced with relatively unique environmental hygiene problems, and the issues related to MSW charging were of concern to all Hong Kong people, it was therefore decided that the scope of the report to be submitted this time should be environmental hygiene.
- Even though other topics were not included in the scope of this report, SKDC and its Committees would also address local issues involving other areas of concern.
- Members of the public and relevant organisations had all along voiced their concerns on MSW charging through media coverage and interviews, and the relevant bureaux should have kept in view the matter. Further, effect might be minimal if Members collected public views before the official release of specific details. In this connection, it would be more practical and effective to collect opinions after the implementation of MSW charging.
- She agreed that consideration could be given to drawing up a timetable to collect public views and believed that upon the implementation of MSW charging, Members would also receive relevant views during the meetings with the public

and the management companies, which could be further followed up by the Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee.

- The topic of environmental hygiene encompassed a wide range of issues and MSW charging was undoubtedly in the limelight at present. That said, other individual hygiene problems should not be overlooked.

- (B) Specific proposals on the following activities to be implemented before the Lunar New Year: (a) caring activities in 18 districts co-organised with the Care Teams; and (b) district cleaning activities co-organised with the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
(SKDC(M) Paper Nos. 6/24 and 7/24)

23. Ms Dawn LAM, Senior Liaison Officer (2), SKDO introduced Paper No. 6/24 on the details of a series of caring activities to be launched by the Care Teams in collaboration with SKDC between January and February 2024.

24. The Chairman said that she would attend the above activities and looked forward to Members' active participation. Members would be informed of further information on the activities later.

25. Ms HO Sau-ying, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)1, FEHD introduced Paper No. 7/24 about the detailed arrangements for the year-end clean-up campaigns.

26. The Chairman said that all districts would launch year-end clean-up campaigns towards the end of the year. This year, FEHD would collaborate with SKDC to publicise the importance of cleansing and hygiene maintenance among the citizens, and at the same time care for them.

27. Mr HO Yiu-ming, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)2, FEHD said that FEHD was preparing a paper to summarise the arrangements for the Lunar New Year Fair in Sai Kung District, which would be forwarded to Members for reference via the Secretariat.

- (C) Specific proposals on the organisation of activities on driving local economic development
(SKDC(M) Paper No. 8/24)

28. Mr Ken CHENG, Senior Liaison Officer (1), SKDO briefed Members on the paper regarding the detailed arrangements for the "Sai Kung Tin Hau Festival", which was a key event to boost local economy in 2024.

29. Mr CHAN Kuen-kwan said that the Tin Hau Festival was a major event in the district. As a highlight was needed to boost the economy, he hoped the event could be grander and be held in the areas not limited to the vicinity of the bamboo shed theatre of the Tin Hau Temple. Rather, it could be extended to the waterfront or promenade, to allow members of the public

and tourists to visit the entire Sai Kung District, so as to enhance the sustainability of consumption.

30. Mr Philip LI said traffic arrangements should be discussed with the Transport Department before organising the Tin Hau Festival. Besides, it was also necessary to make crowd control arrangements through discussions with the Hong Kong Police Force to ensure smooth running during the Festival. For a grand event that would attract visitors all over Hong Kong and the world, adequate and convenient transport support was a prerequisite. In order to encourage the use of public transport, he suggested discussing with the Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited to provide free bus service travelling to and from Sai Kung, based on the past experience of the “Free Ride Day” to allow the public to travel to Sai Kung by bus route no. 96R.

31. Mr CHONG Yuen-tung said that the Tin Hau Festival would contribute to the development and promotion of traditional Chinese culture, which could give a boost to the economy of Sai Kung District and match the relevant objective under the Chief Executive’s Policy Address. He suggested inviting the local youth organisations and students to participate in the Festival, allowing them to know more about the essence of traditional Chinese culture and passing down the tradition of the Festival.

32. The Chairman was thrilled to be involved in organising the Tin Hau Festival and said that the Sai Kung Kai Fong Committee (SKKFC) was busy with the preparatory work. The Festival, having a long history, would be organised under the theme of “Day x Night Vibes” to bring novelty into full play in terms of its scale and arrangements this year. Each district would organise its own “Day x Night Vibes” events, and could continue to consider how to attract local residents, youths and Hong Kong people to participate in the events in Sai Kung. Apart from general poster production, she expected that the working group could, taking into account the resources and costs, explore other publicity channels to promote the Festival among the youngsters, so as to encourage their appreciation of traditional Chinese culture and deepen their understanding towards the district. She supplemented that even though funding resources were available under the Community Involvement Programme, it should be ensured that the funds were used properly. Members were encouraged to liaise with business operators interested in collaboration or those offered discounts to attract people to participate in the event.

(D) Measures in the Policy Address relating to the District Councils – Proposals on creating photo-taking landmarks showcasing district’s uniqueness for people to “check in” with suggested activities
(SKDC(M) Paper No. 9/24)

33. Miss Lacus CHENG, Assistant District Officer (Sai Kung)2, SKDO introduced the meeting paper and details of the proposed three photo-taking landmarks showcasing district’s uniqueness for people to “check in” in Sai Kung District.

34. The Chairman said the image of “Quby” (「乖巧寶寶」) cartoon was humorous and cute. When the District Youth Community Building Committee (DYCBC) proposed making

“Quby” a landmark statue, the young committee members were very supportive. Some committee members, even though they did not know the name of the character, had forwarded the “Quby” stickers on social media. The adorable image of “Quby” brought a smile to people receiving the stickers. It was hoped that the same effect could be achieved by the landmark statue in the future. The character of “Quby” was a “wage earner”, who maintained an optimistic attitude and kept smiling in the face of adversity in the workplace, resonated with everyone. She hoped that the spirit of “Quby” could encourage the public to show an upbeat attitude and smilingly overcome hardships regardless of many difficulties encountered after the epidemic. The statue, matching the vibrant image of the Cross Bay Bridge in TKO South, aimed to encourage residents to pursue a happy and healthy lifestyle in Sai Kung. Recently, the proposed statue had elicited various responses in the community. Apart from the statue, there were other proposed “check-in” landmarks, including the luminous footpath along Wan Poon Path, TKO South and the “Neighbourhood Cats Mural” in Sai Kung town centre. She asked Members to express their views.

35. Mr CHONG Yuen-tung supported the creation of the “Quby” statue. With more than 500 million downloads of “Quby” stickers, “Quby” was not only popular in the Mainland but also widely used in Hong Kong’s communication software. Furthermore, it was the first character brand in China to partner with the British Museum. He believed that many Hong Kong citizens, especially the younger generation, were familiar with “Quby”. After being hit by the epidemic, Hong Kong’s economy had not yet fully recovered and some people’s mood had been affected. The spirit of “Quby” could uplift and convey positive energy to the people. Sai Kung was all along renowned for being a healthy and safe city. He suggested showcasing the “Quby” statue in different healthy and energetic forms, complementing the vibrant images of the Cross Bay Bridge and the waterfront promenade, so as to highlight the distinctive features of the district as a healthy and safe city. He understood that there had been some recent discussions over the “Quby” statue and hoped that Members could release more information to the public if any details were available in the future.

36. Ms Angel CHONG recognised the creativity behind “Quby” and said the intention of creating a “check-in” landmark was to promote Sai Kung District in order to attract more tourists. At present, a promotional effect was achieved by extensive discussions. “Quby”, a well-known character in the Mainland, had strong influence therein, gaining recognition in Hong Kong as well. Looking ahead, she suggested further incorporating local elements into the character, such as authentic colloquial expressions, to not only bring joy to the people in their daily lives but also facilitate cultural exchange and integration between the Mainland and Hong Kong. One of the purposes of setting up a “check-in” landmark was to boost the local economy. In the future, studies were needed on how to increase the effectiveness of a landmark, avoiding a situation where there was “only an increase in the number of visitors but not their spending”. She proposed setting up a temporary pop-up store and collaborating with nearby shop operators around the landmark to create a synergistic effect and drive economic growth.

37. Mr CHEUNG Chin-pang appreciated the bold and innovative concept of providing the “Quby” statue but was concerned about its maintenance. Since the “Quby” statue was entirely

white, he worried that its colour might become dull after exposure to sun and rain, or it might even be vandalised. He suggested using stain-resistant materials in producing the statue and having security personnel stationed nearby. Additionally, the “Quby” stickers were animated and had many different versions. However, it was not feasible to place multiple statues with different looks or frequently change the design of the statue due to cost limitations. As a result, people might get bored with it in the future. He hoped that consideration could be given to the sustainability of the statue through decorating the surroundings with embellishments, lighting or setting up bazaars at various festivals, so as to yield sustainable benefits. Furthermore, he added that some citizens had expressed their desire to include local design works in this project, allowing them to be placed along the waterfront promenade to match the statue, so that the public might appreciate the Government’s efforts in encouraging art creations by young and local artists.

38. Ms LI Ka-yan was concerned about the materials to be used for the “Quby” statue. During her previous visits to the waterfront promenade, she noted that some of the light fixtures were either extinguished or damaged. Due to relatively heavy winds at the bay location, it was necessary to ensure that the statue would not be affected by human or weather conditions. Furthermore, the “Quby” stickers were commonly used in daily communication and the statue could attract locals and tourists to “check in”. Notwithstanding the above, she suggested incorporating local elements into the statue, such as displaying exhibits around the statue for publicity during the Sai Kung Tin Hau Festival, so as to encourage people to visit places other than the statue with a view to boosting the local economy.

39. Ms TAM Chuk-kwan mentioned that many residents kept pets in Sai Kung, and she herself had three cats. In this connection, she strongly supported the creation of a mural titled “Neighbourhood Cats Mural”, which should not only enhance public participation but also depict distinctive features of Sai Kung District. For example, the rich tapestry of residents’ daily lives in Sai Kung could be incorporated into the drawing to resonate with the local residents. The activity could be organised, in collaboration with SKKFC, to enhance public participation. She recommended creating a dedicated page on social media to allow residents to submit and vote for the photos to be included in the mural. This could involve the participation of individuals who had no pets, thereby increasing the significance and impact of the activity.

40. Mr Ken CHAN said that a DYCBC meeting was held on 18 December 2023 and a proposal for a “check-in” landmark had been discussed. As the Chairman of DYCBC, he would now report some details of the discussions at that meeting. As mentioned by the Chairman, the proposal was supported by all committee members, including a large number of young people. Better still, some of them, having a background in design and art, agreed with the direction of the proposal and appreciated the design. There were also discussions during the meeting regarding the repair, maintenance and sustainability issues raised by some Members earlier as well as concerns about safety, as the location of the “Quby” statue was frequented by many residents. In addition, “check-in” spots needed popularity and recognition. Although it was suggested that consideration should be given to using new works by local artists, “Quby” was well known to the public, which could attract attention more quickly, taking into account

the response, impact and coverage of the works. Besides, the use of works by local artists was also discussed at the meeting, where cost concerns were raised by committee members. Subject to limited resources, Sai Kung District put forward three proposals for “check-in” landmarks, which was an optimal use of resources and could bring about different effects. Additionally, the “Neighbourhood Cats Mural” would collect photos from cat owners in the district, including elements of community involvement.

41. Ms Christine FONG supported three proposals for “check-in” landmarks, hoping that joint efforts would be made to implement specific measures, and considered what was just suggested by Members pragmatic. She welcomed the creation of the “Neighbourhood Cats Mural” in Sai Kung and agreed that there could be more elements of community involvement to enhance a sense of community belonging and a sense of fulfilment among the citizens. It was also the responsibility of SKDC. The concept of the luminous footpath was innovative. When the Home Affairs Department granted funding to the community, it was necessary to take the chance to make good use of resources so as to demonstrate that SKDC would make a concerted effort to promote the relevant policy. There were many stairs on Wan Poon Path, TKO South, where the section from the location marked with an asterisk as shown in Annex to Oscar by the Sea was relatively narrow. She hoped that the luminous footpath would not affect the neighbouring housing estates and a balance should be achieved between the visual effects and other considerations. She would seize the opportunity to promote the landmark proposals to the public and gauge the response of residents, and would put in more efforts before finalising the proposals in concrete terms.

42. Mr CHAN Chi-ho expressed support for the three proposals for “check-in” landmarks. Regarding the “Quby” proposal, SKDO planned to collaborate with the “Star Moly” studio. He suggested that SKDO invite the studio to create a mascot specifically for the district and let local residents participate in the design. Moreover, for materials to be used for the “Quby” statue, he recommended using luminous materials for a glowing effect in the dark. Lighting devices could be considered as an alternative if using luminous materials was not feasible. The statues would not be worth “checking in” at night without luminous or lighting features. Moreover, the three proposed “check-in” landmarks were located in TKO South and Sai Kung. He hoped for additional “check-in” landmarks to be provided in TKO North in the future.

43. Mr Philip LI said there had indeed been many murals in Sai Kung town centre in recent years. Back in 2017, the Working Group on Arts and Cultural Activities organised the “Sai Kung Art and About” event to create murals. He suggested that the old mural paintings be repainted when creating the new ones, due to paint peeling found on some of the old mural paintings. There had been occasions where old murals were repainted during the launch of new activities. Consideration could therefore be given to adding cat elements to the old murals when painting the “Neighbourhood Cats Mural”, so as to make the murals in the entire Sai Kung town centre more vibrant.

44. Mr CHAN Kai-wai advised that the sculptures of different animation and comics characters were displayed and well maintained in Kowloon Park. SKDO could make reference to the materials used. He recommended combining the two activities by allowing

residents to provide photos for the “Neighbourhood Cats Mural” to receive “Quby” souvenirs as rewards. Additionally, he also suggested seeking non-profit-making organisations to sell the “Quby” hanging ornaments in the Lunar New Year Fair to enhance publicity.

45. Mr TSANG Kwok-ka suggested asking business operators in the district to allow artists to paint cats on corners of their shops as part of a treasure hunt. Tourists would then tour around the whole Sai Kung town centre to look for cat mural paintings and could receive rewards after discovering all of them. In this way, tourists would spend more time in Sai Kung visiting different places and spending money, instead of just “checking in” at a specified location only.

46. Mr Chris CHEUNG supported the proposal for the luminous footpath and voiced concern over the arrangements for the luminous stones, including their daily repair and maintenance. He worried that the materials would detach easily and affect the outlook of the footpath.

47. Mr WAN Kai-ming appreciated the proposals for the “Neighbourhood Cats Mural” and “Quby”, especially the former as it included elements of community involvement. He believed that community involvement could also be incorporated into “Quby” by inviting members of the public to offer suggestions to its design, or requesting the production company to come up with designs with local characteristics of Sai Kung and adopting the one with the most votes from residents. These arrangements could develop a greater sense of involvement among the public through the project. He also proposed making the statue transportable, so whenever there was a major event, the statue could be placed around the venue of the event to increase its appeal.

48. The Chairman thanked Members for their suggestions. The three proposals for “check-in” landmarks were still at the preparatory stage, and her consolidated reply to Members’ views was as follows:

Regarding “Quby”:

- SKDO was discussing various arrangements with the Mainland studio, and taking note of Members’ support to the proposal, the studio would be glad that the image of “Quby” was well-received.
- In preparing the proposal, factors such as resources, scale, etc., were taken into account, with safety also being an important consideration. The size, height and design of the statue as well as the surrounding lighting were discussed in the meeting of DYCBC. There would still be room for discussion for incorporating local elements in the future.
- The studio was highly supportive of the proposal, therefore the cost was a bargain price. However, it should not be revealed to the public until the details were confirmed. SKDO would use public funds in a prudent manner as usual, and the cost would definitely be lower than a million dollars as claimed by some media.
- SKDO noted Members’ concerns about the use of stain-resistant materials, and

would discuss with the studio how to maintain the statue properly. As for whether the statue could be moved to other places and serve as the mascot of Sai Kung District, or whether there would be themes for a limited period during different festivals and holidays, these matters would be studied in the future depending on the public's response.

- The statue was currently planned to be placed at the Waterfront Park till the end of the year. Subsequently, SKDO would discuss with the studio their future collaboration such as the production of souvenirs and designs with district's uniqueness, and proposals to place "Quby" at other local special events, e.g. Tin Hau Festival.
- Suggestions on characters created by local artists for similar projects were always welcome. Members could suggest relevant organisations apply for funding to organise similar activities, subject to availability of resources such as the Community Involvement Programme.

Regarding the luminous footpath:

- Using materials such as luminous fluorspar and sand to produce a glowing effect in the dark was a relatively new idea with few precedents in Hong Kong. The proposal was still at the experimental stage, where reference would be drawn from relevant experience in the Mainland and overseas to consider how to balance aesthetics and practicality.
- Considering that the footpath was close to residential areas and a narrow path frequently used by residents, safety would therefore be factored into the design. Although she hoped that the "check-in" landmark would gain popularity, she was also aware that an influx of visitors to "check in" might hinder residents' access to the area.
- The Works Section had conducted different tests to identify the best glowing effects and colours. Even if the end product was not perfect, evaluation could be made after the launch. Resources had also been reserved for improvement and maintenance.

Regarding the "Neighbourhood Cats Mural":

- She expressed her gratitude to the previous terms of SKDC for building such a solid foundation by having a myriad of beautiful and well-known murals in Sai Kung town centre, which provided the inspiration for the proposal.
- Members were welcome to offer their opinions on the photos to be included. Noting that the wall at the chosen site provided sufficient space and was situated at a prominent location, she said she would continue the discussion on the details of the proposal with SKDC and SKKFC.

III. Any Other Business

(A) Discussion on the arrangements for taking the group photo of SKDC

49. The Chairman asked the Secretary to briefly introduce the arrangements.

50. The Secretary said that the Secretariat would arrange a photo shoot for Members to have individual and group photos taken for the production of publicity materials of SKDC in the future. The photo shoot would take place on 6 February (Tuesday) at 2:30 p.m. at Hang Hau Community Hall. Members could consider wearing a red necktie, top or scarf, and a dark-coloured suit, so that everyone would be wearing the same colours in the group photo. (Post-meeting note: The photo shoot was rescheduled for 6 February (Tuesday) at 1:00 p.m.)

51. Members noted the arrangements.

(B) Discussion on the arrangements for producing new bronze nameplates for Members of SKDC

52. The Secretary said that the Secretariat would replace the bronze nameplates for Members with new ones outside the Conference Room of SKDC, and would follow up with the quotation and production procedures. It would select a contractor to produce the bronze nameplates in accordance with the government procurement rules and regulations.

53. Members noted the arrangements.

IV. Date of Next Meeting

54. The next full council meeting was scheduled for 5 March 2024 (Tuesday) at 10:00 a.m.

55. The meeting ended at 11:25 a.m.

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