

Sai Kung District Council
Minutes of the Fourth Meeting in 2024

Date: 2 July 2024 (Tuesday)
Time: 10:00 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 Ho-lun	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, 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 Wang-to, MH	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr WONG Yuen-hong	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Ms KAN Tung-tung	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr LAU Kai-hong, 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 CHUNG Kai-yin (Secretary)	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), 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 NG Wai-ming	Senior Liaison Officer (3), Sai Kung District Office
Miss WONG Chui-ying, Erin	Executive Officer I (District Council), Sai Kung District Office
Miss TSOI Sze-sze, Ceci	Executive Officer (District Management), Sai Kung District Office
Mr KWONG Wang-ngai, Walter	District Planning Officer/Sai Kung & Islands, Planning Department
Ms CHING Oi-ho, Sandy	District Social Welfare Officer (Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung) (Acting), Social Welfare Department
Mr YEUNG Chun-po, Carmelo	District Commander (Wong Tai Sin), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr MAK Man-yu	District Commander (Tseung Kwan O), Hong Kong Police Force
Ms WAI Kar-yan, Maria	Divisional Commander (Sai Kung), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr TING Ka-ho, Louis	Police Community Relations Officer (Tseung Kwan O), Hong Kong Police Force
Ms WONG Kin-yan	Assistant Police Community Relations Officer (Tseung Kwan O), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr WONG Ka-lun, Brandon	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
Mr CHAN Siu-tong, Wilson	Senior Property Service Manager/Kowloon West & Sai Kung (Acting), Housing Department
Miss SIN Kai-wai, Marie	Chief Transport Officer/Sai Kung & North, Transport Department
Mr CHAU Chun-wing	Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories East), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LEE Lai-sheung, Susan	District Leisure Manager (Sai Kung), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LAI Ka-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 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
Mr MAK Hon-sum, Ronnie	District Lands Officer/Sai Kung, District Lands Office, Sai Kung
Mr CHOW Kin-keung	Administrative Assistant/Lands, District Lands Office, Sai Kung
Mr YEUNG Man-leung	Senior District Engineer/South East, Highways Department
Mr CHAN Chi-cheung, Brian	Senior Engineer/Mainland South 1, Drainage Services Department
Mr WONG Kwun-wa, Andy	Engineer/Tseung Kwan O, Drainage Services Department

Absent

Mr YAU Siu-hung, Kelvin, MH
Ms YU Natasha

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:

- Ms Sandy CHING, District Social Welfare Officer (Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung) (Acting), Social Welfare Department (SWD), who attended the meeting on behalf of Mr NG Wai-lung, David, District Social Welfare Officer (Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung);
- Mr YEUNG Man-leung, Senior District Engineer/South East, SE New Territories District Section, Highways Department;
- Mr Wilson CHAN, Senior Property Service Manager/Kowloon West & Sai Kung (Acting), Housing Department (HD), who attended the meeting on behalf of Ms MAK Siu-ling, Iris, Chief Manager/Management (Kowloon West & Sai Kung);
- Mr Brian CHAN, Senior Engineer/Mainland South 1, Drainage Services Department (DSD); and
- Mr Andy WONG, Engineer/Tseung Kwan O, DSD.

3. The Chairman said Mr Kelvin YAU was unable to attend the meeting today because of sickness. Due to exceptional circumstances, she suggested that his absence should be approved and he was allowed to submit an application for absence as soon as possible after the meeting in accordance with Order 64(2) of the Sai Kung District Council Standing Orders. With the consent of the meeting, Mr Kelvin YAU's application for absence was accepted and he was allowed to submit the written application as soon as possible after the meeting.

[Note: For Ms Natasha YU's application for absence from meeting, please refer to paragraph 58.]

I. Confirmation of Minutes of the Third Meeting of Sai Kung District Council (SKDC) held on 7 May 2024

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

II. New Items

(A) Social Welfare Department Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung District Social Welfare Office 2024-26 Business Plan
(SKDC(M) Paper No. 63/24)

5. The Chairman welcomed the following representative to the meeting:

Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung District Social Welfare Office of SWD

- Ms Sandy CHING, District Social Welfare Officer (Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung) (Acting).

6. Ms Sandy CHING, District Social Welfare Officer (Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung) (Acting), SWD introduced the 2024-26 business plan with the presentation slides.

7. Mr WONG Yuen-hong expressed concerns over the rising trend of suicide cases in the housing estates in Tseung Kwan O. It was saddening that two to three fall-from-height incidents had occurred in Yee Ming Estate since the beginning of the year. He opined that the current work of SWD and the organisations under its purview was demand-driven, meaning patients or service recipients would have to seek assistance on their own initiatives. He suggested reinforcing the three main strategies, which were prevention, support and remediation, to identify persons with potential emotional issues or suicidal tendencies at an early stage and intervene promptly. SWD should also enhance the community support services provided to elderly singletons in Tseung Kwan O. The population of Sai Kung District would further increase along with the development of Area 67, reaching a level similar to that of the neighbouring Kwun Tong District. He suggested that SWD should separate Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung Districts, which were relatively populous, into two individual service areas. Resources in Sai Kung District could thus be focused on serving local residents. He also suggested promoting the application of technology designed for the elderly (gerontechnology) to better support the carers. He would like to learn more about the resources in gerontechnology in the community. Moreover, SWD should arrange short-term measures before the completion of the Social Security Field Unit in Tseung Kwan O South, such as setting up a temporary street counter or support centre, so as to allow residents in Tseung Kwan O South to apply for various social welfare resources.

8. Ms Sandy CHING of SWD gave a consolidated response as follows:

- The Government had all along attached great importance to public mental

health, which involved not only medical care issues, but also multi-faceted support.

- The Government adopted an integrated and multi-disciplinary service mode for mental health, including promotion, prevention, early identification, and provision of timely intervention, treatment and rehabilitation services for persons in need. SWD had subvented non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to set up a total of 24 Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness (ICCMWs) over the territory to provide one-stop and district-based community mental health support services ranging from prevention to risk management to the public. Examples included the Wellness Zone established by the Christian Family Service Centre in Tseung Kwan O South and Syner-bright Zone run by the Stewards in Tseung Kwan O North. ICCMWs provided services including casework counselling, outreach, public education, suicide prevention, etc. Meanwhile, SWD had deployed mobile vans for publicity service in five designated regions of Hong Kong to raise public awareness of mental health and step up community education. For instance, “Store of Happiness – The Mobile Van for Publicity Service on Mental Wellness” in Kowloon East was operated by the Christian Family Service Centre.
- To support people with emotional disturbance, the Hospital Authority (HA) launched a 24-hour “Mental Health Support Hotline” providing one-stop and immediate support with referral services, with a view to enabling the public to promptly identify and address emotional issues through the hotline.
- Elderly services were provided in line with the strategic direction of “ageing in place as the core, institutional care as back-up”. District Elderly Community Centres (DECCs) and Neighbourhood Elderly Centres (NECs) were set up in the district to offer a wide range of support services to local elderly persons and carers at the neighbourhood level. Relevant efforts included organising social and recreational activities and offering emotional support, carer support and counselling services. The centres also deployed designated teams to identify the hidden elders in the community, provided outreach services and offered referral and support services to the elderly persons in need. Through the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund projects, the Government also assisted local groups and social workers in providing neighbourhood support services and fostering collaboration in various small communities, such as by training floor representatives and care ambassadors and developing a resident mutual support network, so as to identify and support elderly singletons and provide assistance to their carers.
- In respect of gerontechnology, additional resources would be allocated in 2024-25 as stated in the Policy Address. The Government would inject an additional \$1 billion into the Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care to increase the subsidies for eligible elderly and rehabilitation service units to procure, rent and try technology products. For example, NECs and DECCs could apply for procuring suitable technology products for elderly singletons and their family members or carers. They may try these products in the centres or at home on loan.

- SWD noted Member's views on the increasing demand for welfare services among local residents as a result of the population growth in Sai Kung District, as well as the proposal to separate Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung Districts into two service areas. Member's suggestions would be relayed to the department.

9. Mr Chris CHEUNG said it was necessary to identify individuals who might need mental health support services. For example, the recent tragedy in LOHAS Park was suspected to be connected with postnatal depression. Even though Tseung Kwan O was a more affluent area than Wong Tai Sin, the middle class was still under a lot of stress due to financial, family and mental issues. Given that the initiative "Shall We Talk" launched by the Advisory Committee on Mental Health (ACMH) was a territory-wide support service, he suggested stepping up the promotion of the hotline. Additionally, he enquired about the work coordination between SWD and ACMH. The tragedy in LOHAS Park reflected a lack of child care services in the district. He thus enquired about the progress of the provision of child care services in the Joint-user Complex in Area 67. Moreover, he expressed concerns about the mental health of local elderly singletons, and pointed out that there was insufficient space for holding elderly gatherings or activities in the district. He suggested converting the day care centre for the elderly in LOHAS Park, which was primarily used for nursing purpose, into an NEC for organising community activities.

10. Mr CHAN Chi-ho said that at present, residents had to seek assistance from SWD's offices in Po Lam Estate or King Lam Estate proactively, and that they had difficulties in reaching out to social workers. He enquired about the feasibility of arranging home visits by social workers and suggested setting up more street counters to promote mental health support services, so as to proactively reach residents who were experiencing emotional or mental issues but were reluctant to visit SWD's offices.

11. Mr CHEUNG Chin-pang asked the representative of SWD to provide information about the work or programme plan of the Tseung Kwan O (South) Community Collaboration Network (the TKO(S) Network), such as volunteer training. Volunteers of the Care Teams opined that it was difficult to refer cases to the traditional district social welfare organisations. The hidden persons in the community requiring assistance would need to contact social welfare organisations on their own initiatives without the help of a third party for referral. This mechanism would hinder the Care Teams from performing their duties. He urged SWD to take a leading role in improving communication between social welfare organisations and the Network to benefit local residents.

12. The Chairman supplemented that the Care Teams of Sai Kung District participated in training activities at Caritas Jockey Club Resource and Support Centre for Carers on 27 June. During the training, the relevant government departments and organisations introduced to the Care Team members information about anti-deception, the Home Electrical Safety Programme and gerontechnology. SKDC Members could access the relevant information on the Sai Kung Care Teams' group page on social media.

Furthermore, the Care Team (Sheung Tak) would attend a mental health seminar organised by the Haven of Hope Tseung Kwan O and Sai Kung District Support Centre on 18 July. The Chairman was glad to know that the Care Team members paid attention to the residents' needs and encouraged them to continue their efforts to organise mental health related seminars or activities with other non-profit-making organisations in the district.

13. Ms Sandy CHING of SWD responded as follows:

- Regarding society's concerns over mental health, the Government worked with different service sectors and organisations to provide a wide variety of support services or programmes. These included a number of hotline services to support persons with emotional disturbance or those in need, such as the "Mental Health Support Hotline" launched by HA, SWD's Departmental Hotline Service and its new Designated Hotline for Carer Support. Such efforts benefitted the public by offering more choices of services. Various service units would also coordinate as appropriate in providing the relevant services.
- An NGO-operated child care centre would be set up in the Joint-user Complex in Area 67, Tseung Kwan O (Chi Shin Street). The operational details were yet to be finalised. It was originally designed to provide 100 child care service places with priorities given to government employees to tie in with the promotion of the Government's family-friendly policy, so as to help employees balance the responsibilities of their work and families. If there was service quota left, consideration would be given to allowing members of the public to apply.
- The development of LOHAS Park would include welfare facilities such as a day care centre for the elderly. The works would soon be completed and the operation of the centre would also be ready for tendering. A day care centre for the elderly and an NEC played different roles with different service targets, thus requiring different premises, space, facilities and equipment. At present, SWD had no plan to change the design of the day care centre for the elderly in LOHAS Park to include some of the functions and uses of an NEC in the service unit. Nevertheless, in response to the keen demand for elderly services from residents in Tseung Kwan O, SWD was planning four NECs in Tseung Kwan O, which would be located at Pak Shing Kok, Ying Yip Road, the Joint-user Complex in Area 67 and the development at Yau Yue Wan Village Road.
- SWD's centres including Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) and ICCMWs provided outreach services. For example, social workers of IFSCs would evaluate various factors and conduct outreach work on a case-by-case basis. Furthermore, the said welfare service units would set up street counters and organise different activities for the community and in the centres from time to time to promote the relevant social welfare services.
- The Network was a community platform originally initiated by NGOs to promote collaboration among various local groups in Tseung Kwan O South.

Subsequently, the respective District Social Welfare Office (DSWO) actively took part and served as a coordinator, bringing together local partners to explore the unique needs of individual small communities. DSWO also pooled resources and fostered collaboration among NGOs and district stakeholders, so as to provide appropriate assistance to local residents by early identification and intervention.

- As regards the collaboration with and training for the Care Teams, SWD launched a pilot scheme early this month. With Tsuen Wan and Southern Districts as pilot points, the Care Teams were engaged to help identify households of singleton/doubleton elderly persons and carers of elderly persons/persons with disabilities in need through visits or contacts, and to provide them with follow-up caring and support services, such as encouraging them to install an emergency alarm system. SWD would review and improve the pilot scheme based on its actual implementation, and consider extending it to all districts over the territory in due course. Before the scheme was rolled out, DSWOs would provide training for the Care Teams, such as volunteer training on communication skills during visits. SWD would continue to strengthen liaison with the Care Teams and provide training and workshops.

14. Ms Christine FONG said all colleagues or the Care Teams were deeply concerned about the unforeseen incidents occurred in the community. She believed that both SWD and the Sai Kung District Office (SKDO) had implemented various measures to help support families with mental health needs, including emergency relief funds, seminars hosted by SWD in the community and mental health outreach activities held by a non-profit-making organisation at the Wellness Zone. However, it was relatively hard to reach out to middle-class families and identify which of them needed support. SWD and the Care Teams under SKDO would need to continue to step up promotional efforts.

15. Mr CHEUNG Chin-pang hoped that SWD's pilot scheme for the Care Teams would be implemented in Sai Kung District as soon as possible. Besides, SWD should arrange for representatives of the Care Teams to join the TKO(S) Network to strengthen their cooperation with traditional district social welfare organisations, with a view to enhancing the effectiveness of relevant services.

16. Ms KI Lai-mei opined that apart from proactively urging SWD or government departments to devote more efforts in training and education, Members should also support the Government's work by promoting the relevant activities in the community and encouraging public participation, otherwise such resources would be wasted. She hoped that society would continue to care about the subject matter instead of reviewing the situation only after the occurrence of individual incidents.

17. Mr CHAN Kai-wai said relevant collaboration work had been initiated by the Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association for long. At present, the biggest difficulty faced by local non-profit-making organisations in promoting their services

was the need to comply with the requirements set by private housing estates in the district. All services and publicity work would need to be approved by owners' corporations and owners' committees. He also considered it necessary for non-profit-making organisations in the district to work together more closely. He suggested that SWD should expeditiously increase the number of child care places serving residents in the district.

18. Mr WAN Kai-ming said that some residents were reluctant to seek medical advice on emotional or mental health problems. They eventually missed the best time and opportunity to receive therapy mainly because they did not want to be labelled. In its publicity work, SWD should raise public awareness of mental health and encourage people to view mental health problems as common as a cold. Since the Care Teams often conducted home visits, he suggested that basic training should be provided to help them identify the residents in need. He also suggested that SWD should collaborate with SKDC Members and the Care Teams more often to make good use of the established community network as a publicity channel to allow those in need to access suitable resources easily. Relevant services should be direct and accessible in the community, so that the hidden youths, elderly singletons and hidden elders in Tseung Kwan O could be identified.

19. The Chairman agreed that SKDC Members and the Care Teams could assist in identifying individuals or families in need through district work such as home visits. SWD indeed provided training on case referral for the Care Teams at the early stage. The Chairman reminded again the members and volunteers of the Care Teams to familiarise themselves with the case referral mechanism.

20. Ms Sandy CHING of SWD responded as follows:

- Early this year, SWD held briefing sessions for the Care Teams and the new-term SKDC Members. During the briefing, SWD introduced to them the case referral mechanism and the main matching welfare service units for collaboration at the district level. Enquiries could be made to the respective DSWO if there were difficulties in making referrals. Serving as a bridge between NGOs and local groups (including the Care Teams), SWD would actively facilitate smooth cooperation among different parties.
- Regarding the recent incident in LOHAS Park, she hoped that more promotion on preventative work could be done in the community to avoid such tragedy from happening. Moreover, she briefly introduced the Comprehensive Child Development Service, which was implemented through inter-sectoral collaboration among SWD, the Department of Health and HA at the district level since 2005. The service targets covered children from birth to under the age of six and their families, including at-risk pregnant women, mothers with postnatal depression and children with mental health needs and their families. Through the Maternal and Child Health Centres as a platform and the professional assessments conducted by psychiatric nurses, pregnant women or mothers with higher risks could be identified and referred

to the appropriate service units for follow-up as early as possible. Generally, such cases would be followed up with the assistance of social workers from IFSCs.

- As for the provision of additional child care services, SWD noted Members' concerns and was aware of the high usage rate of the child care services in Sai Kung District, in particular the Occasional Child Care Service (OCCS) during daytime. Therefore, in addition to the plan to provide a child care centre at the Joint-user Complex in Area 67, child care centre service places were reserved for the public housing development projects in Sai Kung District, including those at Yau Yue Wan Village Road and Pak Shing Kok Road.
- SWD had made continuous efforts to identify suitable premises for providing social welfare services, including optimising the "purchase of premises for provision of welfare facilities" funding programme of \$20 billion. The respective DSWO was proactively exploring suitable premises for setting up child care centres to respond to the needs of the community. However, the relevant facilities must comply with the corresponding licensing regulations and established requirements, such as those related to fire safety and height restrictions. SWD would continue to look for private premises in the district for various social welfare purposes, and would increase the provision of daytime OCCS or extend the service hours as a short-term measure.

21. The Chairman asked the representative of SWD to provide information regarding mental health and methods for case referral, so as to allow members of the public and volunteers to gain a better understanding and make use of the local resources.

III. Matters Arising

(A) Follow-up on motions discussed at the third meeting of SKDC held on 7 May 2024

22. The Chairman said six motions were passed at the third meeting of SKDC in 2024, and the views of SKDC on the passed motions were sent to relevant government departments in writing. The Secretariat had already informed Members about the replies received via email and uploaded them to SKDC's website.

IV. Report Items

(A) Progress reports of the committees under SKDC

- (1) District Facilities and Works Committee
 - (2) Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee
 - (3) Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee
 - (4) Traffic and Transport Committee
- (SKDC(M) Paper Nos. 64/24 to 67/24)

23. Members endorsed the above reports.

(B) Progress report of the committee under the Sai Kung District Office

- (1) Sai Kung District Management Committee
(SKDC(M) Paper No. 68/24)

24. Members noted the above report.

V. Motions Raised by Members

(A) The three motions raised by Members

- (1) **Request the Police to provide a self-service kiosk at Tseung Kwan O Station, install the “sky eye” system and deploy additional police manpower in Tseung Kwan O District**
(SKDC(M) Paper No. 69/24)

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

26. Members noted the written replies from the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) and the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) (SKDC(M) Paper Nos. 73/24 and 74/24).

27. Mr WONG Yuen-hong asked where the 11 sets of closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras mentioned in HKPF’s reply would be installed, and enquired about the major types of crime HKPF aimed to combat. HKPF stated in the reply that self-service kiosks would be provided in phases based on the actual demand or relevant statistics. He asked the criteria for providing a self-service kiosk at Tseung Kwan O Station. Considering the growing population in Tseung Kwan O South and the commissioning of various public facilities in the district, he suggested forming a new Tseung Kwan O South Police District to safeguard the public order in Tseung Kwan O. He also suggested setting up a self-service kiosk at Exit B of Tseung Kwan O MTR Station, and hoped that HKPF and MTRCL would strengthen communication to maintain public order in the vicinity of Tseung Kwan O South and Tseung Kwan O Station.

28. Mr MAK Man-yu, District Commander (Tseung Kwan O), HKPF responded as follows:

- The installation of CCTV systems was a territory-wide scheme. The specific locations of the CCTV cameras to be installed in individual police districts would be decided and announced by the Government, to avoid affecting the effectiveness of the scheme.
- The Information Systems Wing of HKPF was responsible for the provision of

self-service kiosks. Relevant department had begun to explore the feasibility of the suggestion by conducting assessments on resource allocation, the technical aspect, etc., while maintaining communication and liaison with MTRCL.

- HKPF had reviewed the operation of the Immigration Headquarters before and after its commissioning. Noting that there had been an increase in the vehicular and pedestrian flows around Chi Shin Street, HKPF would step up traffic law enforcement actions and continue to monitor the situation in the area.
- At the present stage, HKPF would not set up a second divisional police station in Tseung Kwan O (including Tseung Kwan O South). Nevertheless, to cope with future population growth, the Government had earmarked land in Areas 137 and 72 for the new divisional police stations. The actual construction dates were yet to be confirmed.

29. Mr CHAN Kai-wai pointed out that the proposed location in Area 72 had already been endorsed by the previous-term SKDC. It had also been approved by the Town Planning Board to be taken forward.

30. The Chairman said the previous-term SKDC had endorsed the above scheme and expressed its support to the Government. Meanwhile, the Planning Department and other government departments had taken into account different societal needs and the views of members of the local community, including SKDC. The use of land resources had also been considered holistically. At the current stage, the relevant plan had been taken forward.

31. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the above motion was passed. The views of SKDC would be relayed to HKPF and MTRCL in writing.

(2) Request for stepping up efforts against illegal gambling in public places
(SKDC(M) Paper No. 70/24)

32. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Ms SZE Pan-pan and seconded by Mr CHAU Ka-lok, Mr TSANG Kwok-ka, Ms LI Ka-yan, Mr WAN Kai-ming, Mr CHAN Kwong-fai, Ms WU Suet-lin, Ms KAN Tung-tung, Ms KI Lai-mei, Mr WONG Wang-to, Mr CHEUNG Chin-pang, Mr CHENG Yu-hei, Mr CHONG Yuen-tung, Mr Chris CHEUNG, Mr LAM Chun-ka, Mr WONG Yuen-hong, Mr CHAN Chi-ho, Ms Angel CHONG and Mr WANG Wen.

33. Members noted the written replies from HKPF and HD (SKDC(M) Paper Nos. 75/24 and 76/24).

34. Mr CHENG Yu-hei opined that HD was quite reliant on HKPF to conduct inspections. In addition to implementing the Marking Scheme for Estate Management Enforcement in Public Housing Estates (the Marking Scheme), HD should also

collaborate with HKPF to patrol housing estates more frequently, so as to combat illegal gambling activities. He suggested that HD should step up publicity efforts, including choosing eye-catching fonts in promotional materials, using loudspeakers to disseminate relevant messages while minimising the nuisance to residents, and putting promotional leaflets into residents' mailboxes regularly to enhance deterrence.

35. Mr WONG Yuen-hong said that residents were more concerned about the hygiene or noise nuisance caused by gambling activities. Taking Sheung Tak Estate as an example, he pointed out that some people would gamble on the podium of the housing estate until late night. This not only caused hygiene and noise nuisance at the staircases, but also disturbed residents at rent living on the floors nearby. He suggested that HD should implement the Marking Scheme properly to tackle the gambling, hygiene and noise problems at the same time. He understood that HD's current Marking Scheme involved multiple reviews and reports, which might discourage the staff of HD or management companies from allotting penalty points. Hence, he suggested that HD should streamline the procedures. Besides, people might engage in gambling activities as they had formed strong social ties with each other over a long time. He suggested that HD should reach out to the gamblers or their families to see whether they had applied for transfer. If so, HD should arrange for them to move out of the housing estate concerned promptly, so as to break the social ties among gamblers. Furthermore, he remarked that gambling might encourage illegal money lending, and thus suggested that HKPF should pay more attention to the matter.

36. Mr Chris CHEUNG expressed concerns about the problem of gambling. In addition, he noticed that there were suspected trading activities of illicit cigarettes in some housing estates. He suggested that government departments, such as HKPF, HD and the Customs and Excise Department (C&ED), should pay more attention to the matter.

37. Mr MAK Man-yu of HKPF responded that HKPF would carry out enforcement actions against gambling activities from time to time, and would actively liaise and cooperate with HD. "Project CHECKMATE" of Tseung Kwan O Police District aimed to combat illicit loan-sharking activities. Under the project, the Intelligence Section of the district would gather and analyse evidence, plan for operations including ambush and arrest operations, and step up patrols at black spots. In Tseung Kwan O, the crime rate of illicit loan-sharking in 2023 was 30% lower than that of 2022. Yet, the numbers showed an upward trend compared with that of other districts.

38. Mr Wilson CHAN, Senior Property Service Manager/Kowloon West & Sai Kung (Acting), HD responded as follows:

- HD had arranged security guards to patrol the podium of Sheung Tak Estate at least three times every day, and to distribute promotional leaflets and information about the gambling counselling hotline to people on the podium. HD would immediately implement the Marking Scheme for Estate Management Enforcement (collectively known as "Marking Scheme") if

smoking or littering was found.

- Under the existing Marking Scheme, five penalty points would be allotted to public housing tenants engaging in illegal gambling in their housing estates. Upon accumulation of 16 valid penalty points within two years, the tenancies of the tenants concerned might be terminated. According to the record, there were 12 penalty point allotment cases in the past two years about tenants involving in illegal gambling activities in Sheung Tak Estate. HD authorised management companies to manage the public places of housing estates properly. Management measures included but not limited to dispersing gamblers, monitoring the situation of gambling and contacting the Police when necessary for appropriate actions.
- Concerning Members' suggestions on enhancing publicity efforts, HD would enlarge the text size on promotional banners and emphasise keywords including "the Marking Scheme" and "under surveillance" for enhanced deterrence. HD would consider installing CCTV cameras at appropriate locations if necessary. Yet, HD would have to carefully examine the feasibility of using loudspeakers for publicity purposes, so as not to affect residents of housing estates.
- To maintain the environmental hygiene of housing estates, HD had arranged cleansing of the public places of housing estates on a regular basis. If tenants were found smoking and/or spitting/urinating/defecating in the public places of their housing estates, the management companies of the housing estates might immediately implement the Marking Scheme without prior warning.
- HD was exploring the feasibility of replacing the table tennis tables at the podium of Sheung Shun House in Sheung Tak Estate that were seldom used by residents with elderly fitness facilities, as well as relocating the chess tables thereat, so as to meet residents' needs and reduce gatherings.
- Moreover, if HD or the management companies of housing estates found leaflets promoting illicit cigarettes during patrols, they would refer the cases to C&ED for immediate follow-up.

39. Mr CHAN Kai-wai remarked that the management company of Kin Ming Estate had not done its job to residents' satisfaction. Multiple issues around his office were yet to be handled, such as the lack of CCTV cameras.

40. Ms Christine FONG agreed that displaying larger publicity materials could raise residents' awareness of illegal gambling. She also opined that installing CCTV cameras in Sheung Tak Estate could effectively resolve the hygiene problems. She suggested that HKPF should collaborate with HD to decide where CCTV cameras should be installed. Furthermore, she suggested that HD should ask the Hong Kong Jockey Club to renovate its betting branch in TKO Spot, in a bid to increase the appeal of legal betting.

41. Mr TSANG Kwok-ka opined that the problem could be attributed to the improper management of public housing estates. He worried that children living in Sheung Tak

Estate would wander around the podium at late night, and thus suggested that HKPF should step up patrols. He also proposed setting up a CCTV system with broadcasting functions for security guards to give immediate verbal warnings.

42. Regarding Mr CHAN Kai-wai's concerns about the defective street lamps at the public places near his office in Kin Ming Estate, Mr Wilson CHAN of HD responded that repair works were currently underway. Concerning the installation of CCTV cameras in Sheung Tak Estate and the improvement works of the betting branch in TKO Spot proposed by Ms Christine FONG, HD would study the feasibility of the former, and refer the latter to the Link Asset Management Limited for its consideration.

43. The Chairman said that HD could seek assistance from SKDO and SKDC Members in conducting local consultations. The Chairman agreed with HD's practice of allotting penalty points immediately in relevant situations. She suggested that HD should release the enforcement figures and include the number of penalty point allotment cases in promotional banners for enhanced deterrence. The Chairman also asked Members to promote relevant messages more often and remind the public that it was an offence to buy or sell illicit cigarettes.

44. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the above motion was passed. The views of SKDC would be relayed to HKPF and HD in writing.

(3) Suggest the Government allocate more resources to facilitate the introduction of additional police drones for patrolling in rural areas of Sai Kung
(SKDC(M) Paper No. 71/24)

45. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Mr Philip LI and seconded by Mr WAN Kai-ming, Ms WU Suet-lin, Ms Natasha YU, Mr CHAN Kwong-fai, Mr YAU Ho-lun, Mr Chris CHEUNG, Mr CHENG Yu-hei, Mr Kelvin YAU, Mr CHAU Ka-lok, Ms KI Lai-mei, Mr LI Tin-chi, Ms SZE Pan-pan, Mr TSANG Kwok-ka, Mr CHONG Yuen-tung, Ms KAN Tung-tung, Mr LAU Kai-hong and Mr WANG Wen.

46. Members noted the written reply from HKPF (SKDC(M) Paper No. 77/24).

47. Mr Carmelo YEUNG, District Commander (Wong Tai Sin), HKPF provided the following supplementary information:

- To tie in with smart city development and the global technological trend, the HKPF had been adopting automation technologies in patrols for effective allocation of resources. Frontline staff could therefore be released to carry out more complex and critical tasks.
- As regards the proposed increase in resources to procure more drones for patrolling, the Hong Kong Island Region of the HKPF had deployed drones in the anti-burglary operations in August 2023 and January 2024, so as to support police officers during patrols and enhance the efficiency of the operations. The HKPF would procure more drones based on actual

operational needs. Moreover, the HKPF would also examine, review, update and procure various equipment on a regular basis, with a view to maintaining its operational performance and responsiveness to change.

- At the InnoEX held in April 2024, the HKPF showcased a patrol robot developed in collaboration with technology companies. The patrol robot could perform functions including automated navigation patrols, and was equipped with circular display screens and broadcasting devices for disseminating messages. It is also equipped with video cameras to help police officers observe the on-site environment for operational deployment. The patrol robot would conduct trial patrols at fixed locations at the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (Hong Kong Port).
- Noting the public's rising demand and expectations for the Police Force's services and the modes of service delivery, HKPF had introduced "Digital Policing" as one of its strategic directions since 2019, in order to adopt the people-oriented service approach. In addition, HKPF had allocated additional resources to launch a series of projects to enhance the services of HKPF in order to meet the development needs of society.

48. The Chairman suggested that HKPF could invite Members to see its innovative technologies. HKPF could also seek Members' assistance in introducing the patrol robots to residents when the robots were put into use. Moreover, she suggested that HKPF should inform Members in advance if drones would be used extensively in rural areas, so as to allay residents' worries and avoid misunderstanding, provided that the enforcement actions and the need for confidentiality would not be affected.

49. Ms Christine FONG agreed that the use of drones was necessary in areas such as the outlying islands, country parks and the Geopark. Additional manpower was also required for patrolling around the development projects at Tai Sheung Tok, Anderson Road. She expressed concerns about the privacy issues arising from the use of drones in the urban areas of Tseung Kwan O. She said that HKPF had previously used helicopters for investigation and evidence gathering in anti-burglary operations. However, a lot of residents did not know much about their uses. She hoped that HKPF would explain the identification function of drones to the public. In addition, she opined that using drones to patrol rural areas could also help the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department handle non-compliant cases.

50. Mr LAU Kai-hong remarked that the rural areas were suitable for operating drones. Both the Hang Hau Rural Committee and the Sai Kung Rural Committee would be willing to communicate with HKPF on such matter. He suggested that HKPF should make videos to inform the public that drones would be used to support enforcement actions. Additionally, HKPF could disseminate information via village representatives. This could enhance the promotion of relevant messages among villagers and effectively deter lawbreakers who were hiding in the hilly areas. He suggested that HKPF should use broadcasting devices and searchlights in remote areas to achieve a stronger deterrent effect.

51. Mr CHEUNG Man-tim suggested that the drones should be equipped with thermal imaging cameras, which would be particularly useful when patrolling places such as “three-nil” buildings, rural areas and forests.

52. Mr CHAN Kai-wai suggested that HKPF should consider deploying robotic dogs to patrol Tseung Kwan O Waterfront Promenade.

53. Mr Carmelo YEUNG of the HKPF responded that some government departments, including the Correctional Services Department, had deployed robotic dogs to assist in patrolling designated areas. The HKPF would study the use of relevant technologies in patrols in due course. Besides, clear signs were displayed on HKPF’s drones, with reflective yellow parts and blue lights on the fuselage. HKPF’s drones would be used together with the thermal imaging cameras of the helicopters of the Government Flying Service, which would be conducive to the search and rescue operations on complex terrain and mountains. The HKPF would deploy additional resources systematically to improve service quality.

54. The Chairman agreed that the use of drones would be beneficial to conducting search and rescue operations on the mountains, fighting crimes and carrying out enforcement actions. However, some citizens might be worried about the privacy issues arising from the use of drones. Others might also have concerns about the noise produced by helicopters. Should Members have any questions or receive enquiries from the public, they could contact the respective Police Community Relations Office of HKPF for information. She believed that the general public would understand and support the use of drones in HKPF’s search and rescue operations or enforcement actions.

55. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the above motion was passed. The views of SKDC would be relayed to HKPF in writing.

VI. Any Other Business

(A) Updated membership lists of the committees/working groups established under SKDC

56. Members noted the updated membership lists.

(B) Members of SKDC awarded on the Honours List

57. Members noted the award recipient list.

(C) Updated list of absentees from meeting

58. The Chairman said Ms Natasha YU had informed the Secretariat before the meeting that she might need to handle court business today. Hence, Ms Natasha YU

had submitted a Notification of Absence from Meeting in advance. Ms Natasha YU eventually could not attend the meeting due to court business. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the application for her absence was approved in accordance with Order 64(5) of the Sai Kung District Council Standing Orders.

VII. Date of Next Meeting

59. The next full council meeting was scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on 3 September 2024 (Tuesday).

60. The meeting ended at 12:00 noon.

Sai Kung District Council Secretariat
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