Sai Kung District Council Minutes of the First Meeting in 2025

Date: 7 January 2025 (Tuesday)

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Venue: Conference Room of the Sai Kung District Council

Present

Miss MA King-fan, Kathy, JP District Officer (Sai Kung), (Chairman) Sai Kung District Office Member of Sai Kung District Council Ms FONG Kwok-shan, Christine Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr WANG Wen Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr WONG Shui-sang Mr LI Tin-chi Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr LI Ka-leung, Philip, MH Member of Sai Kung District Council Member of Sai Kung District Council Ms LI Ka-yan Mr CHAU Ka-lok 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 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 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 Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr TSANG Kwok-ka Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr WAN Kai-ming 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 Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Mr CHUNG Kai-yin (Secretary)

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Sai Kung District Office

In Attendance

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

Sai Kung District Office

Assistant District Officer (Sai Kung)2, Miss CHENG Suet-ching, Lacus

Sai Kung District Office

Mr CHENG Chi-wing, Ken

Miss WONG Wai-fong, Bonnie Mr NG Wai-ming

Mr HUI Chun-kwan, Simon

Senior Executive Officer (District Management),

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

Miss WONG Chui-ying, Erin Sai Kung District Office

Senior Town Planner/Tseung Kwan O, Ms CHAU Yin-mai, Lisa

Planning Department

District Social Welfare Officer Mr NG Wai-lung, David

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

Senior Liaison Officer (1), Sai Kung District Office

Senior Liaison Officer (2), Sai Kung District Office

Senior Liaison Officer (3), Sai Kung District Office

District Commander (Wong Tai Sin), Mr YEUNG Chun-po, Carmelo

Hong Kong Police Force

District Commander (Tseung Kwan O), Mr MAK Man-yu

Hong Kong Police Force

Divisional Commander (Sai Kung), Ms WAI Kar-yan, Maria

Hong Kong Police Force

Ms WONG Kin-yan Police Community Relations Officer (Tseung Kwan O)

(Acting), Hong Kong Police Force

Police Community Relations Officer (Wong Tai Sin), Ms Corey TSO

Hong Kong Police Force

Mr NG Chou-keen, Horace Chief Engineer/East 1,

Civil Engineering and Development Department

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

Sai Kung, Housing Department

Chief Transport Officer/Sai Kung & North, Miss LEUNG Pui-yin, Wendy

Transport Department

Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Ms LAI Ka-yee, Jenny

Sai Kung, Leisure and Cultural Services Department

District Leisure Manager (Sai Kung), Ms LEE Lai-sheung, Susan

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Miss LAI Wing-sau, Winsy District Environmental Hygiene

Superintendent (Sai Kung),

Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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

Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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

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 WONG Kwun-wa, Andy Engineer/Sai Kung,

Drainage Services Department

Absent

Mr LAM Chun-ka Member of Sai Kung District Council

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

- 2. <u>The Chairman</u> welcomed all Members and attendees to the meeting, in particular:
 - Ms Lisa CHAU, Senior Town Planner/Tseung Kwan O, Planning Department, who attended the meeting on behalf of Mr KWONG Wang-ngai, Walter, District Planning Officer/Sai Kung & Islands;
 - Mr YEUNG Wong-pan, Senior Property Service Manager/Kowloon West & Sai Kung, Housing Department, who attended the meeting on behalf of Ms MAK Siu-ling, Iris, Chief Manager/Management (Kowloon West & Sai Kung);
 - Mr Andy WONG, Engineer/Sai Kung, Drainage Services Department, who attended the meeting on behalf of Mr LEUNG Wing-tak, Senior Engineer/Mainland South 6; and
 - Miss Bonnie WONG, Senior Liaison Officer (2), Sai Kung District Office, who took over from Ms LAM Yee-mang, Dawn, on transfer.
- 3. <u>The Chairman</u> said Mr LAM Chun-ka was unable to attend the meeting on that day as he had to be present in court to fulfill civic responsibilities required by law. Mr LAM Chun-ka had submitted a Notification of Absence from Meeting in advance as required. There being no objection from Members, <u>the Chairman</u> declared that his application for absence was approved in accordance with Order 64(5) of the Sai Kung District Council Standing Orders.

I. Confirmation of Minutes of the Sixth Meeting of Sai Kung District Council (SKDC) held on 5 November 2024

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

II. New Items

- (A) Sai Kung District 2025 Year-end Clean-up Campaign by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (SKDC(M) Paper No. 1/25)
- 5. <u>Ms CHOW Yuk-chu, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)1, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD)</u> introduced the details of the Year-end Clean-up Campaign in Paper No. 1/25.
- 6. <u>The Chairman</u> reminded Members to promote to residents the message of maintaining household cleanliness during home visits or district work. She also asked Members to continue participating in the activities promoting cleanliness held by FEHD. She then asked Members to note Paper No. 1/25.
- (B) Working Group on Boosting Local Economy (SKDC(M) Paper No. 2/25)
- 7. The Chairman said that in accordance with Order 87(2) of the District Council Standing Orders, the appointment of the Chairman of the Working Group on Boosting Local Economy (the Working Group) under SKDC and the tenure of appointment should be determined by the SKDC Chairman. To tie in with the related work of SKDC in the coming year, the Chairman declared that the tenure of appointment of the Working Group would be extended for another year. The original end date, i.e. 31 December 2024, would be extended to 31 December 2025. Mr CHAN Kuen-kwan would continue to serve as the Convenor of the Working Group.
- 8. The Chairman said that the Secretariat had invited Members to join the aforesaid Working Group via email earlier and had received replies from Members. She asked Members to note the membership list of the Working Group in 2025 in Annex II of Paper No. 2/25. The Secretariat would notify Members to attend the Working Group meetings in the coming year in due course. She reminded Members to note the meeting dates and attend the meetings accordingly.
- 9. The Chairman said the Sai Kung Tin Hau Festival and 'We "Wa!" Sai Kung' Halloween Celebration Event under Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts held last year had received an overwhelming response from local residents. Taking into account the views of the Working Group last year, the Chairman emphasised that these two activities would continue to be the key tasks of the Working Group this year. If Members had other suggestions on boosting local economy events, they were welcome to contact Mr CHAN Kuen-kwan, the Convenor of the Working Group, as soon as possible to discuss their ideas. This could facilitate discussions at the Working Group meetings.

III. Matters Arising

- (A) Follow-up on motions discussed at the sixth meeting of SKDC held on 5 November 2024
- 10. <u>The Chairman</u> said one motion was passed at the sixth meeting of SKDC in 2024, and the views of SKDC on the passed motion were sent to relevant government departments in writing. The Secretariat had already informed Members about the replies received via email and uploaded them to the 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. 3/25 to 6/25)
- 11. 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. 7/25)
- 12. Members noted the above progress report.

V. Motions Raised by Members

- (A) The three motions raised by Members
- 13. <u>The Chairman</u> said as the following two motions were relevant and there being no objection from Members, <u>the Chairman</u> declared that the two motions would be discussed together.
 - (1) Concerns about the arson cases in motorcycle parking areas in Tseung Kwan O (SKDC(M) Paper No. 8/25)
- 14. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Ms SZE Pan-pan and seconded by Mr YAU Ho-lun, Mr Philip LI, Ms KI Lai-mei, Mr WONG Yuen-hong, Mr CHENG Yuhei, Mr CHAN Chi-ho, Mr CHEUNG Man-tim, Mr CHEUNG Chin-pang, Mr CHAU Ka-lok, Mr LI Tin-chi, Mr WONG Wang-to, Mr CHONG Yuen-tung, Mr WAN Kaiming, Ms KAN Tung-tung, Ms WU Suet-lin, Mr TSANG Kwok-ka, Mr CHAN Kuen-

kwan, Ms Christine FONG, Mr Chris CHEUNG, Mr LAM Chun-ka, Mr CHAN Kwongfai, Mr Ken CHAN, Ms Angel CHONG and Mr WANG Wen.

- 15. Members noted the written replies from the Transport Department (TD) and the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) (SKDC(M) Paper Nos. 13/25 and 14/25).
 - (2) Request for enhanced efforts in investigating and combating arson attacks in the district (SKDC(M) Paper No. 9/25)
- 15. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Mr WONG Yuen-hong and seconded by Mr WONG Wang-to, Mr CHENG Yu-hei, Mr LI Tin-chi, Ms SZE Pan-pan, Ms KI Lai-mei, Mr CHONG Yuen-tung, Mr CHAN Kuen-kwan, Mr CHAU Ka-lok, Mr CHAN Chi-ho, Mr Philip LI, Mr WAN Kai-ming, Mr TSANG Kwok-ka, Mr CHEUNG Chinpang, Mr CHEUNG Man-tim, Mr YAU Ho-lun, Ms KAN Tung-tung, Ms WU Suet-lin, Mr Ken CHAN, Mr CHAN Kwong-fai, Mr LAM Chun-ka, Mr Chris CHEUNG, Ms LI Ka-yan, Ms Christine FONG and Mr WANG Wen.
- 16. Members noted the written reply from HKPF (SKDC(M) Paper No. 15/25).
- 17. Mr Chris CHEUNG said there were usually more people gathering at the Tseung Kwan O South Waterfront Promenade in the evenings and on holidays. In view of the recent negative news coverage of the Kwun Tong Promenade, he suggested that the Police should identify suitable locations in the district, in particular the Tseung Kwan O South Waterfront Promenade, to study the installation of additional closed-circuit televisions (CCTVs) in order to maintain public order in the district.
- 18. <u>Ms SZE Pan-pan</u> said the arson case in Choi Ming Court of Tseung Kwan O was not the first occurrence. Similar cases had also occurred multiple times in Sai Kung and Tseung Kwan O in the past. She asked the Police about the number of similar cases in Sai Kung and Tseung Kwan O in the past five years. She also wished to learn about the motive of the suspects for committing such crimes.
- 19. Mr WONG Yuen-hong expressed his gratitude to the Police for promptly solving the arson case in Choi Ming Court with a suspect arrested. As a number of arson cases targeting bicycles and motorcycles, etc. had occurred in the district previously, he remarked that there was room for further improving public order in the district. He enquired of the Police about the progress of CCTV installation in different phases as mentioned in a paper for the SKDC meeting in July 2024. He suggested that the Police should deploy additional resources to install more CCTVs at concealed locations in the district and put up warning signs near the CCTV cameras to enhance deterrence. In addition, he asked whether the Police would plan to collaborate with the Hospital Authority (HA) and the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to provide counselling services for persons with relatively strong criminal tendency in the district.

- 20. <u>Ms Angel CHONG</u> opined that analysing the motive of the suspect for committing the crime would be more effective in curbing arson cases than simply putting up signs. She also suggested providing more motorcycle parking spaces in the district in order to reduce the tension between motorcyclists and other road users.
- 21. Ms SZE Pan-pan added that the Lands Department (LandsD) had previously granted a temporary waiver for the TKO Spot Car Park at Sheung Tak Estate. She had received enquiries from members of the public, saying that no update had been received for their applications for motorcycle parking spaces in Choi Ming Car Park submitted more than two years ago, which was also under the purview of Link Asset Management Limited (Link). She suggested that LandsD should consider granting short-term waivers (STWs) for non-motorcycle parking spaces in car parks of Link's shopping centres.
- 22. The Chairman said the incidents at the Kwun Tong Promenade reported in the news mentioned by Mr Chris CHEUNG took place on New Year's Eve and during the New Year period. The environment of the waterfront promenades of Sai Kung and Tseung Kwan O South was different from that of the Kwun Tong Promenade, which was insufficiently illuminated. She believed that the departments responsible for managing the waterfront promenades, including the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and the Police, would closely monitor the locations concerned. Moreover, the Chairman asked the representative of TD to respond to matters related to parking spaces in car parks in the district.
- 23. <u>Miss Wendy LEUNG, Chief Transport Officer/Sai Kung & North, TD</u> noted the concerns of Members and the local community about motorcycle parking spaces. Engineers of TD were reviewing the arrangements for motorcycle parking spaces in the district. She would provide supplementary information to SKDC after the meeting.
- 24. The Chairman asked Members to note the written reply from TD (Paper No. 13/25) about motorcycle parking spaces in the district. She welcomed Members to suggest specific locations of motorcycle parking spaces to TD via the Secretariat. She asked TD to provide SKDC with information about its latest study and the exact locations of the currently planned motorcycle parking spaces later.
- 25. Mr Ronnie MAK, District Lands Officer/Sai Kung, District Lands Office, Sai Kung (DLO/SK) responded that regarding the waiver issue raised by Ms SZE Pan-pan, the car parks of Link's shopping centres were private properties, and therefore the granting of temporary waivers depended on whether the property owner concerned had submitted such applications to DLO/SK. As relevant information was not available at the moment, he would investigate and follow up the matter later.
- 26. The Chairman asked the District Lands Officer to further explain the purpose of

- an STW. She also enquired about the procedures for converting other types of parking spaces into motorcycle parking spaces.
- 27. Mr CHAN Kai-wai said the parking spaces in car parks of shopping centres of housing estates were normally available for lease to estate residents only. As for car parks of shopping centres operated by Link at housing estates, the owner of the concerned shopping centres would have to apply to DLO/SK for STWs, in order to change the land use before it could let the parking spaces to non-estate residents. As applicants were required to pay an administration fee and a major portion of rents to DLO/SK during the process, most shopping centre owners would give up their applications for STWs for cost-effectiveness consideration. As a result, some parking spaces in car parks remained vacant.
- 28. Mr Ronnie MAK, District Lands Officer/Sai Kung, DLO/SK responded that DLO/SK would consider each waiver application on individual merits based on the land lease restrictions and the property owner's proposed relaxation of parking space provisions. Generally speaking, DLO/SK would charge an administration fee and a waiver fee for waiver application involving commercial use submitted by a private property owner. The amount of the fee would normally be determined with reference to the difference in rents. DLO/SK would investigate and follow up the case raised by Ms SZE Pan-pan later.
- 29. Mr MAK Man-yu, District Commander (Tseung Kwan O), HKPF gave a consolidated response as follows:
 - The past five years saw a total of six similar arson cases in the district, including one in 2021, three in 2023 and two in 2024.
 - The Police arrested the suspect and solved the case promptly based on the CCTV footage. CCTVs were undoubtedly highly useful to the Police in law enforcement. Hence, the Police welcomed and supported the suggestion to install more CCTVs.
 - Regarding the progress of the CCTV installation, the Police had installed 14 sets of CCTV cameras in Phase I and would make slight adjustments based on the on-site environment. The Police would continue exploring suitable locations in the district to install additional CCTVs.
 - The Police had been working with various stakeholders and organisations on crime prevention and would strengthen liaison with SWD or HA in the future.
- 30. <u>The Chairman</u> expressed concern about youngsters who might have acted inappropriately during the New Year's Eve celebration at the Kwun Tong Promenade, which aroused public attention. However, no similar incidents were reported during the past celebrations in Sai Kung District nor during Members' regular visits to the district. She opined that the situation and environment of the Tseung Kwan O South Waterfront Promenade and the Sai Kung Waterfront Promenade were different from that

of the Kwun Tong Promenade.

- 31. Mr CHAN Chi-ho said local residents had relayed to him the noise problem at the Tseung Kwan O South Waterfront Promenade. For example, there were people shouting noisily near the waterfront promenade or playing loud music on speakers. Also, there were cyclists using speakers when cycling, which caused nuisance to the residents living near the waterfront promenade in Tseung Kwan O South, despite that natural noise level might not exceed the prescribed standard. He suggested that the Police should conduct more patrols and step up efforts to advise members of the public in the vicinity of the waterfront promenade.
- Ms Christine FONG suggested that it was necessary to figure out the mental state 32. of the suspect when committing the crime. Her promotional flags hung at Silverstrand were damaged and burnt by cigarette butts. The banners at Ming Tak Shopping Centre put up by her, and the banners in Sha Tin put up by Hon QUAT Pui-fan, Elizabeth, a member of the Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong, were vandalised and set on fire on the same day. By investigating the footage from CCTVs in three malls, the Police in Tseung Kwan O promptly tracked down the suspects Arson was a very serious criminal act. and solved the cases successfully. arsonist might be liable to fixed-term imprisonment of more than 10 years. suggested that the Police should step up education and publicity to prevent arson at source. She had confidence in the design and planning of the waterfront promenades in the district. She also supported the Police to install more CCTVs, so as to maintain public order in the district.
- 33. Mr Chris CHEUNG added that during festive seasons, young people often cycled in groups along the waterfront promenade and occasionally gathered at the Northern Bridge or the Southern Bridge of Tseung Kwan O until the small hours. He suggested that the Police should install more CCTVs at the Tseung Kwan O South Waterfront Promenade and underneath the bridges as a precautionary measure. He also suggested putting up warning signs at the locations where CCTVs were installed to enhance deterrence.
- 34. Mr MAK Man-yu, District Commander (Tseung Kwan O), HKPF gave a consolidated response as follows:
 - The Police had completed Phase I of the CCTV Installation Scheme. Phases II and III would involve exploring suitable locations for installing CCTVs near the Tseung Kwan O South Waterfront Promenade.
 - The Police received reports from time to time about young people gathering at night or during late night. The Police deployed patrol manpower in the nearby areas every night and would handle the relevant situation in due course.
 - The Police had deployed additional manpower to step up patrols and

implement crowd control measures in the vicinity of the waterfront promenade during the evenings of festive celebrations on Christmas Eve (24 December) and New Year's Eve (31 December). No special incidents happened on either day.

- 35. There being no other comments from Members, the Chairman declared that the above motion was passed. The Secretariat would relay the views of SKDC to TD and HKPF in writing. The Chairman asked Members to inform the Secretariat as soon as possible if they would like to make other specific enquiries. The Secretariat would ask TD and DLO/SK to provide relevant information in due course.
- 36. Mr CHAN Kai-wai asked the Police about the suspect's motive behind the arson case. He said that if parking spaces were too close to residential areas, it could lead to conflicts with the nearby residents. He asked whether those conflicts could become the cause of the arson case, and believed that understanding the underlying cause would facilitate the future planning of parking spaces at suitable locations.
- 37. Mr MAK Man-yu, District Commander (Tseung Kwan O), HKPF responded that each suspect had a different motive behind the crime in each case, all of which could not be discussed individually at the meeting.
- 38. <u>The Chairman</u> asked the Police to inform TD if similar reasons for arson cases were identified. However, the views of an arson suspect should not determine TD's planning of parking spaces, and the proximity of parking spaces to residential areas would indeed be convenient for the public to park their vehicles. She believed that TD would strike a balance between various factors in the future planning of parking spaces. <u>The Chairman</u> suggested that Mr CHAN Kai-wai could further follow up the relevant case with HKPF, if necessary.
 - (3) Suggest the Police allocate additional resources to the rural areas of Sai Kung, deploy more manpower for patrols, and conduct more high-profile sea, land and air patrols, so as to increase the visibility and deterrence of patrols, and also enhance publicity efforts for residents on anti-burglary awareness (SKDC(M) Paper No. 10/25)
- 39. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Mr LI Tin-chi and seconded by Ms Christine FONG, Mr LAM Chun-ka, Mr Ken CHAN, Mr CHAN Kwong-fai, Mr Chris CHEUNG, Mr CHONG Yuen-tung, Mr Philip LI, Mr WAN Kai-ming, Mr TSANG Kwok-ka, Mr YAU Ho-lun, Mr CHAN Kuen-kwan, Mr CHEUNG Chinpang, Mr WONG Wang-to, Mr CHENG Yu-hei, Mr CHAU Ka-lok, Ms WU Suet-lin, Mr CHEUNG Man-tim, Ms SZE Pan-pan, Ms KI Lai-mei, Mr CHAN Chi-ho, Mr WONG Yuen-hong, Ms KAN Tung-tung and Mr WANG Wen.
- 40. Members noted the written replies from HKPF and the Government Flying Service

(GFS) (SKDC(M) Paper Nos. 11/25 and 12/25).

- 41. Mr LAU Kai-hong agreed that the suggestion was very important to the rural areas. He thanked the Tseung Kwan O Police District for maintaining close connection with village representatives and villagers, as well as for providing professional advice to villagers on the installation of dash cameras and the locations for installing CCTVs to ensure security in the rural areas. HKPF and the Rural Committees would strengthen the rural security systems by installing CCTVs in the villages in joint efforts with the Villagers could keep the recorded information themselves and provide the footage to the Police when it was necessary for collecting evidence. burglary case at his office of the Hang Hau Rural Committee, the suspect's escape route was captured by CCTVs and the case was eventually solved by the Police of the North Again, he was grateful for the assistance from the Tseung Kwan O Police District. Sai Kung was some distance away from the rural villages in Hang Hau, District. therefore he suggested that the Sai Kung Division could share with the Tseung Kwan O Police District the latest situation of the rural areas.
- 42. Mr Ken CHAN thanked the Police for installing CCTVs in the rural areas for maintaining public order and facilitating the collection of evidence when necessary. He was grateful for the support of sponsors who contributed to the scheme. He suggested that the Police should extend the coverage of the CCTV Installation Scheme to more rural areas in Sai Kung District, so as to benefit more villagers. He also proposed that the Police should deploy additional manpower to patrol and conduct publicity work in the rural areas of Sai Kung District near the Chinese New Year.
- 43. Mr YAU Ho-lun was glad to know that the Police had been using drones extensively. He considered that HKPF was the most suitable government department to use drones. In addition to the rural areas, he suggested that the Police should use drones for patrolling in more densely populated areas to maintain public order in the district. Apart from getting prepared for the "drone economy" in the future, the Police could also share experiences related to the application of drones with other departments.
- 44. Mr Carmelo YEUNG, District Commander (Wong Tai Sin), HKPF gave a consolidated response as follows:
 - Between January and November 2024, there were 50 burglary cases recorded by the Sai Kung Division, showing an increase compared with 39 cases over the same period in 2023.
 - Most burglary cases in 2024 involved village housing units which were poorly secured or located near hillsides, where burglars often broke in through doors and windows, and ransacked the units between dusk and midnight. In some cases, the burglars sneaked into the units by climbing the scaffoldings to steal during renovation works. In 2024, the Sai Kung Division arrested a total of five persons for burglary.

- In order to enhance the response capabilities of the frontline police officers, the Police would conduct inter-district focus group meetings from time to time and exchange intelligence with the Tseung Kwan O Police District proactively, such as information about the appearances and modus operandi of the suspected burglars.
- The Police had proactively deployed frontline officers to step up patrols in rural villages and launched the "MICROLLER" anti-burglary operations. In 2024, the Sai Kung Division had carried out a total of 11 "MICROLLER" operations over the course of more than 100 days. The Police used drones for low-altitude aerial patrols under the operations, among which four operations were conducted with the aid of helicopters from GFS for aerial reconnaissance.
- In 2024, personnel from the Regional Crime Prevention Unit of the Kowloon East Region, the Police Community Relations Office of Wong Tai Sin District and the Sai Kung Division joined hands with SKDC Members, members of the District Fight Crime Committee and representatives of various villages, to conduct a total of 63 publicity campaigns on prevention of crime and burglary. Such efforts included distributing publicity leaflets and small burglar alarms, with a view to enhancing villagers' anti-burglary awareness and vigilance.
- 45. 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

46. No other business was raised by Members.

VII. Date of Next Meeting

- 47. The next full council meeting was scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on 4 March 2025 (Tuesday).
- 48. The meeting ended at 10:45 a.m.

Sai Kung District Council Secretariat February 2025