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Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Environment and Hygiene Committee of
Sham Shui Po District Council (6th Term)

Date : 14 January 2020 (Tuesday)
Time : 11 a.m.
Venue : Conference Room, Sham Shui Po District Council

Present

Chairman

Mr CHUM Tak-shing

Members

Ms CHAU Yuen-man, Eunice
Ms CHOW Wing-heng, Zoé
Mr HO Kai-ming, Calvin
Mr HO Kwan-chau, Leo
Mr KONG Kwai-sang
Mr LAO Ka-hang, Andy
Mr LAU Wai-chung, Lawrence
Mr LEE Hon-ting, Howard
Mr LEE Man-ho, Leos
Mr LI Chun-hei, Joshua
Mr MAK Wai-ming
Ms NG Mei, Carman
Ms NG Yuet-lan, Janet
Mr SIN Kam-ho, Jeffrey
Mr TAM Kwok-kiu, MH, JP
Mr TSUI Yat-hin, Ronald
Mr YEUNG Yuk
Mr YUEN Hoi-man, Ramon

In Attendance

Miss LUI Hiu-wei, Michelle
Mr LEE Wai-yin, Brett
Ms HO Kam-ping, Jennifer

Acting District Officer (Sham Shui Po)
Assistant District Officer (Sham Shui Po) 1
Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Sham Shui
Po District Office

Secretary

Mr CHU Hei-yeung, Angus

Executive Officer (District Council) 1, Sham Shui Po
District Office

Absent with Apologies

Member

Ms LAU Pui-yuk, MH

Absent

Members

Mr LI Kwing, Richard

Mr LI Ting-fung, Jay

Mr WAI Woon-nam

Opening Remarks

Mr YEUNG Yuk welcomed all to the first meeting of the Environment and Hygiene Committee (“EHC”). He said that he would preside at the meeting until the Chairman of the Committee was elected, afterwards the newly elected Chairman would preside for the remaining agenda items.

2. The Committee noted the leave application of Ms LAU Pui-yuk.

Agenda Item 1: Election of Chairman of the Committee

3. Mr YEUNG Yuk said that the Secretariat had sent an e-mail on 9 January this year to invite members to nominate candidates for EHC Chairman, and specified that the nomination forms must be returned to the Secretariat at or before 8:30 a.m. on 14 January 2020 (i.e. the day of meeting). At the close of the nomination period, the Secretariat had received one valid nomination form for the office of EHC Chairman in which Mr CHUM Tak-shing was nominated for the Chairman, whose nomination was made by Ms Zoé CHOW and seconded by Mr Howard LEE and Mr WAI Woon-nam.

4. Ms Zoé CHOW, Mr Howard LEE and Mr WAI Woon-nam confirmed the above nomination.

5. Mr CHUM Tak-shing accepted the nomination.

6. Mr YEUNG Yuk announced that in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of Schedule 5 under the District Councils Ordinance (Cap. 547), since only Mr CHUM Tak-shing was nominated, he was elected as EHC Chairman.

[The meeting was presided by Mr CHUM Tak-shing immediately in the capacity of EHC Chairman.]

7. The Chairman thanked members for their support.

Agenda Item 2: Endorsement of the structure and terms of reference of the Working Groups under the Committee (EHC Paper 1/20)

8. The Chairman said that three working groups namely the Working Group on Environmental Protection (“WGEP”), the Working Group on Markets, Street Traders and Food Safety (“WGMSTFS”) and the Non-Standing Working Group on Wild Bird and Poultry Market Problems (“WGWB”) had been established under the last-term EHC. He asked members to raise their views on the structure and terms of reference of the working groups under the current-term EHC.

9. Mr MAK Wai-ming said that the pest problem was serious in the community. Hence, he suggested setting up a new working group “Working Group on Pest Control in Community” to monitor the pest control work of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (“FEHD”) and explore more effective methods of pest control.

10. The Chairman said that since members had no other views on the name of the new working group, he invited members to give suggestions on the terms of reference of the new working group.

11. Mr MAK Wai-ming suggested the following for the terms of reference of the new working group: (i) to give advice on the pest control work of FEHD; (ii) to explore more effective methods of pest control in the community.

12. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu suggested amending the first item of the terms of reference to “to monitor the pest control work of FEHD”.

13. Mr Ronald TSUI suggested adding “to review the effectiveness of pest control work of FEHD” into the terms of reference.

14. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu raised the following views: (i) he agreed with the above suggestion; (ii) he suggested amending the first item of the terms of reference to “to review and monitor the pest control work of FEHD in the community and enhance the accountability towards the District Council (“DC”)” to complement the role of DC in the community; (iii) only a small number of wild birds appeared in the community recently, thus he suggested abolishing WGWB.

15. The Chairman said that since members had no objection, the Committee endorsed the establishment of a new working group named “Working Group on Pest Control in Community” (“WGPPC”) and its terms of reference were as follows: (i) to review and monitor the effectiveness of pest control work of FEHD; (ii) to explore methods of pest control in the community.

16. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu said that much work had been done by the last-term WGWB and the situation had also been improved. Therefore, he suggested abolishing the working group concerned and added that follow-up work on relevant issues could still be carried out at the Committee level if necessary.

17. The Chairman said that since members had no objection, the Committee endorsed that WGWB would be abolished in the current term. At the same time, the Committee endorsed the establishment of WGEP, WGMSTFS and WGPPC as well as the terms of reference of the working groups.

Agenda Item 3: Inviting members to join the Working Groups

18. The Chairman said that the Secretariat would send the forms after the meeting to invite members to join the working groups, and requested members to return the reply slips to the Secretariat on or before 22 January this year (Wednesday).

Agenda Item 4: Election of Chairmen of the Working Groups

19. The Chairman said that since the structure of the working groups under EHC was finalised just then, the nomination work for the offices of Chairmen of the working groups could not be commenced before the meeting. He suggested members to nominate candidates for Chairmen of the working groups on the spot.

20. The Chairman then said that since members had no objection, the election procedures for Chairmen of the working groups commenced then. Regarding WGEP, Mr Joshua LI nominated Mr Andy LAO to be the Chairman, whose nomination was seconded by Mr Howard LEE and Ms Carman NG.

21. Mr Andy LAO accepted the nomination.

22. The Chairman announced that in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of Schedule 5 under the District Councils Ordinance (Cap. 547), since only Mr Andy LAO was nominated, he was elected as the Chairman of WGEP.

23. The Chairman said that regarding WGMSTFS, Mr Howard LEE nominated Mr KONG Kwai-sang to be the Chairman, whose nomination was seconded by Ms Carman NG and Mr Calvin HO.

24. Mr KONG Kwai-sang accepted the nomination.

25. The Chairman announced that in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of Schedule 5 under the District Councils Ordinance (Cap. 547), since only Mr KONG Kwai-sang was nominated, he was elected as the Chairman of WGMSTFS.

26. The Chairman said that regarding WGPCC, Mr TAM Kwok-kiu nominated Mr MAK Wai-ming to be the Chairman, whose nomination was seconded by Mr Joshua LI and Mr YEUNG Yuk.

27. Mr MAK Wai-ming accepted the nomination.

28. The Chairman announced that in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of Schedule 5 under the District Councils Ordinance (Cap. 547), since only Mr MAK Wai-ming was nominated, he was elected as the Chairman of WGPCC.

Agenda Item 5: Any other business

Hong Kong Flower Show 2020 “Green Promotional Stalls” (Dates of the Activities: 6 – 15 March)

29. The Chairman said that in order to promote greening and community activities, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department would invite DCs of 18 districts every year to set up “green promotional stalls” in Hong Kong Flower Show and DC would invite district organisations to apply for DC funds to set up the above stalls. He suggested following last term’s approach of allowing WGEP to handle the applications concerned, with the upper limit on the funding set at \$35,000.

30. The Chairman then said that since members had no objection, the Committee endorsed that WGEP would handle the funding applications for green promotional game stalls and the upper limit on the funding would be \$35,000. The Secretariat would issue a letter to openly invite organisations to apply for the funding upon endorsement by the Chairman of the working group.

31. Ms Carman NG pointed out that according to past experience, WGEP needed to convene meetings to handle the funding applications promptly so that the organisations could commence their preparatory work as soon as possible.

32. The Chairman requested the Chairman of WGEP to convene meetings as soon as possible to handle the matters concerned.

Agenda Item 6: Date of next meeting

33. The next meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. on 5 March 2020 (Thursday).

34. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 11:20 a.m.

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