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Minutes of the 9th Meeting of the Planning Development and Transport Affairs Committee  
of Sham Shui Po District Council (6th Term)

Date : 10 June 2021 (Thursday)  
Time : 9:30 a.m.  
Venue : Conference Room, Sham Shui Po District Council

Present

Chairman

Ms CHOW Wing-heng, Zoé

Members

Mr CHUM Tak-shing	(Arrived at 9:40 a.m.)
Mr HO Kai-ming, Calvin	(Arrived at 9:45 a.m.; left at 10:18 a.m.)
Mr HO Kwan-chau, Leo	(Arrived at 9:50 a.m.)
Mr KONG Kwai-sang	(Arrived at 10:12 a.m.; left at 12:02 p.m.)
Mr LAO Ka-hang, Andy	
Ms LAU Pui-yuk, MH	
Mr LEE Hon-ting, Howard	(Arrived at 10:57 a.m.)
Mr LI Chun-hei, Joshua	
Mr LI Kwing, Richard	(Arrived at 10:00 a.m.)
Mr LI Ting-fung, Jay	
Mr MAK Wai-ming	(Arrived at 9:43 a.m.; left at 12:09 p.m.)
Ms NG Mei, Carman	(Arrived at 9:45 a.m.; left at 11:55 a.m.)
Ms NG Yuet-lan, Janet	(Arrived at 9:32 a.m.)
Mr SIN Kam-ho, Jeffrey	(Arrived at 9:35 a.m.)
Mr TAM Kwok-kiu, MH, JP	(Arrived at 9:50 a.m.)
Mr TSUI Yat-hin, Ronald	(Arrived at 10:31 a.m.; left at 11:53 a.m.)
Mr WAI Woon-nam	
Mr WONG Kit-long	
Mr YEUNG Yuk	
Mr YUEN Hoi-man, Ramon	(Left at 11:37 a.m.)

In Attendance

Mr LEE Wai-yin, Brett	Assistant District Officer (Sham Shui Po) 1
Miss LEE Wing-sum, Winsome	Town Planner/Sham Shui Po, Planning Department

Mr WONG Chi-tak, Keith

Senior Transport Officer/Sham Shui Po, Transport Department

Mr CHAN Sze-ho

Engineer/Sham Shui Po, Transport Department

Ms LAW Ming-chu, Cecilia

Engineer/Planning West 1, Transport Department

Mr YU Chung-him

District Engineer/Sham Shui Po, Highways Department

Mr LEE Kwan-hon, Ricky

District Engineer/Lai Chi Kok, Highways Department

Mr NG Chi-sing

Officer in-charge of District Traffic Team, Sham Shui Po District, Hong Kong Police Force

Ms HO Suet-leung, Stella

Senior Estate Surveyor/Sham Shui Po, Lands Department

Mr FONG Hiu-fung, Jason

Estate Surveyor/Sham Shui Po West, Lands Department

Mr KO Tin-lai

Assistant Public Relations Manager, MTR Corporation Limited

Secretary

Miss CHUNG Kit-nam, Mandy

Executive Officer (District Council) 3, Sham Shui Po District Office

Absent with Apologies

Co-opted Members

Ms LAM Tsz-kwan

Absent

Member

Mr LEE Man-ho, Leos

Co-opted Members

Ms LIN Wai-kwan

Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed members and representatives of government departments to the ninth meeting of the Planning Development and Transport Affairs Committee (“PTAC”) of the sixth term of the Sham Shui Po District Council, and said that Miss LEE Wing-sum, Winsome, Town Planner/Sham Shui Po 1 of the Planning Department (“PlanD”) would attend this meeting in place of Miss HO Yuen-ching, Jessica.

2. The Committee noted the leave application of Ms LAM Tsz-kwan.

Agenda Item 1: Confirmation of minutes of the 8th meeting held on 22 April 2021

3. The Committee confirmed the above minutes.

Agenda Item 2: Matters for discussion

(a) Concern over the application for the use of site at Yuet Lun Street as a non-profit education and training centre by the Hong Kong Institute of Utility Specialists (PTAC Paper 48/21)

4. Mr Ramon YUEN introduced Paper 48/21.
5. Ms Stella HO introduced Response Paper 48a/21.
6. Mr YEUNG Yuk enquired whether the proposed temporary structure required piling and whether it would affect underground pipes. He opined that the information provided by the applicant was insufficient, making it difficult to decide whether to support the application. He said that the application site was close to Mei Foo and Hoi Lai Estate and nearby residents had expressed deep concern.
7. Ms Janet NG opined that apart from the District Council (“DC”) Members of the concerned constituency, nearby residents and DC Members of the adjacent constituencies should also be consulted. She was concerned about non-profit-making organisations applying government sites for training purposes. She enquired about the procedures and criteria for the authorities to grant sites, and also whether conditions related to training purposes would be added into the tenancy agreement.
8. Mr Ramon YUEN enquired whether the concerned site of the Lands Department (“LandsD”) was still open for application or it was already reserved for the Hong Kong Institute of Utility Specialists (“HKIUS”). He also enquired about the location of the drainage reserve in the Response Paper and the rental level after the application was granted. He enquired about the way of training that HKIUS was currently adopting. He

opined that the information provided by HKIUS was overly simplistic and lack of a layout plan that the arrangement for vehicles' access was unknown. Since the application site was situated between several constituencies, he enquired about the relevant consultation mechanism.

9. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu enquired about the ratio of the area of the proposed structure to that of the occupied site. He said that the site had been left vacant for over ten years and enquired about its planned use. He was concerned about the reasons for HKIUS's choice of that site as its training centre.

10. Mr CHUM Tak-shing enquired about the current use of the site and whether trees had already been planted; he was concerned whether it would be necessary to fell trees after the site was leased. He enquired whether the proposed structure required foundation laying and whether underground pipes would be affected. He said that views from all departments were not listed in the Response Paper and DC was not consulted in advance as well. He pointed out that the conference room and classroom proposed by HKIUS had a capacity of 30 people only which led to low cost-effectiveness. He was concerned whether the courses organised by HKIUS were recognised by the Government and completely non-profit-making.

11. The Chairman said that only consulting DC Members of that constituency about short-term tenancy applications was insufficient as residents of adjacent neighbourhoods would also be affected. She hoped that DC Members of the adjacent constituencies could also be included in future district consultation. She further said that information about the consultation paper was insufficient for Members to determine whether the application was appropriate and she hoped that departments could provide more information and assessment findings. She also opined that the consultation period was overly short and insufficient for understanding the concerned application and opinions from residents, and she hoped that the period could be extended. Besides, she was concerned that continuous renewal of short-term tenancies would become long-term use.

12. Mr Jay LI said that the establishment of training centre belonged to long-term use and he opined that leasing the site with short-term tenancy was inappropriate. He enquired about HKIUS's training programme.

13. Ms Stella HO gave a consolidated response, saying that upon receipt of short-term tenancy application, LandsD would verify whether the applicant was a non-profit-making organisation which was exempted from tax under Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance. Apart from consulting concerned departments, the Department would also consult relevant policy bureaux whether they would provide policy support to the application. Taking this application as example, since it was relevant to engineering services, the Department had already consulted the Development Bureau ("DEVB") and

obtained its policy support. According to current policy, the Department would continuously monitor the use of site after the grant of tenancy. If breach of the tenancy agreement was found, it would consider terminating the tenancy. Besides, relevant policy bureaux would be consulted every three years after the grant of tenancy, and the tenancy would also be terminated if it failed to obtain support from policy bureaux. If there was no long-term planned use or implementation programme yet, the information of the site would be uploaded to the Department's homepage for public application. Upon receipt of application and preliminary confirmation of the application being able to proceed, the Department would remove the information of the site from its homepage. However, if support from policy bureaux could not be obtained within six months upon acceptance of application, public application of that site would be reopened. For this application, according to the views of the Drainage Services Department ("DSD"), there were DSD facilities (public stormwater drainage) underneath part of the site. Due to the wide area occupied by the DSD facilities and the inability of structure being built above DSD facilities, the relevant views had already been conveyed to the applicant for follow-up actions. As for the rental level of short-term tenancy, it was to be decided by the policy bureaux. If the site was for commercial purposes, market rent would also be charged. Regarding the failure for the applicant to provide proposal of vehicles' access to the site, the Transport Department ("TD") had already requested the applicant to provide more information for traffic assessment. The Department would consult relevant departments and conduct district consultation if there was further information. There was a number of trees in the site and conditions about tree felling being forbidden would be included if the tenancy was granted. The Department would not grant applications involving tree felling in general unless there were reasonable and sufficient grounds. Regarding this application, apart from DSD and TD, the Fire Services Department had also reminded the applicant that registration in accordance with the Education Ordinance might be required, and other departments did not raise objection or opinions. District consultation was conducted through the Home Affairs Department ("HAD") and consultees were decided by HAD. There was no structural information of the structure at the moment, but according to the general terms of tenancy, the applicant should comply with the Buildings Ordinance. Based on past experiences, two-storey structure would not involve large foundation in general, but detailed situation had to be confirmed after the discussion between the applicant and DSD.

14. Mr CHUM Tak-shing enquired about the number, variety and location of trees in the site and how they would be dealt with. He said that the trees occupied a rather large area of the site and the remaining space could not accommodate too many facilities. Besides, he enquired about the planned use of the site.

15. Mr Ramon YUEN enquired about the bureau responsible for the concerned application. He said that there was already a decking plan for the DSD facilities in the site and he enquired about the details of DSD's relevant plan. He enquired about the

mechanism of district consultation and suggested that LandsD should regularly provide the Committee with the application situation of short-term tenancy within the district.

16. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu enquired about the location of the drainage reserve. He expressed concern over the use of temporary site for the training centre, and he opined that the concerned organisation should identify suitable permanent site for the concerned use.

17. Ms Stella HO responded that LandsD had enquired of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (“AFCD”) about the existence of old trees or trees with particular retaining value in the site, and AFCD had already replied that there were no such kinds of trees in the site. If removal or transplanting of trees was required, the applicant must submit professional assessment report. To complement the Government's greening policy, the Department would not grant applications which involved tree felling or transplanting in general. She further said that DEVB was the policy bureau relevant to the application. LandsD would convey members’ enquiries and views about the decking plan for DSD facilities in the site to DSD. The Department would consider members’ proposal of regular submission of information concerning short-term tenancy. Besides, LandsD had already referred information relevant to the drainage reserve of the site to the applicant for follow-up actions. Upon receipt of the amended plan, the Department would conduct consultation exercises again. Regarding members’ views on the use of temporary site for the training centre, LandsD would forward them to the applicant for consideration.

18. Miss Winsome LEE responded that the concerned site was zoned “Government, Institution or Community” in both the South West Kowloon Outline Zoning Plan and the Lai Chi Kok Outline Zoning Plan. The site had not yet been reserved for long-term use at the moment.

19. Assistant District Officer 1 responded that while conducting consultation exercises, HAD would consult DC Members of that constituency and also seek opinions from nearby buildings and Owners’ Corporation based on relevant content. Since the site was situated between several constituencies, letters would be issued to neighbouring estates to collect opinions during district consultation. The Office was open-minded towards the proposal of extending the scope of consultation to include DC Members of adjacent constituencies.

20. The Chairman said that apart from neighbouring estates, she hoped that relevant Members could also be consulted so that they could provide support to residents. She enquired of LandsD about the time limit for amendment to the application.

21. Ms Stella HO responded that the applicant was still in discussion with DSD and the schedule of amendment to the application had not yet been provided. Upon receipt of the amended application, LandsD would consult departments and conduct district consultation again.

22. The Chairman concluded that due to insufficient information, consultation was requested to be conducted again upon the applicant's provision of supplementary information and application amendments. She also hoped that departments could remind the applicant of the disadvantages of using short-term tenancy for long-term use. In addition, the Committee hoped that consultees of the district consultation could include DC Members of the adjacent constituencies.

(b) Strong concern over the attitude problem of MTR staff when checking passengers' tickets as bad attitude may trigger conflicts (PTAC Paper 49/21)

23. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu introduced Paper 49/21.

24. The Chairman said that before the meeting, the Secretariat had invited the representatives of the Transport and Housing Bureau ("THB") to the meeting but the Bureau declined. She asked members to refer to Response Paper 49a/21 of THB.

25. Mr KO Tin-lai responded that he would like to take the opportunity to explain to members the duties of the Customer Service and Revenue Protection Unit, i.e. the Ticket Inspection Unit, under the MTR Corporation Limited ("MTRCL"). He said that the incident mentioned in the paper which happened in MTR Shek Kip Mei Station recently was about a staff of the Ticket Inspection Unit who noticed a male passenger using concessionary ticket while exercising duties in the station on the night of 9 April, so he approached the passenger to check his ticket. After the male passenger showed his verification document, the staff had no further action and the male passenger had left as well. The process was the same as the general procedures of ticket inspection. He further said that during the incident, the ticket inspection procedures were completed within a short period of time, then the male passenger and his companion said disrespectful words to the staff when they were leaving, the staff thus requested them to stop but failed, leading to the unpleasant incident. He pointed out that the staff had put on uniform, and MTRCL had established procedures for ticket inspection and provided guidelines and proper trainings for staff. He understood that members were concerned about the way of ticket inspection and the incident and also incidents happened in other stations. He would relay members' views on MTRCL's services to relevant departments and take stringent follow-up actions.

26. Mr Jeffrey SIN opined that the number of operations of the Ticket Inspection Unit had increased in recent years. He hoped that MTRCL would not simply strengthen manpower for ticket inspection after the increase in fares or giving citizens such impression.

27. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu said that the focus of MTRCL's application of the Mass Transit Railway By-laws ("By-laws") was to maintain efficient mass transit services but not for

punishment. He opined that although the incident mentioned in the paper which happened in MTR Shek Kip Mei Station did not involve physical confrontations, it still dissatisfied passengers and created conflicts. He hoped that MTRCL would take serious actions and ask staff to exercise restraint. He suggested that passenger's use of Concessionary Ticket could be displayed at a prominent place by the ticket gates so that passengers could monitor each other, replacing ticket inspection by staff.

28. Ms Janet NG said that the way of handling by front-line MTRCL staff would easily offend passengers and hoped that their attitude during ticket inspection could be improved.

29. Mr CHUM Tak-shing said that it was understandable to conduct ticket inspection, but he opined that the enforcement power of the By-laws should be properly applied. He hoped that MTRCL could strengthen the customer services trainings for front-line staff.

30. Mr KO Tin-lai responded that ticket inspection was to ensure that passengers used the appropriate ticket so that those paying the correct fares were protected and all passengers were treated equally and fairly. MTRCL would from time to time arrange staff to conduct ticket inspection in stations, to observe and pay attention to the light or sound signal of the ticket gates, and to restrainedly and politely request passengers to show verification document. He pointed out that at the time of employment, staff would receive trainings to understand the working guidelines and knowledge relevant to the By-laws. There would also be on-the-job trainings and internships for staff to accumulate experiences and assessments had to be passed. He said that the incident showed that staff might encounter difficulties or even get injured during operation. He welcomed Members to provide suggestions on how to avoid unnecessary conflicts, for example, by advising passengers that ticket inspection was being carried out with posters or station announcements. After the occurrence of the incident mentioned in the paper, MTRCL had already reviewed the relevant guidelines and strengthened trainings for front-line staff.

31. Ms Janet NG said that based on the ticket inspection she witnessed, she opined that MTRCL staff had insufficient trainings and she condemned their poor attitude and use of violence. In addition, she was dissatisfied that MTRCL did not invite all Members of the Sham Shui Po District Council ("SSPDC") to visit MTR To Kwa Wan Station of Tuen Ma Line on 9 June. She opined that MTRCL had belittled SSPDC.

32. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu said that the paper was not opposing ticket inspection but simply not agreeing with the way of handling by the staff. He opined that MTRCL should review relevant guidelines and trainings to avoid the occurrence of similar incident.

33. Mr KO Tin-lai responded that after the incident of ticket inspection in MTR Heng Fa Chuen Station, MTRCL had already immediately reviewed the way of handling of the concerned case. Staff were reminded to avoid physical contact with passengers during



operation; they should exercise restraint and seek support when unforeseen incidents happened. He further said that based on the incidents triggered by ticket inspection, MTRCL had already reviewed guidelines and strengthened staff's sensitivity and skills for immediate emergency responses while communicating with passengers. He thanked members' consideration for the staff and ticket inspection work, and MTRCL would review and improve on its weaknesses.

34. The Chairman asked members to vote on the motion in Paper 49/21. The motion was moved by Mr Kalvin HO and raised by Mr TAM Kwok-kiu on his behalf, and seconded by Mr Jeffrey SIN. It read as follows:

“The Committee requests MTRCL to provide appropriate trainings and guidelines for improvement in service attitude of front-line staff so as to avoid conflicts with passengers again.”

35. The Committee voted on the motion in Paper 49/21 by open ballot, the voting result was as follows:

For: Ms Zoé CHOW, Ms Janet NG, Mr Joshua LI, Ms Carman NG,  
Mr TAM Kwok-kiu, Mr Leo HO, Mr KONG Kwai-sang,  
Mr Andy LAO, Ms LAU Pui-yuk, Mr Howard LEE,  
Mr Richard LI, Mr Jay LI, Mr Jeffrey SIN, Mr Ronald TSUI, Mr  
WAI Woon-nam, Mr WONG Kit-long, Mr Ramon YUEN  
(17)

Against: (0)

Abstain: (0)

36. The Secretary announced the voting result: 17 members voted for it, no member voted against it and no member abstained.

37. The Chairman declared that the above motion was carried. She concluded that it was hoped that MTRCL could take public perception into account during ticket inspection and improve the way of handling of ticket inspection to avoid further occurrence of unpleasant incidents. In addition, she noted that MTRCL had invited all Members of the Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong DCs to visit MTR To Kwa Wan Station of Tuen Ma Line on 9 June, but only some of the SSPDC Members were invited. She further said that both MTR Mei Foo Station and Nam Cheong Station were situated in Sham Shui Po but SSPDC Members were not invited, she opined that MTRCL had belittled SSPDC and requested an explanation on such arrangement.

38. Mr KO Tin-lai responded to the ticket inspection incident that he would convey members' views to the concerned departments for follow-up actions. Besides, regarding the concerned Tuen Ma Line activity on 9 June, he said that MTRCL attached great importance to the views of DC and the External Affairs Unit had been maintaining close liaison with every DC for issues including the new railway line. He would relay members' views to departments responsible for the new railway line.

39. The Chairman said that issues relevant to Tuen Ma Line were supposed to be raised and discussed under "Any other business", but the incident was related to MTRCL and the discussion was thus advanced.

40. Ms Janet NG said that she hoped to request MTRCL for a visit to the new MTR station of Tuen Ma Line and to condemn the inappropriateness of the concerned arrangement by letter.

41. The Chairman said that the Committee was dissatisfied that MTRCL did not invite SSPDC to visit MTR To Kwa Wan Station of Tuen Ma Line and would request MTRCL by letter for rearrangement of the visit.

### Agenda Item 3: Follow-up matters

#### (a) List of follow-up actions for matters of discussion at PTAC meeting (PTAC Paper 50/21)

42. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu said that since the widening works for the lay-by of the bus stop outside Tung Fai House in item 8 of the paper required relocation of underground pipelines, he was worried that the works were unlikely to be completed in near term, and passengers might not be benefited from the widening works if illegally parked vehicles occupied the widened space. He hoped that TD could consider other feasible measures such as making the bus stop parallel with the footpath with the use of temporary facility to alleviate passengers' difficulties of boarding and alighting. He enquired of TD about the completion date of the above works and whether the concerned facility was applicable.

43. Mr WAI Woon-nam enquired about the details of the widening works on the pedestrian crossing in Yen Chow Street outside Dragon Centre and also TD's progress on the provision of footbridge in item 3 of the paper.

44. Mr Ramon YUEN suggested deleting the response from the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department ("FEHD") in Annex I of the paper regarding the development of the Cheung Sha Wan Cooked Food Market site as the site had already been returned to LandsD and LandsD should be responsible for future report. He enquired about the anticipated commissioning date of the facilities in the Joint-user Government Office Building in Cheung Sha Wan. He further enquired of LandsD about the details of

land exchange application relevant to the redevelopment project of Yuen Fat Godown/Kerry Warehouse.

45. Ms Carman NG enquired about the progress of the Technical Assessments of the Public Housing Development Programme and also the schedule of relocation of the Driving Test Centre in item 6 of the paper.

46. Mr Jay LI enquired whether tender exercise had already been conducted for the facilities of Social Welfare Department in the Treasury Building.

47. The Chairman said that since there were ongoing works and illegally parked vehicles in Lai Ying Street, the traffic lane became even narrower and traffic accident occurred earlier. She suggested that the Police Force should continue regular enforcement actions and explore ways to effectively reduce traffic accidents caused by violation of traffic rules. She further enquired about the commissioning dates of facilities in Hoi Tat Estate listed in Annex I of the paper.

48. Mr MAK Wai-ming enquired whether the proposed religious institution (church) of application no. A/K5/830 in Annex II of the paper could conduct renovation or promotion for its use before the grant of planning permission by the Town Planning Board.

49. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu said that he enquired about the progress of item 7 of the paper on behalf of Mr Calvin HO and he pointed out that the Housing Department (“HD”) had already installed speed ramp at the entrance of the carpark of Mei Leong House. He enquired about TD’s stance towards the provision of the “no right-turn” sign at Woh Chai Street. He opined that the purpose of the road improvement works was to ensure pedestrian safety but not to cater for entrance management of the carpark. He suggested that the road improvement works should be conducted at the same time as the cover installation works at Woh Chai Street.

50. Ms LAU Pui-yuk enquired about the schedule of the widening works of pedestrian crossing in item 3 of the paper.

51. Mr NG Chi-sing responded that there were several major works in the vicinity of Lai Ying Street which led to busy traffic with heavy vehicles in and out. He said that the Police had already taken frequent enforcement actions at the above location and had combated illegal parking in various ways, including the use of e-ticketing which enhanced efficiency and accuracy, issuing multiple tickets which increased deterrent effect, and also vehicle towing, etc. He pointed out that illegal parking at bus stop or footpath in Lai Ying Street had already been alleviated and law enforcement would be stepped up continuously at that location and places nearby such as Hing Wah Street West underneath the flyover.

52. Mr YU Chung-him responded that the widening works on the pedestrian crossing in Yen Chow Street outside Dragon Centre required road closure for the removal of planter. Since the road section was very busy, the Highways Department (“HyD”) had been discussing with relevant departments the arrangement of trial run in July this year to assess the influence of the planned diversion on the above traffic. If the results were satisfactory and the planned diversion was granted, the widening works were expected to be conducted during summer vacation.

53. Ms Cecilia LAW responded that regarding the provision of footbridge in Yen Chow Street outside Dragon Centre, the Department had already assigned consultant to conduct studies on the long-term plan and would relay Members’ enquiries to relevant groups for follow-up actions.

54. Mr CHAN Sze-ho responded that other proposals for the improvement of the lay-by of the bus stop outside Tung Fai House would be studied, subject to the relevant temporary traffic diversions. He further said that the addition of the “no right-turn” sign at Woh Chai Street into the temporary traffic diversions for the footpath cover works would be discussed with HyD and long-term changes might be made with regard to the actual circumstances. As for the plan of housing construction at the Chak On Road Driving Test Centre, he said that the Civil Engineering and Development Department had been conducting relevant studies with HD and the concerned departments would submit documents to explain the details to DC afterwards.

55. Miss Winsome LEE responded that while dealing with planning applications, PlanD would consider the planned use and whether relevant Technical Assessments supported the use. She further said that, according to the information provided by the applicant of the application no. A/K5/830, the premises were currently vacant and would be used for religious worship; the Department had no comment on applicant promoting before the grant of application.

56. The Chairman said that the response from FEHD in Annex I of the paper regarding the development of the Cheung Sha Wan Cooked Food Market site would be deleted according to Member’s suggestion.

(b) Project items and schedules of district traffic improvement works completed, under construction or under planning within the past two months by the Transport Department/Highways Department (PTAC Paper 51/21)

57. Members noted the report concerned.

Agenda Item 4: Reports from Working Groups under the Committee

(a) Report from the Working Group on General Transport Facilities (PTAC Paper 52/21)

58. Members noted and endorsed the above report.

(b) Report from the Working Group on Information about Planning and Development (PTAC Paper 53/21)

59. Members noted and endorsed the above report.

Agenda Item 5: Any other business

60. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu said that many vehicles had parked illegally at the same location for a long time, even the issuance of multiple fixed penalty tickets would not help. He enquired about the Police's criteria for adoption of vehicle towing.

61. Mr CHUM Tak-shing said that many shop operators in the vicinity of Cheung Sha Wan District had placed articles on the road over a long period of time which occupied space and caused obstruction to usual loading/unloading activities. He hoped that apart from combating illegal parking, the Police could also strengthen the actions against the above situation.

62. Mr Jeffrey SIN suggested that the enforcement figures in Paper 54/21 should be presented respectively based on different locations to facilitate understanding of enforcement in individual road section. Besides, he said that the newly built crash barrier in the vicinity outside Block 44 of Shek Kip Mei Estate in Wo Chai Street had been removed due to opposition from nearby shop operators. He opined that the barrier could ensure pedestrian safety and prevent illegal parking of vehicles on footpath and he hoped that TD could consider its retention.

63. Mr MAK Wai-ming said that there were a lot of illegally parked vehicles in Hing Wah Street West underneath the flyover with bamboo sticks as road kerbs for vehicles' entry which would cause dangers. He enquired whether official metered parking spaces would be provided at the above location.

64. Mr WONG Kit-long said that the presentation of Paper 54/21 did not fulfil the expectations of the Working Group on Public Transport Services ("WGPTS"); WGPTS requested that enforcement figures should be presented respectively in a list according to different streets and time periods. He hoped that the Police could respond in accordance with WGPTS's request. He further said that the problem of illegal parking in Sai Chuen Road was so serious that it even caused entry barrier for emergency vehicles, and he enquired of the Police about their mechanism for the use of vehicle towing. He also pointed out that lorry drivers often ignored the pedestrian crossing in Fat Tseung Street

West, causing dangers to the access of residents of Hoi Tat Estate and Hoi Tak Court. He hoped that TD could consider improving the measures in light of the traffic flow after the intake of residents.

65. Mr Richard LI said that vehicles often parked illegally at the taxi stand in Lai On Estate and he enquired about the enforcement actions taken by the Police.

66. Mr NG Chi-sing responded that the Police did not own any towing trailer at the moment. When necessary, the Police would employ outsourcing services and would also send officers to move illegally parked vehicles to the Kowloon Bay Police Vehicle Pound. The Police would use towing trailer to remove vehicles which seriously affected traffic; illegally parked vehicles which did not cause obstruction would usually be handled by summons so as to allocate resources to other traffic control duties. The Police would also hold Traffic Days from time to time to specifically crack down on illegal parking black spots, and also deploy mobile video teams to strengthen deterrent effect and reduce traffic accidents. As for article obstruction, the Police would issue warnings and penalty tickets to relevant persons and would also conduct joint operation with FEHD. Concerning the illegal parking problem in Sai Chuen Road, the Police had already stepped up the enforcement in the area. He further said that the enforcement by the Police was not restricted to particular streets or road sections and each team would take enforcement actions at different time, making it difficult to present the enforcement figures in accordance with members' request. He responded that the space in Hing Wah Street West underneath the flyover was not an official parking space. The Police had sent officers there to take enforcement actions every week, and had conducted site inspection with TD before to consider the proposal of zoning official metered parking spaces. Regarding illegal parking in Lai On Estate, since the location was under the management of HD, it had to be regulated by HD's regulations, and the Police would help deal with serious cases.

67. Ms Cecilia LAW responded that since the demand for parking spaces had grown along with the increase in the number of residents in the vicinity of Lai Ying Street, TD had conducted district consultation in 2020 to zone the planter underneath the flyover in Hing Wah Street West as metered parking spaces for private cars and motorcycles. TD had been waiting for the construction commencement date suggested by HyD and would issue the works order as soon as possible.

68. Mr CHAN Sze-ho responded that the Department rarely added barrier at present. Regarding the enquiry on the barrier in Woh Chai Street, the Department would send staff for site inspection.

69. Mr Joshua LI said that since some streets were very long, he hoped that the Police could specify in detail the locations within the "vicinity" when presenting the figures of enforcement at illegal parking black spots. He further said that even if it was unable to

report the time period of enforcement, the figures should be presented on a monthly basis. He hoped that there would be more concrete data when using the e-system in the future. He pointed out that the problem of illegal parking was serious in the vicinity of Mei Foo especially when the access of large vehicles was obstructed if vehicles parked at turnings. He hoped that the Police could strengthen the enforcement actions.

70. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu was concerned whether the Police supported taking enforcement actions by vehicle towing in terms of policy because it was difficult to enhance deterrent effect even if the issuance of summonses was increased. He hoped that the Police could carefully examine the mechanism for the use of vehicle towing, especially for illegal parking at turnings, bus stops, ramps, etc.

71. Mr CHUM Tak-shing suggested that the number of vehicles being towed away should be added in the list.

72. Mr NG Chi-sing responded that the enforcement records of each team would be uploaded to the Central Traffic Prosecutions Division (“Prosecutions Division”) and the figures presented in the paper were provided by the Prosecutions Division; studies would be made to fulfil members’ request as far as possible. In addition, the District Traffic Team of Sham Shui Po District had conducted a total of 47 vehicle towing operations from February to May this year.

73. The Chairman said that the Police were asked to follow up on members’ views and consider stepping up enforcement actions with vehicle towing.

Agenda Item 6: Date of next meeting

74. The next meeting would be held at 9:30 a.m. on 27 July 2021 (Tuesday).

75. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 12:30 p.m.

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