

Sha Tin District Council

Report on the Meeting of the
Health and Environment Committee held on 12 September 2019

- (1) The Committee discussed and passed the motion on the “Provision of Public Markets and Bazaars of Wet Goods in Ma On Shan”:

“The population of Ma On Shan has reached 200 000, but all markets in the district are privately operated, and the markets in public housing estates are monopolised by Link Asset Management Limited. Residents have all along been calling for the provision of public markets in the district, but they have got no response so far.

Before 2008, the Government determined the scale of public markets in accordance with the requirements stipulated in the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines. 40 to 45 stalls had to be provided for every 10 000 persons, so as to address the basic living needs of residents. In the 2008 Policy Address, it was proposed that public markets would be provided in Tung Chung, Tin Shui Wai, Tseung Kwan O and Kwu Tung North, but Ma On Shan Area was not mentioned. The needs of the residents were totally ignored.

As such, I hereby move a motion to request the Government to finalise the plan to construct public markets in Ma On Shan as soon as possible, and fully review the bazaar policy and the feasibility of using undeveloped government land or idle spaces as temporary bazaars or bazaars selling wet goods, so as to address residents’ demand and serve the residents at a reasonable and fair price.” (Unanimously passed).

- (2) The Committee discussed the following:
- (i) the reply of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) to the question on the “Pressure Washer Surface Cleaner by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department”, and passed the following provisional motion:

“The Health and Environment Committee of the Sha Tin District Council moves a provisional motion to request the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department to input more resources so as to provide more pressure washer surface cleaners for use by the Sha Tin District to enhance the street cleaning efficiency.” (Unanimously passed).

- (ii) the “Proposal for Refurbishing Sheung Pai Tau Village Public Toilet” submitted by the FEHD; and
 - (iii) the replies of the Security Bureau, the Hong Kong Police Force, the Department of Health, the Environmental Protection Department, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the FEHD, the MTR Corporation Limited, the Social Welfare Department and the Highways Department to the question on the “Impact of the Use of Tear Gas by the Police on Sha Tin Residents and the Environment”.
- (3) The Committee noted the responses of the relevant government departments to matters arising from the previous meeting.
- (4) Owing to the lack of a quorum, the Chairman decided that the motion on the “Impact of the Use of Tear Gas by the Police on Sha Tin Residents and the Environment”, and the three questions on the “Pilot Scheme of Ma Liu Shui Eco-shoreline and the Water Quality of Tolo Harbour”, “Implementation of the Electric Vehicle Scheme” and “Safety of Food/Food Ingredients of Online Shopping”, and the four information papers on “Reports of Working Group”, “Statistical Overview of Sha Tin District Environmental Hygiene Service (as at 31 July 2019)”, “Sha Tin District Anti-mosquito Campaign 2019 (Third Phase)” and “Financial Position and Activity Progress of Expenditure Head 4 (Health and Environment)” would be dealt with at the resumed meeting on 17 September.

Sha Tin District Council Secretariat
STDC 13/20/40

September 2019