

Sha Tin District Council
Minutes of the 1st Meeting of
the Development, Housing, Environment and Health Committee in 2022

Date : 18 January 2022 (Tuesday)
Time : 2:30 pm
Venue : Sha Tin District Office Conference Room 441
 4/F, Sha Tin Government Offices

<u>Present</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Time of joining the meeting</u>	<u>Time of leaving the meeting</u>
Mr CHOW Hiu-laam, Felix (Chairman)	DC Member	2:30 pm	4:51 pm
Mr MAK Yun-pui, Chris	DC Chairman	2:30 pm	2:58 pm
Mr SIN Cheuk-nam	DC Vice-Chairman	2:30 pm	4:51 pm
Mr CHENG Chung-hang	DC Member	2:30 pm	4:51 pm
Mr CHUNG Lai-him, Johnny	”	2:30 pm	4:51 pm
Mr HUI Lap-san	”	2:30 pm	4:51 pm
Mr WAI Hing-cheung	”	2:30 pm	4:51 pm
Ms LEE Yin-ching, Karen (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council)3, Sha Tin District Office		

<u>In Attendance</u>	<u>Title</u>
Ms WONG Yuen-shan, Candice	Assistant District Officer (Sha Tin)2
Ms WONG Pui-wan, Cecilia	Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional North)4, Environmental Protection Department
Ms HO Ka-wai, Rosseter	Senior Estate Surveyor/South East (District Lands Office, Sha Tin)
Ms YICK Hong-nien, Hannah	Senior Town Planner/Shan Tin, Planning Department
Ms CHAN Yuen-chi, Jess	Housing Manager/Tai Po, North and Sha Tin3, Housing Department
Mr YAN Ka-kit, Ric	Chief Health Inspector (Sha Tin)3, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Ms MAN Pui-shan, Erica	Deputy District Leisure Manager(Sha Tin)2, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr WAN Chin-man	Engineer/New Territories East Region (Distribution 1), Water Supplies Department
Mr HO Kin-nam, David	Senior Executive Officer (District Council) (Atg), Sha Tin District Office

<u>In Attendance by Invitation</u>	<u>Title</u>
Dr CHEUNG Nai-kwong	Consultant (Accident & Emergency), Prince of Wales Hospital
Mr Alvin LAI	Senior Manager (Capital Projects), Hospital Authority
Mr Edmond CHU	Technical Consultant of Prince of Wales Hospital Redevelopment Project
Mr Andrew HO	Manager (Capital Projects), Hospital Authority

In Attendance by Invitation

Mr Leo CHU

Ms Yolanda TAI

Ms LO Chau-ling, Yvonne

Ms HUI Linda

Mr HUNG Ching-yeung, Stanley

Mr CHAN Ying-kin, Robert

Mr LEUNG Chi-man, Simon

Ms ZHU Liying, Juling

Title

Senior Manager (Planning & Commissioning),

New Territories East Cluster

Manager (Communications & Community Relations),

Prince of Wales Hospital

Senior Engineer/Cavern Projects 1,

Drainage Services Department

Engineer/Cavern Projects 3,

Drainage Services Department

Engineer/Cavern Projects 1,

Drainage Services Department

Vice President, Water, HK, AECOM (Consultant)

Chief Resident Engineer, AECOM (Consultant)

Resident Engineer, AECOM (Consultant)

Absent

Mr MOK Kam-kwai, BBS

Dr LAM Kong-kwan

Title

DC Member

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(Application for leave of absence received)

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Action**Election of Temporary Chairman of the Committee**

The Chairman of the Sha Tin District Council (STDC) said that the Development, Housing, Environment and Health Committee (DHEHC) had to elect the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee in accordance with the “Sha Tin District Council Standing Orders” (Standing Orders) in the first meeting in 2022, and the Chairman of the STDC must preside at the meeting held for the purpose of electing the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The election would be conducted in accordance with Appendix II (Procedure for the Election of District Council Chairman and Vice Chairman) to the Standing Orders. The STDC Secretariat served all members with the nomination forms and election procedure for the DHEHC Chairman and Vice-Chairman on 11 January this year. The nomination for the DHEHC Chairman and Vice-Chairman closed at 1:30 pm today.

2. The Chairman of the STDC announced the commencement of the election of the DHEHC Chairman.

3. By the end of the nomination period, the Secretariat had received a total of one nomination form for the DHEHC Chairman:

Candidate
Mr Felix CHOW

Nominator
Mr CHENG Chung-hang

Seconders
Mr HUI Lap-san
Mr SIN Cheuk-nam

4. As there was only one candidate, the Chairman of the STDC announced that Mr Felix CHOW was elected ipso facto as the DHEHC Chairman.

5. The Chairman of the STDC announced the commencement of the election of the DHEHC Vice-Chairman.

6. By the end of the nomination period, the Secretariat had not received any nomination form for the DHEHC Vice-Chairman. Since there were no candidates, the Chairman announced that the office of the DHEHC Vice-Chairman was temporarily vacant and the election of the Vice-Chairman would be held at the next DHEHC meeting.

(The remaining agenda was chaired by Mr Felix CHOW, the Chairman of the DHEHC.)

Welcome Message

7. The Chairman welcomed members and representatives of government departments to the first meeting of the DHEHC this year. He thanked members for their support and said that the DHEHC had a wide range of terms of reference. He hoped that the departments and members could work in collaboration to effectively deal with the issues concerning development and hygiene, etc. in the district.

Applications for Leave of Absence

8. The Chairman said that the Secretariat had received applications for leave of absence in writing from the following members:

Mr MOK Kam-kwai
Dr LAM Kong-kwan

Official commitment
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9. Members unanimously approved the applications for leave of absence submitted by the members above.

Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting Held on 2 November 2021 (Health and Environment Committee)
(HEC Minutes 6/2021)

10. Members unanimously endorsed the above minutes of meeting.

Discussion Items

Redevelopment of Prince of Wales Hospital, Phase 2 (Stage 1) – Main Works
(Paper No. DHEH 1/2022)

11. Dr CHEUNG Nai-kwong, Consultant (Accident & Emergency) of the Prince of Wales Hospital, briefly introduced the paper.

12. The views of Mr SIN Cheuk-nam were summarised below:

- (a) he asked what new services would be brought by the completion of the new block. As the demand for medical service was ever increasing, he wished to know for how many years of demand the new block was estimated to be able to cope with; and

- (b) he said that nowadays many buildings made use of new technological equipment. He enquired about the new technologies to be adopted by the new block to bring convenience to the general public and medical professionals.

13. The views of the Chairman were summarised below:

- (a) he said that last year, the Hospital Authority (HA) also briefed the Health and Environment Committee on the works progress. He wished to follow-up on the discussion in that meeting. He asked whether the HA could now provide members with the document about traffic impact assessment to let them learn about the impact of the completion of the new block on the traffic in the vicinity;
- (b) he wished to know the pick-up and drop-off arrangement for public transport and private vehicles;
- (c) he was concerned about the arrangement of the nearby Yuen Chau Kok Bus Terminus. He would like to know whether the bus terminus would be included in the redevelopment project and whether its location would be adjusted or changed;
- (d) he asked about the use of the Shatin Hospital Decanting Building upon completion of the redevelopment works, and whether the HA would leave the Decanting Building idle because it might affect the traffic in the vicinity of A Kung Kok; and
- (e) he wished to know the allocation of car parking spaces in the new block.

14. Dr CHEUNG Nai-kwong gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) the new block would implement the new “programme floor” concept, for example cardio-thoracic surgery, as well as obstetrics, gynaecology and neonatology. Different departments would work in collaboration to provide integrated clinical service on the same floor, with the aim to enhance the efficiency of medical workflow and provide data for medical development. Upon completion of the new block, there would be more beds and operating theatres, along with the expansion and enhancement of various types of service. Prince of Wales Hospital (PWH) would introduce new technologies from time to time for serving the public. The HA hospitals also progressively adopted the “Smart Hospitals” concept, such as using technology to display and analyse bed usage and flow of patients, etc.;
- (b) he said that at this moment, it was difficult to predict the service demand in a few years’ time. Facing the aging population, the HA considered that it was necessary to enhance the hardware equipment to tie in with the development. He pointed out that there would also be private hospital newly-built in Sha Tin District, which could serve the needs of more patients. Amid the development of the Greater Bay Area, there might be different medical facilities available to cope with the demand for medical service at that time. The Government and HA would keep in view of the situation for appropriate adjustment. He said that

except for in-patient service, some of the services nowadays tended to be substituted by day service;

- (c) he said that the HA was studying the allocation of car parking spaces at the new block and would share the information in due course; and
- (d) he said that when the PWH staff quarters were demolished, some of the affected back-end departments had moved to the Shatin Hospital Decanting Building. Regarding the use of the decanting building after the new block was completed, he said that he had no information at this moment.

15. Mr Alvin LAI, Senior Manager (Capital Projects) of the HA, gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) he said that the new block would adopt 5G mobile communication technology to cater for the application of various new technologies;
- (b) the Consultant had submitted to the Transport Department (TD) the traffic impact assessment report on Phase 2 (Stage 1) of the Redevelopment. The TD earlier indicated that it had no other comments on the report. The report was expected to be approved at the end of this month. To minimise the impact on the traffic in the vicinity upon completion of the new block, the HA proposed in the traffic impact assessment report some road improvement works on Ngan Shing Street and Chap Wai Kon Street, for example adding a new lane at the south end of Ngan Shing Street for entry to the hospital, increasing the number of lanes at the original entrance of the hospital from four to five, setting up an integrated pick-up and drop-off area with shelter at the entrance on Ngan Shing Street, widening the road at the left turning lane of Ngan Shing Street northbound into Chap Wai Kon Street, and widening one lane at Chap Wai Kon Street eastbound, etc. The HA would also work to facilitate the adjustment of traffic light signal in order to improve the traffic condition. The proposals concerned had been supported and agreed by the TD, and would be incorporated into the works contract and completed at the same time with the new block; and
- (c) he indicated that the car parking spaces of the new block were designed in accordance with the “Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines”.

16. The views of Mr CHENG Chung-hang were summarised below:

- (a) he wished to know for how many years of demand the additional beds could cope with; and
- (b) he wished to know for how long the waiting time of the accident and emergency (A&E) service could be reduced upon completion of the new block.

17. The views of Mr WAI Hing-cheung were summarised below:

- (a) he said that most of the brief introduction of the services was of a general nature. He asked for the quantified data of the additional services;

- (b) he wished to know what works had been delayed and the reasons;
- (c) he would like to know the statistics on the increase and wastage of medical personnel in PWH in the past three years, and whether the manpower of medical personnel was sufficient to cope with the hardware enhancement; and
- (d) the HA indicated that it planned to submit funding application within the current term of the Legislative Council (LegCo). He wished to know which year the HA planned to submit the funding application.

18. The views of the Chairman were summarised below:

- (a) he pointed out that the parking of taxi currently caused traffic chaos at Chap Wai Kon Street. He asked whether the taxi stand would move to the entrance of PWH near Ngan Shing Street upon completion of the new block so that the traffic congestion at Chap Wai Kon Street could be alleviated; and
- (b) he asked whether the traffic impact assessment report covered the arrangement of bus stops, and whether the HA would consider setting up additional bus stop at the new entrance.

19. Dr CHEUNG Nai-kwong gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) he said that whether there were sufficient beds for in-patient to cope with the future demand depended on the future technological development, minimally invasive technology and day treatment service, etc. It was difficult to make estimation by solely considering the additional number of beds. He pointed out that PWH had been developing itself into a “Smart Hospital”, and believed that the service capacity would be enhanced. In addition, those 450 beds were only those added upon completion of Phase 2 (Stage 1) of the Redevelopment, and those to be added in Stage 2 were not yet included. He said that the HA would closely monitor the trend to ensure that the service capacity could satisfy the demand of the public;
- (b) he said that the waiting time of the A&E service at PWH had significantly reduced in recent years. Categories I and II patients could receive treatment within the target time. The Hospital would also try its best to arrange Category III patients to receive treatment within the target time, i.e. 30 minutes. He pointed out that the A&E Department of PWH currently had to process around 400 patients daily. PWH would continuously enhance its service quality and provide better treatment to the general public in a more efficient manner; and
- (c) there was staff wastage in recent years in the medical sector. Nonetheless, Hong Kong admitted non-local doctors in recent years, and the two universities also increased the places. The Government and HA would review the manpower timely and implement measures to work in line with the overall development of the medical sector.

20. Mr Alvin LAI gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) all preparative works had been completed in June 2021. All works contracts had also been completed as scheduled, and the foundation works were underway. The foundation works commenced in December 2019, and the epidemic soon began. There were situations like shortage of material and broken supply chain during that period, affecting the works progress. With the team's effort to catch up on the progress, the foundation works could still be expected to be completed as scheduled in the first quarter of 2023. The superstructure works of the new wing building would follow;
- (b) the HA planned to seek support from the Public Works Subcommittee of the LegCo to the Redevelopment of PWH, Phase 2 (Stage 1) – Main Works in May to June this year, and to submit funding application to the Finance Committee of the LegCo in June to July this year;
- (c) upon completion of the new block, the taxi stand currently situated at Chap Wai Kon Street would be moved to the covered lay-by near the entrance at Ngan Shing Street;
- (d) he said that the traffic impact assessment report being submitted at this moment did not involve the Yuen Chau Kok Bus Terminus. As he understood, the Lands Department was processing the development of the site concerned and the arrangement of the bus terminus together. The relevant development was therefore outside the scope of the redevelopment works of PWH; and
- (e) the Highways Department would build a covered footbridge at City One MTR Station connecting to the Main Clinical Block and Trauma Centre of PWH. He indicated that a view corridor, constructed next to the main block, would extend to the 1/F lobby of the new block and face the central greenery area of the overall future plan.

21. Mr CHENG Chung-hang hoped that when planning the development of PWH, the HA would make reference to the population and housing development in Sha Tin District and take the figures of demand for medical service in five or ten years as the base value.

22. Dr CHEUNG Nai-kwong said that he would share relevant data or model estimates if available in the future.

23. The Chairman asked members whether they supported the HA to submit the Redevelopment of PWH, Phase 2 (Stage 1) – Main Works to the LegCo for funding approval.

24. Members unanimously agreed to support the works.

25. The Chairman announced the end of the agenda item.

Relocation of Sha Tin Sewage Treatment Works to Caverns – Progress Report
(Paper No. DHEH 2/2022)

26. Ms Yvonne LO, Senior Engineer/Cavern Projects 1 of the Drainage Services Department, and Mr Simon LEUNG, Chief Resident Engineer of the AECOM (Consultant), briefly introduced the paper.

27. Mr SIN Cheuk-nam wished to follow up on the matters raised at the meeting held earlier at the Community Liaison Centre. Regarding the demolition of the old quarters of the Drainage Services Department (DSD), he asked about the communication between the Department and the neighbouring Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC) as well as the progress of the works. He would also like to know if the works involved land resumption and whether the related issues had been resolved.

28. The views of the Chairman were summarised below:

- (a) he thanked the Department and the Consultant for their active community liaison work and keeping members informed of the works progress;
- (b) he asked whether the Department had applied new technology in carrying out environmental monitoring work;
- (c) he said that the Department had communicated with the residents in the vicinity with regard to the design of the blast doors. He wished to know about the residents' views and the Department's follow-up actions;
- (d) he would like to know the maximum explosive storage capacity of the temporary explosive magazine and the frequency of explosive delivery;
- (e) he pointed out that the staff quarters to be demolished were close to the HKJC's stables and the noise might affect the horses. He wanted to know the HKJC's views, whether the result of the noise monitoring during the works had exceeded the limit and what measures were in place to reduce the noise; and
- (f) he said that the works site involved burial ground and would like an update on the status of the land resumption.

29. Mr Simon LEUNG gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) at the fourth community liaison meeting, the HKJC expressed its concern about horses' sensitivity to sound. The Department had strengthened environmental mitigation measures, conducted noise monitoring and communicated with the HKJC prior to the commencement of the works. During the demolition works, three new noise monitoring points were added, namely Seaview Villas, Racecourse Gardens and the HKJC's stables in Sha Tin, and no exceedances were recorded. Moreover, the Department would communicate with the HKJC if there were occasional abnormalities caused by bicycles or dump trucks passing through the vicinity, which the HKJC understood. The demolition of the

quarters was completed in December last year and no complaint was received from the HKJC during the period;

- (b) a representative of the Sha Tin Rural Committee reflected the relevant land resumption issues at the fourth community liaison meeting. The Department had subsequently held a number of meetings with the land stakeholders to exchange views on the matter. It had also provided written replies to the relevant stakeholders and conducted site inspections. The stakeholders had expressed satisfaction with the Department's follow-up work;
- (c) he pointed out that a number of innovative technologies had been adopted in the works, such as the installation of artificial intelligence cameras to automatically detect the presence of soil debris on the wheels of dump trucks and to produce audio alerts to prevent dump trucks from carrying soil debris off the site. Energy-saving air quality sensors were also used to reduce suspended dust by activating the automatic sprinkler system if the dust index exceeded the limit;
- (d) the Department had communicated with members on the design of the blast door at the main access tunnel portal and had taken into account their views in the design. The views of members and residents on the design of the blast door at the secondary access tunnel portal were also later collected to facilitate the formulation of the design; and
- (e) he said that the temporary explosive magazine consisted of three individual magazines of about three metres by three metres with a maximum capacity of about 500 kilograms of explosive ingredients. The various explosive ingredients would be stored properly and separately at the temporary explosive magazine and would only be detonated under certain conditions after mixing. It was anticipated that blasting would be required on a daily basis at the peak of the blasting operation; therefore, one or two trips per day might be arranged for the explosive truck to deliver the explosive ingredients to the site. The design of the explosive magazine and delivery arrangements for the explosive truck would be in strict compliance with the requirements of the Mines Division of the Civil Engineering and Development Department, the Hong Kong Police Force and the Fire Services Department, etc.

30. The Chairman enquired about the development use of the original site of Sha Tin Sewage Treatment Works upon completion of the relocation works and the development of the reclamation site at Ma Liu Shui.

31. Ms Yvonne LO gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) she said that the relevant bureaux and departments would conduct studies on the development use of the land released upon the relocation of Sha Tin Sewage Treatment Works in due course. The DSD was responsible for implementing the relocation project with a view to releasing the land for development as soon as possible; and

- (b) regarding the private lands involved within the works site, the Department had been maintaining close communication with the relevant stakeholders and would take into account their concerns and views in the design.

32. The Chairman thanked the Department and the Consultant for actively maintaining communication with the stakeholders and disseminating information on the works, and hoped that the works could be completed as soon as possible to release the land.

33. The Chairman announced the end of the agenda item.

Questions

Question to be Raised by Mr WAI Hing-cheung on Promotion of Renewable Energy in Sha Tin (Paper No. DHEH 3/2022)

34. The views of Mr WAI Hing-cheung were summarised below:

- (a) he expressed support for environmental projects such as the installation of photovoltaic (PV) systems, but considered that the Government had not actively promoted and publicised the scheme, nor had it taken the lead by installing the systems in its buildings, making it difficult to motivate owners' corporations and owners' committees to install them;
- (b) he said that the DSD intended to launch a pilot scheme on the installation of a floating PV system at Shing Mun River and wanted to know why the scheme was not undertaken by the Environmental Protection Department (EPD);
- (c) apart from Sha Tin Park, he would like to know why the Department had no plans to install renewable energy (RE) systems in other government buildings on either side of Shing Mun River;
- (d) he said that the Government had earmarked a total of \$3 billion since 2017/18 for the installation of small-scale RE systems at existing government premises. He would like to know what the small-scale RE systems referred to and why such systems could not be installed on a large scale. He wished to know which government premises in Sha Tin District had been installed with these systems and the reasons for not being able to install them at other premises;
- (e) he asked if the government buildings on either side of Shing Mun River were suitable for the installation of PV systems;
- (f) he enquired about the disadvantages of installing PV systems at private premises and ways to avoid such situations; and
- (g) he considered the current progress of the Feed-in Tariff (FiT) Scheme unsatisfactory and was of the view that private enterprises and members of the public should be encouraged at an early stage to participate in the scheme.

35. Ms Cecilia WONG, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional North)4 of the EPD, gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) she said that the Environment Bureau was responsible for formulating policies while the relevant programmes were implemented by various government departments, such as the DSD, the Architectural Services Department, and the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department. The Government was currently studying and testing the installation of RE systems at different premises;
- (b) the current project sites in Sha Tin District included parks, schools, police stations, etc. The programme would be extended to other premises;
- (c) at present, the Department was encouraging village houses, private housing estates as well as commercial and industrial buildings to participate in the FiT Scheme. Owners might consider whether to participate according to their circumstances; and
- (d) small-scale RE systems included PV systems installed on buildings, etc.

36. The views of the Chairman were summarised below:

- (a) he would like to know the plans of government departments to adopt RE systems for electricity supply in government buildings and facilities, such as the installation of RE systems on buildings;
- (b) he wished to know the negative impacts of installing RE systems, such as glare and obstruction to users. He considered that the Government should strike a balance between the advantages and disadvantages of adopting the systems; and
- (c) he considered the ancillary facilities of the FiT Scheme inadequate and was worried that some merchants might mislead the public into participating in the scheme for the sake of profit. He hoped that the Government could provide more information to members of the public so that they could understand their suitability for participation in the scheme and know what to look out for.

37. Ms Cecilia WONG gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) she said that the Department would implement the relevant work in accordance with the Hong Kong's Climate Action Plan 2050. The specific implementation indicators could be provided after the meeting; and
- (b) she indicated that the installation of RE systems might cause glare and occupation of some space. The Department had also provided information on participation in the FiT Scheme to help owners understand the suitability of installing such systems. She could provide supplementary information on the overall implementation of the FiT Scheme after the meeting.

38. The views of Mr WAI Hing-cheung were summarised below:

- (a) he was of the view that the EPD's representative should invite the representative of the party responsible for the project to attend the meeting to answer his follow-up questions;
- (b) he commented that it was difficult for the public to understand the advantages and disadvantages of installing RE systems at their premises, and also difficult for members to assist in promoting such programme in the community; and
- (c) he considered that the RE programme should be promoted to the public at an early stage, otherwise the attractiveness of the programme would be reduced, leading to its unsuccessful implementation.

39. The Chairman opined that the Department had not clearly explained the advantages and disadvantages of installing RE systems. He hoped that the Department would provide supplementary information after the meeting on the blueprint and performance indicators for the installation of PV systems in government buildings as well as the strategies to encourage public participation in the RE promotion programme.

40. The Chairman announced the end of the agenda item.

Question to be Raised by Mr CHOW Hiu-laam, Felix on Implementation of GREEN@COMMUNITY in Sha Tin
(Paper No. DHEH 4/2022)

41. The views of the Chairman were summarised below:

- (a) he said that the public response to GREEN@COMMUNITY had been positive. After the implementation of the programme, many members of the public would take their recyclables to the recycling stations and mobile recycling spots. The total quantity of the recyclables recovered had met the target and was on the rise. He would like to know if the EPD had considered allocating more resources to increase the number of recycling spots in areas of Sha Tin District not yet covered by the programme, such as Ma On Shan;
- (b) he viewed that industrialisation of the recycling business was necessary to promote its development, so that recyclables could re-enter the market after recycling. He asked about the Government's plan to support the local recycling business. He opined that reference could be made to successful examples to attract the public to buy recycled products, and would like to know the Government's strategy for such initiative; and

- (c) he said that there was plenty of space available for public use in private housing estates in Sha Tin District. He wished to know if GREEN@COMMUNITY could work with private housing estates to set up mobile recycling stations in public spaces located at City One Shatin and Royal Ascot in Fo Tan, etc. to facilitate residents to deliver their recyclables. He hoped that the EPD would increase the number of recycling points to boost the quantity of the recyclables recovered.

42. Ms Cecilia WONG gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) Recycling Stations, Recycling Stores and a number of Recycling Spots had been set up under GREEN@COMMUNITY. The Department also planned to increase the number of Recycling Stores to enhance the services provided to the public; and
- (b) at present, the Government had various programmes to promote the development of the recycling industry, such as centralised waste paper collection and recycling services, and to assist the local recycling business to cope with the demand of the local market.

43. The views of the Chairman were summarised below:

- (a) he would like to know whether the Department had any plans to set up GREEN@MA ON SHAN;
- (b) he wished to know the criteria for setting up recycling spots in public places under private control and whether the Department would consider regularising the cooperation; and
- (c) the Municipal Solid Waste Charging Scheme would soon be implemented, and he said that villagers would help clean up wilt branches, dead wood and spoil, etc. from public places and dispose of them at refuse depots in villages. He enquired of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) about the need for the levy and considered that the levy should not be imposed under such circumstances.

44. Ms Cecilia WONG gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) she said that the 10 additional Recycling Stores planned for the first quarter of this year did not include Ma On Shan; and
- (b) the EPD's Green Outreach would provide outreach services such as liaising with property management companies to provide assistance and support for recycling.

45. Mr Ric YAN, Chief Health Inspector (Sha Tin)³ of the FEHD, said that the details of the levy had yet to be announced but it would be based on the "polluter pays" principle.

46. The Chairman reflected that members of the public wished to know the details of the levy as soon as possible, and hoped that the departments concerned could clarify the levy criteria at the earliest opportunity.

47. The Chairman asked whether members agreed to deal with the provisional motion put forward by him.

48. Members agreed to deal with the provisional motion put forward by the Chairman.

49. The Chairman put forward the provisional motion as follows:

“As the Municipal Solid Waste Charging Scheme will be implemented soon, the Government has to allocate additional resources to strengthen support for waste reduction and recycling, with a view to further reducing the quantity of the municipal solid waste. In view of this, the Development, Housing, Environment and Health Committee of the Sha Tin District Council moves that:

1. the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) and relevant government departments are requested to allocate additional resources to set up more Recycling Stores of GREEN@COMMUNITY in Sha Tin District and to strengthen monitoring of services provided by the contractors;
2. the EPD and relevant government departments are requested to establish ties with property management companies, residents' groups and district-based organisations for setting up additional mobile recycling spots in the public area of private housing estates in Sha Tin District, with a view to further increasing the quantity of the recyclables recovered;
3. the relevant government departments are requested to provide additional resources for promoting the development of environmental industries and the local recycling business as an industry.”

Mr Johnny CHUNG, Mr Chris MAK, Mr HUI Lap-san and Mr CHENG Chung-hang seconded the motion.

50. Members unanimously passed the provisional motion stated in paragraph 49.

51. The Chairman announced the end of the agenda item.

Information Papers

Sha Tin District Year-end Clean-up 2022
(Paper No. DHEH 5/2022)

Sha Tin District Anti-rodent Campaign 2022 (First Phase)
(Paper No. DHEH 6/2022)

Sha Tin District Anti-mosquito Campaign 2022 (First Phase)
(Paper No. DHEH 7/2022)

Statistical Overview of Sha Tin District Environmental Hygiene Service (as at 30 November 2021)

(Paper No. DHEH 8/2022)

52. The Chairman suggested that “Sha Tin District Year-end Clean-up 2022”, “Sha Tin District Anti-rodent Campaign 2022 (First Phase)”, “Sha Tin District Anti-mosquito Campaign 2022 (First Phase)” and “Statistical Overview of Sha Tin District Environmental Hygiene Service (as at 30 November 2021)” should be discussed together, and asked if members agreed.

53. Members unanimously agreed to discuss the above four agenda items together.

54. Mr Ric YAN briefly introduced the papers.

55. The views of the Chairman were summarised below:

- (a) he thanked the FEHD for arranging members to participate in the site inspections;
- (b) he pointed out that some traders at Kwei Tei Street in Fo Tan had placed miscellaneous articles on the road. In addition, rubbish accumulation and rodent traces were found near the slope of the retaining wall. He hoped that the Department would step up efforts in combating rodent infestation;
- (c) he said that the Department had not followed the cleaning schedule of street washers and some residents of Kau To Shan had conveyed that the frequency of street washing had reduced. He hoped that the Department could arrange a major cleaning operation prior to the Lunar New Year; and
- (d) he said some residents of Lok Lo Ha Village and Wo Liu Hang Village reported that the mosquito infestation was recently serious. He hoped that the Department would strengthen anti-mosquito measures such as applying mosquito larvicidal oil and sand to prevent mosquito infestation in the coming rainy season.

56. Mr Ric YAN said that he would arrange for staff to deal with the situations and report to the Chairman after the operations.

57. Members noted the above papers.

Date of Next Meeting

58. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 2:30 pm on 15 March 2022 (Tuesday).

59. The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 pm.

Sha Tin District Council Secretariat
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February 2022