

**Summary of Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Environment, Hygiene and  
District Development Committee (2012-2013)**

**Meeting**

The Environment, Hygiene and District Development Committee (“EHDDC”) held its tenth meeting on 19 July 2013.

**Calling for Expeditious Installation of Noise Barrier at Tuen Mun Road Town Centre Section**

2. EHDDC discussed the installation of noise barrier at Tuen Mun Road Town Centre Section. Members put forward their views on tree replanting, location of the proposed footpath, relocation of the bus stop, air pollution problem and impact of the works on buildings nearby. EHDDC requested the department concerned to note down Members’ concerns, take into account their views when designing the noise barrier and brief EHDDC on the progress with the aid of photomontage at September’s meeting.

**Calling for Extension of Noise Barrier from Siu Lun Court to Yau Oi Estate at Wong Chu Road**

3. EHDDC opined that the coverage of the noise barrier of the sections of Wong Chu Road near Siu Lun Court, On Ting Estate and Yau Oi Estate was insufficient and resolved that the issue would be followed up by Tuen Mun Development Liaison Working Group. In addition, as the noise level generated by the gully emptiers of the Highways Department (“HyD”) during late night hours was very high, EHDDC would write to HyD, urging it to keep in view the way of providing gully emptying service so as to reduce the noise nuisance caused to the residents.

**Calling for Stringent Suppression of the Blockage Problem of River Channels at Rural Areas**

4. The department concerned was asked to follow up the blockage of a river channel in Po Tong Ha Tsuen caused by dumping of concrete pipes by a private land owner as well as rubbish and debris. EHDDC opined that the blockage of the river channel would affect public safety and resolved that the issue would be followed up

by Rural Public Works District Working Group for Tuen Mun. The Working Group would brief EHDDC once there was further progress.

#### **Protest Against the Dumping of Recycling Materials in the Landfill**

5. EHDDC expressed concern about where the waste recovered would be processed and opined that if waste reduction at source was not well implemented by the Government, public views on landfill extension might be affected. Since the Legislative Council would further discuss the way forward for waste disposal and the Government would conduct a consultation on waste charging, EHDDC resolved that the Environmental Protection Department (“EPD”) and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (“FEHD”) should brief Members on the issue at September’s meeting.

#### **Request for Reporting the Progress of the Sports Centre in Tuen Mun Area 14 (Siu Lun Complex)**

6. EHDDC expressed concern about the progress of the Sports Centre and Community Hall in Tuen Mun Area 14. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) remarked that the project was progressing well. However, as the specific financial arrangement was not available, the schedule could not be finalised. Notwithstanding this, LCSD had set a timeframe for departments concerned and would seek to complete the project as soon as possible. It would also brief EHDDC on the progress again shortly.

#### **Report on Water Quality of Tuen Mun Beaches and Tuen Mun Rivers**

7. EPD pointed out that the surge in E. coli level of beaches and rivers in Tuen Mun in the first half of this year was mainly due to pipe bursting early this year and collection of water samples after heavy rainfall. EPD would continue to follow up the matter. Since the problem of water pollution had been serious over the past few months, it was expected that the annual cumulative figure would be higher when compared with last year.

### **Report of Food and Environmental Hygiene Department**

8. EHDDC expressed concern about the recent cases of mosquito-borne Japanese encephalitis in Tin Shui Wai and asked FEHD to organise a large scale anti-mosquito operation jointly with other Government departments and housing estates. In view of the public concern over the mosquito problem, EHDDC hoped that FEHD could ensure a well coordination and inform TMDC members of the relevant constituencies of the implementation of the anti-mosquito operation for publicity.

### **Progress Report of Local Public Works and Rural Public Works as at June 2013**

9. The Work Section of Tuen Mun District Office remarked that the basketball court at Fuk Hang Tsuen Road, Tuen Mun would be handed over to LCSD on 30 July 2013. LCSD expected that the basketball court would be open to public in early August if everything went well.

### **Working Group on Tuen Mun Environmental Protection Activities**

10. The Working Group had discussed the activity programmes, partner organisations and funding arrangements for this financial year at its eighth meeting. EPD had granted \$150,000 to each DC in 2013-14 for the organisation of community involvement programmes with the theme of “Community Action on Waste—Use Less, Reuse, Recycle”. EHDDC resolved that the Working Group would continue to follow up the issue.

### **Working Group on Markets and Illegal Hawking Activities**

11. EHDDC expressed concern about illegal hawking and street obstruction. It also expected that the problem of irregularity at Kai Man Path and Tak Ching Court would deteriorate further and asked relevant departments such as District Land Office/Tuen Mun (“DLO/TM”) to keep in view.

### **Working Group on the Development and Complementary Facilities in Area 54**

12. The Social Services Committee had proposed at its previous meeting that suitable sites in Tuen Mun Area 54 should be reserved for the construction of special school premises for the use of Hong Chi Morning Hill School or Hong Chi Morning Light School. It had also resolved that the issue should be followed up by EHDDC. EHDDC resolved that the issue would be followed up by the Working Group and the progress of it would be reported to EHDDC in due course.

### **Working Group on Thematic Graphic Design on Noise Enclosure and Footbridges of Tuen Mun Road Town Centre Section**

13. TMDC had approved, at its special meeting held on 23 July 2013, the use of the contents of *Tuen Mun Heritage* by HyD and the contractor as well as the arrangements for future maintenance.

### **Report on Problem of Water Seepage in Buildings in Tuen Mun District**

14. The Joint Offices for Investigation of Water Seepage Complaints had indicated that the review concerned was still in progress and no further information was available for the time being. EHDDC opined that as the issue had been followed up for three years, it should be referred to the Office of The Ombudsman if no progress was made by next year.

### **“Hong Kong: Our Home” Campaign**

15. Members noted that some of the activities held by EHDDC and its Working Groups were in line with the themes of the “Hong Kong: Our Home” Campaign, and that the Secretariat would contact the district organisations if their activities were selected to collect the information of contact persons for uploading to the webpage of District Events under “Hong Kong: Our Home” Campaign.

### **Public Housing Development at Area 29 (West)**

16. EHDDC had previously discussed the public housing development at Area 29 (West). Recently, it had been found that works were being carried out at the site. EHDDC opined that carrying out the works without further consulting TMDC was disrespectful. EHDDC resolved to write to the Secretary for Development, expressing its regret over the Housing Department (“HD”)’s disregard of the advisory function of TMDC and asking HD to call a halt to the works until the outcome of discussion was available. EHDDC also requested DLO/TM and HD to send representatives to the next meeting to further discuss the issue.

### **Concerns over Environmental Hygiene of Area near Tuen Mun Clinic**

17. EHDDC had written to the Food and Health Bureau regarding concerns over the environmental hygiene of the area near Tuen Mun Clinic. The Department of Health (“DH”) had provided a written reply afterwards. EHDDC requested DH to send representatives to the next meeting to brief Members on the progress.

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