

**Summary of Minutes of the 10th Meeting
of the Environment, Hygiene and District Development Committee
(2014-2015)**

Meeting

The Environment, Hygiene and District Development Committee (“EHDDC”) held its tenth meeting on 15 May 2015.

Consultancy Study on Improvements to Existing Cycle Tracks and Cycle Parking Facilities in New Towns and Review of Existing Bicycle Prohibition Zones

2. The EHDDC agreed with the Transport Department (“TD”)’s proposals on the existing cycle tracks, cycle parking facilities and bicycle prohibition zones. The Chairman asked the TD to submit a progress report at the second last meeting before the suspension of the operation of the District Council (“DC”).

Proposed Brothers Marine Park

3. At the March meeting, while expressing no objection to the proposed marine park, the EHDDC had raised its concern over the management issue during the construction period, the long-term effects as well as other impacts and asked the department to provide further information for its reference. The EHDDC noted the written response of the Highways Department (“HyD”) and asked it to report to the meeting when there was new progress.

Request for Improvement to the Design of the Noise Barrier at Wong Chu Road

4. The EHDDC remarked that the Environmental Protection Department (“EPD”)’s arrangement on noise measuring was incomprehensive as it could not reflect the actual noise level of Wong Chu Road. The EHDDC therefore did not accept the report submitted by the EPD and suggested the department concerned to conduct noise emission tests at different time slots. Since the complaints were mostly related to night noise, the Chairman asked the department to conduct noise measurement at night. The Chairman also asked the HyD and the EPD to liaise with the Secretariat and carry out noise measurement at the household unit after consent of the household was obtained by the District Councillor of the constituency. The EHDDC opined that in view of the advancement of the technology, the openings of the noise barrier at Wong Chu Road designed for the purpose of emergency rescue in the past would no longer be necessary. Therefore the HyD should reconsider closing the openings of the noise barrier at Wong Chu Road.

Request for Explanation on the Progress of the Cycle Track between Tuen Mun and Tsuen Wan

5. The EHDDC suggested that the proposed cycle track could be implemented by adopting the approach of “resolving the simple issues before the difficult ones” and asked the Civil Engineering and Development Department (“CEDD”) to commence the

works of the sections involved no controversy as soon as possible, in particular the section between Tuen Mun and the North District via Yuen Long. In respect of the new option for the Castle Peak Bay section introduced at this meeting, the EHDDC would not reveal its stance for the time being. The EHDDC suggested the CEDD and the consultant to consult the affected residents jointly with the two District Councillors of the constituency, and report to the meeting when there was new progress.

Report of Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

6. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (“FEHD”) said that according to the report on the prevention of cholera, a water sample collected from a fish tank in Tuen Mun which failed the microbiological test had passed the verification test.

Working Group on Markets and Illegal Hawking Activities

7. A Member opined that the FEHD’s actions on combating illegal hawking activities at Kei Lun Path were very successful. The FEHD said that it had planned to take combating actions continuously in Kei Lun Path in the interim.

Working Group on the Development and Complementary Facilities in Area 54

8. The Convenor of the Working Group said that the Housing Department (“HD”) had previously proposed to build a covered walkway at Siu Hong Road to alleviate the pedestrian flow. In this regard, the Working Group had suggested the HD to consider connecting Siu Hong Station with a fan-shaped bridge as the road traffic was busy and the proposal of the HD might affect the future vehicular flow. A member of the Working Group added that the suggestion mentioned by the Convenor was the mainstream view of the Working Group. However, it had been considered infeasible by the HD and the CEDD. The Working Group opined that the construction of a covered walkway at Siu Hong Court would be ineffective in alleviating pedestrian flow, and that if a walkway was to be built, it should be built at the footpath outside TWGHs Yau Tze Tin Memorial College to benefit people heading to the bus stop and the West Rail station. The EHDDC agreed with the suggestion of the Working Group. The Chairman asked the representative of the HD to relay the views on the covered walkway to the subject section of the department.

Report on Water Seepage Problems at Buildings in Tuen Mun District

9. The FEHD said that at the present stage, the Joint Office of the Buildings Department and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (“Joint Office”) had no timetable for full implementation of the new testing measures against water seepage problems at buildings. The Joint Office was carrying out data collection, analysis and processing so as to properly master the technology and facilitate the wider use of the technology in future. The EHDDC asked the department to report to the meeting when there was new progress.

Progress Report of Water Main Laying Works in Tuen Mun District

10. A Member pointed out that regarding the water main laying works to be carried

out at Tuen Mun Heung Sze Wui Road, the Water Supplies Department (“WSD”) had only consulted the District Councillor of the constituency instead of submitting the proposal to the EHDDC for discussion. The EHDDC resolved to write to the WSD to express Members’ concern and ask the department to brief Members on the road sections where the works had been completed and those where the works would be commenced, the coverage of the completed works as well as the specific plan of the works of On Ting Estate to Siu Lun Court along Tuen Mun Heung Sze Wui Road at the next meeting.

Report of the Steering Committee on the Restored Landfill Revitalisation Funding Scheme

11. The Chairman who was also a member of the Steering Committee on the Restored Landfill Revitalisation Funding Scheme (“Steering Committee”) said that the 13 restored landfills in Hong Kong would be handled by the Steering Committee in two stages. The two restored landfills in Tuen Mun (i.e. the restored Pillar Point Valley Landfill and the restored Siu Lang Shui Landfill) were under Stage 1. The Steering Committee had formulated tender procedures and future operational management measures in respect of the restored Pillar Point Valley Landfill. It had also prepared a list setting out the 70-odd organisations which conformed to conditions on use. The Steering Committee planned to consult the EHDDC on the user organisations before the suspension of the operation of the current-term DC.

Site Visit to EcoPark

12. At the meeting held on 21 November 2014, the EHDDC had resolved to accept the invitation of the EPD to revisit the EcoPark. It had also proposed to visit the EcoPark after the commissioning of the food waste recycler. As the EPD had advised that the food waste recycler had commenced operation, the EHDDC agreed to revisit the EcoPark.

Sludge Treatment Facility in Tuen Mun

13. According to the latest notification of the EPD, the sludge treatment facility in Tuen Mun originally scheduled for operation in the fourth quarter of 2013 had commenced operation in phases starting from the first quarter of this year. The EPD was conducting a number of tests in respect of the phased operation of the facility and had planned to invite Members to visit the facility in December this year. However, given the suspension of the operation of the DC, the EPD would arrange the visit for the current-term District Councillors in September (i.e. before the suspension of the operation of the DC) as far as possible. In addition, the EPD was considering to invite the new-term District Councillors, the Rural Committee and villagers residing near Lung Kwu Tan to visit the visitor centre before its official commissioning in January next year.

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