

Summary of Minutes of the 11th Meeting of the Environment, Hygiene and District Development Committee (2012-2013)

Meeting

The Environment, Hygiene and District Development Committee (“EHDDC”) held its eleventh meeting on 27 September 2013.

Concerns over Environmental Hygiene of Area near Tuen Mun Clinic

2. EHDDC pointed out that no improvement had been made to abate the nuisance caused by the methadone clinic over the years, and opined that considerations should be given for better order and proper management, and that the effectiveness of setting up the methadone clinic should be reviewed. EHDDC suggested that Members should submit a paper to the Social Services Committee for follow-up. In addition, EHDDC would write to the Director of Health to request for a meeting and discussion on removal and management of the methadone clinic. The issue would be followed up by the Working Group on Development and Planning of Tuen Mun District.

PWP Item 7259RS Cycle Tracks Connecting North West New Territories with North East New Territories - Tuen Mun to Sheung Shui Section Progress Report

3. EHDDC expressed concerns over the bicycle parking spaces at Choy Yee Bridge and the intermittent cycle tracks in Lam Tei and Siu Hong Interchange and suggested that a site inspection should be arranged by the Civil Engineering and Development Department (“CEDD”) and the Transport Department. EHDDC requested CEDD to follow-up Members’ concerns (including the progress of Tsuen Wan to Tuen Mun East Section) and report to Members on the progress at the next meeting.

Condemning the EPD for Failure in Monitoring and Protest Against the Frequent Occurrence of Landfill Incidents

4. EHDDC expressed concerns over the monitoring arrangements for landfill incidents and landfills, and suggested that the Environmental Protection Department (“EPD”) should report to EHDDC the data concerned on regular basis. After discussion, EHDDC resolved that a site inspection to the refuse transfer station at Shun Tat Street and the West New Territories Landfill would be arranged to facilitate

further discussion on the monitoring and reporting mechanism at the next meeting.

Objection to the Deliberation of Applications of Unauthorised Columbaria by the Town Planning Board

5. EHDDC held discussion on unauthorised columbaria and opined that the existing columbaria policy was confusing and there were loopholes in the policy. EHDDC resolved to write to the Development Bureau, requesting the Bureau to plug the loopholes and rectify the existing problems through speedy coordination.

Calling for the Extension of Time of Enforcement of Task Force of FEHD to the Evening

6. EHDDC opined that the problem of unauthorised extension of business area by some restaurants in Tuen Mun District was serious during night hours and suggested that the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (“FEHD”) should extend the enforcement hours to the evening. After discussion, EHDDC resolved that the Working Group on Markets and Illegal Hawking Activities should continue to follow-up the issue and arrange for representatives of departments concerned to attend the meetings.

Tuen Mun Beach Water Quality Grading

7. A Member opined that the range of the “Fair” grading (Grade 2) of water quality was too wide. EHDDC requested the EPD to provide information indicating whether the “Fair” grading is close to the “Good” or “Poor” grading in future reports.

2013 Tuen Mun Lunar New Year Fair

8. FEHD pointed out that while Tuen Mun Lunar New Year Fair was held at Shek Pai Tau Playground last year, it would be held at Tin Hau Temple Plaza this year.

Working Group on Markets and Illegal Hawking Activities

9. Funding of the Working Group for the current year would be used for education and publicity on “anti-unauthorised extension of business area”.

Working Group on the Development and Complementary Facilities in Area 54

10. A Member expressed concern over the crossing facility at Tsing Lun Road and opined that the problem of increasing pedestrian flow could only be solved by constructing a footbridge or subway. As the Working Group had discussed the issue for a long time, EHDDC requested the Tuen Mun District Office to coordinate the follow-up work.

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