

Summary of Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the Environment, Hygiene and District Development Committee (2014-2015)

Meeting

The Environment, Hygiene and District Development Committee (“EHDDC”) held its 4th meeting on 23 May 2014.

Visit to Sites Identified for Relocation of Methadone Clinic

2. The EHDDC discussed the relocation of the methadone clinic. It was resolved that a letter be written to the Development Bureau and the Department of Health, requesting a review of the effectiveness of the methadone clinic and relocation of the clinic with feasible alternative sites offered by the Government.

Calling for Improvement of the New Chi Lok Footbridge

3. The EHDDC discussed matters relating to the elevator, ventilation system, environmental hygiene and closed-circuit television system of the new Chi Lok Footbridge. With the increased height of the footbridge, change of its condition from fully-ventilated to semi-ventilated and changes in the surrounding environment, the EHDDC endorsed discussion of this item be continued in the next meeting. The issue of provision of an escalator would be referred to the Traffic and Transport Committee for its follow-up.

Request for Relocation of Tuen Mun Public Cargo Working Area (PCWA) to Areas 38 and 40

4. The EHDDC discussed problems of noise, dark smoke and safety of fishing boats at the PCWA and requested the Marine Department to examine the feasibility of relocating the Tuen Mun PCWA. In addition, it was resolved that a letter be written to the Transport and Housing Bureau (“THB”), asking the Government to formulate policies for the relocation of the PCWA to the west side of Tuen Mun and inviting representatives of the THB to attend the next meeting.

Public Consultation on Enhanced Measures against Shop Front Extensions

5. Members generally supported the direction laid down in the paper but opined that the authorities should consider carefully the details including manpower deployment, the amount of fines, enforcement priorities, and participation of the community and the District Council (“DC”).

Study on the Feasibility of Extension of San Hui Market

6. Members expressed their views on the planning for San Hui Market and its adjoining land and opined that the traffic conditions of the area should be improved. It was resolved

that Members' views be conveyed to the Working Group on Development and Planning of Tuen Mun District for reference.

Siu Hang Tsuen Aqua Privy Conversion Project in Tuen Mun

7. A member hoped that before the commencement of the Siu Hang Tsuen Aqua Privy Conversion Project, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department ("FEHD") would strengthen communication with the village representatives of Siu Hang Tsuen and enhance its cleaning work. Another Member asked the FEHD to keep the District Councillor of Po Tong Ha Tsuen informed of the work progress before the completion of the project by the end of 2014.

New Measures to Better Combat Illegal Extension of Business Area by Food Premises at Blackspots in Tuen Mun District

8. The EHDDC was of the view that the manpower for enforcement actions against illegal extension of business area by food premises was insufficient, and asked the FEHD to continue its follow-up and pay particular attention to some blackspots in the district.

Report of Working Group on Tuen Mun Environmental Protection Activities

9. The EHDDC agreed that the Working Group should follow up on the dedicated allocation for organising related activities to promote the Environmental Protection Department's "Bring Your Own Bag" culture. A Member reminded the Working Group of cautious and economical use of funds from the DC or government departments in the production of promotion items.

10. In addition, in response to a Member's proposal made at the meeting of the Working Group to invite Butterflies Association Limited ("BAL") as a partner for organising activities, the EHDDC opined that in line with established arrangements, the Tuen Mun District Office or the Secretariat should draft a name list for inviting partners, and therefore did not agree that the BAL should be included in the name list by the Working Group.

Report of Working Group on Markets and Illegal Hawking Activities

11. Since the Working Group hoped to obtain more funds for conducting a public opinion survey on enhanced measures against shop front extensions, the EHDDC endorsed that should there be a surplus of DC funds allocated to the Working Group on Tuen Mun Environmental Protection Activities, the EHDDC would consider redeploying the surplus to the Working Group on Markets and Illegal Hawking Activities.

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