

## **Summary of Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Environment, Hygiene and District Development Committee (2014-2015)**

### **Meeting**

The Environment, Hygiene and District Development Committee (“EHDDC”) held its 6<sup>th</sup> meeting on 19 September 2014.

### **Request for Enhancement of Facilities and Management of San Hui Market**

2. The EHDDC discussed, among other matters, the improvement of the air-conditioning system, the setting up of a service counter and the replacement of floor tiles in San Hui Market. The EHDDC requested the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department to report on any progress, and requested the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (“FEHD”) to improve management and introduce suitable education measures in respect of the collisions of shopping trolleys used by the public; whilst the Working Group on Markets and Illegal Hawking Activities under the EHDDC would also follow up the matters.

### **PWP Item No. 99WC Water Supply to Northwestern Tuen Mun – Stage 2**

3. The EHDDC welcomed the project and requested the Water Supplies Department to follow up Members’ comments on the details concerned, stringently monitor the works, and tie in with the road network in Area 54 to minimise nuisance from the works. The EHDDC also requested the follow-up of the Working Group on the Development and Complementary Facilities in Area 54 and requested the department to report to the EHDDC on the progress in due course. The department should also maintain liaison with the Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Rural Committee, who were also members of the EHDDC, on matters relating to the implementation of the works.

### **Community Participation Programme in Environmental Protection 2014/15 – Full Implementation of Plastic Shopping Bag Charging**

4. The EHDDC, while supporting the programme, expected higher transparency but less waste in its implementation and asked the department to examine Members’ comments in its policy-making. Moreover, the EHDDC agreed to assist in organising district briefing sessions and tie in with the publicity. The department was requested to give notification when specific arrangements for the briefing sessions were available.

### **Calling for Stringent Monitoring of Water Quality of Tuen Mun Beaches**

5. The EHDDC discussed the issues of marine water quality and beach cleanliness in Tuen Mun, but considered the discussion not constructive in resolving the problem of sea water pollution as there would be major infrastructure projects in Tuen Mun in future and river vessels nearby would cause water pollution. The EHDDC resolved to write to request the relevant department heads to introduce targeted measures on sea pollution control and sea cleanliness, monitor the implementation of the projects and respond to Members’ comments. The EHDDC also requested the Marine Department to provide written replies on the operational arrangements in respect of the anti-pollution vessels “Waterwitches”.

### **Calling for Complete Eradication of Nuisance to Waiting Passengers Caused by Dripping Air-Conditioners**

6. The EHDDC considered that the problem of dripping air-conditioners affected cityscape and the order of passengers waiting for boarding. No improvement had been seen for years in some black spots in urban districts. The EHDDC hoped to protect Tuen Mun residents from being affected by problems in other districts, and would therefore write to the Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene to call for concerted efforts of the entire Hong Kong in resolving the problem and request the department to provide detailed prosecution figures.

### **Concerns over Sale of Land in King Sau Lane in Tuen Mun Area 4**

7. The EHDDC discussed the sale of land in King Sau Lane in Tuen Mun Area 4. As the representative of the Planning Department could not fully answer Members' enquiries at the meeting and the Working Group on Development and Planning of Tuen Mun District would convene a meeting soon, it was suggested that this item be followed up comprehensively by the working group. The matter was discussed at the working group's meeting on 25 September.

### **Progress Report on Major Public Works Projects in Tuen Mun District (as at 15 August 2014)**

8. The EHDDC made enquiries and comments on the progress and traffic issue of the project for the "Open Space in Area 27 (Sam Shing), Tuen Mun". The Chairman asked the representative of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and the Secretary to convey Members' views and requested that after the meeting, the department should give replies to the EHDDC and the councillors who had made comments.

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

9. The EHDDC enquired about the "Bad" grading of Castle Peak Beach from 3 June to 6 August 2014. The Environmental Protection Department said thorough examination and follow-up had been done in this regard and the water quality had improved in August. The EHDDC requested the department to inspect whether pipes in seafood shops had been connected to sewers to prevent domestic sewage from being discharged into the sea and, if not, to provide facilitation.

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

10. The EHDDC made comments and requested the department's follow-up on, among other things, the conversion of aqua privies into flushing toilets, the problems of illegal shop front extension and unlicensed hawkers, the licences of lard boiling factories, anti-rat and anti-mosquito operations, street cleansing, and the damage of contractors' refuse collections vehicles.

### **2015 Tuen Mun Lunar New Year Fair**

11. The EHDDC requested the FEHD to consider providing temporary public transport services for the Tuen Mun Lunar New Year Fair and allowing one-way traffic in Tin Hau Road to facilitate residents' departure from the fair.

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

12. The working group had originally planned to conduct an opinion survey on

enhanced measures against shop front extensions and had been allocated funds by the Working Group on Tuen Mun Environmental Protection Activities. Yet, after two rounds of invitation, no organisation had indicated interest in co-organising the initiative. Therefore, the working group might follow the practice of the previous year by launching public education initiatives, and the additional resources allocated might be used to produce souvenirs for promotion. The matters concerned would be further followed up by the working group.

**Steering Committee on Restored Landfill Revitalisation Funding Scheme**

13. The Steering Committee on the Restored Landfill Revitalisation Funding Scheme would later inspect the restored Pillar Point Valley Landfill in Tuen Mun.

**Stickers of Thematic Graphic Design of Noise Barrier/Noise Enclosure and Footbridge of Tuen Mun Road Town Centre Section**

14. A member of the public queried the authenticity of a sentence in the caption of the photo of Lung Kwu Tan on Siu On Bridge, which was written as “Legend has it that the ‘beach of horror’ is today’s Lung Kwu Tan.”, and requested deletion of the sentence. The EHDDC opined that it was difficult to ascertain which version of the numerous Chinese folklores was true and to make amendment whenever a disagreement arose. Moreover, as the words “Legend has it that” were contained in the caption of the photo and the complainant had not claimed himself as an expert in history. It was therefore resolved that the original words should be kept and no amendment was required.

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