

**Summary of Minutes of the 9<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 ninth meeting on 20 March 2015.

**Proposed Brothers Marine Park**

2. While expressing no objection to the proposed marine park, the EHDDC was concerned about the management issue during the construction period, the long-term effects and other impacts. The Chairman asked the department to provide information on the Sha Chau and Lung Kwu Chau Marine Park (“SC & LKC Marine Park”) and a simulated map on which the actual distance between the SC & LKC Marine Park and the Tuen Mun – Chek Lap Kok Link (“TM-CLKL”) as well as that between the former and the third runway were shown at the next meeting to facilitate the discussion.

**Public Consultation on New Agricultural Policy – Sustainable Agricultural Development in Hong Kong**

3. The EHDDC put forward its views on the “New Agricultural Policy – Sustainable Agricultural Development in Hong Kong”. The EHDDC agreed with the direction of the agricultural development proposed by the Government. While understanding that the Government had encountered quite a number of difficulties, the EHDDC hoped that the department could consider the views of Members.

**Concerns over the Future Development Progress of Tuen Mun Areas 40 and 46**

4. The EHDDC expressed concerns over the future development of Tuen Mun Areas 40 and 46 and hoped that the Planning Department and the Civil Engineering and Development Department (“CEDD”) could report the latest progress to Members before the suspension of the operation of the EHDDC.

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

5. The EHDDC discussed the issue of improvement to the design of the noise barrier at Wong Chu Road. The EHDDC opined that the noise problem of Wong Chu Road had affected a lot of residents and requested the Environmental Protection Department and the Highways Department to approach the Transport Department for the latest information on the traffic flow of Wong Chu Road, and urged the departments to inspect the traffic flow of the site during rush hours. The Chairman pointed out that the traffic of the section of Wong Chu Road near Yau Oi Estate and the section of Wong Chu Road-Lung Kwu Tan bound was very busy in the morning and asked the departments to liaise with the Housing Department (“HD”) or the District Councillors of the constituency in respect of measuring the noise level at

domestic units of Yau Oi Estate and Siu Lun Court along Wong Chu Road and submit the information at the next meeting for continued discussion.

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

6. The EHDDC understood that the CEDD had encountered difficulties during the design stage of the cycle track between Tuen Mun and Tsuen Wan, and said that the Tuen Mun District Council (“TMDC”) could coordinate with the parties concerned in this regard. However, the EHDDC also pointed out that as the CEDD had neither made any report on the progress recently nor addressed the core question raised by Members in its written response, it resolved to continue the discussion of this item at the next meeting. It also resolved to write to the Director of Civil Engineering and Development to express the stance of Members as well as their regret at the CEDD’s failure to send representatives to the meeting and request the responsible officials to attend the next meeting to answer Members’ enquiries.

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

7. The EHDDC asked the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (“FEHD”) to inspect food premises selling sushi and sashimi more frequently to ensure the hygiene of the cutting tools. The EHDDC resolved to write to the Lands Department to request a quick follow-up on the progress of the granting of land for the provision of a permanent toilet at the bus-bus interchange.

### **Follow up on New Measures to Better Combat Illegal Extension of Business Area by Food Premises at Blackspots in Tuen Mun District**

8. The EHDDC welcomed the new measures and hoped that the actions of the Task Force would be targeted at black spots such as Kei Lun Path, Glorious Garden and premises with open air cafe (e.g. Prime View Garden).

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

9. As the operation of the TMDC would be suspended later this year and in view of the time constraint, the EHDDC agreed that Members’ approval on the partnership arrangement for activities organised with the EPD funds would be sought by way of circulation of paper.

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

10. A Member expressed the hope that the EHDDC would reopen the discussion on the design option of the covered walkway adjacent to Siu Hong Road and the sewage pump house, and opined that the covered walkway should be built next to Yau Tze Tin Memorial College so as to direct people from Tsz Tin Tsuen to various means of public transport or lifts and escalators leading to the West Rail station. The working group would gather information discussed in the past to facilitate the follow-up of the issue at the next meeting. As it took time for the working group to follow up the issue, the Chairman asked the permanent representative of the HD to relay Members’

views on the issue to the concerned sections of the department.

### **Report on Water Seepage Problems in Buildings in Tuen Mun District**

11. The FEHD briefed Members on the handling of water seepage problems in buildings. A Member opined that it took too long for the Joint office of the Buildings Department and the FEHD to study the improvements and effectiveness. As the water seepage problems would worsen along with the ageing of the buildings which would result in the rise of number of disputes, the EHDDC requested the FEHD to provide a clear response on when the new measures would be fully implemented and actively reflect the views of Members.

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

12. The Chairman who was also a member of the Steering Committee on the Restored Landfill Revitalisation Funding Scheme (“SC”) briefed Members on the progress of the follow-ups of the SC and said that the SC intended to consult the TMDC on the issue concerned before the suspension of the operation of TMDC in September this year.

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

13. The EHDDC noted that the maintenance and replacement of stickers of the thematic graphic design of the noise barrier/noise enclosure and footbridge of Tuen Mun Road Town Centre Section had been taken up by the TMDC since 19 February this year. As there were some small parts of the stickers which needed to be repaired, the China Harbour Engineering Company Limited would invite the representatives of the Works Section (“WS”) of the Tuen Mun District Office to visit the site after the completion of the repair works. The WS would take over the facility concerned after the repair works were found satisfactory.

14. The EHDDC agreed to the arrangement under which the WS would carry out the routine maintenance of the stickers (e.g. cleaning) with the recurrent funding for the maintenance of general district facilities. The WS would be responsible for the quotation regarding the repair of the stickers. If the amount exceeded that of the recurrent funding for maintenance, the District Facilities Management Committee would be consulted to consider whether the repair works would be carried out with the district minor works funding.

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