

Minutes of the 8th Meeting of
the Environment, Hygiene and District Development Committee of
the Tuen Mun District Council

Date : 24 March 2017 (Friday)

Time : 9:31 a.m.

Venue : Tuen Mun District Council (TMDC) Conference Room

<u>Present</u>		<u>Time of Arrival</u>	<u>Time of Departure</u>
Ms LUNG Shui-hing, MH (Chairman)	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr KAM Man-fung (Vice-chairman)	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr LEUNG Kin-man, BBS, MH, JP	TMDC Chairman	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr LEE Hung-sham, Lothar, MH	TMDC Vice-Chairman	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr SO Shiu-shing	TMDC Member	9:32 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr KWU Hon-keung	TMDC Member	9:36 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr TO Sheck-yuen, MH	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHU Yiu-wah	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms KONG Fung-yi	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr NG Koon-hung	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms WONG Lai-sheung, Catherine	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms HO Hang-mui	TMDC Member	9:34 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr LAM Chung-hoi	TMDC Member	9:37 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms CHING Chi-hung	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHAN Manwell, Leo	TMDC Member	9:34 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms CHU Shun-nga, Beatrice	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr TSANG Hin-hong	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms SO Ka-man	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr MO Shing-fung	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	9:53 a.m
Mr YIP Man-pan	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr Yeung Chi-hang	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr YAN Siu-nam	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr TAM Chun-yin	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr KEUNG Kai-pong	Co-opted Member	9:46 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr PAK Hon-pan	Co-opted Member	9:30 a.m.	9:44 a.m
Mr CHAN Chun-bang	Co-opted Member	9:32 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms KWAN Daina Ho-yin	Co-opted Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms LEE Wen-choi, Winnie (Secretary)	Executive Officer I (District Council)2, Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department		

Absent with Apologies

Mr TSUI Fan, MH	TMDC Member
Mr CHAN Man-wah, MH	TMDC Member
Mr LEE Wai-lam	Co-opted Member

By Invitation

Ms HO Wing-kam, Josephine	Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Air Policy)1, Environmental Protection Department
Mr WONG Kin-san, Ricky	Engineer/Consultants Mgt 12, Water Supplies Department
Mr TSE Kit-chun, Jacky	Assistant Resident Engineer, AECOM CDM Joint Venture
Mr LUI Ka-ching, Ken	Senior Inspector of works, AECOM CDM Joint Venture
Mr WONG Kwok-shui, David	Resident Engineer, Black & Veatch HK Ltd

In Attendance

Mr LO Chun-hang, Simpson	Assistant District Officer (Tuen Mun)1, Home Affairs Department
Mr LI Chi Keung, Ringo	Inspector of Works, Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department
Mr LEE Kam-ho, Edwin	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Tuen Mun), Food and Environment Hygiene Department
Ms BOW Lok-sin, Rosaline	Deputy District Leisure Manager (Teun Mun)2, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr CHAN Pui-shing, Michael	Engineer/Tuen Mun 4, Drainage Services Department
Mr NG Hei Hung	Assistant Housing Manager/T (Tuen Mun1), Housing Department
Mr POON Tsz Ming	Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional West)1, Environmental Protection Department
Mr TANG King-yan, Sunny	Town planner/Tuen Mun 4, Planning Department
Mr MOK Hing-cheung	Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Tuen Mun), Lands Department
Ms CHAM Suet-ying, Cheryl	Engineer/15 (New Territories West), Civil Engineering and Development Department

I. Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all to the 8th meeting of the Environment, Hygiene and District Development Committee (“EHDDC”) and welcomed representatives of government departments to be in attendance. In particular, the Chairman welcomed Mr LEE Kam-ho, Edwin, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Tuen Mun) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (“FEHD”) who attended the EHDDC meeting for the first time. On behalf of the EHDDC, the Chairman also thanked Mr TSE Lai-chi, the last superintendent, for the past contributions he made to the EHDDC.

2. The Chairman asked Members to note that any Member who was aware of a personal interest in a discussion item should declare the interest before the discussion. The Chairman would, in accordance with Order 39(12) of the Tuen Mun District Council (“TMDC”) Standing Orders, decide whether the Member who had declared the interest might speak or vote on the matter, might remain in the meeting as an observer, or should withdraw from the meeting. All cases of declaration of interests would be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

II. Absence from Meeting

3. The Secretariat reported that it had not received any applications by Members for leave of absence.

III. Confirmation of Minutes of the 7th Meeting Held on 20 January 2017

4. As there were no amendments to the minutes, the Chairman announced that the minutes of the 7th meeting of the EHDDC 2016-2017 were endorsed.

IV. Discussion Items

(A) Repeated Request for Government's Efforts to Reduce Air Pollution in Tuen Mun

(EHDDC Paper No. 10/2017)

(Reply from the Environmental Protection Department)

5. The Chairman welcomed Ms HO Wing-kam, Josephine, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Air Policy)¹ of the Environmental Protection Department (“EDP”) to the meeting.

6. The proposer of the paper provided supplementary information on the content of the paper. He said that the air pollution in Tuen Mun district was serious and the problem had not been improved. The vessels which used high-sulphur fuel at the Pearl River Delta (“PRD”), steel works, cement factory, incinerator, landfill and power station in Tuen Mun district, and the third runway to be built would affect the air quality in Tuen Mun district. He hoped that the government could reduce the problem.

7. Members made enquiries and asked questions on the matter concerned, which were summarised as follows:

- (i) Many obnoxious facilities in Tuen Mun district caused accumulation of air pollutants;
- (ii) Air pollution in the factory area of Tuen Mun was serious. It was suggested the government should provide an air quality monitoring station in the factory area and launch improvement measures;
- (iii) It was suggested ocean liners which berthed at local terminals should be required to use shoreside power. Another Member opined that container ships and river trade craft caused greater impact on the air quality in Tuen Mun district. The department was enquired about the corresponding measures;
- (iv) As there would be several major infrastructures completed and the vehicular movement in and out of Hong Kong would become busier, which would further affect the air quality in Tuen Mun district, it was suggested the government should launch improvement measures and provision of air quality monitoring station. Moreover, it was suggested the government should expedite the elimination of Pre-Euro IV commercial diesel vehicles, and step up inspection and law enforcement on “switching off idling engine”;
- (v) It was suggested the Hong Kong government should invite the mainland government to make communications and exchanges on the air problem in the PRD;
- (vi) Patients suffering from serious diseases needed to refer to roadside air quality so they could consider whether it was appropriate to take part in outdoor activities. However, the air quality monitoring station was not situated at the roadside so it might not reflect the reality accurately. Another Member said the air pollution in Tuen Mun district was serious, thus causing the residents to suffer respiratory system problems;
- (vii) TMDC had been thinking that there should be further provision of air quality monitoring station in the district. Another Member enquired what criteria they would use to decide whether there should be another air quality monitoring station. It was also suggested there should be a roadside air quality monitoring station near Tuen Mun Pier. Moreover, it was enquired whether the measuring area of the air quality monitoring station in Yuen Long would cover Hung Shui Kiu;

- (viii) It was enquired whether an average air quality monitoring station could measure the air quality of individual location within the area of 4,000 metres of the monitoring station, or it could only measure the average value in the large area;
- (ix) The department should study Members' views and apply for funds to launch improvement measures. Another Member opined that the government should regularly report on follow-up measures; and
- (x) Although the department said there was improvement in air quality in Tuen Mun district, the improvement margin was smaller than other districts. The government was requested to provide the data of air quality in other districts in Hong Kong, study the source of air pollution in Tuen Mun district and work out improvement measures targeted at the air problem in Tuen Mun district. Another Member suggested that the EHDDC should put forward proposals targeted at the improvement of air quality in Tuen Mun district to the departments concerned, and requested the EDP to provide in-depth information at the next meeting.

(Post-meeting note: the EDP had submitted the data of air quality in other districts in Hong Kong. Please refer to Appendix 1.)

8. Ms HO of the EDP responded to Member's enquiries and views, which were summarised as follows:

- (i) Air quality indicators would be reviewed every five years. The current indicators had been adopted since 1 January 2014 and the review concerned was commenced in June 2016, which was expected to be completed in 2018. The department had invited professionals to form a working group and provided advice on narrowing down the indicators and emission reduction measures so that air quality could be gradually improved in accordance with the periodical targets proposed by the World Health Organisation;
- (ii) On the air pollution caused by emissions from vessels, the government worked out the control measures concerned in 2014 and 2015 regulating the sulphur content of light diesel oil for local vessels and forcing ocean-going vessels to switch to use low-sulphur fuel when they were berthed in Hong Kong waters. Hong Kong was the first area in Asia which launched the above Fuel Switch at Berth measure. Since the implementation of the Switch Fuel at Berth measure, the regional air quality shown by the air quality monitoring station in Kwai Chung district had improved. The department would also establish an Emission Control Area for vessels in the PRD and form a working group to launch improvement work together with the Maritime Department of the Guangdong Province. The department had also been working with the mainland government to decide on

periodical emission target;

- (iii) The government was launching the Ex-gratia Payment Scheme for Phasing out the Pre-Euro IV Diesel Commercial Vehicles in order to eliminate the Pre-Euro IV diesel commercial vehicles by the end of 2019. As at the end of 2016, over 60 per cent of the vehicles concerned were eliminated;
- (iv) Air quality monitoring stations could be set up at a location which could collect representative data. Every year, the department would review the air quality monitoring network and increase the number of the air quality monitoring stations and the items to be monitored according to the demand. The average air quality monitoring stations would reflect the average air quality while the roadside air quality monitoring stations would reflect the roadside air quality in the densely-populated urban area with commercial/residential development. The current air quality monitoring stations could monitor the overall air quality in the western areas of Hong Kong. At present, there were three roadside air quality monitoring stations in Hong Kong and the department would not consider the provision of roadside air quality monitoring station in Tuen Mun district for the time being;
- (v) The measuring area of the air quality monitoring in Yuen Long district could cover Hung Shui Kiu and Tuen Mun North; and
- (vi) According to the data of air pollution in Tuen Mun district set out in the reply by the department, the air quality in Tuen Mun was improving. Currently, what the regulations concerned would improve was the air quality in all the districts in Hong Kong. They did not target at the situation in Tuen Mun district while the data of the air quality in different districts would be released on-line every year.

9. Mr POON Tsz-ming of the EDP also replied to Members' views. He said that he knew there were plastics factories and laundries in the factory area of Tuen Mun district. The emission of the plastics smell and broken wool of clothes would affect the air quality. The department had paid inspections and controls from time to time and would issue Air Pollution Abatement Notice subject to the situations of the cases. The department would continue to pay attention to the operation of the factories.

10. The Chairman concluded that Members of the EHDDC had no objections to the provision of an air quality monitoring station in Tuen Mun district. Therefore, it was resolved to write to the Environment Bureau to reflect Member's views and continue discussion of the matter concerned at the next meeting.

The
Secretariat

(Post-meeting note: the above letter was sent on 26 April 2017.)

III. Reporting Items

(A) Water Quality of Tuen Mun Beaches
(EHDDC Paper No. 11/2017)

11. A Member reflected that except the Golden Beach, the report did not set out the water quality of other five beaches between December 2016 and February 2017. Members considered that even if there were fewer people who went swimming in winter, the EDP should set out the information of water grading in the report.

12. Mr POON of the EDP said that the department also took random water sampling to test beach gradings. As the beaches concerned did not open during the whole year, the department did not provide grading for the beaches. He said he would reflect Members' views to the division concerned of the department.

13. The Chairman requested the department to consider setting out the relevant information in the reports in future according to Members' views.

EPD

(Post-meeting note: the EDP said that, of the 41 beaches in Hong Kong as announced in gazette under the LCSD, only 4 beaches would remain open all the year round, including the Golden Beach. The EDP would only maintain weekly water quality test for these 4 beaches and provide weekly water quality grading. Other beaches (including the five beaches in Tuen Mun except the Golden Beach) would not open in winter and the LCSD would not provide life-saving service. During that period, the EDP would adjust the testing frequency to once every month to monitor the overall change of the water quality. So the weekly water quality grading was not applicable.)

(B) Progress Report on Major Public Works Projects in Tuen Mun District (as at 15.2.2017)
(EHDDC Paper No. 12/2017)

14. Members made enquiries about the situation and progress of several projects and department representatives also made replies to Members' enquiries, which were summarised as follows:

(i) **Government Complex in Tuen Mun Area 14 (Siu Lun) (Works No: 56RG/A):** it was enquired why the report did not set out the Marriage Registry proposed to be built. On this, Mr LO Chun-Hang, Simpson, Assistant District Officer (Tuen Mun) 1 said that marriage registration was not the only service provided by the Immigration Department so the report had marked it as Composite Office of the Immigration Department. Another Member enquired whether the date of completion set out in the report had considered the effect caused by the filibustering at the Legislative Council. Ms CHAM Suet-ying,

Cheryl of the Civil Engineering and Development Department (“CEDD”) replied that the construction works had commenced in August 2015 and it was expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2019 according to the information provided by the Architectural Services Department;

- (ii) **Provision of Acoustic Barrier Works in Tuen Mun Road (Fu Tei) (Works No: 6814TH/A, Contract No: HY/2014/14):** It was reflected that there was noise at mid-night. The HyD and the EDP should work out noise mitigation measures with the contractor together. Ms Cheryl CHAM of the CEDD said she would reflect it to the HyD;

CEDD
HyD

(Post-meeting note: the CEDD reflected Members’ views to the HyD on 24 March 2017. The HyD said that its contractor would carry out works at night in accordance with the Environment Protection Ordinance, and would try to reduce the noise at night. The contractor would also enhance communication with the residents and people concerned in the area.)

- (iii) **Cycle Track between New Territories North-West and New Territories North-East – Section between Tuen Mun and Sheung Shui (Phase 1)(Works No: 279RS/A):** it was enquired about the progress of the works for the Tuen Mun Cycle Park. Ms Cheryl CHAM of the CEDD said that most of the works of the project were completed in general and would be open gradually;

- (iv) **Provision of Columbarium and Garden of Remembrance at Tsang Tsui, Tuen Mun (Works No: 19NB/A):** the progress of the works was slower than expected. It was enquired about the progress. Ms Cheryl CHAM of the CEDD said she would reflect it to the Architectural Services Department;

CEDD
ArchSD

(Post-meeting note: the Architectural Services Department said the works had commenced in July 2016. At present, the decommissioning of the ash lagoon was completed which was within the expected progress. The whole project would be completed in the third quarter of 2019.)

- (v) **District Sitting-out Area in Tuen Mun Area 27 (Sam Shing) (Works No: 426RO/B) and Sports Ground and Sitting-out Area in Tuen Mun Area 16 (Works No: 3278RS):** the Policy Address of 2017 set out the works concerned. It was enquired about the progress of the works. Ms BOW Lok-sin, Rosaline of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) replied that the Policy Address had announced the implementation of the leisure and cultural facilities project in Tuen Mun district set out in the Policy Address. The LCSD was actively studying the works concerned and would provide explanation

pending further information. The Chairman of the District Facilities Management Committee (“DFMC”) requested the LCSD to report on the progress of the sports ground in Tuen Mun Area 16 to the DFMC timely. Moreover, a Member said that the construction land of the above two projects and the recreation land in Tuen Mun Area 17 (Industrial Town) and the adjoining land used to be temporary carparks. The government was requested to provide planning for the worsening problem of illegal parking which might be caused by the above project; and

(Post-meeting note: the LCSD said it would apply to the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council for funding in connection with the initial works of the sports ground and sitting out area in Tuen Mun Area 16 in the financial year of 2017/18, and would commence the works for the district sitting-out area in Tuen Mun Area 27 (Sam Shing) within 5 years.)

- (vi) **Development of Greening Master Plan for the New Territories South-East and New Territories North-West – Priority Greening Works (Works No: 47CG/A):** it was queried whether the works would be completed at the end of 2017 as said in the report. The department was also requested to provide a schedule of tree planting. Ms Cheryl CHAM of the CEDD said that the works concerned were in progress. After the meeting, she would ask the department to provide a schedule of tree planting. CEDD

(Post-meeting note: the CEDD said the Member concerned was contacted and provided with the information concerned. Currently, the planting target was almost completed. The department was confident that the works concerned would be completed at the end of 2017.)

- (C) **Strategy and Work on Improvement of the Environment and Hygiene of Hong Kong by Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (EHDDC Paper No. 13/2017)**

15. Members noted the content of the report.

- (D) **Report of Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (EHDDC Paper No. 14/2017)**

16. A Member said that rodent infestation in Tuen Mun district was serious and enquired about its source. The FEHD was requested to carry out targeted rat eradication work. Another Member said rats might look for food in rubbish bins. It was suggested the department should increase the number of clearing the rubbish bins. Moreover, a Member said that rats might move to the adjacent areas owing to the works in individual areas. It was suggested the department should take joint action with the HD.

17. Moreover, a Member said there was trace of rats near the market of Leung King Estate. She enquired whether the trace of rats in private lands would not be contained in this report. It was also suggested the department would enhance communication with the private land stakeholders to instruct management companies to carry out rat eradication work. Another Member requested the department to provide information about the inspection of the areas of rodent infestation. She said there was trace of rats at railways tracks and the department was requested to pay attention to this.

18. Mr LEE of the FEHD replied that the number of live and dead rats caught had increased in January and February because the department launched rat eradication campaign for ten weeks on 2 January 2017 with more rat traps and poisons. He further said that the average reference index of rodent infestation in 2016 was 4% while that in Tuen Mun district was 1.7%, lower than half of the average reference index. He said that he had instructed the department officers to put more resources on rat eradication.

19. A Member said apart from rodent infestation, complaints about water seepage in buildings also increased and enquired whether the department had sufficient manpower to handle the cases. She also said the efficiency of the joint office of the HD and FEHD (“JO”) was not good. In the past, the EHDDC requested the departments to improve equipment and streamline the procedures. She enquired about the progress.

20. Mr LEE of the FEHD replied that a Member had submitted a paper to the Commerce, Industry and Housing Committee (“CIHC”) about the water seepage problem in buildings. The CIHC would discuss the matter concerned at the meeting on 3 April 2017 and the department had contacted the joint office for professional advice. The department would submit a reply and attend the meeting for in-depth discussion.

(E) **Progress Report of Local Public Works and Rural Public Works as at February 2017**
(EHDDC Paper No. 15/2017)

21. Members noted the content of the report.

(F) **Reports of Working Groups under EHDDC**
(EHDDC Paper No. 16/2017)

(i) **Working Group on Tuen Mun Environmental Protection Activities**

22. Members noted the content of the report.

(ii) **Working Group on Markets and Illegal Hawking Activities**

23. Members noted the content of the report.

(iii) **Working Group on the Development and Complementary Facilities in Area 54**

24. According to the Chairman, a Member said at the meeting of the working group on 28 February 2017 that the HD had promised to build a cover on the path adjacent to the sewage pumping station in Siu Hong Road. Later, the working group resolved to request the department to study the provision of a cover at the location outside the TWGHs Yau Tsz Tin Memorial College so the original plan was shelved. Members of the working group opined that no matter whether there would be a cover at the location outside the TWGHs Yau Tsz Tin Memorial College, there should be a cover in Siu Hong Road up to the sewage pumping station. The working group resolved to report the matter concerned to the EHDDC and seek consent from the EHDDC to write to the Transport and Housing Bureau (“THB”) in the name of the EHDDC to reflect Members’ request for the provision of a cover in Siu Hong Road.

25. Members had no objections to the above suggestion. The Chairman announced that the above reports of the three working groups were endorsed. The EHDDC would also write to the THB to reflect the views of the working group on the request for a cover in Siu Hong Road.

The
Secretariat

(Post-meeting note: the Secretariat sent the above letter on 7 April 2017 and received the reply concerned on 21 April 2017. Please see Appendix 2.)

(G) **Progress Report as at 28.2.2017**
(EHDDC Paper No. 8/2017)

(i) Drainage Services Department’s Progress Report on Works in Tuen Mun District

26. Members noted the content of the report.

(ii) Environmental Monitoring Report on Mud Pit No. 5

27. Members noted the content of the report.

(iii) Water Seepage Report on Buildings in Tuen Mun District

28. Members made enquiries and offered their views on the content of the report, which were summarised as follows:

(i) The number of complaints about water seepage in buildings was surprising but the proportion of cases of which investigation was completed was rather low. The department was requested to appoint professionals to attend the CIHC meeting and provide explanations;

(ii) There were many cases in which the source of seepage could not be found. The department should actively solve citizens’ problems instead of closing the cases perfunctorily. Another Member opined that the testing equipment of the

JO was behind the times, which was why the source of seepage could not be found. The JO was requested to improve the equipment to avoid affecting the lawsuits concerned as the residents could not provide any proof on water seepage;

- (iii) Currently, there would be no follow-up action for the cases with a humidity reading lower than 35% at the seeping location. It was enquired whether the JO had made a review on the use of this humidity standard;
- (iv) It was difficult to take follow-up action for the seepage from sewage or sea water pipes. It was hoped the government would provide regulation and actively assist the incorporated owners and management companies in handling these cases; and
- (v) The division of labour and the investigation process of water seepage by the JO were not good. The JO was requested to make improvement.

29. The Chairman said that a Member had submitted a paper to the CIHC and the CIHC would hold in-depth discussion about this.

30. Mr LEE of the FEHD said that the JO mainly handled the complaints about water seepage in private buildings. It had been encouraging owners to actively work with the management companies to solve the problem. The government would intervene only when both parties failed to solve the problem themselves.

31. He further said that the government was working in accordance with the laws concerned. For cases involving environmental hygiene and building structure, the JO would take follow-up action with the power vested by the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance, CAP 132, Laws of Hong Kong, including the issue of Nuisance Notice in connection with environmental hygiene problems. For cases involving a waste of fresh water, the Water Supplies Department could take follow-up action in accordance with the Waterworks Ordinance, CAP 102, Laws of Hong Kong.

32. Mr LEE of the FEHD briefed that there were mainly three parts on the process of water seepage handling: (1) examine whether the humidity reading at the location of seepage was higher than 35%; (2) conduct colour water examination to test whether there was seepage at the sewage drainage outlet; and (3) HD would conduct professional investigation with equipment to test whether seepage would involve structural problem, and carry out reversible pressure tests to examine whether there was any seepage from pipes of fresh water.

33. He said that as the causes of water seepage were complicated, the time it would take varied from case to case. Owners and management companies should co-operate with each other. The JO would give a full introduction to the latest testing equipment to the CIHC later.

(iv) Progress Report on Water Pipes Installation in Tuen Mun District

34. The Chairman welcomed Mr WONG Kin-san, Ricky, Engineer/Consultant Management 12, Water Supplies Department, Mr TSE Kit-chun, Resident Assistant Engineer and Mr LUI Ka-ching, Resident Senior Inspector of Works, AECOM CDM Joint Venture, and Mr WONG Kwok-shui, Resident Engineer, Black Veatch Hong Kong Limited to the meeting.

35. The Chairman said a Member pointed out at last meeting that there was a problem when the water pipes in Lung Mun Road and Wu Chui Road were replaced. One of the section of the water pipes in Wu Chui Road burst many times so the EHDDC resolved to invite a WSD officer to this meeting to reply to Member's enquiries.

36. Members offered made their enquiries and offered their views on the matter, which were summarised as follows:

- (i) A Member enquired about the reason why the underground water pipe in Wu Chui Road (near Melody Garden) was different from the plan, and the solution proposal;
- (ii) A Member enquired about the delay caused to the works in Lung Mun Road (near Tuen Ching Lane) by underground water. As the traffic was closed owing to the works, there was great impact on the traffic. It was enquired whether the water pipes nearby should be improved together while the current works were being carried out;
- (iii) A Member enquired about the reason why the sea water pipe burst many times at the crossroads between the Butterfly Estate and Melody Garden (i.e. the intersections between Wu Chui Road and Dip Chui Road);
- (iv) The water pipes in Hoi Chu Road outside Tsui Ning Garden and Good View Garden had burst recently. It was enquired about the reason for the burst and the water pipe laying works involved; and
- (v) There was flooding caused by typhoons in the area of Glorious Garden many years ago. The department was requested to deal with the water pipe problem properly to drain the rain water.

37. Mr WONG of the WSD replied that the water pipe in Wu Chui Road was laid in 1980s. There was no computer record at the time so the location of the water pipe might be different. Moreover, the water pipe might be laid again for road works or installation of large-scale underground facilities in the past years so the location of the water pipes was different from the plan. He said he was having close contacts with the property management office and the representative of the Melody Garden and the old pipe would be removed as soon as possible. Then there would be new pipes connected to avoid the water pipe from bursting again.

38. Mr WONG of the WSD further said that the water pipe works in Lung Mun Road was delayed owing to seepage. The department needed to repair the seeping pipe first but one of the seeping areas was blocked by large-scale cable which would take some time in handling. The department had arranged for a water pump to pump away the water 24 hourly. The current operation of the water pipe was suspended to carry out works to strengthen the tunnel of trenchless construction technology. It was expected the water pipe works in Lung Mun Road could be completed in May.

39. On the water pipe burst in Hoi Chu Road, Mr WONG of the WSD said he would take follow-up action with the Member concerned after the meeting. WSD

(H) **Air Quality Health Index of Tuen Mun Air Quality Monitoring Station**
(EHDDC Paper No. 18/2017)

40. Members noted the content of the report.

VII Any Other Business and Date of Next Meeting

41. A Member requested the EDP to provide the relevant information in connection with the Municipal Solid Waste Charging so Members could offer their views.

42. The Chairman requested the EDP to consider provision of the relevant information at the next meeting. EPD

(Post-meeting note: the EDP would introduce the Municipal Solid Waste Charging to the EHDDC at the next meeting.)

43. There being no other business, the meeting closed at 11:30 am. The next meeting would be held on 26 May 2017.