

Minutes of the 9th Meeting of
the Environment, Hygiene and District Development Committee of
the Tuen Mun District Council

Date : 22 March 2019 (Friday)

Time : 9:30 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, BBS, 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	9:32 a.m.	9:51 a.m.
Mr CHU Yiu-wah	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	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr LAM Chung-hoi	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr TSUI Fan, MH	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms CHING Chi-hung	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHAN Man-wah, MH	TMDC Member	9:30 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.	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 CHAN Tsim-heng	Co-opted Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr TSOI Shing-hin	Co-opted Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms CHAN Ching-yee, Jackie (Secretary)	Executive Officer I (District Council)2, Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department		

In Attendance

Miss TSUI Man-ye, Joanna	Assistant District Officer (Tuen Mun)1, Home Affairs Department
Mr LEE Ming-ki	Inspector of Works (Acting), Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department
Mr LEE Kam-ho, Edwin	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Tuen Mun), Food and Environment Hygiene Department
Ms CHAN Wing-ye	Deputy District Leisure Manager (Tuen Mun)2, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr CHAN Pui-shing, Michael	Engineer/Tuen Mun 4, Drainage Services Department
Mr CHEUNG Chun-kit	Housing Manager/Tuen Mun 1, Housing Department
Mr YEUNG Mo-man	Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional West)1, Environmental Protection Department
Miss WU Ho Kei, Maggie	Town Planner/Tuen Mun 4, Planning Department
Mr CHAN Yuen-heng, Jason	Engineer/15 (West), Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr TAM Kwok-leung	Administrative Assistant/Lands (Acting) (District Lands Office, Tuen Mun), Lands Department
Mr. FUNG Yuk Ming, Ricky	Engineer/New Territories West (Distribution 2), Water Supplies Department
Mr TSAO Chin-kiu, Isaac	Project Coordinator/Design 3, Water Supplies Department

Absent with Apologies

Mr TO Shek-yuen, MH	TMDC Member
Ms KONG Fung-yi	TMDC Member
Mr NG Koon-hung	TMDC Member
Mr CHAN Manwell, Leo	TMDC Member
Mr YIP Man-pan	TMDC Member
Mr KEUNG Kai-pong	Co-opted Member
Mr LEUNG Kin-shing	Co-opted Member

I. Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all participants and government department representatives in attendance to the 9th meeting of the Environment, Hygiene and District Development Committee (“EHDDC”).

2. The Chairman asked the people in the public gallery to note that the space on either side of the screen of the overhead projector at the back of the conference room was press area. Except for the journalists who were registered and issued with a media sticker as identification and allowed to stay in the press area, other members of the public needed to stay in the public gallery for the meeting.

3. The Chairman reminded Members that any Member who was aware of a personal interest in a discussion item should declare the interests before the discussion. She 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

4. The Secretariat reported that Ms KONG Fung-yi had applied for leave of absence from the meeting because of sickness.

[Post-meeting note: As per the requirement of the Standing Orders, Ms KONG submitted a medical certificate afterwards. Therefore, her application for leave of absence was accepted by the EHDDC.]

III. Confirmation of Minutes of the Last Meeting

5. As there were no amendments to the minutes, the Chairlady announced that the minutes of the 8th meeting of the EHDDC (2018-2019) were endorsed.

IV. Reporting Items

(A) Water Quality of Tuen Mun Beaches
(EHDDC Paper No. 12/2019)

6. Members noted the contents of the report.

(B) **Progress Report on Major Public Works Projects in Tuen Mun District
(as at 15 February 2019)
(EHDDC Paper No. 13/2019)**

7. The Chairman asked when the Government Complex in Tuen Mun Area 14 (Siu Lun) mentioned in page 3 of the paper would be commissioned officially.

8. Mr CHAN Yuen-heng, Jason of the Civil Engineering and Development Department (“CEDD”) responded that according to the information provided by the Architectural Services Department (“ArchSD”), the works for the complex would be completed in the first quarter of 2019. Arrangements were being made with the department concerned for the acceptance works. It was expected that all facilities would be gradually commissioned in the third quarter of 2019.

9. Members noted the contents of the report.

(C) **Report of Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
(EHDDC Paper No. 14/2019)**

10. Mr LEE Kam-ho, Edwin, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (“FEHD”) added that the department had moved the IP camera installed at the Yip Wong Road Refuse Collection Point to the Hung Cheung Road Refuse Collection Point on 27 February 2019. As at 21 March 2019, the department had instituted nine prosecutions for contraventions at that location. It was believed the situation of rubbish being abandoned illegally would start to be under control.

11. Mr LEE of the FEHD continued to say that the department would allocate additional resources in the financial year of 2019-2020 and hoped there would be installation of IP cameras at three or four blackspots. It was hoped Members’ suggestions on the locations would be collected through the Secretariat by referring to what was done last year.

12. Members made different comments and enquiries on the contents of the paper and the installation of IP cameras, which are summarised as follows:

(i) A Member asked whether the department would refer to the anti-mosquito work which were effective last year and carry out the work concerned early as a precaution;

(ii) A Member showed special concern about the situations of rubbish being

abandoned illegally at blackspots outside the purview of the Housing Department. The Member asked whether the department would provide special forms for Members to complete in order to collect the suggested locations for the installation of IP cameras;

- (iii) A Member welcomed the allocation of additional resources for the installation of IP cameras and asked whether some of the new IP cameras could be installed at the blackspots of illegal feeding of feral birds and wild boars;
- (iv) A Member asked whether the department could provide the latest information related to rodent problem. He said he understood the department had worked very hard on anti-rodent work. As the rodent problem in Tuen Mun became serious last year and the mass media also showed much concern, he hoped the department could provide explanations on the specific work on rodent problem control;
- (v) A Member wanted to have an IP camera installed at the bottom of the Siu Hong Footbridge in order to eradicate illegal feeding of feral pigeons which would affect the conditions of environmental hygiene; and
- (vi) A Member welcomed the department to allocate additional resources for the installation of IP cameras and suggested the provision of an IP camera at the location near the lift at the bottom of the Chi Lok Fa Yuen Footbridge.

13. Mr Lee of the FEHD responded that the department noticed the ovitrap indices had been increasing since March 2018 referring to the situation last year. Therefore, the mosquito control work concerned for this year would be conducted one month earlier than before. Then the mosquito control work would be strengthened in early April. On the rodent problem, the situation in 2018 was more serious than that in 2017. Apart from the half-yearly regular anti-rodent campaign in the Tuen Mun District and the annual anti-rodent campaign for small areas, the department wanted to increase one more anti-rodent campaign for small areas in order to strengthen anti-rodent efforts.

14. Mr LEE of the FEHD continued to say that the department had drafted the forms for the suggested locations of installations and would distribute them to Members through the Secretariat after the meeting to collect Members' comments. To cope with the tendering work concerned, he requested Members to send the

replies to the Secretariat before 3 April 2019. He said that after collecting Members' comments, the department would consolidate the complaint figures of the locations concerned, review and analyse the amount of rubbish abandoned and assess the technical feasibility of the installation of IP cameras at the locations concerned. According to these three principles, the priority for the installation locations of IP cameras would be drafted. After the EHDDC was consulted, IP cameras would be installed according to the sequence with which the EHDDC agreed. On the installation of IP cameras at the blackspots of illegal feeding, the department would try to arrange one to two trial locations to observe the effect.

15. The Chairman requested Members to send their proposals on the installation locations of IP cameras to the Secretariat before 3 April 2019 who would then pass them to the FEHD for follow-up. Secretariat

(D) Progress Report of Local Public Works and Rural Public Works as at February 2019

(EHDDC Paper No. 15/2019)

16. Members noted the contents of the report.

(E) Reports of Working Groups under EHDDC

(EHDDC Paper No. 16/2019)

(i) Working Group on Tuen Mun Environmental Protection Activities

17. Members noted the contents of the report.

(ii) Working Group on Markets and Illegal Hawking Activities

18. Members noted the contents of the report.

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

19. Members noted the contents of the report.

20. The Chairman announced that the above three working group reports were endorsed.

(F) Other Government Departments' Progress Reports as at 26 February 2019

(EHDDC Paper No. 17/2019)

(i) Progress Report by DSD about Works in Tuen Mun District

21. A Member hoped that the department could clear the gutters in the vicinity of San Sau Street, San Wah Lane and Tseng Choi Street before the arrival of rainy season.

22. Mr CHAN Pui-shing, Michael of the DSD responded that the three locations mentioned by Members would be followed up by him and his colleagues concerned after the meeting.

23. A Member enquired whether the gutters outside Chun Yue House, Sam Shing Estate were under the purview of the DSD. The Member further said there was foul smell at that location and hoped the department concerned could follow up as soon as possible.

24. Mr CHAN of the DSD said there was no information concerned on hand so they could not confirm whether the gutters outside Chun Yue House, Sam Shing Estate were under the purview of the DSD.

25. The Chairman requested Mr CHAN of the DSD to contact the Member after the meeting and respond to the enquiries concerned.

26. Members noted the contents of the report.

(ii) Report on Environmental Monitoring of Mud Pit V

27. Members noted the contents of the report.

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

28. Members noted the contents of the report.

(iv) Progress Report of Water Main Laying Works in Tuen Mun District

29. Mr TSAO Chin-kiu, Isaac of the Water Services Department (“WSD”) added that the No. 5 project in the report had a progress of 100%.

30. A Member enquired whether the works in Woo Chui Road and Lung Mun Road could be completed in June this year, and when the works in Mei Lok Lane could be completed.

31. Mr TSAO of the WSD responded that regarding the works on Lung Mun Road and Lung Mun Road, the contractor had started to lay the water pipes since 25 March 2019. According to the current progress, it was expected that the works

could be completed in June 2019. He continued to say that repair works of the water pipes at Mei Lok Lane near the Butterfly Estate had commenced. It was expected that works would be completed in September 2019.

32. Members noted the contents of the report.

(v) Grass Cutting and Larvicidal Oil Spraying Work on Government Land in Tuen Mun District

33. A Member enquired whether the current locations of grass-cutting and insecticide spraying were changed in a cycle every two months i.e. the work concerned would be carried out every two months.

34. A Member said she hoped that the department would request the contractors to cut grass and spray with insecticide at the designated locations on the specific date but not the current requirements on the number of grass-cutting and spraying insecticide at all locations in each cycle at present. Moreover, she thanked Mr TAM Kwok-leung, the Tuen Mun District Lands Office for his follow-up work. She opined that the administrative cost of the department and different stakeholders could be saved by requiring the contractors to cut grass and spray with insecticide at the designated locations at the specific time.

35. Mr TAM of the Tuen Mun District Lands Office responded that the locations of grass cutting and spraying insecticide were changed in a cycle every two months. Therefore, the locations of grass cutting and spraying insecticide in March and April were almost similar to those in January and February. If Members wanted to know the exact dates and time of the specific locations of grass cutting and spraying insecticide, the department could inform individual Members in advance. At present, the department had similar arrangements for some locations. He continued to say that he would contact the department's grass cutting and spraying insecticide teams to explore whether Members' suggestions were feasible.

36. Members noted the contents of the report.

(G) **Air Quality Health Index of Tuen Mun Air Quality Monitoring Station (EHDDC Paper No. 18/2019)**

37. Members noted the contents of the report.

(H) **Tai Shui Hang Water Quality Monitoring Records**
(EHDDC Paper No. 19/2019)

38. Members noted the contents of the report.

V. **Any Other Business**

(A) **Community Participation Programme in Environmental Protection**
2019-20
(EHDDC Paper No. 20/2019)

39. The Chairman said the EHDDC had participated in the Community Participation Programme in Environmental Protection of the Environmental Protection Department (“EDP”) for the past seven years. The theme for 2019-20 was Dump Less, Save More, Recycle Right. The EDP would provide funding allocation of \$200,000 to each of the 18 district councils for the implementation of the programme. She asked Members to consider whether to accept the funding and whether to pass it to the Working Group on Tuen Mun Environmental Protection Activities to follow up according to the arrangements in the past.

40. Members had no objections so the EHDDC approved that the Working Group on Tuen Mun Environmental Protection Activities would follow up the above funding.

(B) **Invitation from EDP to Co-organise Shoreline Cleanup Day**

41. The Chairman said the Secretariat received a letter from the EDP on 20 March 2019 saying that the department would hold a shoreline cleanup day at the Lung Kwu Tan, Tuen Mun from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on 18 May 2019 and invite the EHDDC to co-organise the above activity and recruit volunteers. Moreover, the department also invited councillors of TMDC and Members to participate in the activity. She requested Members to consider whether they agreed to co-organise with above activity and assist with the recruitment of volunteers.

42. Members had no objections so the EHDDC approved to co-organise the above activity and assist with the recruitment of volunteers.

43. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to send the details of the activity by emails to the councillors of TMDC and Members for perusal, prepare the list of councillors, EHDDC Co-opted Members and volunteers who would attend and pass it to the EPD.

VI. Date of Next Meeting

44. There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 10:01 a.m. The next meeting would be held at 9:30 a.m. on 24 May 2019 (Friday).

Tuen Mun District Council Secretariat

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