### Minutes of the 4th Meeting in 2024 of the Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee of Tai Po District Council

Date: 3 July 2024 (Wednesday) Time: 2:30 p.m. – 5:21 p.m.

Venue: Conference Room, Tai Po District Council ("TPDC")

| <u>Present</u>   | Time of Arrival                         | Time of Withdrawal |
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| <u>Chairman</u>  |   |                    |
| Mr. CHAN Siu-kuen, MH, JP                                      | Beginning of the meeting                | End of the meeting |
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| Vice-chairman  |   |                    |
| Mr. YU Chi-wing, MH  | Beginning of the meeting                | End of the meeting |
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| Members  M. J. F. F. M. J. | D : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : | E 1 C4             |
| Mr. LEE Man-kit  | Beginning of the meeting                | End of the meeting |
| Ms. LEE Sai-yin, Jeanne, BBS, JP                               | Beginning of the meeting                | End of the meeting |
| Mr. LI Wah-kwong, Rex, MH                                      | Beginning of the meeting                | End of the meeting |
| Mr. LI Yiu-ban, BBS, MH, JP                                    | Beginning of the meeting                | End of the meeting |
| Mr. LAM Yick-kuen, MH  | Beginning of the meeting                | End of the meeting |
| Mr. WU Cheuk-him   | Beginning of the meeting                | End of the meeting |
| Mr. MUI Siu-fung   | Beginning of the meeting                | End of the meeting |
| Mr. MUI Ching-hung   | Beginning of the meeting                | End of the meeting |
| Ms. CHAN Kin-kwan  | Beginning of the meeting                | End of the meeting |
| Mr. CHAN Pok-chi, JP   | Beginning of the meeting                | End of the meeting |
| Mr. MAK Shing-ho, Gary   | Beginning of the meeting                | End of the meeting |
| Mr. WAN Koon-kau   | Beginning of the meeting                | End of the meeting |
| Mr. WONG Wai-tung  | Beginning of the meeting                | End of the meeting |
| Ms. WONG Pik-kiu, SBS, MH, JP                                  | Beginning of the meeting                | End of the meeting |
| Ms. LOK Siu-luen   | Beginning of the meeting                | End of the meeting |
| Mr. LO Hiu-fung, MH  | Beginning of the meeting                | End of the meeting |
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| <u>Secretary</u>   | D 1 1 0.1 11                            | F 1 64             |
| Miss NG Ka-yue, Yui  | Beginning of the meeting                | End of the meeting |
| Executive Officer (District Council) 2 /                       |   |                    |
| Tai Po District Office ("TPDO") /                              |   |                    |
| Home Affairs Department ("HAD")                                |   |                    |

#### In Attendance

Mr. NG Man-kam, Keith Structural Engineer / C2-3 / Buildings Department ("BD")

Mr. MA Ping-hing Project Coordinator / Maintenance 1D / Civil Engineering and

Development Department ("CEDD")

Ms. HO Mei-yung Engineer / Tai Po 2 / Drainage Services Department ("DSD")

Mr. WONG Pak-ki Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional North)1/

Environmental Protection Department ("EPD")

Mr. LAU Wai-cheung Chief Health Inspector (Tai Po)1 / Food and Environmental Hygiene

Department ("FEHD")

Ms. WAN Yuk-chi Chief Health Inspector (Tai Po)2 / FEHD

Miss FAN Wing-man

Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control) Tai Po 2 / FEHD

Mr. SHEK Wai-ming

Leisure Manager (Tree) New Territories East / Leisure and Cultural

Services Department ("LCSD")

Mr. SIT Ka-lok Deputy District Leisure Manager (Tai Po)2 / LCSD

Ms. CHAN Wing-kwan, Wendy Operations Support Sub-Unit Commander / Tai Po Division / Hong

Kong Police Force ("HKPF")

Mr. YUNG Sze-wei Maintenance Inspector of Works / Tai Po / Highways Department

("HyD")

Mr. TSUI Chun-sing Administrative Assistant/Lands / District Lands Office, Tai Po

("TPDLO") / Lands Department ("LandsD")

Miss CHAN Sui-king, Madeline Senior Executive Officer (District Management) / TPDO / HAD

Ms. SING Hoi-shan, Wendy Senior Executive Officer (District Council) / TPDO / HAD

Mr. LEE Sung-hei, Marcus Executive Officer (District Council) 2 (Designate) / TPDO / HAD

#### **Opening Remarks**

<u>The Chairman</u> welcomed Members and departmental representatives to the 4th meeting in 2024 of the Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee ("FEHC") of TPDC, and announced the following:

- (i) Ms. HO Mei-yung, Engineer / Tai Po 2 of DSD, was attending the meeting in place of Mr. NG Wing-hung.
- (ii) Mr. YUNG Sze-wei, Maintenance Inspector of Works / Tai Po of HyD, was attending the meeting in place of Mr. LI Tsz-yau, Roy.
- (iii) Mr. LEE Sung-hei, Marcus, Executive Officer (District Council) 2 (Designate) of TPDO, was attending the meeting.

#### I. Confirmation of the minutes of the 3rd meeting in 2024 of the FEHC on 8 May 2024

2. <u>The Chairman</u> reported that as the Secretariat did not receive any proposed amendments prior to the meeting, and no Members on the floor had put forward any amendments, the captioned minutes therefore were confirmed.

## II. Suggestion to the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department for enhancing the service of street washing vehicles and using high pressure water jets on a regular basis for street cleansing operations in the district

(TPDC Paper Nos. FEH 25/2024 and FEH 25a/2024)

- 3. A Member went through TPDC Paper No. FEH 25/2024.
- 4. The representative of FEHD went through TPDC Paper No. FEH 25a/2024.
- 5. Members' comments and questions were as follows:
  - (i) They suggested that the department step up its efforts in clearing cigarette butts and trash collected in gaps between pavers and in front of shops.
  - (ii) They asked the department about the number of street washing vehicles and pressure washer surface cleaners ("PWSCs") in service in Tai Po District, as well as the schedule and routes of street cleansing.
  - (iii) It was hoped that the department would cleanse the vicinity of Fo Chun Road, Pak Shek Kok on a regular basis so as to alleviate the odour problem caused by dog fouling. In addition, it was suggested that the department affix posters with prosecution figures to deter dog walkers who allowed their dogs to foul public places with faeces.
  - (iv) They suggested that the department keep a closer eye on the situation where quite a lot of rubbles, leaves and branches, etc., were left on the hard shoulders after inclement weather.
  - (v) They hoped that the department would increase the frequency of cleansing the streets in the vicinity of Hong Kong Jockey Club Betting Branch near Tai Po Plaza with high-pressure water jets, especially on race days.
  - (vi) Some Yuen Leng residents had reflected the poor hygiene condition in the surrounding area. It was hoped that the department would continue to cleanse and monitor the situation of the area.
  - (vii) They asked how the department would monitor service quality to meet the performance pledge.

- 6. <u>The representative of FEHD</u> responded as follows:
  - (i) The department would step up its efforts in clearing cigarette butts and trash in gaps between pavers and in front of shops.
  - (ii) The department would step up its cleansing efforts in the vicinity of Fo Chun Road, Pak Shek Kok, having regard to road conditions and resource allocation, and would continue to affix posters and conduct blitz prosecutions at the relevant blackspots.
  - (iii) He noted Members' concerns over the road conditions after inclement weather. The department would, in arranging street cleansing work, also remove the rubbles within the reach of its staff, whereas debris/cobbles and landscaping vegetation waste on other roads would be handled by the relevant departments.
  - (iv) The contractor of the department arranged for two larger water trucks for towing hose cleansing for daytime and night-time use in Tai Po District respectively, and two vehicles with PWSCs for daytime use. In addition, there was also a small street washing vehicle to serve the district.
  - (v) As timely adjustment would be made to the schedule and routes of street cleansing services in response to actual traffic conditions and sudden situations, Members were welcome to contact the department when necessary.
- 7. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the department was welcome to disseminate information for public reference via Members.

### III. <u>Food and Environmental Hygiene Department – Second Phase of Anti-rodent Campaign</u> 2024 in Tai Po District

(TPDC Paper No. FEH 26/2024)

- 8. <u>The representative of FEHD</u> went through the captioned paper.
- 9. Members' comments and questions were as follows:
  - (i) They asked whether the department would announce the data on Rodent Absence Rates ("RARs"), and whether adjustment would be made to the action plan of anti-rodent work in response to the data of various locations.
  - (ii) They thanked the department for its active response to the hygiene problems on the ground floor of Block A of Greenery Plaza and at its rear lanes. It was suggested that the department continue to ensure that anti-rodent efforts were effective in a continuous manner.

- (iii) They often received feedback from residents of Tai Wo Estate about the seriousness of rodent infestation. Rats were even found to have encroached residential areas. Members asked whether the department had set up rat detectors in private housing estates and Tenants Purchase Scheme estates to obtain the data.
- (iv) It was suggested that the department furnish Members with information on rodent prevention and control to strengthen publicity.
- (v) They asked about the effectiveness of using thermal imaging cameras ("TICs") to detect rodent infestation, and suggested that the imaging devices be placed in locations such as minor roads and rear lanes.
- (vi) They asked about the effectiveness of anti-rodent work at night.
- (vii) They said that consideration could be given to allowing the keeping of cats in specific premises under special circumstances to alleviate rodent infestation.
- (viii) They asked the department about examples of frontline staff carrying out the action of "advice on rodent prevention given to members of the public" and follow-up arrangements.

#### 10. The representative of FEHD responded as follows:

- (i) The data on RARs would be published by districts. The department would adjust the action plan of anti-rodent work having regard to the data.
- (ii) The department had earlier taken out four prosecutions against hygiene problems on the ground floor of Block A of Greenery Plaza and at its rear lanes, and would continue to carry out blitz inspections on a regular basis.
- (iii) The department did not set up rat detectors in parks and housing estates in its rodent survey conducted earlier. The department was now discussing with the departments concerned the provision of detectors at more locations in the 2025 survey. Members were welcome to communicate with the department in this regard if necessary. The rodent survey results would be published on the website.
- (iv) The department placed around 100 and 50 rodent cage traps at night and in daytime on each day respectively. Around 100 rodents were caught by rodent cage traps during night-time in June.
- (v) The department would make reference to the actual situation and views of the local community to establish a sampling framework, under which about 100 survey locations in the district were identified via stratified sampling for installation of TICs. These cameras would only capture thermal images between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. the following day.
- (vi) Examples of the action of "advice on rodent prevention given to members of the public" mentioned in the captioned paper included failure to dispose of food waste

properly, littering, and shop front extension leading to street obstructions, etc. The department would follow up and conduct regular inspections based on records.

#### 11. Members' comments were as follows:

- (i) It was hoped that the department would provide data on the detection locations for Members' reference, and would let Members to take part in the planning of the locations for setting up TICs for the next phase of rodent survey.
- (ii) It was hoped that the areas around Mei Sun Lane, Chui Lok Street, Chui Yi Street and Chui Wo Lane would be included as the "Target Rear Lanes".
- 12. <u>The representative of FEHD</u> responded that the department would announce the locations in the district that required strengthened anti-rodent efforts. There was no plan to set up TICs in private places for the time being. In addition, the department noted the locations that were of concern to Members and would consider including them in the list.
- 13. <u>The Chairman</u> said that he would conduct a site visit to Greenery Plaza and Tai Wo Estate with the relevant Members and the department in due course.

# IV. Marine Department and Food and Environmental Hygiene Department – Reports on the quantity of refuse collected from Tolo Harbour between May and June 2024 (TPDC Paper Nos. FEH 27/2024 and FEH 28/2024)

- 14. The Chairman asked Members to take note of the captioned paper (No. FEH 27/2024).
- 15. The representative of FEHD went through the captioned paper (No. FEH 28/2024).
- 16. A Member asked whether the relevant departments could improve the environmental hygiene at the pier of Tai Po Waterfront Park, especially the clearing of refuse and removal of standing water on the floor. A site visit was proposed in this regard.
- V. <u>Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, Environmental Protection Department, Civil Engineering and Development Department and Drainage Services Department Reports on the clearing of rubbish and sludge in Lam Tsuen River and Tai Po River in Tai Po</u>

(TPDC Paper No. FEH 29/2024)

17. The representatives of FEHD, EPD, CEDD and DSD went through the work on the clearing of rubbish and sludge in Lam Tsuen River and Tai Po River one by one at the meeting (see

captioned paper (No. FEH 29/2024) for details).

#### 18. Members' comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) In view of the relatively frequent occurrence of extreme weather conditions, such as rainstorms, in recent years, Members asked whether the relevant departments had a mechanism to conduct a comprehensive review of other watercourses in the district (including more hidden river channels and nullahs as well as rivers close to rural settlements, such as the areas of Wong Yue Tan and Ng Tung Chai), as well as landslides near the rivers (say, the sand and silt sediments in the catchment area of Fung Yuen).
- (ii) They asked the relevant departments about the number of clearing of rivers as well as that of the use of carriers.
- (iii) They asked the relevant departments whether there were cases of misconnection of private housing sewers to stormwater collection system at present.

#### 19. The representative of DSD responded as follows:

- (i) The department would send staff to inspect the river channels within its purview on a regular basis and after the rain. The department would arrange for clearing if blockages were found. In addition, the department had sent staff to inspect the area of Wong Yue Tan and liaised with the TPDO to find out the blockage of drains there.
- (ii) To her understanding, the Water Supplies Department had sent staff to clear the sand and silt in the associated catchwater of the catchment area of Fung Yuen.
- (iii) The departments concerned had been contacted earlier for proper handling of the flooding problem in Ng Tung Chai.
- (iv) The department would inspect underground sewers and drains by closed circuit television ("CCTV") surveys and carry out cleansing work when necessary.

#### 20. The representative of EPD responded as follows:

- (i) The department had taken the initiative to spot check stormwater inlets from time to time, and would follow up upon receipt of complaints. No obvious contraventions had been found for the time being.
- (ii) The department would remind the parties concerned, when carrying out decoration works, not to discharge waste water from washing out paint brushes into stormwater drains in order to avoid polluting watercourses.

- 21. A Member asked which department was responsible for dealing with large rocks in river channels.
- 22. <u>The representative of DSD</u> responded that the river channels in the district were under the responsibility of different departments. The department would, subject to the quantity and weight, use corresponding machinery for clearing the rocks in river channels under its responsibility.
- 23. <u>The Chairman</u> said that timely referrals and follow-ups among departments, as well as interdepartmental operations conducted in a timely manner were very important to the public.
- 24. A Member suggested that the FEHD proactively address the issues noticed in its daily cleansing or refer them to the departments concerned for action.

### VI. <u>District Lands Office, Tai Po – Report on abandoned vehicles, illegal dumping of soil and inter-departmental bicycle clearance joint operations</u>

(TPDC Paper No. FEH 30/2024)

- 25. <u>The representative of TPDLO</u> went through the captioned paper.
- 26. Members' comments and questions were as follows:
  - (i) They said that they had reflected the locations of some illegal bicycle parking in the district but still saw the illegally parked bicycles afterwards. They would like to know whether the departments concerned had followed up and addressed the issue.
  - (ii) They asked about the way of handling the bicycles confiscated in operations.
  - (iii) They pointed out that the inter-departmental clearance operations had not covered individual railings on which abandoned and dilapidated bicycles were found. They asked whether the departments could improve the joint operations or even extend the operations to the entire Tai Po District.
  - (iv) They were concerned about the dumping of decoration waste at the rear lanes in the vicinity of Nam Shing Street. Even though private land might be involved, it was hoped that the relevant departments would strengthen publicity.
  - (v) They pointed out that construction waste was often dumped at the refuse bins at the lay-by next to the entrance of San Tong Village, and suggested that CCTVs be installed to achieve a deterrent effect.
  - (vi) It was hoped that the department would share its successful experience in handling abandoned vehicles found in June.

(vii) They asked whether illegally parked bicycles affixed with notices in May but not confiscated were found to be parked illegally again after the clearance operation.

#### 27. The representative of TPDLO responded as follows:

- (i) Clearance operations for illegally parked bicycles were conducted under the Land (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (Cap. 28). The TPDLO would first post notices on illegally parked bicycles and confiscation would take place only if no one claimed or removed the bicycles in question after specific dates.
- (ii) Any bicycle being confiscated during an operation shall become the property of the Government and would be handed over to the Government Logistics Department for handling. Generally speaking, bicycles that were considered to be of value would be put up for auction, otherwise they would be destroyed. In addition, dilapidated bicycles should be regarded as refuse rather than property. Such wreckage would be disposed of by the departments concerned.
- (iii) The TPDLO had received complaints about the rear lane issue at Nam Shing Street. As the area was private land, the TPDLO had no authority to address the issue there and had informed 1823 to study how to follow up the matter.
- (iv) "Completed cases" under "Abandoned vehicles" in column A of the captioned paper referred to cases completed in the month, while not limited to cases received in that month. As such, there was a chance that the number of completed cases was larger than the number of "Cases of abandoned vehicles received".
- (v) The TPDLO, when carrying out clearance operations, would take photos for record purposes. If an illegally parked bicycle remained at its original location after expiry of the specified date on notice, or if the bicycle in question was parked at a nearby location and it was justified by clear evidence from the department, the TPDLO would confiscate the bicycle in question.

#### 28. Members' comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) They added that some members of the public had reflected the rear lane issue at Nam Shing Street via the "Meet-the-Public Scheme" ("Scheme"). Members understood that it took time to address the issue there as it involved land held by Tso/Tong, but suggested that the TPDO, where practicable, coordinate with the relevant departments for clean-up first to avoid causing environmental hygiene problems.
- (ii) They asked whether the relevant departments could move the Internet Protocol ("IP") cameras from locations with improvement to other blackspots.
- (iii) Even though IP cameras had been installed next to the refuse collection point

- ("RCP") at Pan Chung Village, there were still people dumping waste illegally there. Members asked whether the FEHD had prosecuted the persons concerned successfully by using IP cameras for evidence collection.
- (iv) They asked whether there was any existing legislation which allowed the government departments to address environmental hygiene problems or take enforcement actions on private land.
- 29. <u>The representative of TPDLO</u> added that if the land in question was agricultural land held under 'Old Schedule' lot with no erection of structures nor a breach of lease conditions, the TPDLO could not take lease enforcement action.
- 30. The representative of FEHD responded as follows:
  - (i) The department had been keeping a close watch on the situation of RCP at Pan Chung Village. The department initiated prosecution 13 times there last year. During the recent blitz operation, the department initiated prosecution against two offending members of the public.
  - (ii) The department would consider deploying IP cameras to suitable locations having regard to the situation.
- 31. Members' comments were as follows:
  - (i) They suggested that the departments garner views from District Council ("DC") Members before planning inter-departmental joint clearance operations for bicycles and abandoned vehicles. It was believed that this would be helpful in planning the clearance operations.
  - (ii) They pointed out that the clearance of abandoned bicycles would also help to remove accumulated water and bring mosquito problem under control.

# VII. <u>Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, Hong Kong Police Force, District Lands Office, Tai Po, Highways Department and Buildings Department – Departmental reports on the environmental hygiene issues in Tai Po District</u>

(TPDC Paper No. FEH 31/2024)

- 32. <u>The Chairman</u> welcomed Messrs. SHEK Wai-ming and SIT Ka-lok, Leisure Manager (Tree) New Territories East and Deputy District Leisure Manager (Tai Po) 2 of LCSD respectively, and all departmental representatives to attend the meeting for this agenda item.
- 33. The representative of FEHD went through Appendix I to the captioned paper.

- 34. The representative of HKPF went through Appendix II to the captioned paper.
- 35. The representative of TPDLO went through Appendix III to the captioned paper.
- 36. The representative of HyD went through Appendix IV to the captioned paper.
- 37. The representative of BD went through Appendix V to the captioned paper.
- 38. Members' comments and questions were as follows:
  - (i) Some members of the public had complained that the problem of water dripping from air-conditioners in Blocks 7 and 8 of Tai Po Centre facing On Pong Road had existed for many years, resulting in accumulation of water and breeding of bacteria. It was hoped that the department would keep this in view.
  - (ii) Some members of the public had indicated through the Scheme that there were non-stop loud broadcasts of shops in the vicinity of Kwong Fuk Road and Kwong Fuk Lane in daytime, causing great nuisance to the public. It had been observed that the situation had improved after follow-ups by the EPD. It was hoped that the department would continue to follow up the matter.
  - (iii) Some residents had reflected that the planters underneath the footbridge opposite to the entrance of Hong Lok Yuen had lacked clearing for a long time. It was hoped that the relevant departments would pay attention to this.
  - (iv) They asked whether the FEHD could provide figures on water seepage cases in the buildings of Tai Po District, including numbers of complaints, "Nuisance Notices" issued and completed cases, etc.
  - (v) They suggested that an independent report from EPD be included to this agenda item so as to facilitate Members' enquiries as to the matters relating to food waste recycling machines ("FWRMs") and GREEN@COMMUNITY.
  - (vi) They thanked the BD and TPDO for their earlier actions taken to deal with dangerous canopies. It was suggested that the departments notify DC Members prior to carrying out actions relating to canopies and external walls to facilitate coordination.
  - (vii) They suggested that the EPD affix notices on FWRMs temporarily out of service to indicate the anticipated completion date of repairs.
  - (viii) They suggested that the number of Recycling Stations of GREEN@COMMUNITY be increased to tie with residents' increasing awareness and participation in environmental protection.

- (ix) They suggested that the department or contractor clear waste and debris in a timely manner after weeding along cycle tracks.
- (x) Some residents had indicated that they were unaware of the presence of food waste collection points ("FWCPs") in RCPs. It was hoped that the department would strengthen promotion efforts. It was suggested that the location of FWCPs be improved.
- (xi) They suggested that the department step up efforts in dealing with locations with the fluffy cotton of Red Kapok Trees, such as the areas of Luk Heung Lane, Tai Ming Lane Square, Tai Po Market Rest Garden and St. Hilary's Primary School.
- (xii) They asked the FEHD why a number of figures in May were twice as many as those in June in Appendix I to the captioned paper.

#### 39. The representative of FEHD responded as follows:

- (i) The department would investigate and follow up on the problem of water dripping from air-conditioners in Tai Po Centre facing On Pong Road.
- (ii) The department would arrange for clearing refuse and leaves and debris fallen naturally after inclement weather in the public area underneath the footbridge opposite to the entrance of Hong Lok Yuen. The department concerned would arrange for clearing of plant debris generated from the pruning of gardening flowers and plants by other departments.
- (iii) The department would relay the enquiry on the number of complaint cases of water seepage to the New Territories East Regional Joint Office.
- (iv) Upon coordination of the cut-off date by the Secretariat, the figures for June in Appendix I to the captioned paper were figures as at 15 June, and thus less than those for the whole month of May.

#### 40. The representative of EPD responded as follows:

- (i) He noted the suggestion of affixing notices to indicate the anticipated completion date of repairs in case of breakdown of FWRMs, and the provision of additional facilities of GREEN@COMMUNITY.
- (ii) The noise problem would continue to be followed up.
- (iii) He noted the suggestion relating to FWCPs in the RCPs, and would communicate and follow up with the FEHD.

#### 41. The representative of LCSD responded as follows:

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- (i) He noted the problem underneath the footbridge opposite to the entrance of Hong Lok Yuen and would follow up.
- (ii) He was aware of the issue of fluffy cotton of Red Kapok Trees. Staff would be sent to inspect the situation and take appropriate follow-up measures. The department would step up its efforts in clearing the fluffy cotton during the shedding period from April to June, and would carry out clean-ups in conjunction with the FEHD when necessary to reduce the impact on the public. When the existing Red Kapok Trees aged or withered, the department would plant other suitable tree species as replacements.
- 42. <u>Ms. WONG Pik-kiu</u> made a declaration of interest, indicating that Joyteam Volunteers Alliance Limited had undertaken to operate the facilities of GREEN@COMMUNITY in Tai Po District and she herself was the Chairman of the group.
- 43. A Member said that he had never seen Red Kapok Trees in bloom but there were puffs of fluffy cotton. He would like to know whether Red Kapok Trees would bloom.
- 44. <u>The representative of LCSD</u> said that the flowering period of Red Kapok Trees was generally in February and March every year, and the flowers were bright red in colour.
- 45. A Member thanked the LCSD for actively following up on the issue of fluffy cotton of Red Kapok Trees, and expressed his hope that residents would be spared from the impact from April to June next year.

#### VIII. Any other business

(TPDC Paper No. FEH 32/2024)

- 46. A Member went through the captioned paper and added that the FEHD had noted the matter at the meeting of the District Facilities and Works Committee and would arrange for a site visit with Members.
- 47. The Chairman said that some members of the public had written to reflect the serious problem of bird droppings at Kwong Fuk Road. He suggested that the FEHD step up its efforts in cleansing the road surface of Kwong Fuk Road and Wan Tau Kok Lane, and that the LCSD and TPDLO deal with the climbing plants on trees.
- 48. A Member said that the principals of Wong Shiu Chi Secondary School and SKH Bishop Mok Sau Tseng Secondary School had also reflected the said problems in the past.
- 49. The Chairman suggested that a site visit with the relevant departments be conducted after

the meeting.

(<u>Post-meeting note</u>: The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department ("AFCD"), FEHD, TPDO and LCSD conducted a site visit at Kwong Fuk Road and Wan Tau Kok Lane together with some Members on 16 August 2024. The FEHD said that it would step up its efforts in cleansing the affected road surface to keep the street hygienic and clean. The LCSD and AFCD remarked that the LandsD and HyD would be invited to an inter-departmental meeting in the fourth quarter of this year to discuss the removal of invasive climbing plants after the breeding season for egrets, making it easier for egrets to roost in the woods and reducing the impact on the surrounding environment.)

#### IX. Date of next meeting

- 50. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 2:30 p.m. on 4 September 2024 (Wednesday).
- 51. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Tai Po District Council Secretariat August 2024