

Minutes of the 1st Meeting in 2025
of the Social Welfare, Housing and Development Planning Committee
of Tai Po District Council

Date: 10 January 2025 (Friday)
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 11:57 a.m.
Venue: Conference Room, Tai Po District Council (“TPDC”)

<u>Present</u>	<u>Time of Arrival</u>	<u>Time of Withdrawal</u>
<u>Chairman</u>		
Mr. LO Hiu-fung, MH	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
<u>Vice-chairman</u>		
Mr. WU Cheuk-him	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
<u>Members</u>		
Mr. YU Chi-wing, MH	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. LEE Man-kit	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. LI Wah-kwong, Rex, MH	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. LEE Hon-cheung	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. LAM Yick-kuen, MH	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
Mr. CHAN Cho-leung, MH, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. CHAN Yung-wa	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Ms. CHAN Kin-kwan	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. CHAN Siu-kuen, MH, 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
Ms. LAU Shui-ping, Daisy	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Ms. WONG Yan-yan, Jannie	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
<u>Secretary</u>		
Miss FUNG Yu-kwan, Connie	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Executive Officer (District Council) 3 / Tai Po District Office (“TPDO”) / Home Affairs Department (“HAD”)		

In Attendance

Ms. CHAN Sin-yee	Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Tai Po/ North) 1 / Social Welfare Department (“SWD”)
Mr. WONG Man-yum	Senior Housing Manager / Tai Po, North & Shatin 3 / Housing Department (“HD”)
Mr. LAU Ka-wing, Kevin	Senior Town Planner / Tai Po 1 / Planning Department (“PlanD”)
Mr. WONG Po-kit, Jeffrey	Senior Town Planner / Tai Po 2 / PlanD
Ms. LO Sik-chi, Cynthia	Engineer / 22 (North) / Civil Engineering and Development Department (“CEDD”)
Mr. TUNG Wai-lam	Administrative Assistant (Atg.) / District Lands Office, Tai Po (“TPDLO”) / Lands Department (“LandsD”)
Ms. LEE Che-ying	Engineer / New Territories East (Distribution 4) / Water Supplies Department
Dr. YUEN Cheuk-pun, Eddie	Deputy Hospital Chief Executive / Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital (“Nethersole Hospital”)
Dr. LEUNG Kwan-wa, Maria	Chief of Service / Department of Family Medicine / New Territories East Cluster
Ms. CHENG Ka-yan, Christine	Manager (Communications and Community Relations) / Nethersole Hospital and Tai Po Hospital
Miss LEUNG Yik-hang, Joyce	Youth and Education Officer (New Territories East) / Independent Commission Against Corruption (“ICAC”)
Mr. KWOK Chun-chai, Johnny	Assistant District Officer (Tai Po) / TPDO / HAD
Mr. FUNG Ying-wai, Victor	Senior Liaison Officer (1) (Atg.) / TPDO / HAD

Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed participants to the 1st meeting in 2025 of the Social Welfare, Housing and Development Planning Committee (“SHDC”).

I. Confirmation of the minutes of the 6th meeting in 2024 of the SHDC on 8 November 2024

2. No proposed amendments to the minutes had been received by the Secretariat prior to the meeting. The Chairman asked Members whether they had any proposed amendments.
3. No Members had put forward any proposed amendments, and the captioned minutes were confirmed.

II. Hospital Authority – Report on the provision of medical services in Tai Po District

4. The representative of Hospital Authority (“HA”) reported on the provision of medical services by HA in Tai Po District, details of which were as follows:

- (i) The number of people served by Accident and Emergency Department of Nethersole Hospital every day between 2 January and 8 January 2025 was between 245 and 313.
- (ii) The bed occupancy rate of medical wards ranged from 112% to 126%.
- (iii) The bed occupancy rate of paediatric wards ranged from 49% to 86%.
- (iv) The bed occupancy rate of orthopaedic wards ranged from 81% to 104%.
- (v) As the seasonal influenza activity was expected to increase further, the hospital urged the public to get vaccinated as soon as possible to reduce the risk of hospitalisation and death from seasonal influenza infection. High risk groups, such as persons with underlying comorbidities, the elderly and young children, should also get vaccinated against COVID-19 concurrently. One should also consider wearing a surgical mask when visiting public places or staying in crowded places.
- (vi) The Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Charity Foundation would organise the “Holistic Health Carnival in the Year of the Snake 2025” (金蛇報喜全人健康嘉年華) at the hall on the first floor of Tai Po Community Centre on 18 January 2025 to promote the concept of holistic health. It would include a health talk, game booths, Lunar New Year Scroll handwriting experience and other activities. Active participation of the public was welcome.

5. Members’ questions and comments were as follows:

- (i) It was asked whether the public could receive COVID-19 vaccine at Nethersole Hospital, and considered that the provision of data on existing Covid-19 infection cases in Tai Po District could serve as a reminder and alert for high-risk individuals to get vaccinated as soon as possible.
- (ii) They considered it necessary to invite the Department of Health (“DH”) to attend the SHDC meetings to report on the health situation in Tai Po District, such as explaining the planning of Wong Siu Ching Family Medicine Centre and Tai Po Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic (“Tai Po Jockey Club GOPC”). Members would also like to enquire with the DH about the arrangements for dental appointments.

6. The representative of HA responded that the Centre for Health Protection monitored regularly the activity of influenza virus and novel coronavirus, where the activity level of novel coronavirus had remained low for the past two weeks. Members of the public could receive COVID-19 vaccine at private hospitals and some of the designated GOPCs (including Tai Po Jockey Club GOPC) if necessary. High-risk individuals might consider receiving a booster dose if they had COVID-19 infection or had received their last dose more than six months ago.

7. A Member suggested following up on the proposed community health centre building (“CHC Building”) at the District Facilities and Works Committee (“DFWC”). The departments concerned (including the DH, Architectural Services Department and Transport Department (“TD”)) should be invited to attend the meetings to discuss the facilities of the CHC Building and its surrounding ancillary facilities (e.g. parking spaces and location of ingress/egress points of the car park).

8. The Chairman would like to exchange views on and discuss with the DH the healthcare situation in Tai Po District, and asked the Secretariat to invite the department to regularise its attendance at the SHDC meetings to report on its services regularly. In addition, the Chairman considered it more appropriate to discuss matters relating to the CHC Building at the DFWC.

III. Social Welfare Department – Report on the data on major social services in Tai Po District (TPDC Paper No. SHD 1/2025)

9. The representative of SWD went through the captioned paper.

10. Members thanked the representative of SWD for her constant enthusiastic service and contribution to Tai Po District, as well as her dedicated efforts in responding to Members’ requests.

11. The representative of SWD thanked Members for their appreciation, and for their support in district activities and policies in the past few years.

IV. Social Welfare Department and Independent Commission Against Corruption – Report on the response to community activities held between November and December 2024 in Tai Po (TPDC Paper No. SHD 2/2025)

12. The representatives of SWD and ICAC went through the captioned paper.

13. Members did not raise any comments or questions.

V. District Lands Office, Tai Po – Report on matters relating to the illegal structures on and illegal occupation of Government lands

(TPDC Paper No. SHD 3/2025)

14. The representative of TPDLO went through the captioned paper.

15. Members did not raise any comments or questions.

VI. District Lands Office, Tai Po – Report on the progress of processing redevelopment applications of small houses and old houses in Tai Po District

(TPDC Paper No. SHD 4/2025)

16. The representative of TPDLO went through the captioned paper.

17. Members did not raise any comments or questions.

VII. Planning Department – Report on the progress of processing planning applications in Tai Po District by the Town Planning Board and its Rural and New Town Planning Committee

(TPDC Paper No. SHD 5/2025)

18. The representative of PlanD went through the captioned paper.

19. Members' comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) The housing developments at Lo Fai Road and Ting Kok Road, Tai Po under the Land Sharing Pilot Scheme ("Lo Fai Road LSPS") would bring additional traffic flow or aggravate congestion in the vicinity of Ting Kok Road, affecting residents of the housing estates in the vicinity of Lo Fai Road as well as those residing in the areas of Wong Yue Tan to Tai Mei Tuk Village.
- (ii) They were worried that Lo Fai Road LSPS could hardly address the problem of inadequate ancillary facilities. In terms of transport, Lo Fai Road was situated on a slope and in a remote location with low accessibility. Relying on green minibuses as the major mode of transport was not sufficient to meet the residents' commuting needs. In terms of livelihood, it was currently proposed to construct merely a shopping centre of around 10 000 square metres, and there was no suitable land in the vicinity to provide additional ancillary facilities, making it hard to cater for the daily needs of residents. In terms of education, the schools nearby did not have enough school places to accommodate more new students.

- (iii) It might be misleading to list the location of the site as “Tai Po Town Lot, Fung Yuen” in Planning Application No. Y/TP/38 since the proposed housing site was not located in the urban area of Tai Po but on a land area zoned Village Type Development (“V”). In addition, Members objected to the department for its continuous rezoning of rural land into land for residential use, thus damaging the natural landscape.
- (iv) A number of planning applications in the captioned paper were for temporary private or public car parks, reflecting the acute shortage of parking spaces in Tai Po District. It was suggested that a multi-storey car park be planned formally in the urban area of Tai Po, and it was hoped that the department would extend the term of the renewed tenancy of temporary car parks.
- (v) It was suggested that the department allocate more land planned for social welfare uses and provide additional welfare facilities in the community.
- (vi) They would like to know the reasons for the refusal of Planning Application No. A/NE- TK/824.
- (vii) They said that some of the planning applications for small houses located within the Village Environs (“VEs”) but not the “V” zones were often rejected by the Town Planning Board (“TPB”) due to agricultural development or other reasons. They asked whether the PlanD could revisit the relevant cases if there was no objection from the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (“AFCD”).
- (viii) It was asked why no road improvement works (“RI works”) had been carried out at the crossroads of Fung Yuen for many years. They suggested that Members and the departments concerned conduct a site visit, and asked the department to strengthen communication and coordination with the TD.
- (ix) Regarding the proposal of “Agricultural Priority Areas” (“APAs”), Members opined that land use should be left to the discretion of the owners on their own.
- (x) It was asked whether the department had data to support the selected sites of Lo Fai Road LSPS, and opined that the provision of occupancy rates of some of the transitional housing (e.g. Lok Sin Village and Good House) in Tai Po District might be helpful in discerning the suitability of the selected sites.
- (xi) The vetting of Planning Application No. Y/TP/38 had been deferred due to multiple submissions of further information. They asked whether the applicant was allowed to apply for deferment incessantly under the TPB mechanism, and suggested that the department set a time limit for vetting, like, applicants would have to resubmit their applications if the vetting had been deferred for three times.
- (xii) It was suggested that District Council (“DC”) Members write to express their concerns about the selected sites, ancillary facilities and traffic of Lo Fai Road LSPS.

20. The representative of PlanD responded as follows:

- (i) The concept of LSPS was to increase housing supply in the short-to-medium term by leveraging on the development potential of private land. The selected sites were proposed by the applicant, instead of the department and Development Bureau (“DEVB”). The department and Land Sharing Office of DEVB noted Members’ comments on the selected sites at the TPDC meeting on 7 January 2025 and had conveyed the comments to the applicant for consideration.
- (ii) He said that the “infrastructure-led” approach would be adopted and RI works would be completed prior to the intake of flats in the developments at Fung Yuen or Lo Fai Road.
- (iii) The TD opined that the current traffic conditions at Ting Kok Road were fairly smooth in general. There was congestion during certain periods of time but it was not necessary to conduct large-scale RI works at the present stage. Initial ancillary road facilities could be enhanced in conjunction with housing development.
- (iv) Should Lo Fai Road LSPS be approved by the TPB, the HD would, during the detailed design stage, examine whether it was necessary to provide additional retail and commercial facilities.
- (v) Most of the temporary car park applications in the captioned paper were located in rural areas of Tai Po, mainly in areas zoned “Agriculture” (“A”) or “V” on the Outline Zoning Plans (“OZPs”), and each tenancy period granted was normally three to five years. The department understood the parking demand in Tai Po District and would normally not object to applications for temporary car parks in “V” zones if no technical problems were involved.
- (vi) Planning Application No. A/NE-TK/824 was located within “A” zone on the OZP. The AFCD did not support the application and considered that the land in question had agricultural rehabilitation potential. As such, the TPB rejected the application after taking into account the departmental comments and other factors. The site was also within the APA proposed by the AFCD.
- (vii) Due to space constraints, the captioned paper only listed out the addresses, purposes and results of the planning applications. Upon receipt of each planning application in Tai Po District, the department would issue an application gist to Members via email and the application details would be posted on the TPB website. “Tai Po Town Lot, Fung Yuen”, which was listed as the location of Planning Application No. Y/TP/38, was the name of the lot granted by the LandsD. Members could refer to the plan for the actual location.
- (viii) The proposal of APAs remained at the consultation stage, and the department would communicate closely with the AFCD.

- (ix) Under the existing mechanism, an applicant might apply to the TPB for a maximum of two deferments for each application. In addition, if the applicant's submission of further papers involved substantial changes or technical assessment amendments, the TPB was required to publish them for public comments and the statutory time limit for consideration of the application would be restarted. To speed up the processing of planning applications, the Government had made amendments to the Town Planning Ordinance ("TPO") in September 2023. Accordingly, the TPB would only accept further information within the 2-month period starting from the day after the application was made. As the said application was received by the TPB before the amendment of the TPO, the processing period was longer.

(Post-meeting note: In response to Members' comments on Planning Application No. Y/TP/38 in paragraph 19(iii), the PlanD clarified that the application was submitted by a private developer, and was not a Government-led project. The PlanD would consult relevant departments and provide planning assessment on the application so as to assist the TPB in considering the application and making decision.)

21. Members' comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) There were a lot of land resources in the vicinity of Ting Kok Road. Members asked the department to make dedicated planning to improve and widen Ting Kok Road so as to unleash the development potential of the land.
- (ii) They asked whether it was still necessary to take forward the project if the TPB considered the selected sites not viable after deliberation or if the applicant intended to withdraw the application after it had been approved. Members also asked whether it was the case that the project would only be put on hold when the application was rejected by the TPB or withdrawn by the applicant of its own accord.
- (iii) It was asked whether farmland outside the APAs could be relaxed for other non-agricultural uses, such as rezoning to car parks.
- (iv) It was outdated to require car park applications in villages to be located within VEs. If the application sites were located within VEs, they were mostly used by residents for building houses.
- (v) It was opined that the department should make long-term planning by first enhancing ancillary transport facilities and other facilities.
- (vi) It was suggested that the department conduct preliminary consultation with Members who were familiar with the areas so as to know about the land site in question when considering development projects.

22. The representative of PlanD responded as follows:

- (i) Lo Fai Road LSPS had been incorporated into the Government's housing programme to meet the targets of housing supply in the short-to-medium term. Having said that, the project would not proceed if the applicant gave up to take it forward. The TPB would conduct public consultations during the amendment of the OZP. If the amendments were approved, the applicant still had to confirm with the Government.
- (ii) Planning Application No. A/NE-TK/824 was located at the junction of Tung Tsz Road/Wai Ha Village and Tung Tsz Shan Road, i.e. the "A" zone between San Tau Kok Village and Tung Tsz Village. He clarified that the AFCD did not support the application on the basis that the land had agricultural rehabilitation potential.
- (iii) A total of seven LSPS applications had been received throughout the territory, three of which were in Tai Po District. As the application period of the LSPS had already closed, no new applications would be received.
- (iv) The AFCD considered that the value for agricultural activities of APAs was higher, but it did not mean that there was no agricultural need or agricultural rehabilitation potential elsewhere. Should Members have objections to the delineation and other aspects of APAs (especially those in Kau Lung Hang, Lam Tsuen and Ting Kok), they might give suggestions to the AFCD, and the department would also continue to reflect the situation to the AFCD.

23. The Chairman suggested that DC Members write to the DEVB and TPB to express their strong concerns about the developments at Lo Fai Road. Members emphasised that they were not against the Lo Fai Road LSPS, just that the selected sites of the project were not suitable. The Chairman asked Members to actively express their opinions to the TPB, and asked the department to notify them the dates of public consultations on the project or the date of submission to the TPB in a timely manner.

VIII. Housing Department – Report on the information relating to the vacant housing units, execution of the Marking Scheme for Estate Management Enforcement, and the vacant storage rooms in the public housing estates in Tai Po District
(TPDC Paper No. SHD 6/2025)

24. The representative of HD went through the captioned paper.

25. Members' comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) They reflected that the policy of combating tenancy abuse was too harsh. It was hoped that the department would adjust its policy and exercise discretion in processing some cases with reasonable explanations or justifications, or assist

tenants in seeking alternative accommodation.

- (ii) They reflected that some Tso/Tong landholders encountered difficulties in applying for public rental housing (“PRH”).
- (iii) They asked about the progress of the installation of close-circuit televisions (“CCTVs”) in Fu Tip Estate.
- (iv) In view of the acute situation of throwing objects from height in Tenants Purchase Scheme estates, they asked whether the Marking Scheme for Estate Management Enforcement (“Marking Scheme”) would be executed against the case of throwing objects from height in Tai Wo Estate which was prosecuted by the Police in November 2024 to enhance the deterrent effect. In addition, Members asked the SWD to keep in view and assist tenants with mental illness to remedy the situation of throwing objects from height due to mental health problems.

26. The representative of HD responded as follows:

- (i) The aims of combating tenancy abuse were to ensure reasonable and efficient utilisation of PRH resources, and effective curbing of various kinds of abuses through the formulation of corresponding restrictive measures. The department had noted the valuable comments expressed by Members. On this basis, the HD would focus on stepping up publicity of the relevant policies, and at the same time, review and improve the existing policies in a comprehensive and detailed manner, so that a precise balance could be achieved between combating tenancy abuse resolutely and offering practical and effective assistance to tenants in distress. In addition, to address the temporary accommodation needs of the homeless in a practical manner, the department would continue to provide the Po Tin Transit Centre for use by those in need.
- (ii) If a tenant committed an offence under the Housing Ordinance, he/she might appeal to the Appeal Panel (Housing) in writing not later than 15 days after the date on which a Notice-to-Quit had been given by the Hong Kong Housing Authority.
- (iii) Tso/Tong land was subject to other complications in terms of an interest in land and property rights, which were indeed possible to give rise to some special issues for PRH applicants. In assessing the eligibility of PRH applications, the HD would evaluate factors such as income and assets of the applicants in a comprehensive manner according to the established policies and standards. As Tso/Tong land was a special asset, during the assessment, comprehensive consideration had to be given to the actual impact on the distribution of interests and revenue. To better address this issue, the HD would continue to examine and optimise the relevant workflow to ensure a fair allocation of PRH resources. On the other hand, the HD would also strengthen communication with the applicants to provide clearer guidance and

explanation during the application process so as to help them to have an accurate understanding of the policy requirements to complete the application.

- (iv) The installation of CCTVs in Fu Tip Estate was expected to be completed in May. When these facilities were brought into operation, the level of security and surveillance in the estate would be further enhanced, providing a more secured living environment for the residents by then. This initiative was taken based on the importance attached to community safety and security, which aimed at preventing and coping with various security incidents effectively through advanced surveillance technology so as to protect the safety of residents' lives and properties.
- (v) If a PRH tenant of Tai Wo Estate was convicted of throwing objects from height, the department would allot penalty points to the tenant in question under the Marking Scheme.

27. Members' comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) As shown in the captioned paper, there were not many cases of surrender of PRH units due to tenancy abuse in Tai Po District. They asked whether it was the case that the data failed to reflect the current situation or the tenancy abuse by PRH residents in Tai Po District was minor.
- (ii) They would like to clarify whether it was the case that the sale of Tso/Tong land could be approved with the consent of 75 per cent of the Tso/Tong members.
- (iii) It was hoped that there would be a clear division of work among the management company ("MC"), owners' corporation ("OC") and HD so that Members and the public could know who was responsible for the maintenance and management of common areas in the housing estate.
- (iv) It was suggested that a designated area for burning paper offerings be set up for the tenants of Fu Tip Estate to carry out rituals during festivals.
- (v) Residents were concerned about the new facilities (e.g. the availability of any Chinese restaurants) and the commissioning dates of facilities (especially kindergartens) at Fu Tip Estate (Phase 2). Members asked about the completion date of the greening works at Fu Tip Estate.
- (vi) Some bicycles were parked along the railings on the roadside slope outside Ban Tip House, affecting the access of residents. It was suggested that notices of the location of cycle parking place in the estate be posted. In addition, Members asked whether the Marking Scheme would be applicable to cover "electric mobility devices" ("EMDs").
- (vii) They asked about the specific date for the completion of repair of the escalators at the Fu Tip Estate Bus Terminus.

- (viii) Given that there were a number of bicycle theft cases in Fu Tip Estate and Tai Yuen Estate, it was suggested that CCTVs be added at the cycle parking places.

28. The representative of HD responded as follows:

- (i) He would check carefully the figures of recovered PRH flats in Tai Po District after the meeting before reverting to Members.

(Post-meeting note: The HD monitored the utilisation of PRH flats closely through a multifaceted approach, such as regular inspections, complaint and reporting channels as well as verification of tenants' information, and would deal with such cases forthwith in accordance with stringent procedures once tenancy abuses were detected. The existing statistical information, which stemmed from a monitoring mechanism, could truly reflect the situation of tenancy abuses in Tai Po District. It was noteworthy that during the handover of flats in Fu Tip Estate, which was a newly occupied housing estate in Tai Po District, the HD staff had explained in detail to residents the serious consequences that might result from tenancy abuse, and residents also had a clear understanding of this, which would also affect the overall statistics. The HD would continue to keep a close eye on the situation and optimise the relevant measures incessantly to ensure reasonable allocation of PRH resources.)

- (ii) The HD adopted a highly prudent approach in the division of responsibilities for the maintenance and management of common areas in housing estates. The MCs were responsible for undertaking specific matters such as daily maintenance of environmental hygiene as well as regular inspection and maintenance of facilities in the housing estates pursuant to the stipulations of the deeds of mutual covenant ("DMCs") and the Building Management Ordinance, so as to ensure the operation of housing estates in an orderly manner. The OCs also, in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations, represented the rights and interests of owners to exercise effective supervision over the operation of the MCs and actively participate in major decision-making so as to safeguard the interests of owners. In the process, the HD had actively engaged in in-depth communication with various parties on the implementation of the DMCs. In order for Members and the public to have a clear picture of where the responsibilities laid, the HD explained in detail the rights and responsibilities of various parties at the general meeting of the OCs through its appointed representatives to step up publicity efforts and promote the knowledge of the DMCs and relevant regulations, thereby enhancing the depth and breadth of the parties' understanding of their responsibilities in managing the housing estates.
- (iii) The HD would identify a site in Fu Tip Estate for the setup of a designated area for burning paper offerings.
- (iv) The decoration of the two kindergartens in Fu Tip Estate had been almost completed and one of them was expected to be in service in April. The department would like

to complete the greening work within two months, and the planters had been filled with levelled soil.

(Post-meeting note: The repair of the escalators at the bus terminus was completed on 24 January 2025 and the escalators were reopened for use on the same day. The Chinese restaurant at Fu Tip Estate was currently under open tender with a tender closing date of 28 February 2025.)

- (v) He was in favour of the provision of additional CCTVs at cycle parking places in the estates and would follow up on it. The HD noted Members' comments and would reflect in due course the relevant comments on exploring the feasibility of regulating the use of EMDs.

(Post-meeting note: The relevant managers of Fu Tip Estate and Tai Yuen Estate had been notified to study the suggestion of providing additional CCTVs at cycle parking places.)

IX. Buildings Department – Report on details of work in handling illegal structures in private properties in Tai Po District

(TPDC Paper No. SHD 7/2025)

29. The Chairman asked Members to take note of the captioned paper.

30. A Member asked whether the reports on unauthorised building works (“UBWs”) were the actual number of reports received or the number of UBWs found during inspections by the contractors.

(Post-meeting note: The reports on UBWs were the actual number of reports received by the Buildings Department (“BD”).)

31. The Chairman suggested inviting the BD to attend the SHDC meetings and considered it inappropriate for the department to provide reports only.

(Post-meeting note: The BD would be happy to send staff to attend the meetings of SHDC under TPDC.)

X. Any other business

32. A Member thanked the TPDLO, Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) and TPDO for dealing with problems such as wilted branches, lampposts and bicycles properly after their inspection of Tai Po Waterfront Park (“TPWP”), and suggested that the departments discuss handing over the TPWP Pier to the LCSD for collective management.

33. The representative of TPDLO responded that the TPDLO had noted Members' comments on the TPWP Pier and would follow up with the PlanD and LCSD after the meeting.

34. The representative of PlanD responded that TPWP was currently zoned as "Open Space". It was believed that the departments concerned would discuss the management rights and responsibilities.

XI. Date of next meeting

35. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 9:30 a.m. on 7 March 2025 (Friday).

36. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Tai Po District Council Secretariat
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