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Minutes of the 23rd Meeting of
Environmental and Health Affairs Committee (3/2019)

Date: 5 September 2019 (Thursday)

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Venue: Main Conference Room, Tsuen Wan District Office

Present:

Members

Mr CHOW Ping-tim (Chairman)

Mr CHENG Chit-pun (Vice Chairman)

Mr MAN Yu-ming, MH

The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael, BBS, JP

Mr KOO Yeung-pong, MH

Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris

Mr LI Hung-por

Ms LAM, Lam Nixie

Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis

Mr LAM Faat-kang, MH

The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben, BBS, JP

Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones

Mr CHAN Sung-ip, MH

Mr WONG Ka-wa

Mr WONG Wai-kit, MH

Mr KOT Siu-yuen

Mr LO Siu-kit, MH

Mr TAM Hoi-pong

Co-opted Members

Mr LAM Fook-chuen

Mr CHUNG Ho-yin

Government Representatives

Mr CHOW Chun-hun, Gary

Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan), Tsuen Wan District Office

Mr KUAN Man-hou

District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Tsuen Wan), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Ms FONG Wei-king, Luna

Deputy District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) 2, Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms TSANG Ka-man, Carmen

Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional West)2, Environmental Protection Department

Ms LO Sze-yan

Engineer/Tsuen Kwai 2, Drainage Services Department

Ms CHAN Hoi-ki, Maggie

District Engineer/General (3), Highways Department

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| Mr LI Pui-sang | Contract Project Coordinator/2 (New Territories West), Civil Engineering and Development Department |
| Mr KAN King-ming, Victor | Assistant Housing Manager/Shek Wai Kok 3, Housing Department |
| Mr PANG Chin-chiu | Senior Land Executive/Control 2 (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing) |
| Ms WOO Hoi-yan | Land Executive/Control 4 (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing) |
| Mr YUNG Chi-wai | Senior Inspector of Works, Tsuen Wan District Office |
| Miss TAI Tsz-yan, Angie | Executive Officer (Development), Tsuen Wan District Office |

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat Representatives

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| Miss LAM Siu-yung, Daisy | Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Tsuen Wan District Office |
| Miss CHUNG Sau-ling, Shirley (Secretary) | Executive Officer (District Council)1, Tsuen Wan District Office |

Attendance by Invitation:

For discussion of item 2A

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| Mr CHEUNG Tit-kwan, Ivan | Marine Manager/Cargo Handling (2), Marine Department |
| Mr LAU Chi-ho | Environmental Protection Officer (Regional West)41, Environmental Protection Department |

For discussion of item 2D

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| Mr TANG Kin-on | Engineer/Consultants Management 13, Drainage Services Department |
| Mr NG Ming-lau | Resident Engineer, Atkins China Limited, Consultants Engaged by Drainage Services Department |

For discussion of item 2F

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| Mr LO Tim-fat | Officer-in-Charge, Task Force Sub-unit (Tsuen Wan), Hong Kong Police Force |
| Mr NG Yu-tai | Neighbourhood Police Co-ordinator, Police Community Relations Office (Tsuen Wan District), Hong Kong Police Force |
| Mr CHEUNG Kim-hung, Michael | Engineer/Tsuen Wan 2, Transport Department |

For discussion of item 2G

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| Mr LO Tim-fat | Officer-in-Charge, Task Force Sub-unit (Tsuen Wan), Hong Kong Police Force |
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| Mr NG Yu-tai | Neighbourhood Police Co-ordinator, Police Community Relations Office (Tsuen Wan District), Hong Kong Police Force |
| Mr TSE Yip-kei, Alvin | Environmental Protection Officer (Assessment & Noise) ³³ , Environmental Protection Department |
| <u>For discussion of item 2H</u> | |
| Mr LAI Kwok-wai, David | Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Waste Management Policy) ⁶ , Environmental Protection Department |
| <u>For discussion of item 2I</u> | |
| Mr LO Tak-yee, Ivan | Landscape Architect/D (NTW&Is), Highways Department |
| <u>For discussion of item 2J</u> | |
| Mr WONG Wai-leung, Edmond | Chief Tobacco and Alcohol Control Inspector, Department of Health |
| Mr NG Kwan-lok | Executive Officer I (Enforcement) ² , Department of Health |
| Dr LUI Siu-yun | Medical & Health Officer (Community Liaison) ¹ , Department of Health |
| <u>For discussion of item 2K</u> | |
| Mr LO Tim-fat | Officer-in-Charge, Task Force Sub-unit (Tsuen Wan), Hong Kong Police Force |
| Mr NG Yu-tai | Neighbourhood Police Co-ordinator, Police Community Relations Office (Tsuen Wan District), Hong Kong Police Force |
| Mr TSE Yip-kei, Alvin | Environmental Protection Officer (Assessment & Noise) ³³ , Environmental Protection Department |
| <u>For discussion of item 2L</u> | |
| Mr CHEN Kin-tung, Tommy | Senior Estate Surveyor/Central (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing) |
| <u>For discussion of item 2M</u> | |
| Mr TUNG Wood-cheung | Senior Health Inspector (Tsuen Wan Slaughterhouse) ² , Food and Environmental Hygiene Department |
| Mr LAU Chi-ho | Environmental Protection Officer (Regional West) ⁴¹ , Environmental Protection Department |

For discussion of item 2N

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| Mr LEE Siu-fung, Michael | Country Parks Officer (W), Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department |
| Mr NG Ki-yiu | Engineer/New Territories West (Headworks 3), Water Supplies Department |
| Mr CHEN Kin-tung, Tommy | Senior Estate Surveyor/Central (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing) |

For discussion of item 2O

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| Mr YAU Wai-yip | Senior Property Services Manager/Sham Shui Po & Tsuen Kwai, Architectural Services Department |
| Mr CHAN Hei-yeung, Vincent | Property Services Manager/Tsuen Wan, Architectural Services Department |

For discussion of item 4

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| Mr LO Tim-fat | Officer-in-Charge, Task Force Sub-unit (Tsuen Wan), Hong Kong Police Force |
| Mr NG Yu-tai | Neighbourhood Police Co-ordinator, Police Community Relations Office (Tsuen Wan District), Hong Kong Police Force |

Absent:

Member

Mr YAU Kam-ping, BBS, MH

Co-opted Members

Ms CHOW Chin-tung

Mr LAM Kwok-on

The Meeting

I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed the Members and representatives from the government departments to the 23rd meeting of the Environmental and Health Affairs Committee (EHAC) and introduced Miss CHUNG Sau-ling, Shirley who attended the meeting for the first time and succeed Mr LEE Nelson as the Secretary of the EHAC.

2. The Chairman reminded Members that according to Section 15(3) of the Tsuen Wan District Council Standing Orders (the “Standing Orders), “in the course of a meeting of the Council, all persons attending or observing the meeting at the place of the meeting shall switch off all devices which might emit sound and shall not use any telecommunications devices for conversation” in order to ensure the smooth progress of the meeting.

II Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 22nd Meeting held on 4.7.2019

3. District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Tsuen Wan) (Dist Env Hygiene Supt(Tsuen Wan)) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) proposed that in paragraph 10(2) of the captioned minutes, “six cases of fly-tipping were identified at the RCP in Bayside Villas” should be amended to “two cases of fly-tipping were identified at the RCP in Bayside Villas”.

4. The minutes of the 22nd meeting held on 4 July 2019 were confirmed with the proposed amendment.

III Item 2: Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

(A) Paragraphs 4 to 8 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 July 2019: Strongly Request the Marine Department and Environmental Protection Department to Stop the Contractors of the Gin Drinkers Bay Public Cargo Working Area from Making Noise Nuisance whilst Operation in order to Safeguard a Quiet Living Environment in the Waterfront Area of Tsuen Wan

5. The Chairman welcomed the representatives of the government departments who specially joined the meeting, including:

- (1) Mr CHEUNG Tit-kwan, Ivan, Marine Manager/Cargo Handling (2) (Marine Mgr/Cargo Handling (2)) of the Marine Department (MD); and
- (2) Mr LAU Chi-ho, Environmental Protection Officer (Regional West)41 (Env Protection Offr(Regional W)41) of the Environmental Protection Department (EPD).

6. Marine Mgr/Cargo Handling (2) of the MD said that the MD had carried out measurement of the decibel levels at berth no. 27 which was used for the loading and unloading of metal waste in Rambler Channel Public Cargo Working Area (“Gin Drinkers Bay PCWA”) at regular hours and specific locations in July and August 2019. The results indicated that the noise levels did not exceed the noise standards. If the noise level at berth no. 27 exceeded 60 decibels, the MD would notify the operators that work should be suspended and request them to move the cargoes from heights to levels close to the ground prior to loading/unloading activities to reduce noise. At the same time, the MD often reminded the operators of the importance of regular maintenance of and application of lubricants to the moving parts of the machinery for noise reduction during operation. The situation in the past two months was satisfactory in general. Other precautionary measures included frequent checks of the operators’ compliance with the recommendations of the EPD to ascertain whether the operators had used sound proof canvas on the engines of cranes and placed thick gummy sacks at locations of loading/unloading activities to minimise the noise nuisance caused by machinery in operation and the impact of metal objects on the ground as far as possible. The operators had acted on the recommendations, and the precautionary measures had been properly adopted. Regarding the operating hours of berth no. 27 in the said PCWA, according to the MD’s observation in July and August 2019, the operators received cargoes from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sundays and stopped operation at around 4:30 p.m. During the said period, around three goods vehicles operated at different hours, that is, there was approximately one goods vehicle delivering goods per hour. In the past three weeks, operation in berth no. 27 of the PCWA stopped due to inclement weather. On weekdays, the preparation work for the loading/unloading of cargoes at berth no. 27 commenced at around 8:30 a.m. and the loading/unloading of metal waste would commence only after 9:00 a.m. The MD held that the said measures were effective.

7. Env Protection Offr (Regional W)41 of the EPD said that the findings of the EPD from the monitoring of the recycling yard in the PCWA were largely consistent with those in the

past. The contractors had installed sound proof canvas to reduce noise. The EPD would continue to monitor the noise situation at the recycling yard in the PCWA.

8. The Chairman said that in view of the current US-China trade war and decrease in freight volume, the MD had pointed out that the PCWA would be relocated upon the expiry of the current contract. In his opinion, as the contract would expire in 2021, which was two years from 2019, the MD should review the current operating conditions of the PCWA as soon as possible. Besides, he enquired whether the MD had planned to relocate the PCWA at an earlier time.

9. Marine Mgr/Cargo Handling (2) of the MD said that the service contract of the operators would expire on 31 July 2021. Although the maritime industry had languished at present, the market of the recycling of metal waste remained attractive and the operators concerned had expressed their aspiration to continue their business. To support the business of the operators, the Government planned to implement short-term relief measures, including reducing the terminal charges by 50% for a period of six months and providing free parking for vehicles for the first hour upon their entry into the PCWA for a period of 12 months, so as to alleviate the operating pressure of the operators. The MD would continue to report on the latest developments, if any.

10. The Chairman said that the MD had stated that, upon the expiry of the contract in question, it would not lease to the operators engaged in loading/unloading of cargoes at the same PCWA which was in use currently. Although there remained 20 months before the expiry of the contract, he opined that the Government should arrange the location of the PCWA as well as the corresponding measures in an orderly manner to facilitate the continuous operation of the industry. He enquired whether the MD supported the plan as regards the development of the industry. Besides, the MD had pointed out that the relocation of the PCWA was impracticable due to the water depth and weight limit on the vessels conveying waste metal. He thought that the result would be the same even if the MD conducted study at the same location again and thus expressed discontent at this matter. As the MD had undertaken to relocate the PCWA, the MD should have obtained the relevant information and consolidated the studies on various PCWAs, or else the studies would just be a case of procrastination. He enquired of the MD about the completion dates of the studies and names of the six PCWAs.

11. Marine Mgr/Cargo Handling (2) of the MD said that the MD had commenced in early 2019 the review of the six PCWAs which included the distribution of berths. The MD would make adjustment to the types of cargoes involved in the loading/unloading activities at the berths of the PCWAs as appropriate and move the site for the loading/unloading of offensive goods away from residential premises as far as possible to minimise the impact. After the completion of the review, the MD would put forth proposals and consult the industry and District Councils concerned. The study report would be completed before 2021. At present, the questionnaire survey was completed and would be followed by data analysis. In addition, the six PCWAs included the Gin Drinkers Bay PCWA, Tuen Mun PCWA, Stonecutters Island PCWA, Western District PCWA, Chai Wan PCWA and New Yau Ma Tei PCWA.

12. The Chairman said that the EHAC would keep the situation in view and hoped that the MD would continue to update the progress.

(B) Paragraphs 9 to 10 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 July 2019: Installation of IP Camera at the Black Spots of Refuse Disposal by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and (C) Paragraphs 88 to 92 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 July 2019: Installation of Internet Protocol (IP) Camera at Refuse Deposit Blackspots

13. As items (B) and (C) fell within the same scope, both items would be discussed together. The Chairman asked Dist Env Hygiene Supt(Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD to report the latest status.

14. Dist Env Hygiene Supt(Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD reported that two cases of fly-tipping were identified at the refuse collection point (RCP) in Bayside Villas and the offenders were prosecuted and convicted. 17 cases of fly-tipping were identified at the RCP in Tung Po Tor Monastery and the offenders in 11 of the cases were prosecuted and convicted. Five cases of fly-tipping were identified at the disposal site of Ting Kau Carpark and the offenders were prosecuted and convicted. In addition, the plan on the installation of IP cameras was launched on 1 August 2019. The FEHD had installed IP cameras at the car park on Tai Pei Square and in Heung Wo Street near Heung Shing Street Sitting-out Area according to the priorities approved by the EHAC and the IP cameras had come into operation officially. The FEHD would continue to install or re-deploy IP cameras according to the priorities.

15. The Vice Chairman enquired about the prosecution work at the disposal site of Ting Kau Carpark and penalties of the convicted cases. In addition, as members of the public showed fairly strong antipathy towards cameras at present, he was worried that the IP cameras installed in Tsuen Wan town centre, each of which with a power cubicle installed at the bottom, would be damaged at different events. In this connection, he enquired whether the power cubicles could be moved upwards to avoid damage.

16. Dist Env Hygiene Supt(Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD said that he would provide supplementary information on the penalties after the meeting. The IP cameras currently in use did not come with a face recognition function, and the data collected by the IP cameras were used primarily for identifying target offenders and analysing their behaviour patterns and motives of committing the offence, so that the FEHD could carry out targeted publicity and education work and formulate enforcement strategies. The enforcement strategies mainly included deploying law enforcement officers to the black spots which could be monitored in real time with mobile devices for law enforcement action against persons who committed fly-tipping on the scene, prosecuting the registered car owners of the vehicles which had been used for the disposal of refuse by making use of the information collected in the video footage, and identifying the time and pattern of fly-tipping so that more effective law enforcement actions could be planned. Regarding the cubicle under the IP camera, it was a device used for transmission of images. The FEHD would contact the contractor to study the feasibility of relocating the power cubicle.

(Note: Mr MAN Yu-ming joined the meeting at 2:37 p.m.)

(D) Paragraphs 11 to 19 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 July 2019: Strongly Request the Drainage Services Department to Press Ahead the “Upgrading of Tsuen Wan Sewerage” and Advance the Period of Completion to mid 2019 for Commissioning of the Four Dry Weather Flow Interceptors As Far As Possible in order to Prevent the Residents from Suffering the Odour Nuisance of the Seawater Following the In-take of Various New Properties along the Coast at Tsuen Wan West Rail One after Another Starting from 2018

17. The Chairman said that as this agenda item was raised by him, the Vice Chairman would take over the chair temporarily.

18. The Acting Chairman welcomed the representatives of the Drainage Services Department (DSD) who specially joined the meeting, including:

- (1) Ms LO Sze-yan, Engineer/Tsuen Kwai 2 (Engr/Tsuen Kwai 2);
- (2) Mr TANG Kin-on, Engineer/Consultants Management 13 (Engr/Consultants Mgt 13); and
- (3) Mr NG Ming-lau, Resident Engineer of the Atkins China Limited.

19. Engr/Consultants Mgt 13 of the DSD reported that the installation of the dry weather flow interceptors in Wo Tik Street and Tsuen Wan Market Street was completed, and the installation of the dry weather flow interceptors in Chung On Street and Hoi Pa Street was expected to be completed in September 2019. The diagrams of the water gathering grounds regarding the dry weather flow interceptors were provided to Members for reference.

20. Mr CHOW Ping-tim enquired about the actual completion dates of the works and whether the water quality monitoring would be undertaken by the DSD or EPD after the commissioning of the dry weather flow interceptors.

21. Engr/Consultants Mgt 13 of the DSD responded that as the installation of the dry weather flow interceptor in Hoi Pa Street involved more electricity-related works, it was anticipated that the installation would be completed in late September 2019. For the installation of the dry weather flow interceptor in Chung On Street, it would be completed between mid and late September 2019. Water quality monitoring would be handed over to the EPD for follow-up.

22. Senior Environmental Protection Officer(Regional West)2 (Sr Env Protection Offr(Regional W)2) of the EPD responded that she would relay Members’ views to the subject officers of the EPD for follow-up.

23. Mr CHOW Ping-tim said that he hoped that the EPD would obtain more data and examine the water quality at the work sites of the installation of dry weather flow interceptors which was completed or underway on a regular basis because the residents in the vicinity of the waterfront area all hoped that the odour and pollution problem of seawater could be significantly alleviated through the works. He also hoped that the EPD would report to the EHAC only after obtaining the data in the future.

24. Mr KOO Yeung-pong enquired when the road closure in Hoi Pa Street which was implemented due to the installation works would end.

25. Resident Engineer of the Atkins China Limited responded that the temporary traffic arrangement would remain effective until October 2019 and would be lifted as soon as possible after the completion of the works concerned.

26. Engr/Consultants Mgt 13 of the DSD responded that the DSD would follow up on the road works after the completion of the installation works and it was anticipated that all the works would be completed in mid-October 2019. The DSD would report on the latest progress, if any, to the EHAC.

27. The Chairman resumed the chair.

(Note: Mr LO Siu-kit joined the meeting at 2:42 p.m.)

(E) Paragraphs 20 to 25 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 July 2019: Request to Enhance the Inspection for and Efforts in Combating the Disposal of Construction Waste Casually in Tsuen Wan District

28. The Chairman said that Ms TSANG Ka-man, Carmen, Sr Env Protection Offr(Regional W)2 of the EPD and Mr KUAN Man-hou, Dist Env Hygiene Supt(Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD would give response to Members' enquiries on behalf of the EPD and FEHD respectively.

29. Dist Env Hygiene Supt(Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD reported that the FEHD had instituted 122 prosecutions in July and August 2019, among which three cases involved illegal dumping of construction waste.

30. Sr Env Protection Offr(Regional W)2 of the EPD reported that the EPD had conducted 146 inspections in June and July 2019, during which no prosecution was instituted. The EPD would continue to step up inspection.

31. The Chairman stated that the captioned item would not be further discussed by the EHAC at the next meeting.

(Note: Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis joined the meeting at 2:50 p.m.)

(F) Paragraphs 26 to 34 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 July 2019: Request the Government Departments to Seriously Handle the Trespass and Unchecked Parking of Shared Bicycles in Tsuen Wan District and Immediately Put Forth Effective Improvement Proposals to Keep Up With the Objective of Harmonious Sharing of Shared Bicycles among Members of the Public for Maintaining the Public Safety and Clean Environment in Housing Estates

32. The Chairman said that as this agenda item was raised by him, the Vice Chairman would take over the chair temporarily.

33. The Acting Chairman said that he welcomed Mr CHEUNG Kim-hung, Michael, Engineer/Tsuen Wan 2 (Engr/Tsuen Wan 2) of the Transport Department (TD) who specially joined the meeting. In addition, the representatives of the departments responsible for giving response were Mr LO Tim-fat, Officer-in-Charge, Task Force Sub-unit (Tsuen Wan) (OC Task Force Sub-unit (Tsuen Wan)) of the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF), Senior Land Executive/Control 2 (Sr Land Ex/Control 2) of the District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing (DLO) and Dist Env Hygiene Supt(Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD.

34. OC Task Force Sub-unit (Tsuen Wan) of the HKPF reported that the HKPF had issued two summonses and instituted prosecution against cycling on footpaths in June and July 2019. The HKPF would continue to step up law enforcement from time to time at the black spots in the district.

(Note: Mr WONG Wai-kit joined the meeting at 2:53 p.m.)

35. Engr/Tsuen Wan 2 of the TD reported that the number of Automated Dockless Bicycle Rental Services (ADBRS) bicycles had reduced from about 200 in June 2019 to 170 in July 2019 and 150 in early August 2019. The TD would continue to send staff to conduct inspections in Tsuen Wan district from time to time, and immediately request the ADBRS operators to arrange for the removal of ADBRS bicycles once these bicycles were identified. Regarding the matter on the identification of the illegal parking of ADBRS bicycles at the said locations in the district as pointed out by Members at the previous meeting, the TD had requested the contractors to arrange for removal.

36. Sr Land Ex/Control 2 of the DLO reported that the DLO had conducted a joint operation with the departments concerned in late August 2019 and removed a total of 11 bicycles, among which six were ADBRS bicycles.

37. Dist Env Hygiene Supt(Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD reported that the FEHD had provided manpower and vehicles for transporting the bicycles in the joint operation.

38. Mr CHOW Ping-tim said that according to his recent observation, the number of ADBRS bicycles had reduced. He hoped that the situation would last.

39. The Chairman resumed the chair.

(G) Paragraphs 35 to 47 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 July 2019: Construction of Noise Barriers at Tuen Mun Road Return of a Quiet Home Environment for Tsing Lung Tau and Sham Tseng

40. The Chairman welcomed Mr TSE Yip-kei, Alvin, Environmental Protection Officer (Assessment & Noise)³³ (Env Protection Offr(Assessment & Noise)³³) of the EPD who specially joined the meeting. The representative of the department responsible for giving response was Mr LO Tim-fat, OC Task Force Sub-unit (Tsuen Wan) of the HKPF. Besides, the Highways Department (HyD) and EPD had submitted written replies on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal.

41. Env Protection Offr(Assessment & Noise)³³ of the EPD reported that the EPD had sent staff to conduct noise assessment at the affected residential units on Tuen Mun Road - Tsing Lung Tau at Members' request. The findings showed that the noise level was compliant with the traffic noise standard. After conducting a study with the HyD, the EPD held that it was technically infeasible to install additional noise barriers on the existing ones on the section of Tuen Mun Road off Sea Crest Villa.

42. OC Task Force Sub-unit (Tsuen Wan) of the HKPF reported that in June and July 2019, the HKPF had conducted 42 law enforcement actions against speeding and other traffic offences on the road section concerned, during which 75 prosecutions were instituted and two vehicles suspected of illegal modification were detained.

(Note: Mr WONG Ka-wa left the meeting at 3:00 p.m. Ms LAM, Lam Nixie joined the meeting at 3:02 p.m.)

43. The views, enquiries and suggestions of the Chairman and Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) in paragraph 44 of the minutes of the previous meeting, the EPD had stated that “after the simulation tests and calculation, it was indicated that the conversion to sound-absorbing noise barriers of the barriers concerned could not effectively reduce the noise in the vicinity of Sea Crest Villa. The relevant data and results could be provided after the meeting”. In this connection, he enquired whether the EPD had the relevant information (Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris);
- (2) he enquired why the EPD did not provide the data of the simulation tests and whether such data would be provided (the Chairman);
- (3) he had put forth the captioned item in July 2018, but the EPD did not send any representative to attend the EHAC meeting to give response to the enquiries about the noise problem. Subsequently, the representative of the EPD mentioned at the EHAC meeting held in September 2018 that the noise barriers could not effectively reduce the noise level to less than 70 decibels. He had thus all along requested the EPD to provide the data from the simulation tests. At the previous EHAC meeting, the EPD stated that the noise could not be effectively reduced even if noise barriers were installed at Sea Crest Villa Phase 1 at the same time. Hence, he had once again requested the EPD to provide the relevant data, but no data had been provided so far. He opined that the EPD did not respect the District Council and was discontented with the EPD's failure to submit the data all along. He understood that due to the structural constraint of the viaduct, Sham Tseng Viaduct could not support additional facilities. Hence, he proposed at the meeting of the Traffic and Transport Committee on 2 September 2019 the necessity to widen Sham Tseng Viaduct and provide additional deck area to support the noise barriers so as to alleviate traffic noise, reduce traffic accidents and ensure the residents' safety. He hoped that the TD, which was studying the proposal at present, would consider including the provision of noise barriers in the widening works of Sham Tseng Viaduct and convert the cantilever noise barriers installed in front of Sea Crest Villa Phase 1 to full enclosure noise barriers (Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris); and

- (4) regarding the two vehicles which were detained due to suspected illegal modification, he enquired of the HKPF whether the cases were handled by means of immediate arrests and detention on the scene, or the issuance of fixed penalty tickets with the requirement to arrange subsequent vehicle examinations. In addition, he enquired about the number of inspections conducted on Tuen Mun Road and whether the number of inspections conducted near Tuen Mun Road - Tsing Lung Tau or Castle Peak Road - Tsing Lung Tau would be increased (Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris).

(Note: Mr TAM Hoi-pong joined the meeting at 3:09 p.m.)

44. Env Protection Offr(Assessment & Noise)33 of the EPD responded as follows:

- (1) officers of the EPD had joined the officers of the HyD in a visit to the Member's ward office to discuss with the Member concerned the provision of additional noise barriers on the section of Tuen Mun Road near Sea Crest Villa. The EPD had also conducted a preliminary simulation test to assess whether the provision of sound insulating material on the existing 2-metre-high vertical noise barriers could reduce the noise impact on the residents nearby. The result showed that the noise reduction effect of the provision of sound insulating material was insignificant. Besides, as Blocks 3 and 4 of Sea Crest Villa Phase 1 were of over 30 storeys high and located next to Tuen Mun Road, the 2-metre-high vertical noise barriers currently in use could not alleviate noise effectively. Among the reconstruction works of six sections of Tuen Mun Road, the EPD had installed noise barriers for five of the sections in Tsuen Wan district in view of the prevailing road condition. As the widening works of Sham Tseng Viaduct were not carried out at that time, the said viaduct could not support additional noise barriers and could only allow the provision of noise barriers of a maximum height of two metres, which had limited impact in reducing noise in the high-rise buildings. Therefore, the noise levels in some of the residential units in Sea Crest Villa exceeded the standard of 70 decibels in the noise assessment. Back in the year when the reconstruction works were underway, the HyD had already adopted low noise road surface on Tuen Mun Road and carried out testing for the said material. It was confirmed that the material could reduce the noise on highways by 4 to 5 decibels and could effectively alleviate the noise nuisance; and
- (2) the EPD had received letters from Members about the widening works of Sham Tseng Viaduct and had kept in view the situation. If widening works of Sham Tseng Viaduct were to be carried out in the future, the EPD would relocate the noise barriers and, where necessary, carry out the environmental impact assessment as well as provide additional noise barriers so as to reduce the nuisance to the residents. The EPD would study the relevant data of the simulation tests, contact the Members concerned and submit the information after the meeting for reference.

45. OC Task Force Sub-unit (Tsuen Wan) of the HKPF responded that the HKPF took law enforcement actions in Tsuen Wan from time to time, and the data referred to the number of inspections conducted by the Police on Tuen Mun Road. If vehicles suspected of illegal modification were found not roadworthy, they would be immediately sent to the vehicle

pounds for examination. The HKPF would also issue Defective Vehicle Reports (DVRs) to the car owners and notify them of the need to send their vehicles to the TD for examination within the specified period. In addition to targeting Tuen Mun Road, the HKPF would combat the illegal modification of vehicles at several locations such as Tsuen Wan Road, Hoi On Road and Castle Peak Road.

46. The Chairman said that the EHAC would convey the said situation to the Heads of the departments concerned in writing if the departments concerned could not provide the Secretariat with the relevant data in one week.

47. Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris opined that the practice of issuing DVRs repeatedly for arrangement of vehicle examination when vehicles suspected of illegal modification were identified was futile because the car owners would repair the vehicles to restore them to their original conditions prior to the vehicle examination. He suggested that the HKPF should liaise with the EPD and TD to conduct joint enforcement operations and set up roadblocks at the inspection sites, so that vehicles suspected of illegal modification would be sent for examination immediately once they were identified. He further remarked that some departments had indicated their willingness to participate in the joint enforcement operations. Hence, such operations should be implemented as soon as possible.

48. OC Task Force Sub-unit (Tsuen Wan) of the HKPF responded that in planning inspection operations, the HKPF would place lanterns on the roads with a speed limit of 50 kilometres per hour or above to intercept vehicles and ensure safety at the same time. If illegally modified vehicles were identified, the Police would immediately seize such vehicles and send them to vehicle examination centres without issuing summonses. Regarding the proposal on conducting joint enforcement operations, it was necessary to consider the safety issues, and the HKPF would review the feasibility of the proposal with various departments. In addition, the HKPF would inspect the engines and weight of the vehicles and would not intercept vehicles at will.

49. The Chairman said that the joint enforcement operations relied on the co-ordination among the several departments concerned as well as hardware support, and the technical feasibility needed to be reviewed. At present, the HKPF would send illegally modified vehicles to the vehicle pounds for examination immediately once they were identified. As the issuance of fixed penalty tickets was based on the reports from the members of the public, the joint enforcement operation was ineffective.

(Post-meeting note: The EPD had submitted the data on 10 September 2019. The paper had been distributed to Members for perusal.)

50. The Chairman said that as the representative of the HKPF was required to take up other urgent matters, agenda item 2(K) would be discussed first.

(K) Paragraphs 48 to 51 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 July 2019: Request to Immediately Draw Up the Construction Schedule of Noise Barriers on Tsuen Wan Road and Formulate the Short-term Measures in order to Reduce the Annoyance Caused to the Residents

51. The Chairman said that the representatives of the departments responsible for giving response were Mr LO Tim-fat, OC Task Force Sub-unit (Tsuen Wan) of the HKPF and Mr TSE Yip-kei, Alvin, Env Protection Offr(Assessment & Noise)³³ of the EPD. Besides, the TD, HyD and EPD had submitted the written replies on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal.

(Note: The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben left the meeting at 3:21 p.m.)

52. OC Task Force Sub-unit (Tsuen Wan) of the HKPF reported that the HKPF had conducted a total of 31 law enforcement operations against speeding and other traffic offences, instituted 4 prosecutions and seized one vehicle suspected of illegal modification during June and July 2019.

53. Env Protection Offr(Assessment & Noise)³³ of the EPD reported that as the structure of Tsuen Wan Road could not support additional facilities, the HyD would consider the proposal on provision of additional noise barriers during the widening works of Tsuen Wan Road. In addition, the HyD had paved Tsuen Wan Road with low noise surfacing materials and would continue to monitor the situation. Maintenance works would be carried out where necessary to reduce noise nuisance to the residents nearby.

(H) Paragraphs 56 to 58 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 July 2019: Issue about Recycling Flow of the "Regulated Electrical Equipment"

54. The Chairman said that he welcomed Mr LAI Kwok-wai, David, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Waste Management Policy)⁶ (Sr Env Protection Offr(Waste Management Policy)⁶) of the EPD, who specially joined the meeting.

55. Sr Env Protection Offr(Waste Management Policy)⁶ of the EPD said that since the implementation of the Producer Responsibility Scheme on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WPRS), there were now 14 licensed recyclers holding a waste disposal licence for e-Waste. The list would be updated regularly and uploaded to the thematic website of the EPD. When the contractors engaged by the FEHD identified e-Waste which was under the category of "Regulated Electrical Equipment" (REE) in the RCPs, they would notify the EPD that its contractors should arrange for recycling at the RCPs concerned. Since the implementation of the WPRS, the contractors engaged by the EPD recycled about four pieces of e-Waste under the category of REE at the RCPs under the purview of the FEHD in Tsuen Wan district every day on average.

56. The Chairman stated that the captioned item would not be further discussed by the EHAC at the next meeting.

(I) Paragraphs 59 to 63 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 July 2019: The Need for Improving the Way of Tree Planting as Revealed by Typhoon Slashes

57. The Chairman said that he welcomed Mr LO Tak-ye, Ivan, Landscape Architect/D (NTW&Is) of the HyD who specially joined the meeting. Besides, Ms FONG Wei-king, Luna, Deputy District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) 2 (Dep District Leisure Mgr(Tsuen Wan)2) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) would give response to Members' enquiries on behalf of the LCSD. In addition, the Development Bureau (DEVB) had submitted a written reply on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal.

58. Dep District Leisure Mgr(Tsuen Wan)2 of the LCSD reported that the tree replanting work in the vicinity of Tsing Lung Tau after the passage of typhoons was arranged according to the Technical Circular (Works) No. 6/2015 published by the DEVB, in which the HyD was responsible for the urban landscaping work such as construction of tree pits and soil corridors and the LCSD was responsible for the maintenance work of the vegetation. To resume the urban greening work as soon as possible, the LCSD had been replanting trees in a gradual manner after the passage of typhoons. The LCSD had liaised closely with the HyD and was currently studying the conversion of tree pits to soil corridors for providing a space with larger soil volume for the healthy growth of the trees in the vicinity of Tsing Lung Tau. Although trees had been replanted in the existing tree pits at present, the construction works of soil corridors to be conducted in the future would not be affected because the tree pits could merge into a soil corridor by simply removing the root barriers next to some of the tree pits. After implementing the said proposal, the LCSD would dovetail its work with that of the HyD as far as possible. Besides, the LCSD would inspect the newly planted trees according to the specifications for heavy standard trees set out in the guidelines on tree maintenance, i.e. trees with a height of 3 m, a trunk diameter from 75 mm to 125 mm and a rootball diameter of about 600 mm.

(Note: The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael joined the meeting at 3:25 p.m.)

59. Landscape Architect/D (NTW&Is) of the HyD reported that the HyD had coordinated with the LCSD as regards the locations for planting trees. After conducting a site visit and selecting the locations, the HyD planned to expand three tree pits measuring 1 m x 1 m on the road concerned in Tsing Lung Tau and merge them into a planter measuring 2 m x 9 m for the growth of trees.

60. The views, enquiries and suggestions of the Chairman and Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) he hoped that the departments concerned could provide the layout plan and arrange for an on-site inspection for the works implementation (Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris); and
- (2) he enquired about the commencement date of the works and requested the HyD to submit the relevant information in two weeks after the meeting (the Chairman).

61. Landscape Architect/D (NTW&Is) of the HyD responded that it was anticipated that the works would be completed in the second to third quarter of 2020. The layout plan and

commencement date of the works would be provided to the EHAC for reference as soon as possible.

(Note: Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones joined the meeting at 3:30 p.m.)

(Post-meeting note: The HyD had submitted the layout plan and supplementary information on 21 November 2019. The papers had been distributed to Members for perusal.)

(J) Paragraphs 64 to 69 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 July 2019: Strongly Request the Tobacco and Alcohol Control Office of the Department of Health to Improve and Strengthen the Law Enforcement in Tsuen Wan District for Further Protecting the Residents of Tsuen Wan District from the Secondhand Smoke and Restoring the Government's Legislative Intent of the Designation of No Smoking Areas in Protection of the Public from the Smoking Nuisance

62. The Chairman said that as this agenda item was raised by him, the Vice Chairman would take over the chair temporarily.

63. The Acting Chairman said that he welcomed the representatives of the Department of Health (DH) who specially joined the meeting, including Mr WONG Wai-leung, Edmond, Chief Tobacco and Alcohol Control Inspector, Dr LUI Siu-yun, Medical & Health Officer (Community Liaison)¹ and Mr NG Kwan-lok, Executive Officer I (Enforcement)².

64. Chief Tobacco and Alcohol Control Inspector of the DH reported that in order to protect public health, it was the Government's established policy to discourage members of the public from smoking, contain the proliferation of tobacco use and minimise the impact of passive smoke on members of the public as far as possible. In this connection, the Government adopted a progressive and multi-pronged approach to lower the smoking prevalence and prevent the youth from picking up the habit of smoking from various aspects. After years of publicity and law enforcement, the smoking prevalence in Hong Kong had reduced from 23.3% in 1982 to 10.0% in 2017, indicating the full implementation of effective measures by the Government. In 2018, the Tobacco and Alcohol Control Office (TACO) received a total of 765 complaints about smoking in Tsuen Wan district and conducted 1 611 inspections with 475 prosecutions against smoking offence instituted. Besides, the DH had followed up on various enquiries and complaints about smoking offence in Tsuen Wan district as appropriate, conveyed the situation to the venue managers concerned, and requested them to assist in implementing the smoking ban. From January to July 2019, there were a total of eight prosecutions against smoking offences in food premises in Tsuen Wan district, among which three took place in Chai Wan Kok Cooked Food Market and five in three food premises located in different places in the district. In addition, the DH had relayed to the Food and Health Bureau (FHB) the EHAC's proposal on amending the percentage of enclosed area concerning the no smoking areas (NSAs) and designating the footbridges as NSAs. The FHB had taken note of the views. The DH would continue to conduct publicity, education and law enforcement and push forward the tobacco control work through ways such as promotion of smoking cessation.

65. Mr CHOW Ping-tim said that he thanked the DH for providing the tables setting out the data. As the problem of smoking by customers in restaurants remained serious, he enquired why the inspection figures for several categories in 2019 were less than those in 2018. In addition, he enquired about the places which were under the category of other statutory NSAs as set out in Annex 1 of the DH's paper.

66. Chief Tobacco and Alcohol Control Inspector of the DH responded that other statutory NSAs included public transport facilities (PTFs), entertainment establishments such as bars, mahjong parlours, spas and outdoor places, and indoor venues such as offices. Regarding the inspection figures of food premises, the TACO had received 114 and 64 complaints about food premises and public pleasure grounds respectively in 2018, and 43 and 33 complaints about food premises and public pleasure grounds respectively from January to July 2019. As the number of complaints received in 2019 was less than that in 2018, the inspection figures decreased correspondingly.

67. The views, enquiries and suggestions of Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) he enquired whether the DH had set up an established mechanism of inspection. In his opinion, the decrease in the number of complaints might be a result of the fact that members of the public had become accustomed to avoiding places where illegal smoking was serious, and hence could not reflect the effectiveness of the law enforcement taken by the DH. If the DH had set up an established mechanism of inspection and the number of prosecutions decreased, the law enforcement work of the DH could be considered effective. As set out in the paper, the TACO had conducted 46 and 31 inspections in the amusement game centres with 30 and 18 prosecutions instituted in 2018 and 2019 respectively. He opined that it was undesirable for the DH to send officers to conduct inspections only upon receipt of complaints (Mr LO Siu-kit); and
- (2) he requested the DH to provide more detailed statistics. He agreed that it was undesirable for the DH to send its officers to conduct inspections only upon receipt of complaints and thought that the DH should set out the statistics regarding busy places such as PTFs or bars. Also, he suggested that the DH should launch a digital application to facilitate the lodging of complaints by the public (Mr CHOW Ping-tim).

68. Chief Tobacco and Alcohol Control Inspector of the DH responded that besides sending officers to conduct inspection upon the receipt of complaints, the DH would take the initiative to send officers to conduct inspection in the district according to the situation in the district and previous data. In 2018, the DH received 34 complaints about smoking in PTFs, conducted 58 inspections and instituted 9 prosecutions. From January to July 2019, the DH received 25 complaints, conducted 34 inspections and instituted 10 prosecutions. The DH would step up inspection in response to the ascending trend of the figures. Besides, the DH noted Members' proposals.

69. The Acting Chairman said that he hoped that the DH would provide the statistics concerning the PTFs and the number of complaints under various categories in the future.

70. The Chairman resumed the chair.

(Note: Mr KOT Siu-yuen left the meeting at 3:42 p.m.)

(L) Paragraphs 74 to 81 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 July 2019: Concern about the Greening and Management of the Planters at the Roundabout Next to the Toll Plaza in Ma Wan

71. The Chairman welcomed the representatives of the government departments who specially joined the meeting, including Mr CHEN Kin-tung, Tommy, Senior Estate Surveyor/Central (Sr Estate Surveyor/Central) of the DLO and Ms FONG Wei-king, Luna, Dep District Leisure Mgr(Tsuen Wan)² of the LCSD. Besides, the Water Supplies Department (WSD) had submitted a written reply on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal.

72. Sr Estate Surveyor/Central of the DLO reported that during the inter-departmental meeting held on site as arranged by the DLO, the HyD had confirmed that the provision of an irrigation system for use at the planters of the roundabout was technically infeasible because the planters at the roundabout were located on the structure of the viaduct. In this connection, the departments concerned were exploring whether there were other feasible proposals. Besides, the DLO had sent a letter to the developer and proposed that the developer could, further to its proposal put forth in 2015, once again request the LCSD to take over the greening and management of the planters in order to solve the problem.

73. Dep District Leisure Mgr(Tsuen Wan)² of the LCSD said that if the developer or the works department could provide water supply for irrigation use, the LCSD was willing to take over the maintenance work of the planters. Besides, during the on-site inspection conducted with the HyD and DLO, the LCSD found that the depth of soil in the planters was insufficient and thus would study whether the planting of vegetation was appropriate.

74. The Chairman enquired about the progress of handling the planters in the past two months and whether the departments concerned would take action more proactively to solve the problem.

75. Sr Estate Surveyor/Central of the DLO responded that the DLO was responsible for the liaison work, and the departments concerned were currently studying feasible alternatives besides the construction of an irrigation system as replacement.

76. Mr TAM Hoi-pong said that he hoped that the FEHD and HyD would ensure the hygiene and cleanliness of the planters, and that the LCSD would carry out the greening and maintenance work of the planters in the future.

(M) Paragraphs 82 to 87 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 July 2019: Strongly Request the Environmental Protection Department to Enhance the Inspection of the Daily Operation of Tsuen Wan Slaughterhouse to Ensure its Compliance with the Daily Cleansing of Lairage at least Eight Times under the Agreement and Maintain the Hygiene Control of Pigs Delivery Vehicles, with a view to Preventing the Residents of Riviera Area from being Affected by the Aggravating Swine Odour.

77. The Chairman said that as this agenda item was raised by him, the Vice Chairman would take over the chair temporarily.

78. The Acting Chairman welcomed Mr TUNG Wood-cheung, Senior Health Inspector (Tsuen Wan Slaughterhouse)2 (Sr Health Insp(Tsuen Wan Slaughterhouse)2) of the FEHD and Mr LAU Chi-ho, Env Protection Offr(Regional W)41 of the EPD who specially joined the meeting.

79. Sr Health Insp (Tsuen Wan Slaughterhouse)2 of the FEHD reported that as the windows of Tsuen Wan Slaughterhouse (TWSH) facing Riviera Gardens were closed, the noise nuisance caused to the residents nearby could be reduced. Besides, the daily number of pigs slaughtered in recent months remained under 200, and the hygiene condition had been well maintained. Vehicles carrying pigs would also be cleansed before leaving the TWSH.

80. Env Protection Offr(Regional W)41 of the EPD said that in July and August 2019, the EPD continued to perform odour monitoring, and the results from the monitoring in Riviera Gardens and locations around TWSH were similar to those in the past, i.e. there was no or little odour.

81. Mr CHOW Ping-tim considered the findings of the monitoring conducted by the EPD as inaccurate and pointed out that there would be odour as long as there were pigs, regardless of its intensity. He opined that the FEHD's practice of providing photographs on the measures which had been adopted in the TWSH was desirable. However, odour nuisance from pigs was a long-term problem. Despite the alleviation of odour nuisance due to the recent reduction in the number of pigs slaughtered, he hoped that the departments concerned would continue to conduct monitoring so as to maintain environmental hygiene.

82. The Chairman resumed the chair.

(N) Paragraphs 93 to 102 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 July 2019: Concern about the Shooting Activity Scraps in Shing Mun Reservoir scattered from the Gun Club

83. The Chairman welcomed Mr LEE Siu-fung, Michael, Country Parks Officer (W) (Country Parks Offr (W)) of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) and Mr NG Ki-yiu, Engineer/New Territories West (Headworks 3) (Engr/NTW (Headworks 3)) of the WSD who specially joined the meeting. Dist Env Hygiene Supt(Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD and Sr Estate Surveyor/Central of the DLO would give response to Members' enquiries on behalf of the FEHD and DLO respectively.

84. Country Parks Offr (W) of the AFCD reported that the AFCD had provided the location plan of the Hong Kong Gun Club (HKGCC) as requested by Members at the previous meeting.

The AFCD had enquired of the HKGC through the Lands Department (LandsD) how it had been handling the shooting activity scraps in the overlapping area between the HKGC and the country park, how frequent the clean-up work was, and what measures had been adopted to reduce scattered shooting activity scraps in the overlapping area.

85. Mr TAM Hoi-pong said that he enquired, on behalf of the district councillors who did not join the EHAC, whether the departments concerned could regulate the shooting direction in the HKGC to prevent the shooting activity scraps from scattering in the vicinity of the service reservoir. Besides, the representative of the AFCD who attended the previous EHAC meeting had stated that the matter of the HKGC being regulated by the laws would be studied. In this connection, he enquired whether the AFCD had taken law enforcement action or formulated the direction in this respect and requested the HKGC to carry out the cleansing work.

86. Engr/NTW (Headworks 3) of the WSD reported that the WSD had conducted the investigation and collection of evidence in accordance with the Waterworks Ordinance and was waiting for the final legal advice from the Department of Justice to decide the next course of action at the current stage. During the recent inspection, staff of the WSD found that there were still shooting activity scraps entering the catchwater. The WSD had thus sent a letter to the HKGC to request for the prompt review and enhancement of the preventive measures in order to prevent the shooting activity scraps from entering the catchwater again. Also, the WSD had arranged the contractor to clean up the shooting activity scraps in the catchwater. The WSD would continue to inspect the catchwater and arrange the contractor to conduct timely clean-up work when necessary.

87. Dist Env Hygiene Supt(Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD reported that the FEHD had been providing cleansing service in the public streets in the vicinity of the HKGC. In July and August 2019, officers of the FEHD did not identify any shooting activity scraps when carrying out the cleansing work.

88. Sr Estate Surveyor/Central of the DLO reported that the DLO would provide assistance in matters related to the land lease and seek legal advice on matters related to the land lease referred by other departments. In addition, the DLO had sent a letter to the HKGC as a reminder of the necessity to pay attention to the scattering of shooting activity scraps in the overlapping area between the HKGC and the country park as well as the vicinity of the reservoir.

89. The Chairman enquired whether regulation of measures such as the installation of filters adopted by the HKGC was stipulated in the land lease and whether restrictions could be imposed on the shooting direction in the HKGC to ensure that the shooting activity scraps would not scatter across the area fenced with mesh barriers.

90. Sr Estate Surveyor/Central of the DLO responded that the HKGC obtained the Private Recreational Lease as early as in 1969 and had been in operation since then with the continuous support from the Home Affairs Bureau. It was clearly stipulated in the lease that the ancillary recreational activities such as the use of rifle, handgun and clay shooting ranges

were allowed in the area of the HKGC. Therefore, shooting activity conducted within the area of the HKGC was in compliance with the stipulations in the lease. Besides, the lease did not stipulate that it was necessary for the HKGC to install mesh barriers. The HKGC needed to obtain approval from the AFCD before installing mesh barriers in the overlapping area with the country park. However, the DLO noticed that the HKGC had installed mesh barriers in response to its recommendation.

(Note: The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael left the meeting at 4:00 p.m.)

91. Engr/NTW (Headworks 3) of the WSD responded that the WSD had immediately taken follow-up action after complaints from the members of the public were received in early March 2019. In response to the WSD's request, the HKGC had formulated preventive measures to prevent shooting activity scraps from entering the catchwater, including enlargement of the area enclosed with mesh barriers in the shooting range and installation of screen barriers above the catchwater. Nevertheless, during the recent inspection, the WSD still identified some shooting activity scraps in the catchwater and had thus sent a letter to the HKGC again to request for the prompt review and enhancement of the preventive measures in order to prevent shooting activity scraps from entering the catchwater area again.

92. Mr TAM Hoi-pong opined that it was necessary for the departments concerned to ensure that the shooting activity scraps would not scatter in the area outside the HKGC, and enquired whether the WSD had sent officers to the HKGC for inspection. He requested the WSD to conduct on-site inspection to learn about whether the shooting activity scraps from the shooters inside the HKGC would scatter in the area outside the HKGC. He hoped that the departments concerned would provide photographs of the mesh barriers and the location plan showing the scattering of shooting activity scraps, and requested the WSD to reply the enquiry on whether the shooting activity carried out by the shooters in the HKGC would lead to the scattering of shooting activity scraps in the area outside the HKGC in two weeks after the meeting.

93. Country Parks Offr (W) of the AFCD responded that the AFCD had learnt from the HKPF that the Police was responsible for regulating the shooting direction and arc of fire in the HKGC to ensure that the shooting activity scraps would not scatter in the area outside the HKGC. The AFCD had sent officers to the HKGC for inspection and follow-up on the accumulation of shooting activity scraps and would continue to deploy officers for on-site inspection to gain an insight into the improvement measures.

94. Engr/NTW (Headworks 3) of the WSD responded that the WSD had sent officers to the area of the HKGC for conducting inspection and meeting the officers-in-charge of the HKGC for several times to follow up on the situation. The WSD would continue to follow up on the situation and review the effectiveness of the improvement measures. The safety considerations regarding the shooting direction were under the purview of other departments. Hence, the WSD could not give any responses.

95. The Chairman said that the HKGC had the responsibility to solve the problem of the scattering of shooting activity scraps in the surrounding areas. The government departments

followed up and learned about the situation only due to the receipt of complaints. Also, the WSD and AFCD were only responsible for ensuring that no shooting activity scraps scattered in areas under their purview. They lacked the relevant expertise to tackle the problem of the KGC. He pointed out that the departments concerned would provide photographs of the additional mesh barriers installed by the HKGC after the meeting and hoped that the HKGC would tackle the problem of the scattering of shooting activity scraps in the surrounding area on its own initiative. The EHAC would continue to follow up on the matter.

(Post-meeting note: On 11 September 2019, the WSD had provided the relevant photographs and findings of the on-site inspection. The papers had been distributed to Members for perusal.)

(Note: Ms LAM, Lam Nixie left the meeting at 4:08 p.m.)

(O) Paragraphs 103 to 113 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 July 2019: Request for the Comprehensive Improvement of the Environment of the Passenger Waiting Area of the Minibus Terminus in Tsuen Wan Multi-Storey Car Park

96. The Chairman welcomed the representatives of the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) who specially joined the meeting, including:

(1) Mr YAU Wai-yip, Senior Property Services Manager/Sham Shui Po & Tsuen Kwai; and

(2) Mr CHAN Hei-yeung, Vincent, Property Services Manager/Tsuen Wan.

Dist Env Hygiene Supt(Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD and Dep District Leisure Mgr(Tsuen Wan)2 of the LCSD would give response to Members' enquiries on behalf of the FEHD and LCSD respectively. Besides, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD), Government Property Agency (GPA) and TD had submitted the written replies on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal.

97. Property Services Manager/Tsuen Wan of the ArchSD reported that the ArchSD had submitted two recommended design proposals to the GPA and TD after study for the departments' consideration and Members' reference, namely the replacement of the ventilation grilles with grids of a length of 25 mm that were currently in use and had a ventilation rate at about 25% with ventilation grilles with apertures of a diameter of 9 mm or 25 mm for achieving a ventilation rate of about 50%. In view of the hardness of the ventilation grilles and safety factors, the ArchSD held that the design of apertures of a diameter of 25 mm could prevent children from sticking their fingers in the ventilation grilles. The ArchSD would invite quotations for the implementation of works if the agreement of the Members and departments concerned was obtained. Regarding the noise problem on the mezzanine, the TD and EMSD held that the noise came from one of the ventilation fans installed on the mezzanine, which had been demolished and arranged for replacement at present. The departments concerned would continue to follow up the noise problem. Besides, the ArchSD had submitted two additional proposals to the TD in view of the inadequate headroom under the proposal on the construction of the access. The TD would hold a discussion with the GPA after deliberating on the pedestrian flow and management measures.

98. Dist Env Hygiene Supt(Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD reported that the FEHD would continue to carry out routine cleansing and pest control work at the planters of the location concerned.

99. Dep District Leisure Mgr(Tsuen Wan)² of the LCSD reported that the LCSD had contacted the contractor to urge it to carry out pruning for the vegetation in the planters more frequently. The last pruning was carried out on 4 September 2019.

100. The views, enquiries and suggestions of the Chairman and Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) the ArchSD did not provide the EHAC with any drawings during the entire discussion, but had submitted two proposals to the TD. In other words, the EHAC needed to wait for the reply of the TD. However, the discussion would become futile if the TD did not accept the proposal. This was undesirable. Therefore, he hoped that the ArchSD would provide the EHAC with more details of the proposals (the Chairman);
- (2) he thought that the demolition of ventilation grilles would bring about the best ventilating effect, but he understood the management concerns and proposed the adoption of ventilation grilles with apertures of a longer diameter. He hoped to explore the enhancement of the ventilation rate to 60% to 70%. Also, he thought that the hardness of the ventilation grilles could be further discussed and agreed with the replacement of the ventilation fan. In addition, he proposed that acoustic ceilings should be installed to reduce the noise nuisance from the ventilation fans to the passengers who were waiting and that the EMSD should send officers to check the ventilation fan which gave out noise. Besides, he hoped that the ArchSD would provide the two proposals concerning the construction of an access to Members after the meeting for study and discussion (Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris);
- (3) he opined that the design with apertures of a longer diameter was safer and facilitate good ventilation, and the ventilation grilles with apertures of a diameter of 9 mm and 25 mm respectively as mentioned above could prevent refuse such as cigarette butts and cardboards from getting stuck in the ventilation grilles. Also, he hoped that the ArchSD would provide the EHAC with more information on the two proposals concerning the construction of an access connecting to the mezzanine or on the ground level, which had been submitted to the TD for consideration (Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris);
- (4) he enquired whether the removal of plastic panels on the ground level would enhance cross-ventilation (Mr LO Siu-kit);
- (5) regarding the two proposals on the ventilation grilles with apertures, the data showed that the difference in the ventilation rate was just 1%. Thus, he opined that there was not much difference between the two proposals and was worried that the adoption of the design with apertures of a longer diameter would increase the chance of littering through ventilation grilles by the pedestrians (Mr LI Hung-por);
- (6) he hoped that the ArchSD would provide the two proposals and photomontages concerning the construction of an access to Members after the meeting for further discussion (the Chairman); and

- (7) he thought that the ArchSD should flexibly adjust the design of the ventilation grilles, including reducing the diameter of the apertures on the upper half of the ventilation grilles to prevent the pedestrians from littering in the planters at height and at the same time increasing the diameter of the apertures on the lower half to achieve better ventilation effect and higher safety. Besides, he thought that as the ArchSD did not provide additional design photographs, Members could not discuss the matter further. He hoped that the problem could be promptly solved within the limited time, and pointed out that the entire ventilation system should be replaced with amendments made to the installation locations, so that noise nuisance caused to the passengers who were waiting could be reduced (the Chairman).

101. Property Services Manager/Tsuen Wan of the ArchSD responded as follows:

- (1) the ArchSD would prepare the drawings which would then be submitted to the TD for consideration and implementation. Besides, the drawings could be provided to the EHAC for reference. When considering the design of the ventilation grilles, the ArchSD's initial view was that a design with apertures of a larger diameter would be better in enhancing the ventilation rate. The current proposal could enhance the ventilation effect by up to 15%. As there were limited models of ventilation grilles with apertures of a larger diameter in the market, the ArchSD would enquire of the suppliers about the information. If the ventilation rate of a design could reach 60% to 70%, the ArchSD would submit the proposal to the GPA;
- (2) regarding the maintenance and replacement of the ventilation fans, the ArchSD would study the source of noise with the EMSD. Besides, the ArchSD's initial view was that the removal of plastic panels was technically feasible and would be studied;
- (3) different sizes of the apertures on the ventilation grilles had their respective advantages. The data referred to the ratio of the apertures to the metal plate expressed in percentage. Ventilation grilles with apertures of a shorter diameter could prevent members of the public from littering, while ventilation grilles with apertures of a longer diameter would have a better ventilation effect, although they might not be effective in preventing children from sticking their fingers in the grilles. The ArchSD held that the design of ventilation grilles with apertures of a diameter of 25mm would be safer and would study the design with the GPA. The ArchSD would provide the drawings to the EHAC after the meeting; and
- (4) the ArchSD would provide the draft design to the EHAC after the meeting and consider making adjustment to the design of the ventilation grilles.

102. The Chairman said that the EHAC would send a letter to the EMSD to express regret over the EMSD's failure to send its representatives to attend the EHAC meeting. The draft design had to be submitted to the Secretariat in September 2019.

(Post-meeting note: The EHAC had sent a letter to the EMSD on 13 September 2019 to express regret over the EMSD's failure to send the representatives to attend the EHAC meeting. On 15 October 2019, the GPA had submitted the draft design. The paper had then been distributed to Members for perusal.)

(P) Paragraphs 114 to 120 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 July 2019: Introduction of the New Mosquito Trapping Device in Tsuen Wan District

103. The Chairman said that Sr Land Ex/Control 2 of the DLO, Dist Env Hygiene Supt(Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD and Dep District Leisure Mgr(Tsuen Wan)2 of the LCSD would give response to Members' enquiries on behalf of the DLO, FEHD and LCSD respectively. Besides, the AFCD, TD and HyD had submitted the written replies on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal.

104. Sr Land Ex/Control 2 of the DLO reported that the LandsD had set up a unit to learn about the effective anti-mosquito measures and liaised with various departments for keeping in view the effectiveness of the mosquito trapping device. The procurement and installation work would commence if suitable mosquito trapping devices were identified.

105. Dist Env Hygiene Supt(Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD reported that the FEHD had completed the test of the new mosquito trapping device and the effectiveness was satisfactory. The procurement procedure was currently underway. It was planned that the device would be installed in all districts.

106. Dep District Leisure Mgr(Tsuen Wan)2 of the LCSD reported that the LCSD had implemented a pilot scheme and installed the new mosquito trapping device in five sitting-out facilities under its purview, and the effectiveness was satisfactory. Therefore, the LCSD had also installed the new mosquito trapping device in Tsuen Wan Park and Tsuen Wan Riviera Park in August 2019 and would install the device at its leisure venues in a gradual manner.

107. The views, enquiries and suggestions of the Vice Chairman and Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) she enquired of the LCSD whether the locations of installing the new mosquito trapping device included the public open spaces and pleasure grounds in the countryside and villages (Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis); and
- (2) he was glad to see that the LCSD had introduced the new mosquito trapping device in Tsuen Wan district. He hoped that the FEHD would expedite the installation of the new mosquito trapping device in places such as Sham Tseng and Ting Kau, and that the DLO would install the new mosquito trapping device at its venues in the countryside more proactively (the Vice Chairman).

108. Sr Land Ex/Control 2 of the DLO responded that the LandsD was currently collating and analysing the views. He would relay Members' proposals to the DLO.

109. Dist Env Hygiene Supt(Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD responded that the FEHD would immediately install the new mosquito trapping device upon completion of the procurement

work and arrange for the installation of the new mosquito trapping device at suitable locations such as the countryside and scrubby areas as soon as possible.

110. Dep District Leisure Mgr(Tsuen Wan)² of the LCSD responded that the installation process of the new mosquito trapping device was simple in that it only required the placement of chemical solution in the cylindrical mosquito trapping device. The LCSD would install the new mosquito trapping device in the recreational venues under its management including the countryside.

(Q) Paragraphs 121 to 125 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 July 2019: Request the Government to Provide the Potted Plants off Skyline Plaza

111. The Chairman said that Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan) (ADO(TW)) of the Tsuen Wan District Office (TWDO) and Dep District Leisure Mgr(Tsuen Wan)² of the LCSD would give response to Members' enquiries on behalf of the TWDO and LCSD respectively.

112. Dep District Leisure Mgr(Tsuen Wan)² of the LCSD reported that the TD and TWDO had accepted the proposal put forth by the LCSD. The LCSD had installed seven sets of potted plants in July 2019 and four additional sets of potted plants subsequently. So far, a total of 11 sets of potted plants had been placed at the roadside.

113. ADO(TW) of the TWDO said that he had nothing to add on the LCSD's response.

114. Mr KOO Yeung-pong said that the owners' committee of Skyline Plaza commended the departments concerned for their swift action. He thought that the landscaping effect was satisfactory and thanked the LCSD and TWDO for their work. As the road concerned was relatively narrow, he suggested that the TD and HyD should draw reference from the design of Yeung Uk Road and plant vegetation at the sides of the central divider to enhance the greening environment in the long run.

115. District Engineer/General (3) of the HyD responded that he would refer the matter to the subject officers of the HyD for follow-up.

IV Item 3: Multi-pronged Measures to Improve the Odour Problem of the Nullah at Chiu Tam Path

(EHAC Paper No. 37/2019)

116. The Chairman said that Ms LO Sze-yan, Engr/Tsuen Kwai ² of the DSD would give response to Members' enquiries on behalf of the DSD. Besides, the LCSD had submitted a written reply on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal.

117. The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael and Mr CHENG Chit-pun introduced the paper.

118. Engr/Tsuen Kwai ² of the DSD responded that the DSD had all along sent officers to place hydrogel at the nullah under the basketball court on Chiu Tam Path. After the Members' letter was received, the DSD had placed hydrogel at the outfall off Tsuen King Garden additionally and would regularly place hydrogel at the above two locations in the future. The DSD would study the feasibility of introducing bio-trap. Besides, she clarified

that the location shown in the diagram of the paper was a part of the nullah under the basketball court on Chiu Tam Path and was not Tsuen Wan Drainage Tunnel. At present, the DSD would send officers to the location concerned to remove refuse and moss every three months. During the monthly replacement of hydrogel, the officers of the DSD would remove the refuse altogether if too much refuse was found accumulated. The railings installed in the nullah could help separate refuse from rainwater during rainy days. In addition, the DSD could only advise on the decking works of the nullah subject to the implementation of the overall planning of the district.

119. The views, enquiries and suggestions of Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) as the development plan was time-consuming, he enquired whether the decking works could be carried out first and whether the odour emanated from the waste accumulated at the upstream or the sewage discharged from the unauthorised building works (Mr LI Hung-por); and
- (2) he hoped that the DSD would step up inspection after raining and typhoons and review the accumulation of refuse in order to alleviate the odour problem (the Vice Chairman).

120. Engr/Tsuen Kwai 2 of the DSD responded that as the details of the development in the future were subject to changes, resources would be wasted as a consequence if the decking works of the nullah was carried out at present because demolition of the installation would be required when the said location was rezoned as a park or road in the future. During the dry season, as the volume of water in the nullah was small, no serious odour problem would be resulted. The odour might emanate from the illegal discharge of sewage in the culvert or be caused by other reasons.

121. The Chairman said that the DSD could conduct an on-site inspection with the Members concerned for better understanding of the situation, and additional efforts had been made in clearing the accumulated refuse. He hoped that the DSD would study the new technologies and follow up on the matter.

V Item 4: Request for the Clearance of Numerous Abandoned Vehicles in Chuen Lung by the Departments Concerned As Soon As Possible
(EHAC Paper No. 38/2019)

122. The Chairman said that Mr LO Tim-fat, OC Task Force Sub-unit (Tsuen Wan) of the HKPF, Mr KUAN Man-hou, Dist Env Hygiene Supt(Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD and Mr PANG Chin-chiu, Sr Land Ex/Control 2 of the DLO would give response to Members' enquiries on behalf of the HKPF, FEHD and DLO respectively.

123. Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis introduced the paper.

124. OC Task Force Sub-unit (Tsuen Wan) of the HKPF responded that vehicles shown in the paper would be considered as abandoned vehicles because they did not have a registration mark and vehicle licence. According to the departmental guidelines, if abandoned vehicles identified on public roads did not cause imminent obstruction or danger, the HKPF would refer the case to the DLO for handling. Besides, the Office of The Ombudsman had pointed out in 1997 that the DLO was responsible for handling abandoned vehicles in public places.

125. Sr Land Ex/Control 2 of the DLO responded that, as instructed by the LandsD, abandoned vehicles on public roads would be referred to the HKPF for clearance. The LandsD had issued a memorandum to the HKPF at the end of 2018 to explain in details the LandsD's stance and difficulties in handling the abandoned vehicles as well as the respective roles of the HKPF. The DEVB and Transport and Housing Bureau (THB) had set up working groups to discuss this matter.

126. The Chairman said that he hoped that the HKPF would provide Members with the relevant documents for reference. In addition, the EHAC would send letters to the policy bureaux concerned to urge them to clarify their respective responsibilities. He enquired whether the TWDO could assist in handling the cases concerned.

127. ADO(TW) of the TWDO said that the TWDO could provide assistance for the above cases and would liaise with various departments for clarification of their respective responsibilities.

128. Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris said that he had sought assistance from the DLO and HKPF regarding the problem of abandoned vehicles in his constituency. He further remarked that, as pointed out in Part 3, Chapter 1 of the Director of Audit's Report No. 34 in February 2000, the HKPF was the statutory body for handling abandoned vehicles, and a police officer might send a notice to the registered owner of the vehicle if there was reasonable cause to believe that a vehicle had been abandoned. If the vehicle was not removed within seven days, the Commissioner of Police would seize the vehicle and remove it to a vehicle pound. If the vehicle was not claimed within 14 days of its seizure, it would become the Government's property. He pointed out that the above problem occurred in both public and private places. If abandoned vehicles were found in private housing estates, landowners could make application for informing the vehicle owners through newspaper or disposing of the vehicles. He enquired why the government departments could not handle the abandoned vehicles in public places when the legislation in place could protect private places from being affected by abandoned vehicles. In this connection, he opined that it was necessary to establish a mechanism for tackling the problem.

129. OC Task Force Sub-unit (Tsuen Wan) of the HKPF responded that provisions were prescribed in the Road Traffic Ordinance for handling the abandoned vehicles in private places as well as in the existing legislation for handling the abandoned vehicles in public places. The HKPF and DLO were currently discussing the said problem.

130. The views, enquiries and suggestions of the Chairman and Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) he thought that it was easier to handle the abandoned vehicles in private places, whereas it was more difficult to handle the abandoned vehicles in public places under discussion (the Chairman);
- (2) besides the abandoned vehicles, there was also the problem of abandoned motorcycles. He was concerned that there was petrol in some of the motorcycles abandoned in rear lanes, which would give rise to safety problem. In this connection, he hoped to take this opportunity to learn about the handling of various types of abandoned vehicles by the departments (Mr KOO Yeung-pong);
- (3) abandoned vehicles were commonly seen in the countryside, and abandoned goods vehicles were found in the vicinity of Shing Mun Catchwater, which could cause environmental hygiene problem and fire. Also, as the back doors of some of the goods vehicles were not locked, he was worried that they would become hotbeds of crime (Mr MAN Yu-ming);
- (4) he had recently referred a case of abandoned motorcycle to the DLO for further handling. He enquired of the departments concerned about the difference in the approach of handling the case if an abandoned vehicle was found in the free parking space under the TD's purview (Mr WONG Wai-kit); and
- (5) as shown in the photographs in the paper, some of the abandoned vehicles were found on roads or hill roads nearby and it was difficult to determine whether the locations concerned were private or public places. She hoped that the DLO would conduct a site visit with Members to assist in the clarification of the scope of responsibility of the relevant departments to facilitate the expeditious clearance of some of the abandoned vehicles as soon as possible (Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis).

131. Sr Land Ex/Control 2 of the DLO responded that a free parking space at the roadside was a car park in nature. The DLO would refer the said case to the HKPF for its further handling. Besides, the DLO would contact Members for arranging a site visit.

132. OC Task Force Sub-unit (Tsuen Wan) of the HKPF responded that relevant departments would handle the cases depending on the locations where the abandoned vehicles were found. As parking meters and free parking spaces were managed by the TD, the HKPF would liaise with the TD to conduct joint operations to handle the abandoned vehicles at these parking spaces. Regarding the abandoned vehicles found on hill roads, the respective responsibilities had to be clarified by the Headquarters of the HKPF.

(Post-meeting note: The THB and HKPF had submitted the written replies and information on 25 September 2019 and 3 October 2019 respectively. The papers had been distributed to Members for perusal. In addition, the DEVB had submitted a written reply on 25 November 2019. The paper had been distributed to Members for perusal.)

VI Item 5: Work Report on Environmental Hygiene in Tsuen Wan District
(EHAC Paper No. 39/2019)

133. The Chairman welcomed the representatives of the government departments who specially joined the meeting, including:

- (1) Mr CHU Tung-fai, Senior Health Inspector of the Joint Office (JO)/FEHD;
- (2) Mr FUNG Man-hon, Professional Officer 2-1 (Professional Offr 2-1) of the JO/BD;
and
- (3) Mr KAN Ka-man, Engineer/New Territories West (Customer Services) Inspection of the WSD.

134. The Chairman asked the representatives of the JO to report on the follow-up situation of water seepage in buildings in the district.

135. Professional Offr 2-1 of the JO/BD reported that as at late July 2019, the JO received a total of 1 319 reports of water seepage in Tsuen Wan district, among which 745 cases had been processed. Among the water seepage cases processed, 431 cases were screened out, r 314 cases were concluded. Among the concluded cases, the water seepage ceased during investigation amounted to 74, the source of water seepage was identified for 196 cases, and the source of water seepage was not identified for 47 cases. The JO had initiated prosecution for eight cases, issued a total of eight “Notices of Intention to Apply for Warrant of Entry” and did not make any application to the court for the “Warrant of Entry into Premises”.

136. The Chairman said that he learnt from the news report that the JO had introduced new technology to assist in the investigation of the source of water seepage, but Tsuen Wan was not one of the pilot sites for the pilot scheme. He therefore enquired when the new technology would be introduced in Tsuen Wan district.

137. Professional Offr 2-1 of the JO/BD reported that the JO/BD had introduced two technologies including infrared radiation detection and microwave detection to identify the source of water seepage and would include more districts as the pilot sites for the pilot scheme when formulating a new contract regarding the implementation of the pilot scheme.

138. The Chairman said that the EHAC would send a letter to the JO to request for the inclusion of Tsuen Wan district as one of the pilot sites for the pilot scheme.

139. Dist Env Hygiene Supt(Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD introduced the Work Report on Environmental Hygiene in Tsuen Wan District.

(Post-meeting note: The EHAC had sent a letter to the JO to request for the inclusion of Tsuen Wan district as one of the pilot sites for the pilot scheme on 3 October 2019.)

VII Item 6: Work Report on Environmental Pollution Control in Tsuen Wan District (1 June 2019 to 31 July 2019)
(EHAC Paper No. 40/2019)

140. Sr Env Protection Offr(Regional W)2 of the EPD introduced the Work Report on Environmental Pollution Control in Tsuen Wan District.

141. Mr LAM Faat-kang enquired of the EPD about the number of inspections conducted at Tin Hau Temple near MTR Tsuen Wan Station and the current situation in regard to the incense smoke problem caused by the temple. He also enquired whether the EPD had recommended Tin Hau Temple to implement a pilot scheme of replacing traditional joss stick with electric joss stick, and why the smoke from Wong Tai Sin Temple which was larger in scale had less impact on the residents nearby. Besides, he hoped that the EPD would provide the data and photographs.

142. Sr Env Protection Offr(Regional W)2 of the EPD responded that the EPD had conducted a total of eight inspections from January to July 2019. The EPD had also liaised with the person-in-charge of Tin Hau Temple for an understanding of the operation of the air pollution control equipment therein and relayed to the person-in-charge Members' proposal on the pilot scheme of replacing traditional joss sticks with electric joss sticks. The person-in-charge of Tin Hau Temple revealed that Tin Hau Temple had contacted the contractor to study further on the effective measures to reduce the impact of incense smoke on the residents nearby. The EPD would continue to follow up the matter and submit the information requested by Members after the meeting.

VIII Item 7: Progress Report on Minor Environmental Improvement Programme and Maintenance Projects in 2019/20
(EHAC Paper No. 41/2019)

143. Senior Inspector of Works of the TWDO briefed on the progress of the projects and added as follows:

- (1) due to the impact of the underground utilities, insufficient space and failure to find a suitable location nearby for the construction works, he proposed cancelling Project Item No. 6 (Extension of Rain Shelter in Lo Tak Court near Wing Lung House and Lamp Post FB5506 in Tsuen Wan);
- (2) in view of the opposing views received from the logistics companies in the vicinity, as Project Item No. 17 (Provision of Rain Shelter on Texaco Road near Saving Logistics Centre and Lamp Post FA1807 in Tsuen Wan) as set out in EHAC Paper No. 83/18-19 (Annex III) would obstruct the transportation of goods, he proposed that the said project item should be cancelled;
- (3) as road improvement works would be carried out on a road section of Ma Tau Pa Road near Gunzetal Building by the HyD shortly, Project Item No. 18 (Provision of Rain Shelter on Ma Tau Pa Road near Gunzetal Building and Lamp Post CC0575 in Tsuen Wan) as set out in EHAC Paper No. 83/18-19 (Annex III), would be affected and it was anticipated that the said works could not commence in 2019. Therefore, he proposed that the said works should be cancelled;
- (4) as numerous opposing views from the residents in Waterside Plaza were received, he proposed that Project Item No. 19b (Provision of Benches beside Waterside

Plaza Shopping Arcade near Lamp Post FA6861 in Tsuen Wan as set out in EHAC Paper No. 83/18-19 (Annex III), should be cancelled;

- (5) given that this was the last EHAC meeting during this term of TWDC, if the EHAC agreed to cancel the above projects, the Works Section would arrange for the implementation of the remaining projects according to the priority of the minor environmental improvement programmes as endorsed at the EHAC meeting held on 7 March 2019; and
- (6) he proposed that if the remaining fund of the funds allocation for the district minor environmental improvement programmes was insufficient to support the implementation of a new project, the remaining fund should be reallocated to the implementation of the maintenance projects.

144. Members unanimously agreed to the above proposals.

IX Item 8: Application for District Council Funds for Activities Co-organised by Monitoring Group on Environmental Protection and Green Community and Local Organisation
(EHAC Paper No. 42/2019)

145. The Secretary introduced the paper and said that the Chairman, Mr MAN Yu-ming, Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis, The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben, Mr KOO Yeung-pong, Mr TAM Hoi-pong, Mr WONG Ka-wa and Mr WONG Wai-kit were the Members of the Monitoring Group on Environmental Protection and Green Community, so as to indicate that they had made declaration of their membership.

146. The Chairman said that he had made declaration of his membership of the Monitoring Group on Environmental Protection and Green Community which was a nominal post title. Therefore, he could continue to chair the meeting and to participate in the discussion, decision-making and voting of the matter after the declaration of interest. Besides, the Chairman determined that the Members who were concurrently the Members of the Monitoring Group on Environmental Protection and Green Community could participate in the discussion, decision-making and voting of the matter in accordance with section 48(12) of the Standing Orders.

147. The Chairman asked if any Members needed to make declaration of other interests. No Members made declaration of other interests.

148. The EHAC supported and endorsed a recommendation to the next term DC in respect of the following funding application:

| <u>Activity</u> | <u>Applicant Organiser/Co-organiser</u> | <u>Amount</u> <u>Approved (\$)</u> |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| (1) Hong Kong Flower Show 2020 cum Game Stalls | Jockey Club Riviera Gardens Lutheran Integrated Service Centre | 14,000.00 |

X Item 9: Work Progress Report of Working Groups under Environmental and Health Affairs Committee

(A) Monitoring Group on Environmental Protection and Green Community

149. Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis reported that the Monitoring Group had endorsed to earmark an allocation of \$14,000 by circulation of paper during 13 to 21 August 2019 for co-organising the “Hong Kong Flower Show 2020 cum Game Stalls” with Jockey Club Riviera Gardens Lutheran Integrated Service Centre. A stall with the theme “Bliss in Bloom” would be set up in the Hong Kong Flower Show organised by the LCSD in March 2020 to promote the message of green lifestyle to the general public through education and entertainment.

(B) Monitoring Group on Public Health and Food Safety

150. The Chairman reported that the “First Thing is Health 2019” which was co-organised by the Monitoring Group and a local organisation was successfully held in August 2019. The activity aimed to enhance Tsuen Wan residents’ concern over precaution against virus infection, awareness of healthy eating and joint efforts to build a healthy community.

(C) Task Force on Environmental Pollution and Improvement

151. Mr LO Siu-kit reported that the “Cleaning Programme for Rural Areas in Tsuen Wan 2019” co-organised by the Task Force and Tsuen Wan Rural Committee was held in August 2019 to provide services such as free household cleaning, simple home repair, weeding and tree pruning outside village houses, gully emptying and waste recycling for the elderly and residents in the rural area of Tsuen Wan district to improve their living environment. Besides, the “Rural Area Cleaning Publicity Day” would be held to enhance the villagers’ awareness of cleaning Hong Kong.

XI Item 10: Any Other Business

(A) Information Paper

152. Members noted the contents of the following information papers:

- (1) Financial Statement of the Funds Allocated to Environmental and Health Affairs Committee as at 21 August 2019 (EHAC Paper No. 43/2019);
- (2) Odour Prediction Assessment at the Riviera Gardens and Tsuen Wan Slaughter House (June 2019 to July 2019) (EHAC Paper No. 44/2019, submitted by the EPD);
- (3) Work Report on the Problem of Sea Water Pollution of the Rambler Channel, Tsuen Wan (June and July 2019) (EHAC Paper No. 45/2019, submitted by the EPD);
- (4) Noise Monitoring Result of MTR Tsuen Wan Depot (June 2019 to July 2019) (EHAC Paper No. 46/2019, submitted by the EPD);
- (5) Face-lifting of FEHD public toilets 2019/20 in Tsuen Wan District (EHAC Paper No. 47/2019, submitted by the FEHD); and
- (6) Tsuen Wan District Anti-mosquito Campaign 2019 (Phase3) (EHAC Paper No. 48/2019, submitted by the FEHD).

XII Adjournment of Meeting

153. The Chairman stated that this was the last EHAC meeting during this term of the District Council. He thanked Members and representatives from government departments for their time and contribution.

154. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat

28 November 2019