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Minutes of the 13th Meeting of Coastal Affairs Committee (5/17-18)

Date: 5 January 2018

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Venue: Main Conference Room, Tsuen Wan District Office

Present:

Members

Ms LAM, Lam Nixie (Chairlady)

Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris (Vice Chairman)

Mr MAN Yu-ming, MH

Mr KOO Yeung-pong, MH

Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis

Mr LI Hung-por

Mr CHAN Sung-ip, MH

Mr WONG Wai-kit

Mr KOT Siu-yuen

Mr CHOW Ping-tim

Mr CHENG Chit-pun

Mr LO Siu-kit, MH

Mr TAM Hoi-pong

Government Representatives:

Mr CHOW Chun-hun, Gary

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

Mr MAK Shui-wing

Marine Manager/Licensing and Port Formalities (2), Licensing and Port Formalities Section, Marine Department

Ms TAM Ka-yan

Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing/Pest Control) (Tsuen Wan), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Mr CHUNG Tak-yau

Deputy District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) 1, Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Mr LEUNG Kam-man

Land Executive/Land Management 4 (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing), Lands Department

Ms TSE Pui-lam, Rosa

Town Planner/Tsuen Wan 2, Tsuen Wan and West Kowloon District Planning Office, Planning Department

Miss TAI Tsz-yan, Angie

Executive Officer (Development), Tsuen Wan District Office

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat Representatives:

Ms LAM Siu-yung, Daisy	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Tsuen Wan District Office
Mr WAN Chun-hei, Leo (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council) 3, Tsuen Wan District Office

Attendance by Invitation:

For discussion of item 2C

Mr SZETO Wai-tun	Engineer/NTW (Distribution 1), Water Supplies Department
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For discussion of item 3

Mr SZETO Wai-tun	Engineer/NTW (Distribution 1), Water Supplies Department
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Absent:

Member

Mr WONG Ka-wa

The Meeting

I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairlady welcomed the Members and representatives from the government departments to the 13th meeting of the Coastal Affairs Committee (CAC).

2. The Chairlady reminded Members according to section 28 of the Tsuen Wan District Council Standing Orders, unless otherwise agreed by the Chairlady, a Member might speak and make supplementary remarks once for each agenda item at the meeting. Each Member could speak up to three minutes each time.

II Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the Meeting held on 8.11.2017

3. The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously confirmed by Members without amendment.

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

(A) Paragraphs 4 to 13 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 November 2017: 268RS - Cycle Track between Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun

4. The Chairlady said that the Civil Engineering and Development Department had submitted a written reply on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal.

(B) Paragraphs 14 to 20 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 November 2017: Request for Relocation of Dangerous Vessel Berths at Rambler Channel to a Location Far Away from Residential Area to Eliminate Safety Hazard

5. The Chairlady said that the Planning Department had submitted a written reply on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal.

6. Marine Manager/Licensing and Port Formalities (2) (MM/LPF(2)), Licensing and Port Formalities Section of the Marine Department (MD) said that the MD had nothing to

add.

7. Mr LO Siu-kit said that he saw many buoys around Ting Kau. There was hearsay that the buoys at dangerous vessel berths (the “berths”) at Rambler Channel were misused. Hence, he hoped that the MD would provide Members with the number of buoys at the berths and near Ting Kau after the meeting. Besides, he enquired the MD whether the vessels would only stay at the berths for a short period of time and would not be moored overnight; and whether these buoys were used for mooring and typhoon sheltering of vessels only but not for daily mooring in principle.

(Note: Mr LI Hung-por joined the meeting at 2:38 p.m.)

8. MM/LPF(2) of the MD responded as follows:

- (1) at present, there was a total of 70 buoys at the berths for oil carriers to take refuge during typhoon;
- (2) according to the MD’s records, the number of buoys remained 70 after the application was frozen since 2005;
- (3) there were 63 pairs of buoys around Ting Kau which were mainly for mooring and sheltering of high-speed vessels travelling between Hong Kong and Macao when typhoon signals were hoisted; and
- (4) the vessels could berth at the buoys when necessary. For instance, the high-speed vessels after repairing could berth at the buoys for one or two days until the vessel services between Hong Kong and Macao resumed. There was no time restriction on the vessels which were moored at buoys in the terms of the use of buoys for mooring of vessels.

(Note: Mr TAM Hoi-pong joined the meeting at 2:40 p.m. Mr KOO Yeung-pong joined the meeting at 2:41 p.m.)

9. The views, enquiries and suggestions of the Chairlady and Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) she enquired whether there was a time limit on the terms as mentioned by the MD (the Chairlady); and
- (2) some vessels had been moored at the berths for a long time and caused pollution. According to the response given by the representative of the MD, the vessels could be moored at the berths until the following day. He enquired about the definition of number of days for mooring; and whether there was regulatory control from organisations or departments on the mooring time of vessels (Mr LO Siu-kit).

10. MM/LPF(2) of the MD responded as follows:

- (1) after approval was granted by the MD, the ship owner should pay a prescribed fee under legislation for installation of private buoys for mooring of his vessel at the anchorage. If the ship owner complied with the terms and the location of the private buoys was not affected by any development needs, the terms would remain unchanged;
- (2) the departure time of the vessels from the buoys was not stipulated in the terms of the use of buoys for mooring of vessels;
- (3) although the vessels could be moored at buoys in principle, according to the MD’s observation and records, the vessels were not moored at the berths until

the following day;

- (4) in general, the vessels would only be moored at the berths shortly for one or two hours, according to the arrival time of the ocean-going vessels and then proceeded to relevant piers to refuel the ocean-going vessels;
- (5) the MD mainly aimed to allow vessels to take refuge during typhoon by issuing the buoy berthing permit. However, time limit was not imposed on the temporary mooring at buoys in the relevant terms; and
- (6) the MD could provide the relevant terms for Members' reference after the meeting.

11. The Chairlady hoped that the MD would provide the CAC with a copy of the relevant terms, so that Members could learn more about the details. Moreover, as Engineer/NTW (Distribution 1) (E/NTW(D1)) of the Water Supplies Department (WSD) would join the meeting later, Members would firstly discuss agenda item 4. She also opined that if E/NTW(D1) of the WSD could not attend the meeting on time, he should take the initiative to contact the Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC) for making corresponding arrangement.

IV Item 4: Request the Leisure and Cultural Services Department to Review the Feasibility on Provision of Pet Access along the Coast of Tsuen Wan Park
(CAC Paper No. 22/17-18)

12. The Chairlady said that she submitted the paper. Besides, as this agenda item was raised by her, the Vice Chairman would take over the chair temporarily.

13. Ms LAM, Lam Nixie introduced the paper.

14. Deputy District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) 1 (DDL(M)(TW)1) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) responded as follows:

- (1) according to the agreement in the terms of the land lease, the developer of bayside area should conduct enhancement and renovation works at the waterfront promenade along the coastal area of Tsuen Wan West MTR Station. Besides, the LCSD agreed to take over the management of the area concerned upon the completion of the relevant works. It was anticipated that the works would be completed in October 2018;
- (2) according to the Pleasure Grounds Regulation, members of the public were not allowed to bring their dogs to the parks under the management of the LCSD;
- (3) the LCSD understood that after it took over the park concerned, inconvenience would be caused to the residents in Tsuen Wan district who brought their dogs to the Pet Garden in Tsuen Wan Park via the area concerned; and
- (4) upon receipt of the request from the Member, the LCSD proactively studied the feasibility of provision of a pet access in the park together with the contractor. Should there be a further proposal, the LCSD would closely liaise with the district councillors for enhancement and provision of the pet access as far as practicable, in order to bring convenience to the residents.

15. The Acting Chairman said that as DDL(M)(TW)1 of the LCSD mentioned about the content of the land lease in his response, he enquired whether the representative of the Lands Department (LandsD) would make supplementary remarks in respect of the LCSD's response.

16. Land Executive/Land Management 4 (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai

Tsing) (LE/LM4) of the LandsD said that the LandsD had nothing to add.

17. The views, enquiries and suggestions of Members were summarised as follows:
- (1) the situation concerned was found during the site visit conducted with Members earlier (Mr WONG Wai-kit);
 - (2) the park in bayside area was under construction. After the LCSD took over the management of the pedestrian walkway, people with dogs could not go to the area near the Park Island Pier via the section of waterfront promenade concerned. Hence, they hoped that the pet access and the park would be completed concurrently at the end of 2018, so as to ensure that no inconvenience would be caused to the people with pets (Mr WONG Wai-kit and Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
 - (3) he enquired whether the LCSD would provide the pet access according to the aforesaid time and objective (Mr WONG Wai-kit); and
 - (4) she hoped that the Pet Garden would be built near the new facilities and housing estates. It should be built along the roadside but not the waterfront, so that the people currently using the waterfront would not be affected (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie).

18. DDLM(TW)1 of the LCSD said that the LCSD had conveyed to the developers that it was hoped that the pet access and the works would be completed concurrently. The LCSD had also solicited Members' views that the pet access should be at the closest possible to the buildings instead of the waterfront.

(Note: Mr LI Hung-por left the meeting at 2:55 p.m.)

19. The Acting Chairman noted that the LCSD was currently discussing the relevant arrangements with the developers. If the LCSD had already submitted the proposal or requirement on the pet access to the developers, he hoped that the LCSD would provide such documents to the CAC for reference.

20. DDLM(TW)1 of the LCSD said that the paper about the waterfront works and facilities at bayside area (DFMC Paper No. 14/2015) had been submitted to the District Facilities Management Committee (DFMC) for discussion in June 2015. In this connection, he enquired whether the developers should be invited to send representatives to attend the DFMC meeting to report the relevant status.

21. The Acting Chairman stated that the CAC had already discussed the details of the pet access. It was believed that the LCSD might give response on the captioned matter which was a major project to the CAC besides reporting to the DFMC.

22. The views, enquiries and suggestions of Members were summarised as follows:
- (1) she hoped that a timetable would be drawn up for the provision of pet access. She also wished to take part in the relevant discussions, so as to understand whether there were difficulties in the provision of pet access (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
 - (2) she did not hope that the provision of pet access would largely affect the existing designs. However, she wished to further exchange ideas on the design of pet access with the LCSD. References could be drawn from the pet accesses in other districts, in order to enhance the aesthetic level of the pet

- access (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
- (3) the LCSD might not be in a position to make requirement on the design because it had not taken up the management of the pet access yet. He enquired whether the CAC could relay Members' views to the developers in writing on the design, the proposal on the provision of the pet access prior to the completion of works and the request to report to Members at the next CAC meeting (Mr LO Siu-kit);
 - (4) she opined that it was a good suggestion to send a letter to the developers (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
 - (5) she once wished to invite the developers to join the CAC meeting. However, after considering that the TWDC had reservation over the invitation of commercial organisations to meetings and that the LCSD had been in contact with the developers all along, she agreed in the paper that only the LCSD would be invited to give response on the captioned matter (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
 - (6) several years ago, the TWDC had discussed the project of the park concerned and approved the relevant design. As the works were in progress, he believed that the Mass Transit Railway Corporation Limited (MTRCL) and developers would not report the relevant matters to the DFMC again. Hence, he agreed to relay to the developers the TWDC's views on provision of pet access and hoped that the pet access and the works would be completed concurrently by sending them a letter (Mr WONG Wai-kit); and
 - (7) as the project would be managed by the LCSD at the end, he enquired about the role of the LCSD in the planning of the park (Mr TAM Hoi-pong).

(Note: Mr KOT Siu-yuen left the meeting at 3:00 p.m. Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis joined the meeting at 3:03 p.m.)

23. Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan) of the Tsuen Wan District Office stated that the official counterparts at work of the TWDC were mainly other government departments or major public organisations. He hoped that the LCSD would relay the views to the developers on behalf of the TWDC.

24. The Acting Chairman said he hoped that the Secretariat would relay the CAC's proposal on provision of pet access in writing in the name of the CAC to the MTRCL which was one of the units of the project and the LCSD. He hoped that the LandsD would make supplementary remarks about the role of the LCSD in the project.

25. DDLM(TW)1 of the LCSD said that the LCSD would take over the management of the relevant facilities when the project was completed. On the other hand, the developers undertook the construction details of the leisure facilities, such as the materials in use. The LCSD would only make decisions on acceptance of the leisure facilities upon confirmation of such facilities in compliance of the LCSD's standards during the on-site acceptance inspections.

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

- (1) during the discussion of the project of the park in 2015, the developers and the MTRCL had reported the relevant blueprint and facilities to the TWDC. After Members discussed the project and put forth their views, both the TWDC and LCSD accepted the final version of the layout and design (Mr WONG

- Wai-kit);
- (2) alike the situation where proposal on changing the location of the toilets of the cycle track was raised by the CAC earlier, the problem also arose from this situation after that the TWDC had made approval on the CAC's proposal (Mr LO Siu-kit); and
 - (3) as it was hoped that additional facilities would be incorporated in the design of the park which had already been approved by the TWDC at that time and the LSCD had not taken up any role in the project for the time being, he opined that it was a more appropriate for the CAC to send a letter to the parties concerned (Mr LO Siu-kit).

27. The Acting Chairman stated that the CAC would relay the CAC's proposal on provision of pet access to the MTRCL in writing. Members agreed with the arrangement.

28. The Chairlady resumed the chair.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat had sent a letter to the MTRCL on 6 February 2018.)

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

(C) Paragraphs 21 to 29 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 November 2017: Propose to Extend the Supply of Seawater for Flushing to Cover Tsing Lung Tau and Sham Tseng

29. The Chairlady welcomed E/NTW(D1) of the WSD who specially joined the meeting. Besides, the WSD and LandsD had submitted the written replies on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal.

(Note: Mr CHOW Ping-tim joined the meeting at 3:12 p.m.)

30. E/NTW(D1) of the WSD responded as follows:

- (1) the WSD had provided Members with the information brief on the WSD's general seawater flushing supply system of prior to the meeting;
- (2) the seawater in water pumping station was firstly be screened by strainers to remove sizeable particles and chlorine was added for sterilisation. The seawater was then delivered to users for flushing in various districts. The seawater was still under sterilisation with the residual chlorine before reaching the users;
- (3) according to the results of 2016 Population By-census, the total population of various constituencies within Tsuen Wan was about 320 000. The places without seawater for flushing were mainly Tsuen Wan rural area, Ma Wan and Ting Sham with a total population of about 53 000, i.e. 16.7% of the population lacked seawater for flushing. The ratio included the housing estates which should take up their own supply of flushing water as mentioned in the last CAC meeting;
- (4) about 15% of the population in Hong Kong lacked the supply of seawater for flushing on average over the territory, which was comparable to the relevant figure in Tsuen Wan district; and
- (5) the seawater pumping station situated at Tsuen Wan seaside supplied about 76 000 cubic metres of seawater for flushing to the users in Tsuen Wan district and some users in Kwai Chung district daily. However, as there was no separate meter for Kwai Chung district, the figure on the supply of seawater for

flushing to the users in Kwai Chung district could not be calculated.

31. The Vice Chairman stated that the agenda item raised at the last CAC meeting was mainly about the aspiration to extend the supply of seawater for flushing to Tsing Lung Tau and Sham Tseng. The representative of the WSD also mentioned that the WSD would conduct the cost-effectiveness study from time to time, in order to consider whether the supply of seawater for flushing should be extended. At that time, the CAC hoped that the WSD would provide more details of the cost-effectiveness study conducted in 2013 and give response to whether the flushing water supply system could meet the needs of future population. He hoped that the WSD would provide more information in respect of these two enquiries.

32. E/NTW(D1) of the WSD responded as follows:

- (1) in considering the cost-effectiveness, the WSD would firstly calculate the construction costs and annual operational costs of provision of the new system. The WSD would also compare the costs with the operational costs of the existing temporary fresh water flushing system;
- (2) as the fresh water supply system was more developed than the seawater supply system, the temporary supply of fresh water for flushing via the existing pipes had already been available. After considering the population development in the areas concerned, the installation of a new system was not cost-effective; and
- (3) in addition, the WSD planned to conduct another assessment in 2018 to review the feasibility of providing a seawater flushing system for the areas concerned.

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

- (1) he understood that the use of seawater for flushing was not adopted in the initial development. However, the fresh water used for flushing was actually the drinking water (Mr KOO Yeung-pong);
- (2) as drinking water needed to be purchased while seawater only needed to be pumped out, the cost of using seawater for flushing should be lower than that of using fresh water. He enquired whether the WSD would consider providing seawater for flushing for the areas concerned through the existing review (Mr KOO Yeung-pong);
- (3) he understood from the last CAC meeting that the WSD had conducted the cost-effectiveness study in 2013 and decided to maintain the use of fresh water for flushing after calculating the costs of laying pipes and the target population of supply of seawater for flushing. He hoped that the WSD would brief Members on the details of the cost-effectiveness report in 2013 and the WSD's key considerations (the Vice Chairman);
- (4) she noted that 15% of the area lacked the supply of seawater for flushing. She enquired whether the WSD had also calculated the cost of the use of drinking water for flushing in these areas in the past when calculating the cost-effectiveness (Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis); and
- (5) she guessed that the WSD had all along charged the residents for the amount of fresh water used for flushing. She opined that such an arrangement was seemingly unfair to the residents (Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis).

34. E/NTW(D1) of the WSD responded as follows:

- (1) in calculating the cost-effectiveness, the WSD had already taken into account the cost of using fresh water for flushing, the construction costs of the seawater pumping station, service reservoirs as well as the mains and pipes and the annual operational costs in provision of a new seawater flushing system. Generally speaking, the bigger the cluster user size, the higher the cost-effectiveness; and
- (2) in addition, the places without the supply of seawater for flushing at present were generally in remote areas, farther away from the water source or with a relatively scattered distribution of users. In order to provide users with seawater for flushing, longer water supply pipes would be laid for provision of seawater flushing system for these places, which affected the cost-effectiveness.

VI Item 3: Propose to Extend the Supply of Seawater for Flushing to Cover East and North Lantau, Sunny Bay and Ma Wan
(CAC Paper No. 21/17-18)

35. The Chairlady said that Mr TAM Hoi-pong submitted the paper. She welcomed E/NTW(D1) of the WSD who specially joined the meeting.

36. Mr TAM Hoi-pong introduced the paper.

37. E/NTW(D1) of the WSD responded as follows:

- (1) this agenda item was mainly related to Ma Wan, Sunny Bay as well as East and North Lantau;
- (2) Ma Wan East included Park Island, Noah's Ark and Ma Wan Park. The WSD had already stipulated in the terms of the land lease that the developers should take up the provision of flushing water for these places when they carried out the developments. The WSD did not provide the temporary fresh water supply for flushing for Park Island, Noah's Ark and Ma Wan Park; and
- (3) the users in Ma Wan West used the temporary fresh water supply for flushing. Besides, the WSD had provided the Hong Kong Disneyland with seawater for flushing but did not provide the places in the vicinity of Sunny Bay MTR Station with seawater for flushing.

(Note: Mr CHENG Chit-pun left the meeting at 3:35 p.m.)

38. LE/LM4 (DLO) of the LandsD said that generally speaking, before a land lease was issued, the LandsD would firstly confirm the relevant requirements with various departments. If the WSD considered that it was required to construct a seawater flushing system, the LandsD would include such a requirement in the terms of the land lease. If the relevant departments did not spell their requirements out, the details such as the shape of buildings would not be set out in the land lease.

(Note: Mr CHAN Sung-ip joined the meeting at 3:38 p.m.)

39. Mr TAM Hoi-pong enquired whether the areas without colours referred to the nil supply of seawater for flushing from the Government or the areas without seawater for flushing in the diagram as provided by the WSD to Members earlier and the reasons for marking the Hong Kong Disneyland as a colourless area despite of the availability of seawater for flushing therein. He also enquired the WSD whether fresh water or seawater was used

for flushing in Park Island and requested the WSD to conduct a study on providing seawater for flushing for East and North Lantau, Sunny Bay and Ma Wan in the future.

40. E/NTW(D1) of the WSD responded as follows:

- (1) the WSD needed to further study the diagram mentioned by the Member earlier to confirm whether the information contained in it was correct. The WSD had already set up a seawater pumping station at Penny's Bay to provide seawater for the Hong Kong Disneyland for flushing; and
- (2) the WSD did not provide Park Island with seawater or temporary fresh water supply for flushing. The flushing water in Park Island was provided by its developer.

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

- (1) since 1988, a reservoir was set up in Ma Wan to provide fresh water for the residents. Subsequently, an additional reservoir was set up to tie in with the development in Ma Wan (Mr CHAN Sung-ip);
- (2) the separate water meters for flushing water were installed in some village houses in Ma Wan and the fees were paid to the department concerned, which was probably the Drainage Services Department (Mr CHAN Sung-ip);
- (3) the WSD failed to provide adequate information for Members' discussion, including the results of the cost-effectiveness review in 2013, the issues related to the land lease and the status of the water supply network. Hence, he hoped that the WSD would learn about the status of the existing system prior to the CAC meeting and fully prepare substantive information for CAC meetings in future, such as providing the relevant diagrams (the Vice Chairman);
- (4) he hoped that the WSD would provide Members with the information and status of the water supply system in Ma Wan after the meeting, so that Members could review the cost-effectiveness of installing seawater flushing system in a unified manner (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
- (5) he hoped that the CAC would continue to discuss this agenda item at the following meeting. After obtaining the basic information, consideration could be given in a unified manner as to whether it was worthwhile to provide seawater for flushing for Ma Wan, Tsing Lung Tau and along the coast of Sham Tseng (Mr TAM Hoi-pong); and
- (6) he thought that the representative of the WSD was not well-prepared and expressed dissatisfaction over his responses. He opined that the WSD should send more representatives to attend the CAC meetings in future (Mr TAM Hoi-ping).

42. The Chairlady said that the representative of the WSD was not well-prepared and failed to give response to Members' enquiries clearly. She suggested that the WSD should take the initiative to contact the Members concerned, in order to get well-prepared before the meeting. She reminded the representative of the WSD that he should attend the CAC meetings on time. In case he was unable to attend the meeting on time, he should take the initiative to contact the Secretariat for making corresponding arrangement. Moreover, this agenda item and the other related item under the matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting would be discussed together, so as to facilitate the WSD to give response.

VII Item 5: Work Progress Report of Working Groups under Coastal Affairs Committee
(A) Working Group on Promoting the Image of the Coastal Area

43. The Chairlady reported that the “Tsuen Wan Sea-front Night’s Dream Music Festival”, which was co-organised by the Working Group on Promoting the Image of the Coastal Area, Working Group on Management of Facilities in the Coastal Area and local organisation, would be held at the Central Plaza in Tsuen Wan Park from 8 to 13 February 2018 to provide free entertainment programmes for the general public. She hoped that Members would introduce this activity to the residents. Members could make enquiries on the repertoire or poster to her, if any.

(B) Working Group on Management of Facilities in the Coastal Area

44. The Vice Chairman reported that the “Tsuen Wan Sea-front Night’s Dream Music Festival” would be co-organised by the Working Group on Management of Facilities in the Coastal Area, Working Group on Promoting the Image of the Coast Area and local organisation. He hoped that Members would take part in the activity enthusiastically.

VIII Item 6: Any Other Business

45. Mr CHOW Ping-tim said that as the order of agenda items for discussion was altered, he would like to make supplementary remarks on agenda item 4. He did not raise objection to the road section mentioned in the paper, but he opined that the department should not construct the pet access in the direction of the waterfront of Tsuen Wan Park.

46. The Chairlady stated that the order of agenda items for discussion was altered because the representative of the WSD failed to attend the meeting on time. During the discussion of agenda item 4, she had already mentioned her wish to have the pet access be constructed close to the facilities instead of the waterfront, in order to avoid affecting the people currently using the waterfront. Moreover, she relayed that some residents pointed out that someone dumped refuse into the sea at around 7:00 a.m. at Park Island Pier every day. She hoped that the departments would take follow-up actions.

47. Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing/Pest Control) (Tsuen Wan) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) said that she would learn about and study the matter concerned after the meeting. She would also discuss with MM/LPF(2) of the MD on the feasibility of conducting joint operations.

48. MM/LPF(2) of the MD said that the illegal acts of disposal of refuse into the sea from the sea or land within the scope of law enforcement of the MD. If someone disposed refuse into the sea illegally and was caught by the staff of the MD on the spot, the MD would institute prosecution against the offender immediately. Besides, the MD would conduct the operation against disposal of refuse into the sea in Tsuen Wan district on a monthly basis and institute prosecution against the people who disposed refuse into the sea. Also, according to the Summary Offences Ordinance, other departments conferred with the power of law enforcement could also take law enforcement actions against the disposal of refuse into the sea. The MD could arrange the staff to take the relevant law enforcement actions and would further discuss with the FEHD after the meeting, subject to the more detailed information provided by the Chairlady, if any.

49. Mr KOO Yeung-pong enquired what the MD would do to the disposal of refuse from the sea onto the land.

50. MM/LPF(2) of the MD said that owing to the power of law enforcement conferred to the staff of the MD, the disposal of refuse onto the land would be referred to other

departments which were conferred with the relevant power of law enforcement.

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

- (1) Amount of Marine Floating Refuse collected by Marine Department in Tsuen Wan District
(CAC Paper No. 23/17-18);
- (2) Promotion and Anti-Marine Littering Operation in Tsuen Wan
(CAC Paper No. 24/17-18); and
- (3) Financial Statement of Coastal Affairs Committee as at 18.12.2017
(CAC Paper No. 25/17-18).

IX Adjournment of Meeting

52. The Chairlady reminded Members that the next meeting was scheduled for 2 March 2018 and the time of meeting was changed to 3:30 p.m. The deadline for submission of paper was 13 February 2018.

53. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat
16 January 2018