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Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Coastal Affairs Committee (2/16-17)

Date: 8 July 2016

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  
Mr LI Hung-por  
Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis  
Mr CHAN Sung-ip, MH  
Mr WONG Ka-wa  
Mr WONG Wai-kit  
Mr KOT Siu-yuen  
Mr CHOW Ping-tim  
Mr CHENG Chit-pun  
Mr LO Siu-kit  
Mr TAM Hoi-pong

Co-opted Members

Ms SHING Yin-man  
Ms CHENG Choi-lin  
Mr CHUNG Ho-yin

Government Representatives:

Mr CHONG Kong-sang, Patrick

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

Mr CHEUNG Ho-wing, Louis

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

Mr CHUNG Tak-yau

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

Mr MAK Shui-wing

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

Ms YIP King

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

Mr LEE Shing-fai, Henry

Executive Officer (Development), Tsuen Wan District Office

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat Representatives:

Miss LAM Siu-yung, Daisy	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Tsuen Wan District Office
Mr PUN Chung-chak, Michael (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council)3, Tsuen Wan District Office

Attendance by Invitation:

For discussion of item 3

Mr NG Kam-shuen, Thomas	Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing) (Acting), Lands Department
Mr POON Kin	Senior Land Executive/Land Management 2 (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing), Lands Department

The Meeting

I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairlady welcomed the Members, Co-opted Members and representatives of the government departments to the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Coastal Affairs Committee (CAC) and introduced:

- (1) Mr CHONG Kong-sang, Patrick, who replaced Mr LEUNG Chun-hei, Winsor to assume the post of Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan);
- (2) Mr CHEUNG Ho-wing, Louis, Town Planner/Tsuen Wan 2, Tsuen Wan and West Kowloon District Planning Office of the Planning Department (PlanD), who attended this meeting on behalf of Mr CHAN Siu-wan, Wallace, Town Planner/Tsuen Wan 1, Tsuen Wan and West Kowloon District Planning Office of the PlanD; and
- (3) Ms YIP King, Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing/Pest Control) (Sr Health Insp(Cleansing/Pest Control)), Cleansing & Pest Control Section (Tsuen Wan) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD).

2. The Chairlady reminded Members that according to section 28 of the Tsuen Wan District Council Standing Orders, unless otherwise agreed by the Chairlady, each Member could 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 6.5.2016

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

(Note: Mr CHENG Chit-pun and Mr TAM Hoi-pong joined the meeting at 2:37 p.m.)

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

4. The Chairlady said that there were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

IV Item 3: Request the Lands Department to Provide All the Venues for Organising Activities and their Detailed Information

(CAC Paper No. 6/16-17, submitted by Ms LAM, Lam Nixie)

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

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

- (1) Mr NG Kam-shuen, Thomas, Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing) (Acting) (AA/Lands (Atg.)) of the Lands Department (LandsD); and
- (2) Mr POON Kin, Senior Land Executive/Land Management 2 (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing) (SLE/LM2) of the LandsD.

7. Ms LAM, Lam Nixie introduced the paper.

(Note: Ms SHING Yin-man joined the meeting at 2:40 p.m. Mr WONG Ka-wa joined the meeting at 2:42 p.m.)

8. AA/Lands (Atg.) of the LandsD said that the LandsD was not responsible for management of facilities and venues. Under special circumstances, when certain organisation would want to organise activities on vacant government land, the LandsD would consider giving special approval for use of lands. The LandsD therefore did not have information requested by Members. In addition, management of venues with facilities was passed to the relevant departments. Generally speaking, management of venues for activities was managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD).

9. The views, enquiries and suggestions of Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis, Mr CHAN Sung-ip, and Mr WONG Wai-kit were summarised as follows:

- (1) when making consideration of holding activities at places along Tsuen Wan coast, the CAC would need some basic information. It was hoped that the LandsD could provide information of venues where activities could be organised and to supplement the relevant information after the meeting;
- (2) a dragon boat race was recently held at Tsuen Wan coast. The venue on land was not managed by the LCSD and application had to be submitted to the LandsD for approval before ancillary facilities could be placed there. The LandsD and LCSD were enquired what were the places along Tsuen Wan coast that would require submission of application;
- (3) most places along the coast of Tsuen Wan were managed by the LandsD, but there were not many venues managed by the LCSD;
- (4) the coast of Tsuen Wan was extensive and thus the current discussion should focus on places where activities could be organised; and
- (5) in the past, departments did not provide one-stop service for organisers in their application for organising activities. Besides applying to the

LandsD for the right to use lands concerned, these organisers had to discuss with departments such as the Fire Services Department and FEHD on matters concerned. In addition, some places are without electricity supply and the organisers would have to find contractors to resolve this issue. Thus, the LandsD was enquired whether one-stop service could be provided for application of organising activities at certain places under its management, so as to facilitate organisers to organise activities.

(Note: Mr CHOW Ping-tim and Mr LO Siu-kit joined the meeting at 2:47 p.m.)

10. AA/Lands (Atg.) of the LandsD said that one of the duties of the LandsD was to grant land to organisers with needs to use lands. However, it could not handle organisers' other license applications, for example, temporary food factory license or places of public entertainment license. The venue for the said dragon boat race was land not under management of other government departments. If organisers would want to hold activities on these lands, the LandsD would lend or lease these lands in accordance with usual procedures. However, the LandsD could not be able to provide any facilities. The LandsD had already provided information of venues of dragon boat races. For other places along Tsuen Wan coast, approval had yet been given for holding activities. Every year, activities were held at the venue where Dragon boat race was held and Members could consider organising activities there.

11. The views, enquiries and suggestions of Mr CHAN Sung-ip, Ms LAM, Lam Nixie and the Acting Chairman were summarised as follows:

- (1) apart from submitting applications to the LandsD, organisers of dragon boat race had to apply for places of public entertainment license from the FEHD. The event could be held only after approvals were given by many government departments;
- (2) the Working Group on Promoting the Image of the Coastal Area (the Working Group) wrote to the LandsD on 20 May 2016 requesting information such as places along the coast of Tsuen Wan where activities could be organised, area of those places, the number of people those places could accommodate, transport and ancillary facilities, opening dates and times, application procedures and restrictions, information of activities held at those places in the past, and maps and photographs of those places. The LandsD replied on 10 June 2016 that its duties did not include management of facilities and venue. The map of the dragon boat race held from 8 May 2016 to 5 June 2016 was attached, but it did not address the enquiries raised by the Working Group, in particular those of application procedures and restrictions. Members were disappointed and opined that if such an inactive manner was adopted by departments in handling matters, Hong Kong's development could hardly be advanced; and
- (3) it was hoped that the LandsD would publicise application procedures and conditions, such as restriction on number of people and on the restrictions on distance in running race, space that should be reserved for

public use, so as to facilitate more activities to be held at places with potential.

12. AA/Lands (Atg.) of the LandsD said that the LandsD would consider application for temporary use of government land on a case-by-case basis. The LandsD would only consider whether approval for use of land should be given, and whether the land concerned was reserved for some other organisations to use. Relevant departments would also be consulted and notices would be posted if and when necessary. The LandsD was not responsible for determining restrictions on number of people and entertainment license which were managed by other government departments.

13. The views, enquiries and suggestions of Mr KOO Yeung-pong and the Acting Chairman were summarised as follows:

- (1) it was hoped that after the establishment of the CAC, the LandsD would considered improving its application procedures so that more people could enjoy the beautiful geographical environment and natural amenities;
- (2) ten-kilometre running race had been held along the coast of Tsuen Wan in the past and dragon boat race had been held since 2013. Not everywhere along the coast of Tsuen Wan was suitable for organising activities. For example, when dragon boat race was held, consideration on finding a place for participants for taking a rest and bathing was needed;
- (3) it was hoped that the LandsD would advise the CAC of locations along the coast suitable for organising activities, and reasons for not approving applications in the past so that references could be made;
- (4) it was hoped that pamphlets could give information about places along the coast where activities could be organised, procedures of making applications to the LandsD and information of applications for activity licenses, etc.;
- (5) some lands on Hong Kong Island had been handed over to management companies for administration and it was more convenient for organisers to apply to those companies for organising activities on these lands. For activities to be held in Tsuen Wan, applications had to be submitted to government departments; and
- (6) enquiry was made to the LandsD about the factors it would take into account in considering applications and the departments it would consult.

(Note: Mr MAN Yu-ming joined the meeting at 3:00 p.m.)

14. AA/Lands (Atg.) of the LandsD said that the LandsD could only approve the use of land and have no authority over other license matters. As such, other government departments were consulted. If other departments advised that the applications should not be approved, they might have special opinions in respect of those applications.

15. The views, enquiries and suggestions of Mr CHOW Ping-tim, Mr WONG Wai-kit and Ms LAM, Lam Nixie were summarised as follows:

- (1) production of pamphlets should be led by District Council, such as identifying non-gazetted beaches, listing of places where activities could be organised, and considering what kind of activities to be held. Then enquiries should be lodged to the LandsD about conditions and procedures of application and what other government departments it would consult, rather than requesting the LandsD to provide venues where activities could be held. The LandsD was responsible for approving the use of land and its role was different from that of the LCSD. The LandsD also needed to consult and seek agreement from other government departments in the process of approving applications;
- (2) the purpose of producing pamphlets was to attract more people to apply for use of venues, but the public might be mistaken that the CAC had the authority to approve activities to be held. If the public did have such expectations and their application for the use of venue was not approved, the blame might be laid at the doors of the CAC;
- (3) it was opined that study should first be conducted to understand what coastal locations were suitable for activities to be held and could co-operate with universities or experts. Plans could then be submitted to departments for their consideration once they are ready;
- (4) enquiry was raised to the LandsD about the government departments it would consult and normally what kind of activities would not be considered;
- (5) it was disappointed that the LandsD could not provide information. LandsD was responsible for management of part of the places along the coast, and it was hoped to understand lands managed by the LandsD first before looking into places where activities could be held. Coastal areas were extensive, and there might be other places with potential for organising activities apart from the location for holding dragon boat race; and
- (6) the Working Group had started to actively look for places where activities could be held. Coastal areas were managed by the LandsD and LCSD. The LCSD had already provided detailed information, such as size of the venues, number of people they could accommodate and activities held in the past. However, the LandsD did not even provide information and photographs of dragon boat race.

(Note: Mr LI Hung-por joined the meeting at 3:05 p.m.)

16. SLE/LM2 of the LandsD said that the LandsD would consult various departments depending on the venue and nature of activities. The FEHD would usually be consulted. For electrical and mechanical matters, Electrical and Mechanical Services Department would be consulted. For matters related to roads, Transport Department and Highways Department would be consulted. For example, activities to be held in rural area would require posting of notices. There was no

precedents of the LandsD giving approval without consulting other government departments.

17. The Acting Chairman said that the Working Group would follow up on related matters and hoped that the departments concerned would co-operate and answer enquiries related to application procedures.

(Note: Mr WONG Wai-kit left the meeting at 3:07 p.m.)

18. The Chairlady resumed the chair.

V Item 4: Work Progress Report of Working Groups under Coastal Affairs Committee

19. The Chairlady said that Working Group on Promoting the Image of the Coastal Area held its second meeting on 30 June 2016. After discussions, Members approved that activities would be jointly held with LEAPS and pamphlets would be printed to introduce places along the coast of Tsuen Wan where activities could be organised. The aim was to attract more organisers holding activities along Tsuen Wan coast so as to promote the image of coastal area in Tsuen Wan. Content of the pamphlets included point-to-note in applying for activities to be held, list of government departments to be consulted in holding activities, and details on other reference information for organisers. The Working Group would continue to follow up on related matters with departments concerned.

20. The Vice Chairman said that Working Group on Management of Facilities in the Coastal Area held its second meeting on 30 June 2016. After discussions, the Working Group would consider to conduct within the current year a community study and consultation activity, and it also approved organising activities jointly with Hong Kong Public Space Initiative. The activities mentioned would be held from October to November 2016. It was hoped that through residents' participation, the public opinions of the coastal area would be understood.

VI Item 5: Any Other Business

21. The views, enquiries and suggestions of Mr CHENG Chit-pun, Mr TAM Hoi-pong, Mr CHAN Sung-ip, the Chairlady and Mr KOO Yeung-pong were summarised as follows:

- (1) recently, large amount of marine litter were found on Hong Kong beaches. The LCSD and FEHD had been contacted for assisting the removal of it. However, litter was again found washed onto shore soon after its removal. The Marine Department (MD) was enquired whether it had actively taken measures to avoid marine litter being washed onto shore;
- (2) concern was raised over the issue of coastal and marine litter. The FEHD was enquired whether the frequencies of cleansing could be increased;

- (3) the issue of marine litter was affected by water current and wind direction, and it was more serious at non-gazetted beaches. The MD was advised to deploy ships to Cheung Chau and Tuen Mun waters to remove litter along with the flow of water current;
- (4) the MD was requested to provide information about the amount of marine floating refuse collected in Tsuen Wan after the current meeting, and at each future meetings; and
- (5) it was proposed that letter be sent to the Environment Bureau to express concern over the issue, and the hope to understand the situation of marine litter flowing from Pearl River Delta to Hong Kong.

22. Marine Officer/Licensing and Port Formalities (2), Licensing and Port Formalities Section of the MD responded as follows:

- (1) the MD would provide information about marine floating refuse collected in Tsuen Wan district after the meeting for Members' reference;
- (2) in June, the MD collected 26.4 tonnes of marine floating refuse in Tsuen Wan district, ten tonnes more than the amount collected in May 2016. This litter might have come from Pearl River Delta and also as a result of more rain, litter on land might be washed onto the sea. In summer, the prevailing wind in Hong Kong was south-westerly and litter on sea would be blown towards the coast, resulting in more marine litter in summer;
- (3) the MD discovered a vast amount of litter at Lantau South, and contractors were instructed to deploy more ships to remove it; and
- (4) efforts would be made to try to understand whether the MD had formulated special measures to deal with the issue.

(Post-meeting Note: On 11 July 2016, the MD submitted information of amount of marine floating refuse collected in Tsuen Wan, which was forwarded to Members for perusal.)

23. Sr Health Insp(Cleansing/Pest Control), Cleansing & Pest Control Section (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD said that recently the amount of litter found at non-gazetted beaches had more than doubled compared with that in winter. The MD had deployed contractors to increase manpower to remove the litter. Their staff would conduct cleansing along the coastal areas of Castle Peak Road as long as the locations could be reached, otherwise the MD might have to deploy vessels to remove litter.

24. The Chairlady said that the Members could submit paper on the next meeting for discussion of related matter.

25. Members noted the content of the following information paper:

- (1) Financial Statement of Coastal Affairs Committee as at 22.06.2016 (CAC Paper No. 7/16-17).

VII Adjournment of Meeting

26. The Chairlady reminded Members that the next meeting was scheduled for 2 September 2016 and the deadline for submission of paper was 25 August 2016.

27. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat

12 July 2016