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Minutes of the 5th Meeting of
Environment, Health and Climate Change Committee (3/20-21)

Date: 3 September 2020 (Thursday)

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Venue: Main Conference Room, Tsuen Wan District Office

Present:

Members

Mr TAM Hoi-pong (Chairman)

Mr LAU Jackson (Vice Chairman)

Mr MAN Yu-ming, MH

Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris

Mr LI Hung-por

Mr SHUM Lester

Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus

Mr LAM Sek-tim

Ms CHAN Kim-kam

Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio

Mr WONG Ka-wa

Mr KOT Siu-yuen

Mr CHIU Yan-loy

Mr LAU Chi-hung

Mr LAU Cheuk-yu

Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy

Mr LAI Man-fai

Mr TSE Man-chak

Government Representatives

Mr CHOW Chun-hun, Gary

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

Miss LEUNG Mee-sze

Chief Health Inspector (Tsuen Wan)1,
Food and Environmental Hygiene
Department

Mr CHOI Wai-wing	Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control) Tsuen Wan 1, 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
Mr LI Pui-sang	Contract Project Coordinator/2 (W), Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr KAN King-ming, Victor	Housing Manager/Wong Tai Sin, Tsing Yi & Tsuen Wan 8, Housing Department
Mr CHEN Wai-kuen	Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing)
Mr CHAN Sai-hung	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

Miss LAM Siu-yung, Daisy	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Tsuen Wan District Office
Mr SIU Chung-sing, Johnson (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council)1, Tsuen Wan District Office
Miss IP Tung, Natalie	Executive Officer (District Council)2, Tsuen Wan District Office

Attendance by Invitation:

For discussion of item 2A

Mr LAI Yiu-lam, Calvin	Building Surveyor/D5-2, Buildings Department
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For discussion of item 2C

Mr WAN Yuen-hung, Eddie

Senior Transport Officer/Public Pier,
Transport Department

For discussion of item 7

Mr NG Ki-yiu

Senior Engineer/NTW (Special Duties),
Water Supplies Department

Mr KAN Ka-man

Engineer/NTW (Headworks 3), Water
Supplies Department

Ms NGAR Yuen-ngor

Senior Country Parks Officer (M2),
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation
Department

Mr LEE Siu-fung, Michael

Country Parks Officer (W), Agriculture,
Fisheries and Conservation Department

Mr CHENG Ho-yin, Henry

Senior Estate Surveyor/Tsuen Wan
(District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and
Kwai Tsing)

Mr Hahn Chu

Director of Environmental Advocacy,
The Green Earth Limited

For discussion of item 8

Mr NG Ki-yiu

Senior Engineer/NTW (Special Duties),
Water Supplies Department

Mr KAN Ka-man

Engineer/NTW (Headworks 3), Water
Supplies Department

Mr HO Ho-yuan

Engineer/NTW (Distribution 1), Water
Supplies Department

For discussion of item 9

Mr NG Yiu-lun, Johnny

Marine Officer/Pollution Control Unit
(1), Marine Department

Mr MAK Shui-wing

Marine Manager/Licensing & Port
Formalities (2), Marine Department

Mr LEE Tin-shing

Senior Assistant Shipping
Master/Pollution Control Unit (1),
Marine Department

The Meeting

I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed the Members to the 5th meeting of the Environment, Health and Climate Change Committee (EHCCC). Members were informed that Mr SIU Chung-sing, Johnson, Executive Officer (District Council)1, Tsuen Wan District Office (TWDO), had replaced Miss CHUNG Sau-ling, Shirley, to assume the post of the Secretary of the EHCCC, and that Mr CHAN Sai-hung had replaced Mr YUNG Chi-wai to assume the post of Senior Inspector of Works, TWDO.

2. The Chairman stated that according to section 28 of the Tsuen Wan District Council Standing Orders (the “Standing Orders”) and in response to the evolving epidemic situation, unless otherwise agreed by the Chairman, Members could have up to 2 minutes to introduce the paper, and each Member who submitted a paper might make supplementary remarks once. Such a Member could choose to speak for up to 2 minutes after the responses from the representative(s) of government departments or make concluding remarks before the end of discussion of the agenda item. For each agenda item, except the Member(s) who submitted the paper, Members could only speak once at the meeting. The Chairman would confirm the number of speakers before the discussion of each agenda item. Each Member might speak up to 2 minutes if five or fewer Members spoke on the agenda item and up to 1.5 minutes if more than five Members spoke on the agenda item. Representatives from the government departments concerned might speak up to 2 minutes twice.

3. The Chairman stated that as the representatives from the Marine Department (MD) would give response to Item 9, he proposed discussing EHCCC Paper Nos. 46/20-21 and 47/20-21 submitted by the MD in advance after the discussion on Item 9. Besides, he had received two impromptu motions proposed by Mr CHIU Yan-loy and Mr LAU Chi-hung respectively earlier.

4. Mr LAU Chi-hung proposed observing a one-minute silence to mourn the deaths and injuries of more than 20 animals in a case of animal cruelty which took place at Hong Kong Garden on 14 February 2020.

5. Members unanimously agreed to Mr LAU Chi-hung’s proposal.

(Note: Members observed a one-minute silence.)

II Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 4th Meeting held on 18.6.2020

6. The Chairman stated that the Secretariat had received five proposed amendments from Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio prior to this meeting. The proposed amendments were set out as follows:

- (1) he proposed that lines 1 to 2 of paragraph 21(1) of the captioned minutes, “他曾聯絡警務處，惟該處指委員誠意不足” (he had liaised with the HKPF which, however, replied that Members lacked sincerity) should be amended as “他曾聯絡警務處荃灣警民關係組，惟獲回覆指委員誠意不足” (he had liaised with the Police Community Relations Office under Tsuen Wan Police District of the HKPF which, however, replied that Members lacked sincerity);
- (2) he proposed that line 3 of paragraph 21(1) of the captioned minutes, “因此不欲派員出席實地視察。” (therefore, the HKPF did not intend to send its staff to join the site inspection.) should be amended as “因此不欲派員出席實地視察，他只有去信食環署尋求協助以解決問題。” (therefore, the HKPF did not intend to send its staff to join the site inspection. He had no choice but to write to the FEHD to seek assistance in solving the problem.);
- (3) he proposed that lines 4 to 6 of paragraph 21(1) of the captioned minutes, “商戶曾承諾妥善收拾貨物，但在視察當天情況持續，他已去信食環署尋求協助以解決問題。視察當天店舖阻街的情況暫時有所改善。” (the shop operators had undertaken to properly clear away their goods. However, the situation persisted on the day of inspection. He had written to the FEHD to seek assistance in solving the problem. The situation of shop front extension had temporarily been improved on the day of inspection.) should be amended as “他察覺到其實各店舖在自己的單位內仍有儲存空間，只是他們不願意把貨物放回舖內，商戶曾在聯合視察當日承諾會盡快妥善收拾貨物，但他在會前再視察時發覺情況沒變。聯合視察當天店舖阻街的情況暫時有所改善” (he noticed that there was actually still space available for storage inside the shops concerned, but the shop operators were simply unwilling to place the goods inside their shops. On the day of the joint inspection, the shop operators concerned had undertaken to properly clear away their goods placed outside the shops as soon as possible. However, he found that the situation remained unchanged during another inspection conducted prior to the meeting. The situation of shop front extension had temporarily been improved on the day of the joint inspection);

- (4) he proposed that line 7 of paragraph 21(1) of the captioned minutes, “惟事後又故態復萌，他促請相關部門加強檢控工作” (however, the situation reverted to old ways afterwards. He urged the departments concerned to strengthen the prosecution work) should be amended as “惟事後又故態復萌，成效未能持續。他促請相關部門加強檢控工作” (however, the effectiveness was not persistent since the situation reverted to old ways afterwards. He urged the departments concerned to strengthen the prosecution work); and
- (5) he proposed that lines 3 to 4 of paragraph 52 of the captioned minutes, “其後亦須遵循有關營運條件，並由局方處理有關發牌事宜。他建議如可實施有關發牌制度，並由有關部門專責監管有關商戶，” (should subsequently comply with the specified conditions for operation, and the Bureau should deal with matters related to licensing. He suggested that if the licensing system was to be implemented and the relevant department was to specially oversee the relevant shop operators,) should be amended as “其後亦須遵循有關營運條件。他建議可參考食環署的食肆發牌制度為回收業設計一個發牌制度，並由有關部門專責監管，這可能最後須由環境局去統籌跟進；” (should subsequently comply with the specified conditions for operation. He recommended designing a licensing system for the recycling industry by drawing reference from the FEHD’s restaurant licensing system, with the new licensing system specially overseen by the relevant department. The coordination and follow-up work involved might need to be taken up by the ENB in the end.).

7. The captioned minutes were endorsed with the proposed amendments.

(Note: Mr SHUM Lester and Mr KOT Siu-yuen joined the meeting at 2:42 p.m. and 2:43 p.m. respectively.)

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

(A) Paragraphs 5 to 15 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 June 2020: Request for Addressing the Odour Problem of Tsuen Wan Harbourfront Expeditiously

8. The Chairman stated that Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio submitted the paper. The representatives from the departments responsible for giving response were:

- (1) Ms LO Sze-yan, Engineer/Tsuen Kwai 2, Drainage Services Department (DSD);

- (2) Mr LAI Yiu-lam, Calvin, Building Surveyor/D5-2, Buildings Department (BD);
- (3) Ms TSANG Ka-man, Carmen, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional West) 2, Environmental Protection Department (EPD);
- (4) Miss LEUNG Mee-sze, Chief Health Inspector (Tsuen Wan)1, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD); and
- (5) Mr CHOI Wai-wing, Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control) Tsuen Wan 1, FEHD.

Besides, the written reply of the BD was tabled at the meeting.

9. Chief Health Inspector (Tsuen Wan)1 of the FEHD reported that the FEHD currently had five gully cleansing teams responsible for providing regular gully cleansing service in Tsuen Wan district. If the gully was still blocked after cleansing, the FEHD would refer the case to the Highways Department (HyD) for further actions.

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

- (1) the DSD had stated that the odour nuisance at roadside gullies might be caused by the sewage discharged thereto from food premises in the district. He hoped that the FEHD would provide information on the hygiene condition near the roadside gullies which had caused odour nuisance. He enquired of the FEHD about the licensing requirements with regard to sewage disposal by food premises. He also enquired of the DSD whether its current major deodourisation measure was the use of odour control hydrogel, and whether it had explored other deodourising methods (Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus);
- (2) she was glad to learn that the departments concerned had begun inspection and maintenance work on the problem of foul water pipe misconnection in buildings. She opined that foul water pipe misconnection in buildings was one of the causes of the odour problem of Tsuen Wan harbourfront. Members had a responsibility to learn about and monitor the progress of such work. She enquired of the BD about its progress in handling the cases of foul water pipe misconnection referred from the EPD (Ms CHAN Kim-kam);
- (3) he pointed out that odour was still detected on the waterfront off Tsuen Wan Sports Centre, showing that the odour problem on the waterfront

had not been improved. As a motion on setting up an inter-departmental task force led by the Environment Bureau was endorsed at the previous EHCCC meeting, he enquired of the EPD about the progress in forming the above task force (Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio);

- (4) he thought that the odour nuisance of Tsuen Wan harbourfront was a long-standing problem, and hoped that the departments concerned would seriously explore ways of tackling the problem. He also queried about the effectiveness of the deodourising PVC screens used by the DSD (Mr WONG Ka-wa); and
- (5) he enquired of the FEHD about its work progress in monitoring the food premises in town centre and educating the food premises concerned on the proper ways of sewage disposal. He also enquired of the BD about its progress in following up the cases of foul water pipe misconnection in buildings. Besides, as told by some members of the public, there had been suspected illegal discharge of pollutants from vessels at the waterfront area in Tsuen Wan West. However, they were unable to report the suspected cases to the EPD because its staff was not on duty during weekends. As such, he enquired of the EPD how the public should act when they witnessed similar incidents (Mr TSE Man-chak).

11. Building Surveyor/D5-2 of the BD responded that according to records, the BD received a total of 30 referred cases from the EPD, 6 of which involving the misconnection of water pipes had been solved. The remaining 24 cases were set out in the List of Buildings with Foul Water Pipe Misconnection Being Followed up tabled at the meeting. Regarding the 24 cases on the list, the BD had issued orders to the owners/owners' corporations of the buildings concerned in 15 cases requiring rectification of the problem of foul water pipe misconnection. The BD had launched investigations into the remaining 9 cases, and would issue orders requiring rectification of foul water pipe misconnection if such a problem was detected. However, in view of the epidemic, it was difficult to arrange for inspections at the suspected flats to ascertain the foul water pipe misconnection. The BD would continue to actively follow up on all the cases set out in the list.

12. Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional West) 2 of the EPD responded that the EPD had all along been referring newly detected cases of foul water pipe misconnection in buildings to the BD for follow-up. Moreover, the EPD

had referred to the BD two new cases of foul water pipe misconnection in buildings identified during the pollution source surveys conducted in June and July 2020. Regarding the problem of oil pollution at sea, the public might report to the MD by telephone if illegal discharges from vessels were identified. The EPD would continue to follow up the request for establishing an inter-departmental task force.

13. Engineer/Tsuen Kwai 2 of the DSD responded that the deodourising PVC screens at the roadside gully off Princess Alexandra Community Centre were installed after the DSD and Members had conducted a site inspection thereat.

14. Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control) Tsuen Wan 1 of the FEHD responded that according to the FEHD's observation, it was uncommon for food premises in the district to discharge sewage into gully traps. The FEHD would require food premises to install grease traps as a licensing condition to prevent the direct discharge of grease into drains. The FEHD's staff would also conduct regular inspections in food premises to ensure that the grease traps of food premises were in normal operation. During inspection, staff of the FEHD would remind the food premises to handle sewage properly. Such being the case, sewage from food premises was not the major cause of the odour problem.

15. The Chairman hoped that the BD would continue to provide the list of buildings involving foul water pipe misconnection at the meetings to facilitate Members' follow-up of the issue. The EHCCC would continue to discuss the captioned item under the Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

(Note: Mr MAN Yu-ming and Mr KOT Siu-yuen left the meeting at 3:49 p.m. and 3:50 p.m. respectively.)

(B) Paragraphs 16 to 23 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 June 2020: Environmental Nuisances in the Old Areas of Tsuen Wan

16. The Chairman stated that Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio submitted the paper. The representatives from the departments responsible for giving response were:

- (1) Miss LEUNG Mee-sze, Chief Health Inspector (Tsuen Wan)1, FEHD;
- (2) Mr CHOI Wai-wing, Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control) Tsuen Wan 1, FEHD; and
- (3) Ms TSANG Ka-man, Carmen, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional West) 2, EPD.

Besides, the written reply of the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) was tabled at the meeting.

17. The Chairman stated that after coordination among him, the FEHD and the Member concerned, it was decided that a site inspection would be conducted at 9:00 p.m. on 7 September 2020 in the vicinity of Yeung Uk Road. He asked Members to consider if they would participate in the site inspection.

18. Chief Health Inspector (Tsuen Wan)¹ of the FEHD reported that the FEHD had conducted joint operations with the Home Affairs Department (HAD) and Lands Department (LandsD) at Ho Pui Street, Chuen Lung Street, Tai Uk Street and San Tsuen Street in May and June 2020 to crack down on shops committing shop front extension. As at 30 August 2020, the FEHD instituted 349 prosecutions against offending shops and 20 prosecutions against hawkers for illegal hawking, and issued 113 fixed penalty notices (FPNs) against littering in public places and 81 Notices to Remove Obstruction. The FEHD deployed an additional dedicated cleansing team and refuse collection vehicle in mid-May and July 2020 respectively to enhance cleansing of the above four streets. Besides, the FEHD's dedicated plain-clothes enforcement teams issued a total of 373 FPNs and 51 "Notices to appear before a Magistrate" in 2020.

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

- (1) he noted that the FEHD had liaised with the HKPF to launch joint operations to crack down on persons involved in shop front extension and illegal hawking. However, the operations were not very effective, and the situation would revert to the old ways not long after the operation had been concluded. This could now be seen in Wo Tik Street as well. In his opinion, the key to eliminating these contraventions lay in the determination of the departments concerned to take stringent enforcement action. He hoped that the FEHD and HKPF would take further actions, strengthen their efforts to combat the offences and tackle the problems with determination (Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio); and
- (2) he understood the business needs of the shops, but the situation in relation to shop front extension of some of the shops was really serious. Although there was a temporary improvement to the situation after the crackdown by the Administration, the offending shops would revert to

their old ways very quickly. He hoped that the departments concerned would explore new ways to tackle the problem (Mr LAU Jackson).

20. Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional West) 2 of the EPD responded that regarding the noise nuisance caused by the use of loudspeakers by shops, staff of the EPD would continue to follow up the matter and conduct inspections as well as remind the shops to control their volume to avoid causing nuisance to nearby residents. In the first seven months of this year, the EPD had conducted nearly 90 inspections.

21. Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control) Tsuen Wan 1 of the FEHD responded that the FEHD would continue to actively participate in joint operations conducted with various departments and take law enforcement in a persistent manner to strictly combat illegal acts.

22. The Chairman asked Members who were interested in participating in the site inspection to indicate their intention by a show of hands. In addition, he stated that the EHCCC would continue to discuss the captioned item under the Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

(Post-meeting note: The EHCCC conducted a site inspection with the staff of the FEHD on 7 September 2020.)

(C) Paragraphs 60 to 66 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 June 2020: Enquiry about and Request for the Determination of Purview and the Environmental Hygiene Problems of the Waterfront Area of Tsuen Wan

23. The Chairman stated that Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus submitted the paper. The representatives from the departments responsible for giving response were:

- (1) Mr WAN Yuen-hung, Eddie, Senior Transport Officer/Public Pier, Transport Department (TD);
- (2) Mr CHOW Chun-hun, Gary, Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan), TWDO;
- (3) Miss LEUNG Mee-sze, Chief Health Inspector (Tsuen Wan)1, FEHD;
- (4) Mr CHOI Wai-wing, Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control) Tsuen Wan 1, FEHD;
- (5) Mr CHEN Wai-kuen, Administrative Assistant/Lands, District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing (DLO); and

- (6) Mr LI Pui-sang, Contract Project Coordinator/2 (W), Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD).

Besides, the written reply of the TD was tabled at the meeting.

24. Administrative Assistant/Lands of the DLO responded that Tsuen Wan Public Pier was a public facility managed by the TD. Therefore, the TD was responsible for coordinating with relevant departments to handle the matters of the pier.

25. Senior Transport Officer/Public Pier of the TD responded that Tsuen Wan Public Landing Steps was managed, repaired and maintained by respective departments according to their functions and powers under the law. The TD was responsible for coordinating the handling of enquiries and complaints involving a number of departments. Regarding the environmental hygiene problems of Tsuen Wan Public Landing Steps, upon receipt of relevant complaints, the TD had referred them to the FEHD for follow-up action as appropriate.

26. Contract Project Coordinator/2 (W) of the CEDD responded that the CEDD's Port Works Division was responsible for the structural maintenance of related public piers and seawalls, including Tsuen Wan Ferry Pier (West Rail), Tsuen Wan Public Landing Steps (West Rail) and some of the seawalls at Bayview Garden, Belvedere Garden, Waterfront Promenade (Tsuen Wan West) and Tsuen Wan Park. However, for venue management work such as pruning of plants, the CEDD was not responsible.

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

- (1) he enquired whether members of the public would breach the law if they caused environmental hygiene problems because of angling and, if so, which department would be responsible for taking law enforcement action. He also enquired which department would be responsible for handling any accidents that occurred at the pier. Besides, some members of the public would fish and stage singing and dancing performances at the waterfront area, causing nuisance to nearby residents. He enquired how the departments concerned would regulate the activities carried out thereat. As the CEDD had given a reply stating that pruning of plants was not within its purview, he enquired whether all the environmental hygiene problems identified at the waterfront area were handled by the FEHD, and whether there were

other ways to handle them (Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus);

- (2) regarding the replies of the TD and CEDD, he opined that there was a grey area in the current division of powers and responsibilities on the management of the waterfront area, and no departments were responsible for some of the problems identified at the waterfront area, such as overgrown vegetation. He enquired whether the Bureau concerned should take up the coordinating role so as to solve these issues as soon as possible (Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio); and
- (3) he enquired whether the department which owned the facilities or the FEHD should be in charge of the cleansing of the facilities (the Chairman).

28. Senior Transport Officer/Public Pier of the TD responded that Tsuen Wan Public Landing Steps was a public place, but the TD was not responsible for its venue management. The TD's duty was to receive public enquiries or complaints and, depending on the nature of the cases, refer them to the appropriate departments for follow-up. The cases mentioned in this agenda item had been referred to the FEHD for follow-up because they involved environmental hygiene problems.

29. Contract Project Coordinator/2 (W) of the CEDD responded that the CEDD's Port Works Division was only responsible for the structural maintenance of relevant public piers and seawalls. The CEDD was not responsible for the management of these facilities.

30. Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control) Tsuen Wan 1 of the FEHD responded that the FEHD was currently providing cleansing services at the location concerned. However, handling of issues relating to angling by the public, attention to accidents and pruning of plants were outside the purview of the FEHD. As regards the piers and rocky beaches at the coast, the FEHD would deploy manpower for cleansing as far as possible.

31. Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan) of the TWDO responded that no specific departments had been tasked with the management of the land around Tsuen Wan harbourfront, and such land was not a recreational venue. The departments would carry out corresponding work according to their own duties and areas under their management. As regards the handling of the overgrown vegetation at the seawalls, the TWDO noted that there was indeed a grey area in the division of powers and responsibilities among various departments. The TWDO could take up the

coordinator role if the departments concerned needed a further discussion on possible solutions.

32. Administrative Assistant/Lands of the DLO responded that unallocated government land would be jointly managed by various government departments according to their functions.

33. The Chairman hoped that a site visit would be arranged for this agenda item, and the decision on whether to continue the discussion of this agenda item under the Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting would be made after the site visit.

(Post-meeting note: The EHCCC conducted a site visit with the staff of the TD, FEHD, DLO and CEDD on 12 October 2020.)

(D) Paragraphs 87 to 99 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 June 2020: Endorsement of the List of Minor Environmental Improvement Programme 2020/21

34. The Chairman stated that he originally wished to have the List of Minor Environmental Improvement Programme 2020/21 endorsed in writing by circulation of papers after the previous EHCCC meeting. However, since the amended list was not received until the end of August 2020, the discussion and voting on the list was rescheduled for this meeting. The amended list had included the scores of the opinion collection boards and was presented in a way that met his requirements. If the amended list was endorsed by Members, the TWDO would commence the projects according to the order set out in the list.

35. The Chairman asked Members if they endorsed the List of Minor Environmental Improvement Programme 2020/21 (Revised). Members unanimously endorsed the list.

36. The Chairman said that he thought that it was undesirable to present the scores of the items separately. Instead, the projects should be arranged in descending order of their scores. He regretted that the endorsement of the list was delayed due to the controversy arose from the way of presenting the list. He also urged the unit responsible for the minor environmental improvement projects to expedite the commencement of the works.

(Post-meeting note: The TWDC endorsed the minor environmental improvement projects to be implemented in 2020/21 with project estimate exceeding \$220,000 at the meeting held on 22 September 2020.)

IV Item 3: Application for District Council Funds for Activities Co-organised by Working Group on Environmental Protection and Improvement
(EHCCC Paper No. 37/20-21)

37. The Secretary introduced the paper and read out the membership list of the Working Group (Annex I). He reported that the Working Group had endorsed the funding application concerned by circulation of papers. The voting result was 13 in favour, 0 against and 0 abstention.

38. The Chairman stated that he had declared his membership of the Working Group on Environmental Protection and Improvement, which was a nominal post title. Therefore, he could continue to chair the meeting and participate in the discussion, decision-making and voting on the funding application concerned after his declaration of interest. Besides, he decided that Members who had declared their membership of the Working Group on Environmental Protection and Improvement could participate in the discussion, decision-making and voting on the funding application concerned in accordance with section 48(12) of the Standing Orders.

39. The Chairman asked if Members had to make declarations of other interests immediately. No Members made a declaration of other interests.

40. The Chairman asked Members to vote on the funding application concerned. The voting result was 17 in favour, 0 against and 0 abstention.

41. The Chairman announced that one funding application was endorsed as follows:

<u>Activity/Project</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount Approved (\$)</u>
(1) Building Cleaning Campaign in Tsuen Wan District	6.10.2020 – 15.12.2020	200,000.00

V Item 4: Application for District Council Funds for Activities Co-organised by Working Group on Public Health and Food Safety
(EHCCC Paper No. 38/20-21)

42. The Secretary introduced the paper and read out the membership list of the Working Group (Annex I). He reported that the Working Group had endorsed the funding applications concerned by circulation of papers. The voting result was 11 in favour, 0 against and 0 abstention.

43. The Chairman stated that he had declared his membership of the Working Group on Public Health and Food Safety, which was a nominal post title. Therefore, he could continue to chair the meeting and participate in the discussion, decision-making and voting on the funding applications concerned after his declaration of interest. Besides, he decided that Members who had declared their membership of the Working Group on Public Health and Food Safety could participate in the discussion, decision-making and voting on the funding applications concerned in accordance with section 48(12) of the Standing Orders.

44. Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris enquired whether the organisers of the activities had explained any arrangements to be made to the activities in accordance with the Prevention and Control of Disease (Prohibition on Group Gathering) Regulation in case the epidemic situation persisted until November 2020.

45. Senior Executive Officer (District Council) of the TWDO responded that the Secretariat had reminded the applicant organisations to give notification to the Secretariat as early as possible should there be any necessary changes to the activities due to the epidemic.

46. The Chairman said that he was aware that Members, the Secretariat and the departments responsible for the activities concerned had reminded the applicant organisations of the possibility of rescheduling the activities in public in view of the epidemic during the discussion conducted at the Working Group meeting. As the activities were scheduled for 5 November 2020, he understood that Members were concerned about the impact of the epidemic on the activities having regard to the unstable epidemic situation. If the funding applications were endorsed, he hoped that the Secretary would relay Members' concerns to the applicant organisations.

47. The Chairman asked if Members had to make declarations of other interests immediately. No Members made a declaration of other interests.

48. The Chairman asked Members to vote on the funding application for "Healthy Food in Tsuen Wan". The voting result was 17 in favour, 0 against and 1

abstention.

49. The Chairman asked Members to vote on the funding application for “Food Safety and Health Programme”. The voting result was 16 in favour, 0 against and 1 abstention.

50. The Chairman announced that two funding applications were endorsed as follows:

<u>Activity/Project</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount Approved (\$)</u>
(1) Healthy Food in Tsuen Wan	5.11.2020 – 18.12.2020	200,000.00
(2) Food Safety and Health Programme	5.11.2020 – 19.12.2020	10,000.00

VI Item 5: Application for District Council Funds for Activities Co-organised by Working Group on Inclusive Environment for Animals in the Community
(EHCCC Paper No. 39/20-21)

51. The Secretary introduced the paper and read out the membership list of the Working Group (Annex I). He reported that the Working Group had endorsed the funding application concerned by circulation of papers. The voting result was 11 in favour, 0 against and 0 abstention.

52. The Chairman stated that he had declared his membership of the Working Group on Inclusive Environment for Animals in the Community, which was a nominal post title. Therefore, he could continue to chair the meeting and participate in the discussion, decision-making and voting on the funding application concerned after his declaration of interest. Besides, the Chairman decided that Members who had declared their membership of the Working Group on Inclusive Environment for Animals in the Community could participate in the discussion, decision-making and voting on the funding application concerned in accordance with section 48(12) of the Standing Orders.

53. The Chairman asked if Members had to make declarations of other interests immediately. No Members made a declaration of other interests.

54. Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris said that the organisation should make flexible arrangement by postponing the activity in view of the epidemic.

55. The Chairman requested the Secretary to relay Member's views to the applicant organisation.

56. The Chairman asked Members to vote on the funding application concerned. The voting result was 17 in favour, 0 against and 0 abstention.

57. The Chairman announced that one funding application was endorsed as follows:

<u>Activity/Project</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount Approved (\$)</u>
(1) "Care for Animal in Tsuen Wan" Photography and Drawing Competitions	6.10.2020 – 15.12.2020	75,640.00

VII Item 6: The Odour Problem in the Vicinity of Tai Ho Road near Vision City
(EHCCC Paper No. 40/20-21)

58. The Chairman stated that Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio submitted the paper. The representatives from the departments responsible for giving response were:

- (1) Ms LO Sze-yan, Engineer/Tsuen Kwai 2, DSD; and
- (2) Ms TSANG Ka-man, Carmen, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional West) 2, EPD.

Besides, the written replies of the EPD and HyD were tabled at the meeting.

59. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio introduced the paper.

60. The response of Engineer/Tsuen Kwai 2 of the DSD was summarised as follows:

- (1) the DSD believed that some sewage had been illegally discharged into the upstream area of the stormwater culvert under Tai Ho Road. When the sewage passed the roadside gullies, there would be odour nuisance. To permanently solve the odour problem, one should take action at source by intercepting untreated sewage to avoid illegal discharge into the stormwater drainage system concerned;
- (2) the DSD had referred the odour problem to such departments as the EPD, BD and FEHD for follow-up, and had requested the departments to strengthen the inspection of illegal sewage discharge and foul water pipe misconnection at the upstream area of stormwater drains;

- (3) the DSD had placed a substantial amount of odour-control hydrogel and installed temporary deodourising PVC screens at the roadside gullies off Vision City and Princess Alexandra Community Centre in early August this year. According to the DSD's observation, these measures were effective in abating the odour to a certain extent;
- (4) the DSD would continue to explore ways to improve the design of roadside gullies with the HyD with a view to meeting the requirements for deodourisation and drainage; and
- (5) as installation of deodourising PVC screens was a temporary measure only, the DSD was studying the possibility of replacing them with metal deodourising gates.

61. Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional West) 2 of the EPD responded that the EPD had deployed staff for inspections around Vision City at different hours of various days after receiving the paper submitted by Members, but it did not detect any bad odour. As regards the vicinity of Princess Alexandra Community Centre, the EPD identified odour nuisance thereat after deploying staff for inspections, and had contacted the department concerned to step up cleansing.

62. Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control) Tsuen Wan 1 of the FEHD responded that the FEHD would deploy cleaners to clean up the roadside gullies in the vicinity of the said locations twice a week. The frequency of cleaning would be stepped up if the problem was serious. In case there was blockage at the roadside gullies, the FEHD would inform the DSD and HyD to follow up the situation.

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

- (1) he enquired whether there were other reasons for the suspected backflow of odour in various locations in the district apart from the problem of foul water pipe misconnection in buildings, and whether the EPD had any statistical data on the times when odour nuisance occurred. He also enquired whether the newly installed dry weather flow interceptor would direct sewage to the box culvert at Tai Ho Road, although this might not help to tackle the odour problem in his view. Besides, he hoped to learn about the mechanism and technology of the deodourising PVC screen (Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus);
- (2) he pointed out that the odour problem in the vicinity of Vision City had

persisted for a long time. He enquired whether the backflow of seawater was the main cause of the odour problem in the district, and whether the seawater was polluted by the illegal effluent discharge from vessels. He also enquired whether the departments concerned had carried out cleaning operations regularly when such cases took place, and whether the Administration had introduced penalties against illegal effluent discharge at sea (Mr LAM Sek-tim);

- (3) he enquired whether the departments concerned had installed a closed-circuit television system in the underground pipelines at Tai Ho Road and Tai Chung Road at present to monitor the accumulation of pollutants therein. He pointed out that the pollutants in the open nullah at Sham Tseng would cause odour nuisance during high tides due to the backflow of sewage. As such, he enquired whether the odour problem in the vicinity of Tai Ho Road arose due to a similar cause. Besides, he suggested that the departments should consider using movable covers to tackle the odour problem (Mr WONG Ka-wa); and
- (4) he proposed that the DSD should provide the plans of underground pipelines for Members' reference to facilitate their understanding of the causes of the odour problem (Mr CHIU Yan-loy).

64. The response of Engineer/Tsuen Kwai 2 of the DSD was summarised as follows:

- (1) hydrogel was not hazardous to humans. As regards the feasibility of using remote-controlled robots, the DSD had to conduct further studies;
- (2) as the gullies at the pedestrian crossing at Vision City and off Princess Alexandra Community Centre were situated near the box culvert at Tai Ho Road, the odour problem thereat was particularly serious;
- (3) the DSD would install five dry weather flow interceptors in the rural area for intercepting sewage flowing to the three box culverts at Tai Ho Road, Tai Chung Road and Ma Tau Pa Road;
- (4) adoption of deodourising PVC screens was only a temporary measure. As regards the design of a movable cover, the DSD would conduct further studies; and
- (5) the DSD pointed out that the water level at the box culvert concerned would indeed vary with the tidal level. However, the primary cause of the odour problem was the illegal discharge of sewage into the

upstream area of the underground stormwater culvert at Tai Ho Road rather than the backflow of seawater to that location.

65. Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional West) 2 of the EPD responded that the EPD currently did not have sufficient information for compiling statistics on the times when odour was detected, but it would continue to monitor the odour situation.

66. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio hoped that the FEHD, HyD and DSD could cooperate and find solutions to the odour problem, and commended the DSD for taking the initiative to explore possible solutions. He hoped that the DSD would provide the plans of underground pipelines around Hoi Pa Street and Tai Ho Road and take forward the procurement of metal deodourising gates to tackle the odour problem.

67. The Chairman hoped that a site inspection could be arranged to facilitate Members' understanding of the causes of the odour problem. He requested the DSD to provide the plans of underground pipelines in question.

68. The Chairman stated that as the paper of the next agenda item was submitted by him, the Vice Chairman would take over the chair temporarily.

VIII Item 7: About the Discovery of Shooting Activity Scraps near Shing Mun Reservoir

(EHCCC Paper No. 41/20-21)

69. The Acting Chairman stated that Mr TAM Hoi-pong submitted the paper. The representatives from the departments responsible for giving response were:

- (1) Mr NG Ki-yiu, Senior Engineer/NTW (Special Duties), Water Supplies Department (WSD);
- (2) Mr KAN Ka-man, Engineer/NTW (Headworks 3), WSD;
- (3) Ms NGAR Yuen-ngor, Senior Country Parks Officer (M2), Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD);
- (4) Mr LEE Siu-fung, Michael, Country Parks Officer (W), AFCD;
- (5) Mr CHENG Ho-yin, Henry, Senior Estate Surveyor/Tsuen Wan, DLO;
and
- (6) Mr Hahn Chu, Director of Environmental Advocacy, The Green Earth Limited (The Green Earth).

Besides, the written reply of the HKPF was tabled at the meeting.

70. Mr TAM Hoi-pong introduced the paper.

71. Senior Engineer/NTW (Special Duties) of the WSD responded that upon receipt of complaints from members of the public in March 2019, the WSD had immediately launched an investigation and had been seriously following up on this matter. After ascertaining that there was a risk that shooting activity scraps from Hong Kong Gun Club (HKGC) could enter the catchwater, the WSD had repeatedly contacted the HKGC and urged it to take effective measures to prevent the shooting activity scraps from entering the catchwater so as to eradicate the problem. Last year, the WSD had completed its collection of evidence and, after obtaining legal advice, had officially instituted prosecution against the HKGC pursuant to the Waterworks Ordinance. However, the effort was futile. The WSD was now seeking legal advice and had resumed its collection of evidence. If there was sufficient evidence to prove that a violation of the Waterworks Ordinance had caused water pollution at the waterworks, the WSD would take legal action against the person(s) involved. The WSD had stepped up inspection at Shing Mun Catchwater and clearance of shooting activity scraps therein. The WSD would also arrange for clearance work if shooting activity scraps posing an immediate risk of falling into the catchwater were found at nearby slopes.

72. Country Parks Officer (W) of the AFCD responded that in the past two years, the AFCD had deployed staff for inspections at HKGC and met the representatives of the HKGC requesting it to clean up the shooting activity scraps in the overlapping area of the country park and the area stipulated in the HKGC's land lease. The AFCD had also repeatedly requested the HKGC to submit a proposal on waste treatment concerning the problem of shooting activity scraps. The HKGC replied to the AFCD in the first half of this year, stating that it would conduct a monthly inspection of the accumulation of shooting activity scraps within the overlapping area and take follow-up action according to the actual circumstances and needs to reduce the accumulation of shooting activity scraps. Besides, the AFCD had strongly recommended that the HKGC should submit inspection and cleaning records to the AFCD and other departments concerned on a regular basis, and should carry out thorough clearance work regularly to avoid an accumulation of shooting activity scraps. The AFCD received photos of cleaning operations from the HKGC in June and August 2020, but the HKGC did not give a detailed account of the times, locations and effectiveness of the cleaning operations. The AFCD had been urging

the HKGC to explain the details, and would strengthen its inspections and maintain close liaison with the DLO.

73. Senior Estate Surveyor/Tsuen Wan of the DLO responded that the shooting activities of the HKGC, including possession, storage and handling of arms and ammunition as well as the use of shooting ranges, should comply with the Firearms and Ammunition Ordinance and the request of the Commissioner of Police. As parts of the HKGC site were within the water gathering grounds and Tai Lam Country Park, the land lease stipulated that the land owner should comply with the requirements for such land use imposed by the departments concerned. According to the land lease, the HKGC was permitted to carry out shooting activities within the land granted, provided that they were in compliance with the relevant legislation and land lease conditions. The DLO had conducted site inspections and communicated with the departments concerned with respect to the environmental problems of its concern in the past. It had also reminded the HKGC in writing that it needed to properly handle its shooting activity scraps. Moreover, the DLO had launched an investigation and consulted the government departments concerned on the land lease conditions in question. As it was necessary to establish clearly whether there was any breach of the land lease conditions, the DLO had to rely on the departments concerned for collection of evidence and professional judgment. The DLO was aware that the departments concerned had been investigating and collecting evidence, and would seek internal legal advice when necessary. If the HKGC was substantively confirmed to have breached the land lease conditions based on the evidence collected upon investigation by the departments concerned, the DLO would take appropriate lease enforcement actions. Furthermore, the DLO had recently written to the HKGC again, expressing its concern over the HKGC's obligation to properly handle the shooting activity scraps and comply with the land lease conditions. Meanwhile, the DLO noted that other departments concerned were following up on the matter according to their areas of responsibility and the legislation. The DLO would continue to communicate and cooperate with the departments concerned to take appropriate law enforcement and lease enforcement actions respectively. Upon the expiry of the land lease concerned, the Government would consider whether or not to approve the renewal of the land lease according to the prevailing policies. In general, a private recreational lease, such as that granted to the HKGC, was under the policy area of the Home Affairs Bureau. Incidentally, the DLO would consult the departments when processing the renewal of the land lease. The DLO believed that the departments concerned would propose including relevant and applicable

conditions in the HKGC's land lease during its renewal in the light of the current incident.

74. Director of Environmental Advocacy of The Green Earth said that after the site inspection with Members, it was found that the problem of shooting activity scraps was serious, presumably because of the long-term accumulation of such items. Although various government departments had attempted to solve the problem, their efforts were obviously inadequate. He was already aware that shooting activity scraps spread all over the catchwater and the country park four years ago, so he hoped that the departments would follow up this matter promptly. He thought that the WSD should, apart from cleaning up shooting activity scraps, draw up preventive measures. The costs of the clean-up work should be borne by the polluters rather than the Government. Besides, he was concerned about the damaged screen barriers installed by the WSD above the catchwater and the direction of flow of the shooting activity scraps before such barriers were erected.

75. The Acting Chairman said that according to the HKPF's written reply, the District Fight Crime Committee (Tsuen Wan District) could provide a more appropriate platform for Members to discuss the law enforcement action in the district and assist the Police in fighting crime. He considered the HKPF's reply ridiculous.

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

- (1) he enquired about the penalties imposed on the HKGC upon conviction, measures that various departments could take to force the HKGC to solve the problem, and ways to formulate measures that could prevent environmental pollution (Mr TSE Man-chak);
- (2) he opined that Shing Mun Reservoir was an important source of fresh water, and shooting activity scraps could pollute the water, thereby bringing harm to residents' health. As the HKGC did not handle the shooting activity scraps properly, the departments concerned should take stringent enforcement action to stop the HKGC from damaging the natural environment. He thought that the HKPF showed a dereliction of duty and was lax in taking enforcement action, and reprimanded the HKPF for not sending representatives to attend the meeting (Mr LAI Man-fai);
- (3) he could not accept the persistent pollution of Shing Mun Reservoir, and agreed that preventive measures were better than follow-up

clearance work. Besides, he opined that the HKPF's interpretation of its role in enforcing the Firearms and Ammunition Ordinance was inconsistent and contradictory. He did not understand why the Police held that the District Fight Crime Committee (Tsuen Wan District) would be a better platform for discussion. He opined that if the Police did not take part in law enforcement action, there might be a lack of deterrence. He hoped that the issue would be looked at squarely (Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy);

- (4) he pointed out that the HKGC should be responsible for cleaning up the shooting activity scraps and formulating measures to prevent environmental pollution. Unfortunately, the HKGC was lax in management, and ultimately, it was prosecuted for causing environmental pollution. He proposed writing to the licensing department concerned to urge it to stop the HKGC from continuing damaging the environment (Mr LAU Cheuk-yu);
- (5) he hoped to learn about the background of the HKGC. He pointed out that despite being suspected of violating the lease conditions and polluting the natural environment, the HKGC could still continue to lease the site of 6.49 hectares at an annual nominal rent of \$1,000. He enquired whether the HKGC possessed privileges. He also enquired of the departments concerned whether the HKGC was in breach of the land lease conditions; if so, whether they would take further actions, such as terminating the HKGC's right to use the site, and how they would hold the HKGC responsible (Mr LAU Chi-hung);
- (6) he had received complaints from residents about the orange-coloured litter in the catchwater in 2018. He initially thought that such litter was waste illegally dumped into the catchwater by nearby villagers, only to subsequently find that they actually came from the HKGC. He enquired of the departments concerned in this regard last year. The AFCD had given a reply stating that it had no authority to enforce law because the shooting activities were not taken place inside the country park. The LandsD had also given a reply last year, stating that it found that the land lease conditions were only applicable to situations in which the Government suffered from loss as a result of the land owner's violation of such conditions after seeking legal advice. Therefore, the land lease conditions were not applicable to the current situation, and the LandsD had referred the case to the WSD and HKPF for follow-up. He enquired whether the departments concerned could

take enforcement action and impose severe penalties on the HKGC, or even take back the HKGC's right of using the site. Given that shooting activity scraps were firearms residue and thus were regulated by the relevant legislation, the public or volunteers might break the law inadvertently if they cleaned them up on their initiative (Mr CHIU Yan-loy);

- (7) he pointed out that the HKGC should be relocated elsewhere as urban development continued. As many people were residing around Tai Mo Shan, he hoped that the Chairman would write to the HKPF, LandsD, HAD or relevant departments to argue that the location of the HKGC, which was still in Tsuen Wan, reflected the Administration's outdated planning. The TWDC should also explore whether the site concerned could be used for other developments (Mr WONG Ka-wa);
- (8) he opined that the standard of law enforcement against the HKGC for causing environmental pollution should be same as that against general public for violating the same ordinance. Besides, he enquired why the HKGC was still not liable for its act so far. He described the presence of shooting activity scraps in the country park as an ecological disaster. He wondered why the HKGC could get away with it. He thought that the departments concerned should explore whether to allow the HKGC to continue its operation if the HKGC did not make any improvement (Mr LAM Sek-tim);
- (9) he enquired why the Government shouldered the responsibility of cleaning up the environment for the HKGC instead of instructing it to clean up the polluted areas on its initiative. He saw a case of differential treatment for the volunteer teams and the HKGC because the former might break the law and be arrested by the Police for cleaning up firearms residue whereas the latter, despite failing to properly clean up and handle used ammunitions, would not be held liable for that. He enquired of the Police about its enforcement standards, and was discontented with the Police, which did not send its representatives to attend this meeting. Besides, he hoped to learn about the usage rate and size of the HKGC, and requested the resumption of the HKGC's site (Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus); and
- (10) he opined that the areas over which shooting activity scraps had spread should include places managed by the FEHD, and thus hoped that the FEHD would issue FPNs against the HKGC. Besides, as the aforesaid areas were steep with scattered firearms residue, he objected

to sending the volunteer teams to clear the residue lest the volunteers should be in danger or violate the law inadvertently. He enquired if there was any way the government departments concerned could compel the HKGC to clean up the waste scattered over the surrounding countryside on its initiative, how the WSD would institute another prosecution against the HKGC, and whether the AFCD could prosecute the HKGC pursuant to the Country Parks Ordinance (Mr TAM Hoi-pong).

77. Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control) Tsuen Wan 1 of the FEHD responded that the FEHD would provide normal cleansing services outside the country parks. If there was sufficient evidence to show that a person had violated the law, prosecution would be taken against such an offender. However, technical difficulties did exist in prosecuting such a person because prosecution could only be instituted when the offender and the illegal act of waste disposal were witnessed.

78. Senior Estate Surveyor/Tsuen Wan of the DLO responded that the DLO would take appropriate lease enforcement action if the departments concerned ascertained, upon completion of evidence collection, that the HKGC was in breach of the lease conditions. The DLO would issue a warning letter according to the established procedures, requesting the owner to carry out rectification of the lease breach within a specified time. If the owner did not rectify the lease breach by the deadline, the DLO might register the warning letter at the Land Registry (commonly known as “impose an encumbrance”). If the situation of the lease breach was serious, the DLO would consider proceeding with re-entry of the site or vesting of the relevant interest to the Government. Under the existing mechanism, the owner concerned could, after re-entry of the site concerned, petition the Chief Executive or, in any particular circumstances, apply to the Court of First Instance for relief against the re-entry. As such, re-entry of a site was time-consuming and had to go through the established legal procedures or even litigation. On the other hand, if the lease breach was rectified, the DLO would be required to cancel the re-entry of the site according to relevant legislation. The DLO had consulted the departments concerned on problems in relation to the lease conditions. It would take lease enforcement action if the HKGC was confirmed to have violated the lease conditions.

79. Country Parks Officer (W) of the AFCD responded that the AFCD had conducted regular inspections of and recorded the accumulation of shooting activity scraps within the country park to facilitate the DLO’s study on whether the HKGC

was in breach of the lease conditions. Regarding the Country Parks Ordinance, the AFCD might consider instituting prosecution if its officers witnessed at scene acts of illegal disposal of waste on government land within a country park.

80. Senior Engineer/NTW (Special Duties) of the WSD responded that the WSD had conducted a review upon the close of the previous case, and was now seeking legal advice and collecting evidence. If there was evidence to prove that a person had violated the Waterworks Ordinance and caused water pollution at waterworks, the WSD would take legal action against the person concerned, including instituting prosecution and soliciting payment of related charges.

81. The Acting Chairman stated that he received Members' request for a site inspection, and requested the WSD to make an arrangement.

82. The Acting Chairman stated that he would now proceed to deal with an impromptu motion received earlier.

83. Mr CHIU Yan-loy moved an impromptu motion: "Request for a crackdown on the Hong Kong Gun Club's act of damaging the environment". Mr WONG Ka-wa seconded.

84. The Acting Chairman proposed that an open ballot should be held. Members agreed to the proposal.

85. The Acting Chairman asked Members to vote on the impromptu motion. The voting result was as follows:

For (15 votes in total)

Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris, Mr LI Hung-por, Mr SHUM Lester, Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus, Mr LAM Sek-tim, Ms CHAN Kim-kam, Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio, Mr WONG Ka-wa, Mr CHIU Yan-loy, Mr LAU Chi-hung, Mr LAU Cheuk-yu, Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy, Mr LAI Man-fai, Mr TSE Man-chak and Mr TAM Hoi-pong

Against (0 vote in total)

Abstention (0 vote in total)

86. The Acting Chairman announced that the above impromptu motion was endorsed.

87. Mr LAU Cheuk-yu enquired whether the TWDO was the department granting the licence to the HKGC.

88. Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan) of the TWDO responded that the TWDO was not the licensing department. He would seek clarification from the HAD about the licensing department and relay Members' views.

89. The Chairman resumed the chair.

(Post-meeting note: The EHCCC conducted a site inspection with staff of the WSD, AFCD, DLO and The Green Earth on 18 September 2020. The Secretariat conveyed the motion to the LandsD, AFCD, WSD and HKPF on 7 September 2020.)

IX Item 8: Concern about the Ageing Problem and Repair and Replacement of Underground Water Mains in the District
(EHCCC Paper No. 42/20-21)

90. The Chairman stated that Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus submitted the paper. The representatives from the departments responsible for giving response were:

- (1) Mr HO Ho-yuan, Engineer/NTW (Distribution 1), WSD;
- (2) Ms LO Sze-yan, Engineer/Tsuen Kwai 2, DSD; and
- (3) Ms TSANG Ka-man, Carmen, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional West) 2, EPD.

91. Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus introduced the paper.

92. The response of Engineer/NTW (Distribution 1) of the WSD was summarised as follows:

- (1) water main leakage incidents which occurred in Tsuen Wan district in recent months were caused by ageing or rusting of water pipes. Regarding the fresh water main leakage incident which occurred outside Serenade Cove on 24 June 2020, the WSD had, in fact, made arrangements for replacing the water pipes thereat earlier, and had completed the replacement works in July 2020. As regards the two flush water main leakage incidents which occurred at The Octagon on

25 June 2020 and at the junction of Hoi Kwai Road and Hoi Shing Road on 17 July 2020, the WSD found that they were both caused by rusting of water pipes. The WSD had replaced the rusty parts and put on additional anti-rusting protective coatings in the water pipes to reduce the risk of rusting;

- (2) water main burst or leakage might cause soil erosion and hence road subsidence. Therefore, he believed that the occurrence of road subsidence had nothing to do with the heavy traffic on roads;
- (3) the WSD would carry out continuous risk assessment to determine the improvement works required for the water distribution network. The factors for consideration included the water pipes' materials, number of years in service, past records of pipe burst and whether the environment where the pipes were laid would accelerate their ageing. Water pipes with past records of pipe burst or leakage would be rated a higher risk and would be considered for improvement works first; and
- (4) at present, improvement works were being carried out to aged water pipes at road sections from Tsuen Wan No.1 Fresh Water Service Reservoir to Kwok Shui Road, Kwan Mun Hau Street, Ham Tin Tsuen near Kwok Shui Road, Texaco Road North, Castle Peak Road, Tai Ho Road and Yeung Uk Road. Despite the great difficulty in works implementation due to the heavy road traffic in Tsuen Wan district, the WSD would actively coordinate with the TD, HyD and HKPF to expedite the implementation of related works.

93. Engineer/Tsuen Kwai 2 of the DSD responded that as there was no sewer burst recently, she had nothing to add.

94. Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional West) 2 of the EPD responded that as the management and maintenance of underground water mains were not within the purview of the EPD, she had nothing to add.

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

- (1) he enquired whether the Administration had conducted regular examinations of the water pipes in Tsuen Wan district, and about the ways to identify problematic water pipes more effectively and rapidly (Mr TSE Man-chak);

- (2) he opined that the underground water mains in Tsuen Wan district faced a serious ageing problem, and pointed out that a few water main burst incidents had occurred this year, which had caused temporary suspension of salt or fresh water supply and thus inconvenience to residents. He hoped that the departments concerned would expedite the replacement of aged water pipes and enhance the maintenance and repair work to avoid affecting the daily lives of residents. He also mentioned an earlier incident of water discolouration arising from a mistake made by staff of a service reservoir, which had caused inconvenience to residents (Mr LAI Man-fai);
- (3) he pointed out that the water pipes around Luk Yeung Sun Chuen faced a serious ageing problem. There had been water supply problems on 10 July, 7 August, 16 August and 21 August 2020, which had caused inconvenience to residents in the area concerned. He had written to the WSD requesting an assessment of and improvements to the water pipes in the area concerned. Although he had received a positive reply from the WSD, he still hoped that the WSD could promptly address the matter. Besides, the water discolouration incident which occurred on 7 August 2020 had affected the supply of fresh water to the residents in Hoi Pa Village South Terrace and Pak Tin Pa Tsuen. He enquired of the WSD about the causes of water discolouration and whether similar incidents would recur (Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy);
- (4) in view of the temporary suspension of fresh water supply in the vicinity of Tsuen Tak Gardens for two days due to the water main burst incident which occurred at Tsuen King Circuit, he enquired of the WSD about the methods of repairing the water pipes. He pointed out that a contractor engaged by the WSD had told him two years ago that replacement of water pipes would be implemented at the service reservoir, but he did not receive any further notice so far. He enquired of the WSD about the progress of the works and the reasons for the slow works progress. In addition, he noted that the WSD would supplement the fresh water supply of areas affected by fresh water suspension with fresh water from other service reservoirs. He thus enquired whether such a practice would also be applicable to other areas (Mr CHIU Yan-loy);
- (5) he pointed out that two Assistant Directors of the WSD were responsible for the water works at present, with each one overseeing several divisions. Such an arrangement was rather confusing. It

would render those who had enquiries about water works puzzled as to what to do, and it also lacked transparency. As water works would obstruct traffic and cause noise nuisance in the area concerned, he hoped that the WSD would announce in advance the water works that had been planned for implementation in the following year. He also recommended streamlining the coordination of various water works projects by unifying all responsibilities under only one Assistant Director to facilitate liaison with all the stakeholders (Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio);

- (6) the speed of emergency repair of burst water pipes had been improved in recent years. He thanked the WSD and its outsourced workers for their efforts. He had discussed the ways of preventing water main bursts in the district with the WSD. Yet, in view of the severity of the water main bursts in the district this year, he hoped to conduct further discussion with the WSD and that a large-scale investigation of water mains would be conducted to prevent recurrence of water main bursts, hence the subsequent impact on the traffic in the district (Mr LAM Sek-tim);
- (7) he enquired of the WSD how the notification mechanism would work when water supply was resumed upon completion of the water works carried out during the suspension of water supply. He pointed out that water supply for some of the housing estates could not resume simultaneously with the partial resumption of water supply in the area concerned. He therefore enquired about how such housing estates should be notified in the future. Besides, despite the DSD's claim that no salt water main bursts had ever occurred in recent months, he said that a water main burst incident did occur at the junction of Hoi Kwai Road and Hoi Shing Road on 17 July 2020, and it was exactly a salt water main. He hoped that the DSD would clarify this issue (Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus); and
- (8) regarding the two-day suspension of fresh water supply in the vicinity of Tsuen Tak Gardens and Joyful Building due to the water main burst at Tsuen King Circuit, he thanked the staff of the WSD for trying their best to repair the water mains during the storm. He pointed out that as residents of Tsuen Tak Gardens were in lack of fresh water during the suspension of fresh water supply due to insufficient fresh water in the temporary water tanks, he had to remind the WSD to improve the supply of temporary water sources. He had written to the WSD about

the maintenance of the water mains at Tsuen King Circuit. He hoped that the WSD would give a reply (Mr LI Hung-por).

96. Engineer/NTW (Distribution 1) of the WSD responded that regarding the water main leakage incident at Tsuen King Circuit, as the water pipe was laid inside concrete structures, the engineering staff of the WSD had to carefully remove the concrete to locate the leakage point. In addition, as the WSD located another leakage point near the original one upon the completion of the scheduled maintenance works, it was necessary to carry on the maintenance works. The WSD apologised for the inconvenience caused to nearby residents due to the relatively long time required for the maintenance. As regards the works on Wai Tsuen Road, it was anticipated that the works could not commence until the second half of next year due to the necessity to carry out relatively complicated procedures including inspection, study, design and tendering. If the problems of aged water pipes and water main burst deteriorated, the WSD would explore other possible solutions. As regards the matter in relation to the notification mechanism for the resumption of water supply, the WSD would try to change the water supply route during the suspension to minimise the affected area. To expedite the resumption of water supply to the residents, the WSD's frontline staff would immediately notify nearby residents once the water supply was partially resumed, and would notify the Customer Enquiry Centres upon the completion of the rearrangement of all the water supply routes.

97. The Chairman hoped that the WSD could provide a 24-hour contact number so that Members could call and make enquiries when a water main burst occurred. The Chairman also suggested that the WSD should hold a meeting with Members in September 2020 to give a detailed account of the recent water main bursts and discuss the preventive measures and arrangements for emergency water supply.

(Post-meeting note: The EHCCC held a meeting with the WSD on 25 September 2020.)

X Item 9: Enquiry on the Environmental Pollution Problem Caused by Decomposed Pork Hocks Floating in Hong Kong Waters
(EHCCC Paper No. 43/20-21)

98. The Chairman stated that Mr LAU Jackson submitted the paper. The representatives from the departments responsible for giving response were:

- (1) Ms TSANG Ka-man, Carmen, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional West) 2, EPD;

- (2) Mr NG Yiu-lun, Johnny, Marine Officer/Pollution Control Unit (1), MD;
- (3) Mr MAK Shui-wing, Marine Manager/Licensing & Port Formalities (2), MD;
- (4) Mr LEE Tin-shing, Senior Assistant Shipping Master/Pollution Control Unit (1), MD; and
- (5) Ms FONG Wei-king, Luna, Deputy District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) 2, Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD).

Besides, the written reply of the EPD was tabled at the meeting.

99. Mr LAU Jackson introduced the paper.

100. Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional West) 2 of the EPD reported that, upon receipt of the report of pork hocks found at the shorelines and beaches in Hong Kong in July 2020, the EPD had immediately contacted the Department of Ecology and Environment of Guangdong Province (GDDEE) to gain an insight into the situation. The EPD learnt that fragments of pig hocks were also found at parts of the shorelines and beaches in Guangdong Province. The departments concerned in the Mainland had taken timely measures to clean up and salvage such items, and the incident did not pose any impact on the marine environment. After investigation, the marine authority of Guangdong Province confirmed that it did not receive any reports about capsized cargo vessels and could not confirm the origin of the pork hocks. Nevertheless, it would strengthen inspection and monitoring to prevent incidents in marine environment. As regards the affected beaches, coastal areas and waters in Tsuen Wan district, the LCSD, MD and FEHD had arranged for clean-up operations immediately. The EPD had also collected samples of seawater from the beaches for examination, and the results indicated that the beach water quality had not been affected.

101. Marine Officer/Pollution Control Unit (1) of the MD responded that the MD was mainly responsible for cleaning up marine floating refuse. After learning of the incident, the MD had deployed staff to inspect the waters nearby and identified a small amount of pork hocks floating at sea. The department had immediately assigned its marine cleaning services contractor to step up the clean-up efforts.

102. Deputy District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) 2 of the LCSD responded that the LCSD had all along been committed to providing safe and clean beach facilities for public use. As refuse might drift to the beaches due to high and low tides, tidal

stream and changes in weather, the LCSD would carry out clean-up operations for two to three times a day at beaches and coastal areas in Tsuen Wan district. In July 2020, pork hocks were indeed found at beaches in the district for some days, and the LCSD had immediately arranged for clean-up operations. The EPD had also examined the water quality at the beaches in Tsuen Wan district from July to mid-August 2020. It was found that the water quality had been normal throughout.

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

- (1) he thought that similar incidents might recur in the future. As such, he enquired whether the departments concerned could establish a contingency and information dissemination mechanism. During his site inspection at the beaches, he learnt that some lifeguards would assist in cleaning up. He thus enquired whether the LCSD would formulate a more efficient way of cleaning up the beaches (Mr LAU Chi-hung);
- (2) he said some residents noticed that there was an increase in the amount of marine floating refuse near Pavilia Bay and Ocean Pride in recent months. He enquired why the amounts of marine floating refuse in Tsuen Wan district in June and July 2020 exceeded the amounts in previous months, and what should be done in the future to prevent an increase in the amount of marine refuse and clean up such refuse. He also enquired whether the LCSD could provide the water quality records of the beaches for reference (Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus);
- (3) he queried about the claim made by the authority concerned in the Mainland that it had no idea of the origin of the pork hocks. He opined that since the palm oil and plastic pellet incidents earlier on, the Mainland should have developed a notification mechanism for reporting on shipwrecks so that the departments concerned of Hong Kong could prepare for the clean-up work in advance. He pointed out that there had already been media coverage about the shipwreck in question in the Mainland prior to the pork hock incident. He opined that the condition of activating the existing notification mechanism was too stringent and doubted its effectiveness. He hoped that the EPD would review it. He also hoped that the MD would explain the clean-up operation carried out in response to the pork hock incident (the Chairman); and
- (4) he enquired whether the departments concerned had established a

contingency mechanism to deal with marine accidents and seawater pollution. He also enquired whether the cost of the clean-up operations would be borne by the Hong Kong Government if the pollutants originated from the Mainland, and whether the fees incurred could be recovered (the Vice Chairman).

104. Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional West) 2 of the EPD responded that the existing Hong Kong-Guangdong Notification Mechanism on Marine Refuse would be activated when waters of Guangdong and Hong Kong were prone to the impacts posed by massive amounts of marine refuse due to inclement weather or environmental accidents. Since the source of the pig hocks was unknown in this case, the nature of the incident did not meet the condition of activating the mechanism. Nevertheless, the EPD had contacted and exchanged information with the GDDEE in a timely manner, thereby facilitating the coordination of the departments concerned in cleaning up.

105. Marine Officer/Pollution Control Unit (1) of the MD responded that the MD had not received any report on shipwreck from the Mainland before the incident occurred. After learning of the incident, the MD had immediately strengthened its patrols at the waters concerned and arranged for its marine cleaning services contractor to carry out clean-up work starting from 13 July 2020. Subsequently, no more pork hocks were identified during the patrol conducted by the staff of the MD on 17 July 2020. The MD had cleaned up a total of about 850 kilograms of pork hocks.

106. Deputy District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) 2 of the LCSD responded that when pork hocks were found, the LCSD had mobilised all of its staff at the beaches, including lifeguards and cleaners, to assist in cleaning up. The LCSD would request assistance from outsourced cleaning companies or other departments only when the situation was so serious that the LCSD could not handle it alone. As regards the examination of water quality, it was undertaken by the EPD.

107. The Chairman hoped that the EPD could convey to the relevant Mainland authorities the unreasonable stringency of the threshold for activating the existing notification mechanism, which would hinder the responsiveness of the relevant departments of Hong Kong in case of a marine pollution incident.

XI Item 10: Request for Discussion of Improvement of Hygiene Conditions in the Markets and Surrounding Areas in the District

(EHCCC Paper No. 44/20-21)

108. The Chairman stated that Mr LAM Sek-tim submitted the paper. The representatives from the departments responsible for giving response were:

- (1) Miss LEUNG Mee-sze, Chief Health Inspector (Tsuen Wan)¹, FEHD;
and
- (2) Mr CHOI Wai-wing, Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control) Tsuen Wan 1, FEHD.

109. Mr LAM Sek-tim introduced the paper.

110. Chief Health Inspector (Tsuen Wan)¹ of the FEHD reported as follows:

- (1) the FEHD had taken anti-epidemic measures in the markets in Tsuen Wan district to protect the health and safety of stall operators in the markets and the general public;
- (2) the FEHD had progressively arranged for the markets in the district to be closed one hour earlier during July and August 2020, and would carry out deep cleaning and disinfection work from 7:00 p.m. every day;
- (3) the FEHD had strengthened cleansing of public places and facilities in the markets, including toilets, escalators, lifts and handrails of staircases. Disinfectant hand sanitisers were also provided in the markets for public use;
- (4) to improve the ventilation of Yeung Uk Road Market and Tsuen Wan Market, the FEHD had placed nine standalone air coolers to enhance ventilation;
- (5) the FEHD would step up its anti-rodent work in the markets on a regular basis. For example, the FEHD would thoroughly clear the refuse and clean the passageways and drains in the markets every night after they had been closed to eliminate the food sources of rodents, in addition to placing rodent trapping devices and rodenticides. Besides, the FEHD would remind stall operators of the importance of concerted efforts in achieving the goal of sustainable and effective rodent control;
and
- (6) the FEHD had arranged for the contractor to apply anti-microbial coating to the public places in Yeung Uk Road Market and Tsuen Wan Market on 30 August 2020.

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

- (1) he enquired whether the rodent control methods which were widespread on the Internet would be more effective than those currently adopted by the FEHD (Mr TSE Man-chak);
- (2) he opined that the hygiene condition of the markets in Tsuen Wan district had all along been unsatisfactory. He also opined that the interior design of Tsuen Wan Market was out of date, and the passageways were too narrow. In addition, the management of Yeung Uk Road Market was poor, and the passageways were seriously obstructed due to the unauthorised shop front extensions by the seafood stall operators on the ground level. The ventilation of the two markets was also unsatisfactory. Furthermore, he considered the hygiene condition in the vicinity of Yeung Uk Road Market poor, and hoped that the FEHD would strengthen its enforcement action (Mr LAI Man-fai);
- (3) he held that the market design should tie in with the town planning, and that the environmental hygiene around the markets would affect the entire cityscape. He cited an example where some people had placed wet goods on streets near Yeung Uk Road, which had thus affected the environmental hygiene of the surrounding area. He also held that the revitalisation plan of Yeung Uk Road Market failed to solve the problems at the roots and meet the demand for installing an air-conditioning system from the shop operators. The FEHD should revisit the market design and consider whether it was necessary to implement large-scale alteration works (Mr LAU Chi-hung); and
- (4) he thanked the FEHD for its efforts in reducing the hygiene problems in Tsuen Wan district. He hoped to have a better understanding of the environmental hygiene problems caused by littering around Yeung Uk Road Market during the site inspection to be conducted on the evening of 7 September 2020 (Mr LAM Sek-tim).

112. Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control) Tsuen Wan 1 of the FEHD responded that the FEHD had been taking stringent law enforcement and had deployed additional manpower to clean up the refuse around the markets. It would continue to step up law enforcement where appropriate. Besides, the FEHD's Pest Control Advisory Section had all along been exploring new rodent trapping

technologies, but it found that the effectiveness of a particular technology was far from satisfactory after testing, and so it did not proceed to adopt such a technology. Nevertheless, the FEHD would keep on trying out new methods to enhance the effectiveness of the anti-rodent work. The FEHD held that most of the rodent control methods circulating in society were ineffective. Incidentally, some thought that more direct methods, such as glue traps, were inhumane. The FEHD would continue to use appropriate methods for rodent control according to different circumstances. As regards the unauthorised shop front extensions of stall operators in the markets, which Members mentioned earlier on, the FEHD would pay more attention to the matter and take enforcement action.

(Note: Ms CHAN Kim-kam left the meeting at 5:32 p.m.)

XII Item 11: About the Suspected Delivery of Recovered Plastic Bottles to Landfill by Housing Estate

(EHCCC Paper No. 45/20-21)

113. The Chairman stated that Mr LAM Sek-tim submitted the paper. The representatives from the departments responsible for giving response were:

- (1) Miss LEUNG Mee-sze, Chief Health Inspector (Tsuen Wan)1, FEHD;
- (2) Mr CHOI Wai-wing, Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control) Tsuen Wan 1, FEHD; and
- (3) Ms TSANG Ka-man, Carmen, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional West) 2, EPD.

114. Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy introduced the paper.

115. Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional West) 2 of the EPD stated that as she did not receive the agenda item until this morning, she was unable to have adequate preparation for it in time. Therefore, she would reply to Members' enquiries in writing after the meeting.

116. Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control) Tsuen Wan 1 of the FEHD responded that the FEHD had set up 91 collection points in the district. The outsourced contractor would collect recyclables at designated locations every day where appropriate. If staff of the FEHD found that the recycling bins were overflowing during inspection, they would notify the contractor of the need to collect the recyclables as soon as possible. Staff of the FEHD would also inspect the working place of the contractor. If the contractor was found to have disposed of

recyclables as waste, the FEHD would issue default notices to the contractor, and the payment to the contractor would be deducted. The FEHD would continue to keep a close watch on the collection of recyclables in the district to reduce incidents of disposal of recyclables as waste. Additionally, the locations of the 91 collection points, including the recycling bins in refuse collection points, had been set out on the FEHD's website. The recyclables at all collection points in Hong Kong were collected by Baguio Waste Management & Recycling Limited.

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

- (1) in his opinion, there was a lack of plastic bottle recyclers in Hong Kong. This was one of the reasons why plastic bottles were usually treated as waste. He hoped that the departments concerned would provide a list of plastic bottle recyclers (Mr LI Hung-por);
- (2) he commended the recycling service provided by the FEHD. Despite the growing public awareness of environmental protection, residents were forced to put the recyclables beside the recycling bins due to the limited capacity of the recycling bins in the district. These recyclables could easily be blown away under strong wind and cause environmental hygiene problems. He suggested that the recyclers should collect recyclables more frequently to solve the above problem. He also suggested that collection points should be provided at villages near Route Twisk, such as Tai Kiu Village and Kwong Pan Tin Tsuen (Mr CHIU Yan-loy);
- (3) he opined that inadequate supervision by government departments would not only nullify the public's effort in waste separation, but would also waste resources and increase the burden on landfills. He hoped that the departments concerned would strengthen monitoring and improve the complementary measures. The EPD, FEHD and Housing Department should also join hands in improving the recycling work (Mr LAI Man-fai);
- (4) he hoped that the FEHD would improve the refuse collection points at new villages and solve the problems of damaged recycling bins and infrequent collection of recyclables. He also hoped that the FEHD would give a written reply on the complementary policies (Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy); and
- (5) he thought that the outsourced contractor should pay more attention to the overflowing of recycling bins and increase the frequency of

collecting recyclables. He also recommended the FEHD to communicate with the contractor and to arrange a site visit at the contractor's recycling facilities to enable Members to have a more in-depth understanding of the recycling situation in the district (the Chairman).

118. Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control) Tsuen Wan 1 of the FEHD responded that recycling services in private housing estates were not provided by the FEHD. As regards the recyclers responsible for plastic bottles, the EPD might have more information on them. The FEHD would learn more about the situation of individual collection points mentioned by Members.

119. The Chairman stated that he would now proceed to deal with an impromptu motion moved by Mr LAU Chi-hung and Mr TSE Man-chak.

120. Mr LAU Chi-hung and Mr TSE Man-chak introduced the paper.

121. Mr LAU Chi-hung moved an impromptu motion: "Request for an explanation from the Department of Justice of its decision not to institute prosecution with respect to an animal cruelty case at Hong Kong Garden, and for a review of the way the department handled the case". Mr TSE Man-chak seconded.

122. Mr TSE Man-chak proposed that an open ballot should be held. Members agreed to the proposal.

123. The Chairman asked Members to vote on the above impromptu motion. The voting result was as follows:

For (15 votes in total)

The Chairman, the Vice Chairman, Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris, Mr LI Hung-por, Mr SHUM Lester, Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus, Mr LAM Sek-tim, Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio, Mr WONG Ka-wa, Mr CHIU Yan-loy, Mr LAU Chi-hung, Mr LAU Cheuk-yu, Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy, Mr LAI Man-fai and Mr TSE Man-chak

Against (0 vote in total)

Abstention (0 vote in total)

124. The Chairman announced that the above impromptu motion was endorsed.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat conveyed the motion to the Department of Justice on 7 September 2020.)

XIII Item 12: Work Progress Report of Working Groups under Environment, Health and Climate Change Committee Meeting

(A) Working Group on Environmental Protection and Improvement

125. Mr LAU Chi-hung reported that the Working Group had endorsed the Buildings Cleaning Campaign in Tsuen Wan District to be jointly organised with Po Leung Kuk F.S.F.T. Children & Youth Development Centre by circulation of papers from 18 to 24 August 2020. This activity, which would be held from 6 October to 15 December 2020, aimed at cleaning the public places of old buildings in Tsuen Wan district and improving the hygiene condition of the living environment in the district with a view to enhancing the residents' understanding of building management, promoting the importance of keeping the environment clean and fostering a caring and harmonious culture in the community.

(B) Working Group on Public Health and Food Safety

126. The Vice Chairman reported that the Working Group had endorsed the Healthy Food in Tsuen Wan and Food Safety and Health Programme to be jointly organised with Community Leap Limited and Caritas Community Centre - Tsuen Wan respectively by circulation of papers from 18 to 24 August 2020. The two activities would be held in early November and mid-December 2020 respectively. Healthy Food in Tsuen Wan aimed to distribute healthy and safe food to low-income families in Tsuen Wan district, encourage residents to acquire a healthy and safe diet, and promote ways of food storage with zero waste. Food Safety and Health Programme aimed to promote a sound understanding of food safety, healthy diets and tableware safety for residents of Tsuen Wan district as well as enhance their ability to think critically about information in that regard through workshops and promotional activities at street counters.

(C) Working Group on Inclusive Environment for Animals in the Community

127. Mr SHUM Lester reported that the Working Group had endorsed the "Care for Animal in Tsuen Wan" Photography and Drawing Competitions to be jointly organised with Non-Profit Making Veterinary Services Society Ltd by circulation of papers from 18 to 24 August 2020. The activity would be held from 5 October to 13 December 2020.

XIV Item 13: Information Papers

(1) Amount of Marine Floating Refuse collected by Marine Department in Tsuen Wan District (Jan - Dec of 2020) and Publicity and Anti-Marine Littering Operation in Tsuen Wan District (January - June 2020)

(EHCCC Paper Nos. 46/20-21 and 47/20-21)

128. Marine Officer/Pollution Control Unit (1) of the MD introduced the paper.

129. Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus said that there were discharges of unknown black water, sediments, white powder, refuse or excretal matter at the outfalls on Ma Tau Pa Road, Tai Ho Road and Tai Chung Road, which gave rise to an odour problem. He had enquired of the departments concerned about the ways to solve the pollution problem at sea caused by the discharges at the outfalls, but the only answer he received was that it was an intractable problem. He hoped that the departments would explain what the pollutants were.

130. Marine Officer/Pollution Control Unit (1) of the MD responded that if there were refuse or pollutants at the waters near the outfalls on Tsuen Wan harbourfront, the MD would deploy officers for clean-up work. However, the pollutants inside the outfalls were beyond the MD's purview.

(2) Tsuen Wan District Anti-rodent Campaign 2020 (Phase II) and Tsuen Wan District Anti-mosquito Campaign 2020 (Phase III)

(EHCCC Paper Nos. 53/20-21 and 54/20-21)

131. Mr LAM Sek-tim hoped that the FEHD would invite Members for inspection when it carried out anti-rodent and anti-mosquito campaigns in September and October 2020.

132. The Chairman held that Members and the departments should enhance cooperation, and hoped that the FEHD could inform Members of the dates and plans of such campaigns.

(3) Work Report on the Problem of Sea Water Pollution of the Rambler Channel, Tsuen Wan (June 2020 to July 2020)

(EHCCC Paper No. 50/20-21)

133. Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus said that residents in the vicinity of Pavilia Bay had conducted odour assessments on their own initiative between April and August 2020. As indicated in the findings of the assessment conducted by residents

on 16 July 2020, strong odour was detected near the box culvert at Tai Ho Road. However, the findings of the odour assessment conducted by the EPD on the same day indicated that there was only a faint odour. Such being the case, he would propose an item in relation to the electronic odour detection system (i.e. E-nose) for discussion in the next meeting. He hoped to explore why there was a discrepancy between the EPD's assessment findings and the residents' perceptions.

134. Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional West) 2 of the EPD noted Member's views.

(4) Aircraft Noise Data Collected from Dedicated Monitoring Stations in Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing Districts
(EHCCC Paper No. 55/20-21)

135. Mr WONG Ka-wa hoped that the aircraft noise data collected from the monitoring station at Lei Muk Shue could be included in the above data.

136. The Chairman stated that the EHCCC would write to the Civil Aviation Department (CAD) to request for follow-up on the above matter.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat conveyed Members' views to the CAD in writing on 30 September 2020.)

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

(5) Work Report on Environmental Pollution Control in Tsuen Wan District (June 2020 to July 2020)
(EHCCC Paper No. 48/20-21);

(6) Odour Prediction Assessment at the Riviera Gardens and Tsuen Wan Slaughter House (June 2020 to July 2020)
(EHCCC Paper No. 49/20-21);

(7) Noise Monitoring Result of MTR Tsuen Wan Depot (June 2020 to July 2020)
(EHCCC Paper No. 51/20-21);

(8) Work Report on Environmental Hygiene in Tsuen Wan District
(EHCCC Paper No. 52/20-21);

(9) List of Minor Environmental Improvement Programme 2020/21 (Revised)
(EHCCC Paper No. 56/20-21); and

(10) Financial Statement of Environment, Health and Climate Change Committee as at 19 August 2020
(EHCCC Paper No. 57/20-21).

(Note: Mr SHUM Lester left the meeting at 6:03 p.m.)

XV Item 14: Any Other Business

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

- (1) he hoped to know when the banners of Members could be displayed again (Mr LAM Sek-tim);
- (2) he proposed that the written replies of the departments could be uploaded onto the TWDC's website to enrich the contents of the website. He also enquired whether such written replies could be distributed to Members in advance so that Members could have more time for preparation (Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus); and
- (3) he suggested that the Government should consider consulting the TWDC on more issues (Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris).

139. Administrative Assistant/Lands of the DLO responded that the DLO was making arrangements for reopening the designated spots for Members' use. The preparatory work was in progress.

140. Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan) of the TWDO responded that the Government would consult the public through various channels so as to convey relevant opinions to the Headquarters and the departments concerned.

141. The Chairman hoped that the suggestion on uploading the written replies from the departments onto the TWDC's website would be implemented.

(Note: Mr LAI Man-fai left the meeting at 6:07 p.m.)

XVI Adjournment of Meeting

142. The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting was scheduled at 2:30 p.m. on 22 October 2020 (Thursday) and the deadline for submission of discussion papers was 7 October 2020 (Wednesday).

143. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat

18 September 2020

Working Groups under Environment, Health and Climate Change Committee

Working Group on Environmental Protection and Improvement

Convenor: Mr LAU Chi-hung

Members:	Mr MAN Yu-ming, MH	Mr WONG Ka-wa
	Mr SHUM Lester	Mr CHIU Yan-loy
	Mr LI Hung-por	Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy
	Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus	Mr LAU Jackson
	Mr LAM Sek-tim	Mr LAI Man-fai
	Ms CHAN Kim-kam	Mr TSE Man-chak
	Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio	Mr TAM Hoi-pong

Working Group on Public Health and Food Safety

Convenor: Mr LAU Jackson

Members:	Mr SHUM Lester	Mr CHIU Yan-loy
	Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus	Mr LAU Chi-hung
	Mr LAM Sek-tim	Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy
	Ms CHAN Kim-kam	Mr LAI Man-fai
	Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio	Mr TSE Man-chak
	Mr KOT Siu-yuen	Mr TAM Hoi-pong

Working Group on Inclusive Environment for Animals in the Community

Convenor: Mr SHUM Lester

Members:	Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus	Mr LAU Chi-hung
	Mr LAM Sek-tim	Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy
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