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Minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Tsuen Wan District Council (2/22-23)

Date: 26 July 2022

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Venue: Main Conference Room, Tsuen Wan District Office

Present:

Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly (Chairman)

Mr YAU Kam-ping, BBS, MH (Vice Chairman)

Mr MAN Yu-ming, MH

Mr CHAN Sung-ip, BBS, MH

Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio

Mr WONG Ka-wa

Mr KOT Siu-yuen, MH

Mr LAU Cheuk-yu

In Attendance:

Mr AU Ka-shing, Billy, JP

District Officer (Tsuen Wan), Tsuen Wan District Office

Ms LEE Lai-kiu, Winnie

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

Mr KWONG Chi-wing, Denis

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

Mr TANG Kwok-hung, Stephen

District Commander (Tsuen Wan) (Acting), Hong Kong Police Force

Mr FUNG Chi-ho, Eric

Police Community Relations Officer (Tsuen Wan), Hong Kong Police Force

Ms YUEN Mo-kuen, Monita

Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing)<sup>3</sup>, Social Welfare Department

Ms HO Mun-ye, Money

District Lands Officer/Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing), Lands Department

Ms YEUNG Sien-ching, Susana

Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing) (Acting), Lands Department

Mr MOK Ka-sing, Mark

Chief Transport Officer/NT South West, Transport Department

Mrs LAI CHAN Wai-fan, Clara

Chief Manager/Management (Wong Tai Sin, Tsing Yi and Tsuen Wan), Housing Department

Mr HUNG Sai-kit

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

Ms LIU Tze-kwan, Fiona

Chief Engineer/West 2, Civil Engineering and Development Department

Ms LIM Ting-ting, Sylvia	Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories West), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LEE Mei-sheung, Dickie	District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Miss LAM Siu-yung, Daisy (Secretary)	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Tsuen Wan District Office
Miss LEUNG Tsz-wai, Apple	Executive Officer I (District Council), Tsuen Wan District Office

For discussion of item 3:

Mr CHEUNG Kai-cheung, Henry	Senior Engineer 2/Tsuen Wan Road, Highways Department
Mr CHAN Yee-hing, Paul	Engineer/Tsuen Wan 1, Transport Department

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I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed Members and representatives from government departments to the 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC) and introduced:

- (1) Mr MOK Ka-sing, Mark, who attended the meeting for the first time and replaced Ms LUI Hiu-fai, Monica to assume the post of Chief Transport Officer/NT South West, Transport Department (TD);
- (2) Mr HUNG Sai-kit, who attended the meeting for the first time and replaced Mr WONG Lap-yan, Ivan to assume the post of District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Tsuen Wan), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD);
- (3) Mr TANG Kwok-hung, Stephen, District Commander (Tsuen Wan) (Acting), Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF), who attended this meeting on behalf of Mr Kerry Paul Lee CAREW; and
- (4) Ms YUEN Mo-kuen, Monita, Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing)<sup>3</sup>, Social Welfare Department (SWD), who attended this meeting on behalf of Ms WONG Siu-fan, Phoebe, District Social Welfare Officer (Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing).

2. The Chairman reminded Members that according to sections 17(1) and 27 of the Tsuen Wan District Council Standing Orders (the “Standing Orders”), any Member who wished to move a motion or ask any question at a meeting of the Council was required to give the Secretary a notice in writing ten clear working days before the meeting. Thus, he reminded Members that the date of the next meeting was 27 September 2022 and the deadline for submission of papers was 9 September 2022. In addition, according to section 28 of the Standing Orders, unless otherwise agreed by the Chairman, Members could only speak once on each agenda item at the meeting and each Member could speak up to 1.5 minutes. A maximum of five Members could speak on each agenda item. If more than five Members spoke on an agenda item, he would shorten the speaking time of each Member. The Member(s) who had submitted a paper would have 2 minutes to give an introduction and 1.5 minutes to draw a conclusion. The representatives of the departments would have up to 2 minutes to give a response.

(Note: Mr MAN Yu-ming joined the meeting at 2:36 p.m.)

II Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 31.5.2022

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

- (1) he proposed that in line 2 of paragraph 20 of the minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 31 May 2022, “繁忙時間及” (peak hours and) should be deleted;
- (2) he proposed that in line 3 of paragraph 20 of the minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 31 May 2022, “維修工程” (maintenance works) should be followed by “特別是高噪音工序” (especially the noisy work procedures); and
- (3) he proposed that in line 3 of paragraph 20 of the minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 31 May 2022, “交通擠塞及” (traffic congestion and) should be deleted.

(Note: Mr CHAN Sung-ip joined the meeting at 2:39 p.m.)

4. The Chairman enquired whether Members would like to immediately put forth proposed amendments. No Member immediately put forth a proposed amendment.

5. The Chairman enquired whether Members endorsed the minutes and the relevant proposed amendments. Members unanimously endorsed the minutes and the relevant proposed amendments.

(Note: Mr WONG Ka-wa joined the meeting at 2:40 p.m.)

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

6. The Chairman said that there were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

IV Item 3: Concern about the Progress in the Widening of Tsuen Wan Road, and the Associated Ideas of Constructing Noise Barriers on the Road and a Footbridge beneath the New Viaduct of the Road  
(TWDC Paper No. 14/22-23)

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

- (1) Mr CHEUNG Kai-cheung, Henry, Senior Engineer 2/Tsuen Wan Road (SE 2/TWR), Highways Department (HyD); and
- (2) Mr CHAN Yee-hing, Paul, Engineer/Tsuen Wan 1 (E/TW 1), TD.

Besides, the consolidated reply of the Transport and Logistics Bureau (TLB), TD and HyD was tabled at the meeting.

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

9. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio said he had an open attitude towards the project on the Widening of Tsuen Wan Road, and held that the necessity of the project was subject to the existing and historical data as well as the traffic demand. In his opinion, he was not in a position to give comments before the Government's provision of comprehensive data and proposals of the project. He was more concerned about the potential impacts and outcomes brought about by the Widening of Tsuen Wan Road than the project itself. He learnt that some residents of City Point suffered from noise nuisance because the windows of their flats faced towards Tsuen Wan Road, which was an expressway. The noise problem was particularly serious late at night, therefore the residents longed for the installation of noise barriers. However, the Government indicated that the existing flyover at Tsuen Wan Road had insufficient capacity to support noise barriers, resulting in its failure to initiate a study on constructing noise barriers there all along. If the Government decided to implement the Widening of Tsuen Wan Road, it would not be necessary to construct noise barriers along the outer lane on the existing flyover. Instead, the construction of noise barriers or noise enclosures could be included in the design of the project. To avoid wasting resources, he held that the Government should set a clear direction and timetable for the Widening of Tsuen Wan Road first. The Government had informed the TWDC earlier that the investigation would be completed in 2022, but there had been no update on the latest progress so far. He suggested constructing a footbridge connecting City Point and Tsuen Wan West Station to facilitate access by residents if the Government was to implement the said project.

10. Mr LAU Cheuk-yu said he had received noise complaints from quite a number of residents from Tsuen Wan West (including residents of City Point), they especially complained about noise nuisances caused by illegal road racing and modified vehicles travelling at a high speed in the small hours. Also, aircrafts would fly over Tsuen Wan after the commissioning of the third runway of the airport. The sleep quality of residents was greatly affected by, in particular, aircraft noise generated in summer when the passenger throughput was relatively high. He welcomed the proposed construction of noise barriers. He also requested the departments concerned including the Police and Environmental Protection Department to step up their law enforcement efforts and promptly solve the noise problem in the near future. He suggested that during law enforcement, sound level meters should be used to take noise measurements with a view to assessing noise nuisances.

11. SE 2/TWR of the HyD responded as follows:

- (1) the HyD was conducting an investigation and various technical assessments, including a traffic impact assessment and environmental impact assessment, for the project proposal of the Widening of Tsuen Wan Road. It would assess the traffic demand of all sections of Tsuen Wan Road. If the HyD considered that the traffic demand at certain road sections had not been satisfied, it would study the feasibility of widening those road sections and conduct a noise impact assessment on the said widening works pursuant to the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance. If noise mitigation measures were deemed necessary upon assessment, the HyD would consider the arrangement of installing noise barriers when formulating the project proposal; and

- (2) on completion of the investigation study, the HyD would seek the TWDC's views on the project proposal (including noise mitigation measures) in a timely manner.

12. E/TW 1 of the TD responded as follows:

- (1) in considering the construction of a footbridge or a covered pedestrian walkway, the TD would take into account a variety of factors, including the pedestrian flow, traffic condition nearby and level of convenience to pedestrians, etc. Generally, the department would give consideration to constructing a covered pedestrian walkway if the pedestrian flow reached 3 000 pedestrians per hour. As the pedestrian flow travelling between Wing Shun Street and Tsuen Wan West Station had not met the said requirement for the time being, the TD had no plan to provide an additional footbridge there so far;
- (2) according to the TD's observation, the public could use the shared access for pedestrians and pets in Tsuen Wan Park. Also, a pedestrian walkway inside the park was readily available at the location under the flyover on Tsuen Wan Road for public use on sunny days and under unstable weather conditions; and
- (3) the TD would continue to monitor the utilisation of the aforementioned pedestrian facilities.

13. Mr WONG Ka-wa said that the TWDC had also discussed the improvement works for Tsuen Wan Road in the past. He was aware that the current consultant had also served as the consultant of the improvement works for Tsuen Wan Road in earlier years. The Widening of Tsuen Wan Road had been under discussion for years. The project would entail a considerable amount of work if it was to be implemented. For example, the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council should be consulted accordingly. Hence, the consultant should submit the project proposal to the TWDC as soon as practicable. The project would have impacts on residents of nearby housing estates. Thus, the departments concerned should strive to minimise the impacts brought about by the project on the residents, and should seriously consider the proposed installation of noise barriers.

14. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio was dissatisfied with the written reply of the TLB, TD and HyD. The TD indicated that pedestrians could make use of the pedestrian walkway under the flyover on Tsuen Wan Road. In his opinion, this flyover was at a relatively elevated level and thus ineffective in sheltering pedestrians from the sun and rain. As such, the pedestrian walkway concerned could not be regarded as a convenient and comfortable facility for pedestrians at all. Also, he pointed out that the pedestrian flow of the location concerned was usually heavy. The TD should send staff including Senior Engineers to conduct an on-site inspection there. It should consider the needs of residents from their perspectives and flexibly take into account other related factors, instead of regarding the pedestrian flow as the sole factor for consideration.

15. The Chairman urged the departments concerned to consider Members' views, and to promptly complete the study and commence the related work in 2022, including giving consideration to the proposed construction of noise barriers.

Regarding the provision of an additional footbridge, apart from the pedestrian flow of the location concerned, the TD should take into account the actual condition there and the needs of residents more flexibly.

V Item 4: Strong Request for the Provision of a Cover for the Road-Crossing Pedestrian Walkway at Lei Muk Shue Bus Terminus Leading to Fung Shue House  
(TWDC Paper No. 15/22-23)

16. The Chairman stated that Mr WONG Ka-wa submitted the paper. The representative from the department responsible for giving responses was Mrs LAI CHAN Wai-fan, Clara, Chief Manager/Management (Wong Tai Sin, Tsing Yi and Tsuen Wan) (CM/M(WT&T)), Housing Department (HD). Besides, the written replies of the TD and HD were tabled at the meeting.

17. Mr WONG Ka-wa introduced the paper.

18. The Chairman said that there was still an acute shortage of roof covers for pedestrian walkways in redeveloped Lei Muk Shue Estate compared with other public rental housing (PRH) estates. In particular, the major walkways leading to the bus terminus, walkways between new buildings in Lei Muk Shue Estate and those connecting buildings and the shopping mall were all devoid of roof covers. He urged the HD to rectify its faulty design in the past by adding covers to more pedestrian walkways, thereby sparing tenants the trouble of crossing the carriageway dangerously and helplessly while braving the elements.

19. CM/M(WT&T) of the HD responded as follows:

- (1) the HD had been committed to enhancing the environment of PRH estates all along. A task force was responsible for reviewing the situation of individual estates on a regular basis, so as to carry out improvement works when and where necessary (e.g. constructing additional covered walkways at suitable locations). The HD would take into account various factors including the opinions of PRH tenants and stakeholders (including District Councillors), land status (e.g. whether other owners were involved), necessity of relocating underground utilities and pipelines, construction time required and impacts on tenants during the construction period. If the construction of additional covered walkways at individual estates was deemed worthwhile, the HD would make arrangements according to the priority of relevant projects of all estates in order to make effective use of limited resources;
- (2) the bus terminus at Lei Muk Shue Estate was completed in 2004. Upon taking into consideration Members' views on improvement, the HD had added a cover over the zebra crossing at the bus terminus leading to Chui Shue House in 2015. As the said location was in close proximity to the shopping mall and market, the utilisation rate of the covered pedestrian walkway was very high. The aforementioned covered zebra crossing and the carriageway proposed for being retrofitted with a roof cover leading to Fung Shue House from the bus terminus were both located on the same road section. They were only

about 60 metres from one another, i.e. a distance of around eight to nine taxis apart. While the proposal concerned had been put on record, the priority of implementation would be subject to the site conditions of the location concerned; and

- (3) the HD was considering the construction of two additional covered pedestrian walkways in Lei Muk Shue Estate, which would be provided between Pak Shue House and Yung Shue House as well as on the way towards the car park near Block 2 from “Tai Chi Square” respectively. The HD would continue to closely monitor the condition of pedestrian facilities in PRH estates.

20. Mr WONG Ka-wa said he understood that the priority of public works should be taken into consideration. Also, it was impossible to complete the construction works overnight. The bus terminus in question was completed in 2004. Its roofless design was fraught with problems and became a laughing stock. Seven years had passed since the provision of a cover over the zebra crossing leading to Chui Shue House in 2015. He would continue to strive for the construction of a cover over the zebra crossing at the bus terminus leading to Fung Shue House. As traffic incidents involving injuries to pedestrians and children had occurred at the said location, he urged the Government to accord priority to the project concerned so that tenants would not have to wait for another decade.

21. The Chairman requested the representative from the HD to relay Members’ views to the Headquarters or related units. Members of local communities had been striving for the addition of covered pedestrian facilities at Lei Muk Shue Estate for over ten years. He urged the Government to address the pressing needs of the people and promptly carry out the construction works of additional roof covers.

VI Item 5: Request for Follow-up on Suspected Invasion of Privacy of Residents of Tsuen Wan  
(TWDC Paper No. 16/22-23)

22. The Chairman said that since he had submitted the paper for the captioned agenda item, he asked the Vice Chairman to take over the chair.

23. The Acting Chairman said that Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly submitted the paper. The representative from the department responsible for giving response was Mr TANG Kwok-hung, Stephen, District Commander (Tsuen Wan) (Acting) (DC(TW)(Atg)), HKPF. Besides, the written replies of the Civil Aviation Department (CAD) and Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data (PCPD) were submitted at the meeting.

24. Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly introduced the paper.

25. Mr WONG Ka-wa said that as far as he knew, the Police was not responsible for the law enforcement against the offences involving the operation of Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) under normal circumstances. He had earlier put up posters to publicise information about the regulation of UAS, such as restrictions on its weight and size, requirement of online registration and whether it was necessary to obtain a

licence when using UAS for amateur photography, but his publicity efforts were far from effective. Such being the case, he suggested that the Government should redouble its publicity efforts to facilitate a better understanding of relevant regulatory requirements by the public.

26. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio said that he had received complaints from residents about the spotting of UAS activities outside the windows of their residential units, and they were concerned about the invasion of privacy. The CAD stated in its written reply that members of the public could report to the Police immediately for investigation when they spotted suspicious UAS activities. He urged the Police to follow up the cases seriously upon receipt of residents' reports and not to act in a perfunctory manner so as to assure the residents.

27. DC(TW)(Atg) of the HKPF responded as follows:

- (1) the Police was not officially tasked with the law enforcement against the invasion of privacy and UAS activities;
- (2) in the light of the rampant doxxing acts in 2021, amendment in relation to doxxing made to the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (the Ordinance) had come into effect on 8 October 2021 to protect the privacy rights of the general public. The amendment conferred powers upon the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data (the Commissioner) to investigate doxxing cases and criminalise the doxxing activities. However, as the amendment was relatively new, members of the public might not be familiar with the channels for making a report. Upon receipt of relevant complaints, the Police would refer them to the PCPD for further handling and would not reject such complaints. If the cases were found to involve criminal offences, the Police would investigate such criminal offences together with the parts in violation of the Ordinance; and
- (3) aerial photography had gradually been popularised as a form of entertainment. Nevertheless, if an UAS was used to approach a private premise for taking video footage of its indoor situation, it might constitute a violation of the Ordinance. The Police would follow up the cases upon receipt of complaints, including arriving at the scene for preliminary investigation and collection of evidence. If the cases were outside the Police's purview, they would be referred to the right authorities for follow-up. Besides, as the CAD was the department responsible for implementing measures on UAS activities and taking law enforcement actions against unauthorised ones, the Police would work closely with the CAD and arrange division of labour and follow-up work correspondingly according to the nature of various cases. The Police had the power to order a person to cease using the devices and confiscate them if these devices jeopardised personal safety and caused loss of valuables. The Police would also conduct investigation in various aspects of criminal offences.

28. Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly expressed regret at the CAD and PCPD's failure to send their representatives to attend the meeting. He pointed out that he had received complaints from members of the public about the frequent UAS activities over the hills near the residential premises. He was concerned that apart from peeping, these activities might involve the planning of such other illegal activities as burglary. Thus, he requested the Police to identify the locations of the UAS operators and to step up its enforcement efforts. In addition, he pointed out that the posting of information on the identity cards, including the photos, dates of birth and identity card numbers, of some loan borrowers and their family members in the public was an act of invasion of privacy. When members of the public called the phone numbers shown on the posters, the recipients would swear at them and demand them to pay back their loans for no reason. He suggested that members of the public should keep the posters or take photos for record and hand them over to the Police for follow-up, and that the Police should make announcements on media platforms when arresting the criminals of such doxxing cases for deterrent effect. He opined that the CAD and PCPD had an undeniable responsibility, and requested that letters should be sent to the departments concerned to urge them to follow up on Members' views put forth at this meeting in an active manner and to send representatives to attend the meetings of the TWDC involving relevant agenda items in the future.

29. The Acting Chairman requested the CAD and PCPD to send representatives to attend the meetings in which relevant agenda items would be discussed in the future, and suggested writing to the departments concerned to convey Members' views.

30. The Chairman resumed the chair.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat conveyed Members' views to the CAD and PCPD in writing on 18 August 2022.)

VII Item 6: Crime Brief for Tsuen Wan District – Comparison of Crime Statistics between April to May 2022 and April to May 2021  
(TWDC Paper No. 17/22-23)

31. DC(TW)(Atg) of the HKPF briefed Members on the crime situation of Tsuen Wan district.

32. Mr WONG Ka-wa said that the Police had earlier provided him with the information about the gambling problem at Lei Muk Shue Estate. He thanked the Police for taking law enforcement action, and hoped that the gambling problem in the said housing estate would be curbed. Besides, according to the leads from the Police's Investigation Teams and media reports, a mode of drug trafficking commonly known as "food trucks" and drug trafficking at private premises were spotted in Tsuen Wan and Kwai Chung. In view of the increasingly frequent drug trafficking activities in the district in recent months, he urged the Police to continue stepping up its enforcement efforts so as to protect the youths from the harmful effects of drug abuse. He also expressed concern over cybercrimes. He said that his personal information, including his name, photos, email address and mobile phone number, had been stolen and was disclosed on online social media platforms. Recently, he even

found out that the perpetrator claimed on the Internet that he/she could lease monthly parking spaces under the HD. He remarked that such information was fraudulent, and he had contacted the Police for follow-up on this matter.

33. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio said that the problem of shop front extensions was very serious in the district, especially at the vegetable and fruit store at 55 Yeung Uk Road, fruit store at 44 Ho Pui Street, electronic appliance store on the ground floor of Tai Hung Fai (Tsuen Wan) Centre, Sha Tsui Road, and fruit store next to Tai Ho Road Sitting-out Area No. 1. He urged the HKPF and FEHD to step up their efforts in conducting joint operations in the district. He recalled that when he had passed by the fruit store next to Tai Ho Road Sitting-out Area No. 1 at 11 a.m. on 7 July 2022, he had witnessed the confrontation between a topless and fierce-looking shopkeeper and a group of police officers and FEHD officers. He showed his support for the Police's stringent law enforcement against such offences. He pointed out that a box truck was often parked at the junction of Ho Pui Street and Chuen Lung Street for use as a mobile storage of a nearby shop. He suggested that the Police should follow up and handle such a matter. In addition, the problem of gambling was serious in the public places near Shek Pik Resettlement. He knew that the Police had taken action to combat gambling thereat a few days ago. However, the police officers had only issued fixed penalty tickets (FPTs) to the persons concerned by exercising the power under the "prohibition on gathering", and did not arrest any of them for the offence of "gambling". Consequently, the gambling situation recurred a few hours later. Additionally, he was concerned that the number of deception cases from April to May 2022 had increased by 75% when compared with the same period of last year. He had also received requests for assistance from victims of the "Buddha Jumps Over the Wall" scams. He suggested that the Police Community Relations Office should take the initiative to combat these scams by distributing to the shop tenants promotional leaflets on anti-deception.

34. The Chairman said that the truck mentioned by the Member was parked on Yeung Uk Road for the whole day and was used as a mobile storage by a shop. He suggested that the FEHD and HKPF should follow up on this matter. He also expressed concern over the problem of gambling at Lei Muk Shue Estate and Shek Wai Kok Estate. He learnt that the Police had recently conducted anti-gambling operations at Lei Muk Shue Estate and Shek Pik Resettlers' Playground on Ham Tin Street, and issued FPTs to a number of offenders between 30 to 90-odd years of age in accordance with the relevant regulation on epidemic prevention. Nevertheless, he still found many people gambling thereat after the operations. He thus suggested that the HKPF should increase the frequency of enforcement operations, and that the SWD and relevant departments should step up their publicity efforts on gambling counselling so as to tackle the problem at source through a two-pronged approach. Besides, he referred to a man in his 30s who recently showed up in the pet garden on Kwok Shui Road. The man had rarely put on a top or a face mask, and had smoked and shouted in the park. He had also thrown stones at the pedestrians and dogs, and followed the pedestrians to the stations or even to the vehicles. This had caused serious nuisance to the residents in the vicinity of the pet garden. He stressed that he was not ostracising or discriminating any persons, but he suggested that the HKPF, Leisure and Cultural Department (LCSD) and SWD should provide assistance in following up the case to ease the minds of the residents.

35. DC(TW)(Atg) of the HKPF responded as follows:
- (1) in view of the severity of the problem of illegal gambling at Lei Muk Shue Estate and Shek Pik Resettlement, the Police had enhanced its law enforcement against gambling recently. The Police would conduct regular enforcement operations every month. In June and July 2022, the Police had respectively conducted three and four enforcement operations, and issued a total of 41 FPTs to the offenders in accordance with the Prevention and Control of Disease (Prohibition on Gathering) Regulation (Cap. 599G). The fixed penalty for the Regulation was HK\$5,000. He believed that this could effectively deter the street gamblers and onlookers. The Police would continue to combat gambling offences in a vigorous manner, and would arrest offenders as and when appropriate in addition to issuing FPTs to them in order to prevent the recurrence of the gambling situation within a short time. Besides, he suggested that relevant departments should render assistance. For example, the HD could deduct points from the residents in the PRH estates who had participated in gambling activities according to the Marking Scheme for Estate Management Enforcement (the “Marking Scheme”), organise large-scale cleaning campaigns at the black spots of gambling on a regular basis, and change the facilities provided at the black spots of gambling. He gave an example that the departments could redevelop the black spot of gambling on Chung On Street into a children’s playground to solve the problem effectively in the long term;
  - (2) regarding the nuisance caused by a man at Kwok Shui Road Park, the Police had arrested a man suspected of committing the offence of common assault at Kwok Shui Road Park on 17 June 2022. As the case was under investigation at present, he could not disclose the identity of the arrested person. The case was now followed up by the Criminal Investigation Team. In the light of the prevailing epidemic situation, the Police had recently increased patrol frequency at the location concerned, and issued nine FPTs to the offenders in accordance with the Prevention and Control of Disease (Prohibition on Gathering) Regulation (Cap. 599G). He called on members of the public to make reports of nuisance to facilitate the handling of these cases by the Police at an early stage and ease the residents’ concern;
  - (3) the Police would conduct joint operations together with the FEHD regularly on a monthly basis. It had recently strengthened its enforcement efforts with the issuance of FPTs to combat shop front extensions. The road situation of the location concerned had been improved. The Police would continue to work with the FEHD for law enforcement to enhance the cityscape and put the minds of shoppers at ease. He undertook to follow up on the matter in relation to the parking of a truck on Yeung Uk Road. Members were also welcome to put forth views on environmental cleanliness and enhancement of cityscape for further handling; and

- (4) the deception case of “Buddha Jumps Over the Wall” brought up by the Member was very common in Hong Kong. Scammers would impersonate school staff and place orders for substantial amount of food with the eateries, involving an amount up to tens of thousands of dollars. In this connection, the Police Community Relations Office had visited the community for several times and distributed promotional leaflets to about 80 shops. Recently, a person-in-charge of a frozen food store found himself/herself was deceived, and took the initiative to report the case after receiving such promotional leaflets. Being concerned about this type of cases, the Police would distribute promotional leaflets in the vicinity of the frozen food store and to the shops on the upper floors and step up its publicity campaign.

36. The Chairman said that the man who caused nuisance in Kwok Shui Road Park was suspected of violating relevant public health ordinances as he had not worn a face mask and smoked in the park. He thus suggested that the LCSD should pay attention to such a situation, and should contact and work with the Police when appropriate. He was glad to learn about the various improvement proposals on gambling put forth by the representative of the HKPF, and held that the departments concerned other than the HKPF should also take corresponding actions. As a coach for gambling counselling, he believed that providing information on gambling counselling to gamblers and their families was a more practical solution to addressing the problem of gambling addiction at source than conducting arrest and prosecution, as this could assist the gamblers in overcoming their psychological dependence on gambling. As such, he enquired of the representative of the SWD about the information of the gambling counselling centre in the district.

37. Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing)<sup>3</sup> of the SWD said that the SWD would contact relevant departments and organisations for follow-up upon receipt of referrals from Members. Besides, the Caritas Addicted Gamblers Counselling Centre (the “Counselling Centre”) was funded by The Ping Wo Fund under the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau to provide services to persons quitting gambling in the district, including counselling and support services provided for gambling addicts, their families and affected persons. The Counselling Centre also held community talks for promotion of anti-gambling messages. Departments and committed persons were welcome to assist in distributing promotional leaflets in the community.

38. The Chairman pointed out that information on gambling counselling was of vital importance to gamblers. He said that he would consider submitting a paper to the Social Services and Community Development Committee (SSCDC) to invite representatives from relevant departments and gambling counselling centres to attend the meeting and give a briefing on related services so as to render assistance to the residents in need in the district and their families. Besides, he noticed that the HD would hang up banners in PRH estates to remind tenants that points would be deducted from them for the offence of illegal gambling, and it would conduct round-the-clock monitoring and video recording in the housing estates. He suggested that the HD should reserve spaces in the housing estates for hanging up banners showing such information as the hotlines of gambling counselling.

39. Chief Manager/Management (Wong Tai Sin, Tsing Yi and Tsuen Wan) of the HD said that the HD had all along been implementing the Marking Scheme in PRH estates. Regarding the views on disseminating information about gambling counselling in PRH estates, the HD would adopt supporting measures in a timely manner.

VIII Item 7: Crime Brief for Ma Wan – April to May 2022  
(TWDC Paper No. 18/22-23)

40. DC(TW)(Atg) of the HKPF briefed Members on the crime situation of Ma Wan.

41. Mr CHAN Sung-ip was aware of the relatively large number of deception cases reported in Ma Wan. As Kwai Tsing Police District would also participate in the enforcement operations at Ma Wan, he suggested that the Police Community Relations Offices of Tsuen Wan Police District and Kwai Tsing Police District should join hands and take the initiative to organise more publicity activities so as to combat deception cases.

42. DC(TW)(Atg) of the HKPF responded that since more members of the public worked at home under the epidemic, making them particularly vulnerable to cyber criminals. This had led to an increase in the number of online deception cases. The Police would convey Members' views to the Kwai Tsing Police District and conduct joint operations in a timely manner to combat such crimes.

IX Item 8: Information Papers

43. Members noted the contents of the following information papers:
- (1) Report of District Planning, Development and Facilities Management Committee  
(TWDC Paper No. 19/22-23);
  - (2) Report of Environment, Health and Climate Change Committee  
(TWDC Paper No. 20/22-23);
  - (3) Report of Traffic and Transport Committee  
(TWDC Paper No. 21/22-23); and
  - (4) Report of Social Service and Community Development Committee  
(TWDC Paper No. 22/22-23).

X Item 9: Any Other Business

44. The Chairman said that he had earlier received a letter from the Hong Kong Joint Council for People with Disabilities and the Hong Kong Council of Social Service inviting the TWDC to recommend suitable representatives to assist in co-ordinating the celebration activities for the "International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2022". He suggested tasking the SSCDC with following up relevant matters. Members unanimously agreed to the said arrangement.

45. The Chairman said that he had earlier received a letter from The Hong Kong Society for the Deaf inviting the TWDC to become a supporting organisation for the

“Hong Kong Sign Language Day 2022” and expressing its wish to use the logo of the TWDC. He asked whether Members agreed that the TWDC should become a supporting organisation for the “Hong Kong Sign Language Day 2022”, and that The Hong Kong Society for the Deaf could use the logo of the TWDC. Members unanimously agreed to the said arrangements and endorsed the application.

46. The Chairman said that the LCSO would hold the “Sport For All Day 2022” on 7 August 2022. The theme of the activity would be “Stay Active, Healthy and Happy!”. The LCSO wished to include the TWDC in the list of supporting organisations for the “Sport For All Day 2022” and use the logo of the TWDC, which would be uploaded onto the LCSO’s website for public access. He asked whether Members agreed that the LCSO should include the TWDC in the list of supporting organisations for the “Sport For All Day 2022”, and that it could use the logo of the TWDC. Members unanimously agreed to the said arrangements and endorsed the application.

47. Police Community Relations Officer (Tsuen Wan) of the HKPF said that the young people were the future of Hong Kong. The entire society and Police were highly concerned about the problem of youth drug trafficking. The Police had been continuing with its anti-drug publicity efforts, and had specially made a short video to promote anti-drug messages. The complete version, which lasted for about 26 minutes, had been uploaded onto the related site, and the two-minute long version would now be played at the meeting. He invited Members to assist in promoting anti-drug messages.

48. The Chairman said that youths could easily be manipulated into drug trafficking after they had been exposed to drugs. Therefore, it was necessary to prevent the youths from going astray. He suggested that the HKPF should step up its intelligence-led operations and bring the drug traffickers who controlled the youths from behind to justice.

49. Mr LAU Cheuk-yu said that the temperature of Hong Kong in summer could reach as high as 30-odd degree Celsius. However, since the temporary cold/heat shelter was provided at Lei Muk Shue Estate, some residents had to deliberately take transportation for access to the said facility. Therefore, he suggested studying the feasibility of setting up a cold/heat shelter at Princess Alexandra Community Centre for the convenience of the residents in need in the district.

50. District Officer (Tsuen Wan) of the TWDO said that the provision of temporary cold/heat shelters was planned on a comprehensive and territory-wide basis. He noted Members’ views, and would discuss with the Headquarters.

51. The Chairman reminded Members that the date of the next meeting was 27 September 2022 and the deadline for submission of papers was 9 September 2022.