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Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the 7th Term Wan Chai District Council
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

Date: 25 April 2024 (Thursday)

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Venue: District Council Conference Room, Wan Chai District Office,
21/F Southorn Centre, 130 Hennessy Road, Hong Kong

Present

Chairperson

Ms CHEUNG Ngan-ling, Fanny, JP

Arrival

3:30 p.m.

Departure

4:45 p.m.

Members

Mr NG Chak-sum, Sam

3:30 p.m.

4:45 p.m.

Mr LEE Man-lung, Joey, MH

3:30 p.m.

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Ms LEE Pik-yee, Peggy, MH

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Mr CHOW Kam-wai, BBS, MH

3:30 p.m.

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Mr LAM Wai-man, Anson

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Mr LAM Wai-kong, MH

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Mr SUN Tao-hung, Stanley, JP

3:30 p.m.

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Ms MOK Ruby

3:30 p.m.

4:45 p.m.

Ms LAU Pui-shan, MH

3:30 p.m.

4:45 p.m.

Mr MUK Ka-chun

3:30 p.m.

4:45 p.m.

Representatives of Core Government Departments

Miss CHAN Sum-yee, Rita

Senior Liaison Officer (Community Affairs)/Wan Chai,
Home Affairs Department

Ms YAN Yuet-han, Fion

Senior Liaison Officer (Building Management)2/Wan
Chai, Home Affairs Department

Mr CHAN Siu-wai, William	Senior Executive Officer (District Management)/Wan Chai, Home Affairs Department
Mr LIAUW Ka-kei, Stephen	District Commander (Wan Chai District), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr CHAN Wan-pui, Adrian	Police Community Relations Officer (Wan Chai District), Hong Kong Police Force
Ms LAM Siu-ping	Operational Support Sub-unit Commander (North Point Division), Hong Kong Police Force
Ms YEUNG Min-jing, Anna	Chief Transport Officer/Hong Kong, Transport Department
Mr WONG Man-wong	Chief Leisure Manager (Hong Kong East), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr LEE Pao-wan, Ken	District Leisure Manager (Wan Chai), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr HUI Kar-nung	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Wan Chai), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr NG Chi-fung, Charles	Chief Health Inspector (Wan Chai), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Miss TAM Fung-kwan	Senior Health Inspector (Market Management)/Wan Chai, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Ms YUNG Chi-wai, Esther	Chief Engineer/S4, Civil Engineering and Development Department

Representatives of Other Government Departments

Ms WOO Mei-hing, Patricia	District Social Welfare Officer (Eastern & Wan Chai), Social Welfare Department
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Ms HUANG Hsiao Hsin, Karen Regional Officer/Hong Kong Island, Independent
Commission Against Corruption

Ms MING Yuen-man Senior Community Relations Officer, Independent
Commission Against Corruption

Secretary

Mr HUI Wai-lun, Ken Senior Executive Officer (District Council)/Wan Chai,
Home Affairs Department

Opening Remarks

The Chairperson welcomed Members and representatives of government departments to the 3rd meeting of the 7th term Wan Chai District Council (WCDC), and appointed Mr HUI Wai-lun, Ken, Senior Executive Officer (District Council)/Wan Chai of the Home Affairs Department, to be the Secretary of WCDC with effect from 16 April 2024 pursuant to section 69 of the District Councils Ordinance.

Item 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of Wan Chai District Council

2. The Chairperson said that the Secretariat had received no proposed amendments to the minutes of the 2nd meeting from Members.
3. With a motion moved by Mr CHOW Kam-wai and seconded by Mr LAM Wai-kong, the minutes of the 2nd meeting were confirmed.

Item 2: Information Papers: Progress Reports of the Committees under WCDC

- (a) **District Facilities and Works Committee**
(WCDC Paper No. 14/2024)
 - (b) **Food and Environmental Hygiene Committee**
(WCDC Paper No. 15/2024)
 - (c) **Community Involvement, Recreation and Culture Committee**
(WCDC Paper No. 16/2024)
 - (d) **Traffic and Transport Committee**
(WCDC Paper No. 17/2024)
4. Members noted the above Papers.

Item 3: Progress Report of the 2nd Meeting of the Working Group on Boosting Local Economy (WGBLE)

5. The Chairperson invited Mr Stanley SUN, Chairman of the Working Group on Boosting Local Economy (WGBLE), to briefly introduce the work progress of WGBLE.

6. Mr Stanley SUN, Chairman of WGBLE, briefed Members as follows:

- (i) “Urban Jam Festival”, a vibrant street event featured on trendy urban pop culture, would be held on 17 to 19 and 25 to 26 May 2024 along Kai Chiu Road, Pak Sha Road, Yun Ping Road and Lee Garden Road in Causeway Bay, which was free for public participation;
- (ii) During the event, a series of Hong Kong-style cuisine and commodities matching the theme would be available, aiming at integrating trendy culture into the community and attracting more local residents and tourists to visit Causeway Bay, thereby increasing the flow of people and boosting the economy in the district; and
- (iii) Members of WGBLE noted that the co-organisers had consulted relevant departments on issues such as temporary closure of roads, traffic, flow of people and licensing matter, and reached a consensus on the respective arrangements. WGBLE would continue to follow up on the planning details of the event with the co-organisers.

7. Members noted the above progress report.

Item 4: Outcome of the 2024 Year-end Clean-up Campaign in Wan Chai District by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
(WCDC Paper No. 18/2024)

8. The Chairperson drew Members’ attention to WCDC Paper No. 18/2024 and invited Mr HUI Kar-nung, the representative of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD), to introduce the Paper.

9. Members noted the above Paper.

Item 5: Strategies and Work to Improve the Environmental Hygiene in Hong Kong by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
(WCDC Paper No. 19/2024)

10. The Chairperson drew Members' attention to WCDC Paper No. 19/2024 and invited Mr HUI Kar-nung, the representative of FEHD, to introduce the Paper.

11. Mr LAM Wai-man thanked FEHD for taking action against the illegal display of commercial bills or posters on easy-mount frames and other devices in the vicinity of Great George Street in Causeway Bay. Law-breaking situation had been greatly improved, but so far, some traders/merchants were still carrying out illegal activities at the above location outside the inspection hours of FEHD, and in this connection, he requested FEHD to continue to combat such activities.

12. With regard to the rodent nuisance in Wan Chai District as reflected by residents, including the discovery of rat carcasses and rat holes, Mr Joey LEE, Mr Sam NG and Ms LAU Pui-shan requested FEHD to oversee the rodent prevention and control measures at construction sites in the vicinity of Haven Street and step up anti-rodent operations in the district.

13. Mr LAM Wai-kong expressed the following views:

- (i) He requested FEHD to report the progress and provide details of the Enhanced Public Toilet Refurbishment Programme (EPTRP), including the number and locations of public toilets to be enhanced this year; and
- (ii) It was hoped that FEHD would spare more efforts in assisting the public to tackle the problem of water seepage in buildings.

14. Ms LAU Pui-shan raised questions and made comments as follows:

- (i) Regarding FEHD's one-month promotion of the "Trial Project on Dummy Designated Bags" relating to MSW charging at Wan Chai Market in November 2023, she asked about views of market stall tenants on the Scheme; and
- (ii) FEHD installed a food waste smart recycling bin at Lockhart Road Market on 18 April 2024. The Department was requested to report on its usage and how this food waste smart recycling bin would be promoted.

15. Mr MUK Ka-chun made the following comments:

- (i) It was understood that the water leakage detection equipment used by the independent consultant engaged by the Regional Joint Office (RJO) could only detect the surface humidity of walls. However, some of the testing devices available in the market were capable of detecting the moisture level of 5 to 10 centimetres behind the surface, which could help identify the source of water seepage more quickly. He hoped that RJOs could improve their staffing and technological support so as to shorten the processing time of water seepage cases; and
- (ii) The operating hours of the food waste smart recycling bin at Lockhart Road Market were from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. He hoped that FEHD and the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) could adjust the operating hours of the food waste recycling bin and the location of placing the machine so as to cope with the public's habit of using the device.

16. Ms Peggy LEE said that FEHD and the Police were requested to step up efforts in combating the problem of street obstruction by stores, as there were recycling stores and unlicensed itinerant hawkers placing store items outside their stores or stalls.

17. Mr CHOW Kam-wai said that FEHD was requested to follow up on the situation of bulky miscellaneous objects placed in the cross lane of Ming Fung Building at Wan Chai Road over a prolonged period, which had been reflected by residents as posing potential fire hazards.

18. Ms MOK Ruby said that the Food Waste Smart Recycling Bin had been installed at Paterson Street on 22 April 2024, but EPD's publicity and educational efforts had been slightly inadequate, and in this regard, FEHD was requested to reflect the situation to EPD.

19. Mr HUI Kar-nung, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent, Wan Chai, FEHD responded as follows:

- (i) The Department conducted surprise inspections against illegal display of commercial bills or posters on easy-mount frames and other devices in public areas in order to prevent traders from taking precautions;
- (ii) Regarding rodent nuisance, the Department would step up rodent prevention and

control measures and anti-rodent work at the locations mentioned by Members, as well as clearing up rat carcasses in public places and plugging up rodent holes which were no longer occupied by rats;

- (iii) FEHD would supplement information on the progress of EPTRP in due course;

[Post-meeting note: FEHD provided supplementary information about EPTRP on 13 May 2024. FEHD completed the refurbishment or improvement works for a total of 44 public toilets in 2023, and the refurbishment works for the public toilet and bathhouse at the junction of Kat On Street and Kennedy Street in Wan Chai were in progress and the works were expected to be completed in June this year.]

- (iv) Regarding the water seepage problem, taking into account the anticipated rise in water seepage cases with the onset of rainy season, the Department would remind RJOs to expedite the processing of cases and consider improving the manpower deployment and testing equipment with a view to shortening the time of resolving water seepage cases;
- (v) In respect of the “Trial Project on Dummy Designated Bags”, some stall tenants reflected that there were insufficient recycling facilities in the market, and FEHD had reflected their views to EPD;
- (vi) Concerning the food waste smart recycling bin in Lockhart Road Market, some members of the public reflected that the original operating hours of the food waste recycling bin could not cope with public demand. EPD had adjusted the operating hours of the food waste recycling bin on the day following their installation by advancing the starting time to 6:00 a.m. FEHD would refer the enquiries to EPD for follow-up actions. EPD was responsible for the usage data and publicity of the food waste smart recycling bins and enquiries would be referred to EPD for further actions;

[Post-meeting note: EPD provided a written reply to the enquiry on food waste smart recycling bin on 10 May 2024, which was subsequently forwarded to Members for information on 17 May 2024.]

- (vii) With regard to street obstruction by stores, the Department would consider increasing the frequency of joint inter-departmental operations and focusing on

combating hygiene blackspots where street obstruction was caused by illegal store extensions; and

- (viii) Regarding the problem of placing miscellaneous articles in cross lanes, FEHD would remove the disused objects in common areas, and if the cross lane was privately owned, the Department would remind the owner concerned to clear out the articles.

20. Members noted the above Paper.

Item 6: Work Plan of the Civil Engineering and Development Department 2024-2025
(WCDC Paper No. 20/2024)

21. The Chairperson drew Members' attention to WCDC Paper No. 20/2024 and invited Ms Esther YUNG, the representative of the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD), to introduce the Paper.

22. Mr LAM Wai-kong requested CEDD to pay more attention to the safety measures for drainage works in order to avoid accidents.

23. Ms LAU Pui-shan enquired about the progress of rehabilitation of drains and whether departments concerned would step up their efforts in clearing blocked drains before the advent of rainy season.

24. Ms Esther YUNG, Chief Engineer/South 4, CEDD, responded that relevant enquiries and comments would be referred to DSD for follow-up actions.

[Post-meeting note: DSD provided its written responses on 10 May 2024 and reported the same at the meeting of District Facilities and Works Committee (DFWC) held on 14 May 2024.]

25. Members noted the above Paper.

Item 7: Work Plan of the Independent Commission Against Corruption 2024-2025
(WCDC Paper No. 21/2024)

26. The Chairperson welcomed Ms HUANG Hsiao Hsin, Karen, Regional Officer/Hong Kong Island and Ms MING Yuen-man, Senior Community Relations Officer, Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) to the meeting and invited them to introduce the Paper.

27. Ms Karen HUANG, Regional Officer/Hong Kong Island, ICAC, briefed Members as follows:

- (i) According to the plan of ICAC Regional Office (Hong Kong East), some 470 visits and talks on corruption prevention and integrity management, as well as some 20 activities on probity education would be organised this year;
- (ii) The work objectives of the Regional Office (Hong Kong East) in 2024-2025 included: (a) to provide appropriate educational services on corruption prevention and integrity management for the public and private sectors in the district; (b) to spread integrity and law-abiding messages to the younger generation in the district on all fronts; (c) to promote sustained participation of residents in upholding a corruption-free culture; and (d) to enhance publicity on anti-corruption and integrity management;
- (iii) WCDC Members were invited to visit ICAC Headquarters in the morning of 21 June 2024; and
- (iv) The theme of the District Involvement Project this year was “Fight Corruption: The Mission Continues”, and in this regard, WCDC was invited to be the supporting organisation of the above project.

28. Members agreed that WCDC would become the supporting organisation for ICAC’s annual district involvement project “Fight Corruption: The Mission Continues” in 2024/25.

Item 8: Any Other Business

29. Referring to the ageing facilities of some parks in the district, Ms LAU Pui-shan enquired about the parks in Wan Chai District which were included in LCSD’s plan for renovation of park facilities, and whether residents could submit to LCSD their views on ageing facilities of those parks.

30. Mr LAM Wai-kong said that he would like to understand the fire protection facilities in old tenement buildings in the district in light of the severe fire incidents broken out in buildings in Hong Kong earlier, and hoped that the relevant departments would review the potential fire risks of old tenement buildings.

31. Mr Sam NG, Mr Stanley SUN and Mr MUK Ka-chun shared the view that although fire safety and building improvement works were being carried out in some of the buildings, Fire Services Department (FSD) and the Buildings Department (BD) took time to approve applications for such works. They were concerned that there would be potential fire hazards.

[Post-meeting note: FSD and BD provided written responses to the enquiries on fire safety in buildings on 31 May 2024 and 6 June 2024 respectively, which were subsequently forwarded to Members on 13 June 2024 for information. Representatives of FSD and BD attended the meeting of DFWC held on 9 July 2024 to deliberate the concerned issues with Members.]

32. Mr Sam NG and Mr MUK Ka-chun said that some members of the public had reflected that there were uneven road surfaces in Wan Chai District, including the area around the Canal Road Flyover towards the waterfront, the junction of Lockhart Road and O'Brien Road, and the area around No. 63 Blue Pool Road, and they requested the Highways Department (HyD) to follow up the matter.

33. Mr Joey LEE enquired about the latest progress of the Hillside Elevator Link and Escalator System Connecting Lau Sin Street and Tin Hau Temple Road.

[Post-meeting note: The representative from the HyD reported the status of the pavement rehabilitation works and the updated progress of the Hillside Elevator Link and Escalator System at the meeting of DFWC held on 14 May 2024.]

34. Mr CHOW Kam-wai said that he received feedback from residents about the frequent traffic congestion in the vicinity of Caroline Hill Road and he requested follow-up actions from relevant departments.

[Post-meeting note: TD and HKPF provided a written response on traffic congestion on 17 May 2024, which was subsequently forwarded to Members for information on 24 May 2024.]

35. The Chairperson thanked Members for their comments and questions. She concluded as follows:

- (i) Regarding the renovation of park facilities, WCDO and LCSD had been following up the relevant ageing facilities in Wan Chai District and would take forward improvement works in a timely manner. WCDO would continue to take note of views from the community, and Members might also reflect to WCDO the

conditions of facilities in the district for follow-up actions by concerned department;
and

- (ii) The Secretariat would refer Members' views and enquiries to relevant departments for follow-up actions.

Item 9: Date of Next Meeting

36. The next meeting would be held on at 3:00 p.m. on 4 July 2024 (Thursday).

[Post-meeting note: The 4th Meeting of the 7th term WCDC has been rescheduled from 4 July 2024 to 25 June 2024 (Tuesday) at 2:00 p.m.]

37. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Wan Chai District Council Secretariat
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