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Panel on Environmental Affairs

Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 13 October 2011, at 9:50 am
in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex

Members present : Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Chairman)
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon WONG Yung-kan, SBS, JP
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, GBS, JP
Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, GBS, JP
Prof Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP
Hon KAM Nai-wai, MH
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan
Hon CHAN Kin-por, JP
Hon IP Wai-ming, MH
Hon Tanya CHAN
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip

Member attending : Hon WONG Yuk-man

Members absent : Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye, GBS, JP
Hon LEE Wing-tat
Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, JP

Clerk in attendance : Miss Becky YU
Chief Council Secretary (1)1

Staff in attendance : Mrs Constance LI
Assistant Secretary General 1

Mrs Mary TANG
Senior Council Secretary (1)1

Miss Jacqueline CHUNG
Council Secretary (1)1

Ms Alice CHEUNG
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)1

Miss Queenie LAM
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)2

Miss Mandy POON
Legislative Assistant (1)1

Action

I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Election of Chairman

Mr CHAN Hak-kan, Chairman in office, invited nominations for the chairmanship.

2. Mr WONG Yung-kan nominated Mr CHAN Hak-kan, and the nomination was seconded by Mr CHAN Kin-por. Mr CHAN Hak-kan accepted the nomination.

3. There being no other nominations, Mr CHAN Hak-kan was declared Chairman of the Panel for the 2011-2012 session.

Election of Deputy Chairman

4. Mr CHAN Hak-kan took the chair and invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship.

5. Miss Tanya CHAN nominated Ms Audrey EU, and the nomination was seconded by Mr WONG Yung-kan. Ms Audrey EU accepted the nomination.

6. There being no other nominations, Ms Audrey EU was declared Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2011-2012 session.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2011-2012 session

7. Members agreed that all meetings of the Panel would be held on the fourth Monday of each month at 2:30 pm, except for the following -

(a) meeting in December 2011 would be held on Wednesday, 21 December 2011, at 8:30 am;

(b) meeting in January 2012 would be held on Thursday, 19 January 2012, at 8:30 am; and

(Post-meeting note: The meeting schedule for the 2011-2012 session was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1) 50/11-12 on 13 October 2011.)

III. Items for discussion at next meeting

(Appendix V to LC Paper No. — List of outstanding items for
CB(1) 12/11-12 discussion

Appendix VI to LC Paper No. — List of follow-up actions)
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8. The Chairman advised that upon the request of Mr IP Wai-ming, the subject of "Alleged breakdown of taxis/minibus after filling up with liquefied petroleum gas" had been included in the list of outstanding items for discussion. Referring to the list, Miss Tanya CHAN requested for discussion of the subject on "Balance between development and nature conservation" within the fourth quarter of 2011.

9. Ms Cyd HO suggested inviting the Administration to brief members on the outcome of consultation on the draft guidelines on Industry Best Practices for External Lighting Installations, as well as the latest progress of the way forward in tackling nuisance caused by external lighting.

10. Mr Albert CHAN requested discussion on the feasibility of introducing legislation on mandatory separation of municipal solid waste (MSW). Professor Patrick LAU considered that instead of discussing the policy on mandatory separation of MSW, it would be more useful to discuss the means through which refuse was collected, including the use of separate refuse collection vehicles for different kinds of wastes.

11. Noting that the Court of Appeal had handed down the judgment of Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge judicial review, Ms Audrey EU considered it opportune for the Administration to brief members on its latest position on the review of environmental impact assessment mechanism. In view of the many concerns on the environmental impacts of the development of a third runway at the Hong Kong International Airport following the publication of consultancy studies in relation to the Hong Kong International Airport Master Plan 2030, Ms EU suggested holding a joint meeting with the Panel on Economic Development to receive deputations' views. As the development of the third runway would also involve transport issues, Miss Tanya CHAN suggested inviting the Panel on Transport as well to enable a more comprehensive discussion. Consideration could also be given to setting up a joint subcommittee under the three Panels to study the development of the third runway. The Chairman said that it would be best to focus the discussion on the environmental impacts of the development of the third runway. Nevertheless, he would liaise with the Chairmen of relevant Panels on how the discussion should proceed.

12. In concluding, the Chairman said that he would discuss the subjects raised by members at the upcoming meeting with the Secretary for the Environment to discuss the work plan of the Panel for the current session.

IV. Any other business

Subcommittee on Improving Air Quality

13. Members agreed that the Subcommittee on Improving Air Quality should continue its work in the current legislative session. As requested by Miss Tanya CHAN, the subject of Review of Air Quality Objectives would be followed up by the Subcommittee.

14. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:06 am