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Panel on Environmental Affairs

Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 10 October 2013, at 11:20 am
in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex

- Members present** : Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan (Chairman)
Hon CHAN Hak-kan, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon Vincent FANG Kang, SBS, JP
Hon CHAN Kin-por, BBS, JP
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon Claudia MO
Hon Steven HO Chun-yin
Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming
Hon WU Chi-wai, MH
Hon Gary FAN Kwok-wai
Hon Charles Peter MOK
Hon CHAN Han-pan
Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok
Hon Kenneth LEUNG
Hon Dennis KWOK
Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan
Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, JP
Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, BBS, MH, JP
Hon Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun, BBS, MH, JP
Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen
- Member attending** : Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP

Members absent : Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, SBS, JP

Clerk in attendance : Ms Miranda HON
Chief Council Secretary (1)1

Staff in attendance : Mr Andy LAU
Assistant Secretary General 1

Miss Lilian MOK
Senior Council Secretary (1)1

Mr Ken WOO
Senior Council Secretary (1)5

Miss Queenie LAM
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)2

Miss Mandy POON
Legislative Assistant (1)1

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I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Election of Chairman

Ms Cyd HO, Chairman in office, invited nominations for the chairmanship.

2. Dr Kenneth CHAN nominated Ms Cyd HO for the chairmanship. The nomination was seconded by Mr CHAN Hak-kan, Mr Gary FAN, Dr Helena WONG, Mr Kenneth LEUNG and Mr WU Chi-wai. Ms Cyd HO accepted the nomination.

3. Mr Christopher CHUNG, Deputy Chairman in office, took over the chair and invited further nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel.

4. There being no other nominations, Ms Cyd HO was declared Chairman of the Panel for the 2013-2014 session.

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Election of Deputy Chairman

5. Ms Cyd HO then took over the chair and invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship.
6. Dr Elizabeth QUAT nominated Mr CHAN Hak-kan for the deputy chairmanship. The nomination was seconded by Dr Helena WONG. Mr CHAN Hak-kan accepted the nomination.
7. There being no other nominations, Mr CHAN Hak-kan was declared Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2013-2014 session.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2013-2014 session

8. Members noted the proposed schedule of regular meetings of the Panel for the 2013-2014 session, which was tabled at the meeting.

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

- (a) the meeting in December 2013 would be held on Monday, 16 December 2013, at 8:30 am; and
- (b) the meeting in July 2014 would be held on Wednesday, 23 July 2014, at 2:30 pm.

(Post-meeting note: The meeting schedule for the 2013-2014 session was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)39/13-14 on 11 October 2013.)

III. Items for discussion at next meeting

(LC Paper No. CB(1)13/13-14(01) — List of outstanding items for discussion

Appendix V to LC Paper No. — List of follow-up actions)
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10. The Chairman advised that the Administration had proposed to discuss the item on "Legislative amendments relating to the 'Waste Diversion Plan' for the Southeast New Territories Landfill" at the next regular meeting to be

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held on Monday, 28 October 2013, at 2:30 pm. Members agreed.

11. As proposed by the Chairman, members also agreed that the Panel would receive public views on the Document for Engaging Stakeholders and the Public issued by the Task Force on External Lighting at the meeting on 28 October 2013, and that the meeting would be extended by one hour to end at 5:30 pm.

12. Members gave the following suggestions on the list of outstanding items for discussion by the Panel –

- (a) Comprehensively improving the water quality of the Victoria Harbour – Dr Helena WONG expressed concern about the odour and poor quality of the water at the sewage outlets along the waterfront. She requested the Administration to update the Panel on Hong Kong's sewage management and maintenance of drainage (including illegal drainage connections);
- (b) Report on public engagement of the Task Force on External Lighting – Dr Helena WONG would like to be briefed on the way forward in tackling energy wastage and light nuisance (including the nuisance caused by reflected glare from glass curtain walls of buildings);
- (c) Nature conservation policy – Dr Kenneth CHAN requested that the item be discussed as early as possible;
- (d) Impact of construction works on endangered species and marine ecology – Dr Kenneth CHAN was concerned about the impact of construction works on endangered species, in particular the impact of the construction of the third runway on Chinese white dolphins. Mr Christopher CHUNG and Mr Steven HO also expressed concern about the impact of submarine engineering works, including the laying of submarine cables, on marine ecology and the livelihood of fishermen, and would like to be briefed on the corresponding measures taken by the Administration. Members agreed that the subjects of "Protection of endangered species from the impact of construction works" and "Impact of submarine engineering works on marine ecology" be grouped under one item for discussion by the Panel;
- (e) Incident of leachate from the North East New Territories Landfill – Dr Kenneth CHAN would like to be briefed on the

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progress of works undertaken by the Administration on the leachate leakage incident at the North East New Territories as soon as possible;

- (f) Conservation of country park enclaves – Dr Kenneth CHAN would like to discuss the conservation and development of country park land and country park enclaves in Hong Kong. Since the subject fell under the purview of the Panel on Development, the Chairman considered it more appropriate for the Panel on Development to hold a meeting on this subject and invite members of this Panel to attend the meeting when the subject was discussed;
- (g) Banning of all forms of asbestos – In connection with the legislative proposal to ban the use, supply, import and transshipment of asbestos, Dr Kenneth CHAN requested the Administration to brief members on the number and conditions of buildings with asbestos-containing materials and the associated health risk;
- (h) Issues relating to the handling and disposal of imported waste in Hong Kong – Pursuant to the discussion on the item at the special Panel meeting on 26 July 2013, the Chairman requested the Administration to brief members on the progress of work in this regard; and
- (i) Promotion of the recycling trade – Mr WU Chi-wai would like to be briefed on the measures implemented by the Administration to promote the recycling trade.

IV. Any other business

Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Air, Noise and Light Pollution

13. The Chairman informed members that the Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Air, Noise and Light Pollution ("the Subcommittee") had largely completed deliberation on the issues which it was tasked to examine. Since the Subcommittee had yet to conclude its study and finalize its recommendations before producing a report to the Panel and it might revisit some of the issues examined during the process, the Chairman proposed that the Subcommittee should continue its work until the end of March 2014. Members agreed. Mr Christopher CHUNG pointed out that many people in

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Hong Kong were exposed to excessive noise, such as traffic noise and construction noise, and proposed that the Subcommittee might further discuss the problem of noise and relevant control measures in future.

14. The Chairman advised that the membership of the Subcommittee would be re-opened to Panel members, and the Subcommittee would decide on its own whether it was necessary to elect a new chairman and deputy chairman.

15. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 11:40 am.

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