

## **COUNTRY AND MARINE PARKS BOARD**

### **Summary Report of the Country Parks Committee**

#### **1. Purpose**

1.1 This paper aims to inform members of the major issues discussed at the Country Parks Committee (CPC) meeting held on 16 June 2020.

#### **2. Improvement of Hiking Trail and the Associated Facilities in Ngong Ping, Lantau to Promote Green Tourism**

2.1 The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) and the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) briefed members on the initiative to improve hiking trails and associated facilities in Ngong Ping, Lantau to promote green tourism. The proposed improvement works included rehabilitation of the hiking trails in Ngong Ping area, construction and improvement of supporting facilities along Nei Lak Shan Country Trail and Lantau Trail Section 4, construction of camping platforms in Ngong Ping Campsite, and renovation of the Ngong Ping Nature Centre.

2.2 Members had no objection to the proposed improvement works and advised AFCD and CEDD on the trail resurfacing design and material. Given the popularity of Ngong Ping Campsite, members suggested AFCD to explore the possibility of increasing the camping spaces and consider implementing advance booking system there. Members also suggested AFCD to explore the enhancement of guided tour services provided by Ngong Ping Nature Centre for the promotion of green tourism.

#### **3. Waste Management and Collection Facilities at Recreation Sites in Country Parks**

3.1 AFCD briefed members on the enhancement measures for the waste management and collection facilities at recreation sites of country parks. The measures included providing animal-proof general waste-cum-recycle bins for most recreation sites, centralising waste collection points for major barbecue and camp sites, and

enhancing and increasing food waste collection facility at selected barbecue and camp sites.

3.2 Members supported the enhancement measures and made a few suggestions. Members suggested that the waste collection points should be placed near the toilet facilities or the entrances/ exits of recreation sites so that they could be found easily. They also suggested placing educational posters and banners to raise people awareness of “no feeding of wild animals”. Noting that food waste collected from the recreation sites were recycled to produce organic fertilizers for use in country parks’ planting areas, members considered it educational and suggested that such green measure could be introduced to visitors through appropriate publicity work. To encourage recycling, members suggested AFCD to consider providing reverse vending machines and providing facilities for people to clean the recyclables. Moreover, members considered it important to reduce waste at source and therefore advised AFCD to educate visitors to bring suitable portion of food to avoid wastage and avoid using single-use plastic containers and cutlery.

3.3 AFCD noted members’ suggestions and indicated that the Department would continue to promote the tips on eco-friendly barbecuing and camping activities.

#### **4. Any Other Business**

(a) Design Competition for a Viewing Platform and Associated Hiking Facilities around Fa Shan, Sai Kung East Country Park

4.1 AFCD briefed members on the proposal to construct a new trail, a viewing platform overlooking Po Pin Chau, and associated hiking facilities around Fa Shan, as part of the enhancement project of MacLehose Trail Section 1. The construction of the new trail and viewing platform would confine the hiking route with a view to enhancing the safety of hikers and reducing human disturbance to the headland. Members were also briefed by Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) on the design competition to be organised by AFCD and ArchSD to seek for innovative design concepts for the proposed viewing platform and facilities along the new trail.

4.2 Members had no objection to the construction of the new trail and viewing platform. Regarding the design competition, members advised AFCD and ArchSD to draw up design guidelines for the participants to follow. They also provided their views

on the assessment criteria and the design of the proposed viewing platform and facilities along the new trail and emphasised that the structures to be built should be integrated and harmonised with the natural environment.

## **5. Advice Sought**

5.1 Members are invited to note the content of this paper.

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