

Country and Marine Parks Board
Summary Report of the Country Parks Committee

1. Purpose

1.1 To inform members on issues discussed at the Country Parks Committee (CPC) meeting held on 14 December 2012. Major issues discussed at the meeting are summarised below.

2. Proposed Boardwalk at High Island Geotrail at Hong Kong Global Geopark of China

2.1 Members were briefed on the proposed works of building a boardwalk at High Island Geotrail of the Hong Kong Global Geopark of China (Geopark). Members noted that the scope of the project comprised construction of a boardwalk with a platform to view the sea cave at the end of the Boardwalk.

2.2 Members enquired about the safety of the proposed boardwalk. Members were informed that the boardwalk could support at least the weight of 50 persons delivered by a coach per trip and the platform could safely support the weight of people (estimated to be more than 100 persons) when it was fully occupied. Besides, the distance between the boardwalk and the cliff was at least 10 metres and so broken rock falling from the cliff should not reach the boardwalk.

2.3 Members suggested that the information boards should include the geology, the ecology as well as the history of the sea cave; and the history of the former Kwun Mun Channel.

3. Summary of Applications for Development within Country Parks from 1 April to 30 September 2012

3.1 The summary of development proposals within country parks from 1 April to 30 September 2012 was presented at the meeting. Out of the 111 proposals received during the period, there was no objection to 85 proposals while 24 were still under consideration and 2 were withdrawn. The majority of cases were related to utility services works such as electricity, telephone and water supply, path improvement, and slope repair and utility installation.

3.2 A member enquired about the reinstatement after completion of ground works. Members were informed that the terms and conditions of the Authority's consent to the ground works would require reinstatement of the works site upon completion of the works. AFCD would also inspect the works site during the ground works and request the contractor to take remedial measures if necessary. The contractor was also required to provide maintenance after completion of the works.

4. Country and Marine Parks Authority Progress Report on Country Parks

4.1 The Country and Marine Parks Authority Progress Report on Country Parks for the period from 1 August to 31 October 2012 was presented at the meeting.

5. Presentation

5.1 This paper is prepared for members' information.