



Sai Kung District Council meeting 17th March 2009-03-17

Item H of SKDC agenda

Present:

SKDC

FSK representatives

Marina Cove representatives

WWF representative

Hebe Haven Yacht Club representative

Village Chiefs/representatives

Amy Nip – SCMP

Item H: Marina Cove and FSK had asked a member of the SKDC to raise the issue of reconsidering their decision to go ahead with Stage 1 of Hiram's Highway.

17 to 5 members voted against the motion, Stage 1 will not be reconsidered by SKDC. Reasons:

- The road will be good to develop tourism
- Non Sai Kung residents also want the road
- Legco in 2006 put pressure on SKDC to improve their "transport problem"
- It is important to be decisive and go ahead with decision taken in the past
- Road safety cannot wait
- A few selfish people shouldn't stop the road from going ahead
- Marina Cove should be reasonable and agree to a consensual solution
- The tourism report (commissioned by SKDC) showed that transport is a limitation to tourism
- This is a good opportunity to get a road all the way around to Ma On Shan
- There should be no further discussion of this topic, it was already discussed and agreed years ago
- Why didn't Marina Cove not raise the issue before.
- The road is necessary to improve pedestrian safety.
- 15 years ago, when the road was discussed, there was consensus.
- Government should just go ahead with the road and talk to those it affects and maybe compensate them.
- There will be a consultation meeting on May 19th (to discuss stage 2)
- Building of the road = more money to Sai Kung
- Opposers are making unreasonable demands

A few supporting comments:

- Marina Cove have the right to have their views heard