

Minutes of the First Meeting of the
District Facilities and Works Committee
under Eastern District Council

Date: 16 January 2024 (Tuesday)

Time: 2:30 pm

Venue: Eastern District Council Conference Room

Present

Mr TING Kong-ho, Eddie, MH	Mr LAM Wing-shing	Mr KWOK Wing-kin
Mr TING Wong, Kacee	Mr LAM Wing-cheung	Mr CHAN Hoi-wing, Joseph
Mr WONG Chi-chung	Mr CHAU Chi-yan, Benny	Ms TSANG Cheuk-yi
Ms HO Sau-yin, Zareenah	Ms LIN Cai-ying	Ms CHIK Kit-ling, Elaine
Mr YUEN Kin-chung, Kenny	Mr HUNG Chi-kit	Mr CHENG Chi-sing, MH
Ms LI Lee (Vice-chairlady)	Mr HUNG Lin-cham, MH, JP (Chairman)	Ms LAU Suk-yin
Ms NG Ching-ching	Mr HUNG Chiu-kwan	Mr LAU Hing-yeung, MH
Ms LEE Ching-har	Mr LIANG Li	Mr LAI Nuen-san
Mr HO Ngai-kam, Stanley	Ms CHAN Hang, MH, JP	Dr LU Xiaofeng, Anthony
Mr LAM Sum-lim, MH	Dr KWOK Ho-king, Calvin	

In Regular Attendance (Government Representatives)

Mr POON Cheuk-hong, Hong	Assistant District Officer (Eastern)2, Eastern District Office
Ms NG Yan-mei, Monie	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Eastern District Office
Mr CHAO Ka-man, Stanley	Senior Liaison Officer (1), Eastern District Office
Ms CHENG Lai-yin, Daisy	Senior Liaison Officer (3), Eastern District Office
Mr LAU Chi-kan, Kenneth	Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Eastern District Office
Mr CHEUNG Ki-lun, Alan	Executive Officer (District Management)2, Eastern District Office
Mr YEUNG Sze-cheung, Terence	Senior Engineer/6(South), Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr CHUNG Ho-ting, Elton	Senior Town Planner/Hong Kong (2), Planning Department
Ms LEE Ka-yee, Eva	Senior Housing Manager/Hong Kong Island and Islands 1, Housing Department

Mr CHAN Chui-ying	Maintenance Surveyor/Hong Kong Island and Islands, Housing Department
Mr MOK Chan, Charles	Chief Estate Officer/Hong Kong East (District Lands Office, Hong Kong East), Lands Department
Mr WONG Po-kwong, Gary	Senior Estate Surveyor/Hong Kong East (3) (Ag.) (District Lands Office, Hong Kong East), Lands Department
Mr NG Ka-wing, Arick	Building Surveyor/B5-4, Buildings Department
Mr WONG Man-wong	Chief Leisure Manager (Hong Kong East), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LEE Wai-ming, Karvie	District Leisure Manager (Eastern), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms WONG Sosanna	Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Eastern, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr WONG Chi-weng, Lawrence	Engineer/Eastern 3, Drainage Services Department
Mr TING Chun-ming, Charles	Engineer/Hong Kong (Distribution 1), Water Supplies Department
Mr KONG Wai-ho, Alex	District Engineer/North East, Highways Department

In Attendance by Invitation (Representatives from the Government)

Mr LEE Chun-hung, Roy	Architect (Works)2, Home Affairs Department
Mr CHAN Ho-yin, Chris	Technical Secretary (Operations), Rating and Valuation Department
Miss NG Yick-hung, Christy	Senior Valuation Surveyor, Rating and Valuation Department
Mr CHAN Hei-yuet	Senior Engineer/Priority Projects, Drainage Services Department
Mr SIU Heung-yin	Project Coordinator/Structure(Hong Kong)3, Highways Department

Secretary

Ms LEUNG Mun-chee, Charlie	Executive Officer I (District Council)2, Eastern District Office
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Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all Members and representatives from the government to the meeting.

Agenda Item 1. List of Government Representatives in Attendance at District Facilities and Works Committee (DFWC) under Eastern District Council

(DFWC Paper No. 1/2024)

2. The DFWC noted the captioned list.

Agenda Item 2. Beautification Works to the Site Previously Occupied by Tong Shui Road Footbridge, North Point

(DFWC Paper No. 2/2024)

3. The representative of the Eastern District Office (EDO) briefed Members on Paper No. 2/2024.

4. Members in general were supportive of the works, and their views and enquiries about the agenda item were summarised as follows:

- (a) Members would like the department to provide information such as the works schedule, estimated expenditure and material used, as well as the routine maintenance and management after the completion of the facilities. Members would also like the department to arrange a site visit for them to have a better understanding of the project and give their views.
- (b) Members suggested that the department co-operate with the Hong Kong Tramways (HK Tramways) to display retired tramcars in the project area and provide tram-themed and nostalgic facilities, supplemented by information on and historical photographs of trams in order to turn the project into a “check-in spot” for locals and tourists.
- (c) Members suggested that the department consider providing exhibition panels in the project area for art exhibitions or community activities.
- (d) Members suggested providing seats and the appropriate eco-friendly, greening, sports facilities, etc. to provide a comfortable recreational space for citizens of all ages.

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- (e) Members suggested that the department pay attention to the potential safety issues of the facilities and in the project area, and the possible environmental hygiene issues (such as accumulation of water and feral pigeons) that might arise during the design of the project.

5. The representative from the EDO noted Members' views and suggestions, and responded to their views and enquires as follows:

- (a) The EDO expected a preliminary estimated expenditure of 14 million dollars according to the current progress of the footbridge demolition, follow-up arrangements and project design. It was expected that the works would commence by the end of the current year and would be completed by the end of next year. The exact schedule would depend on the complexity of the project's final design.
- (b) The EDO had discussed with the departments concerned to deal with the environmental hygiene issues arising from feral pigeons in the vicinity through project design and law enforcement actions.
- (c) The EDO mainly used metal, fibreglass and recycled wood to construct rain shelters. Regarding Members' concerns about safety, the EDO had all along taken safety issues of the project into consideration, and would resurface the ground near the project area and pay attention to the safety of the surrounding area. As for the safety concerns of the seat corners and staircase design, the EDO would further study and improve the design with the consultant to alleviate Members' concerns.
- (d) The EDO had contacted the HK Tramways to discuss the feasibility of providing tram parts or suitable material in the rain shelters or passive recreational facilities in order to carry stronger characteristics of the tram in the facilities for attracting tourists or citizens to "check-in" with expectation of economic benefits.
- (e) There would be 16 seats tentatively. The EDO would be responsible for the maintenance, repairs and cleansing of the facilities while the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) would be responsible for the scavenging operations of the surrounding public

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areas. The EDO would consider whether to arrange exhibitions and other appropriate events taking into account the visitor flow and space available following the principle of not causing obstruction to pedestrians or other road users in the vicinity.

(Post-meeting note: The EDO had conducted the site visit of the captioned project on 26 January 2024.)

Agenda Item 3. Building Numbering Campaign in Eastern District **(DFWC Paper No. 3/2024)**

6. The representative of the Rating and Valuation Department (RVD) briefed Members on Paper 3/2024.

7. Members in general were supportive of the campaign, and their views and enquiries about the agenda item were summarised as follows:

- (a) Members enquired how the department would support “three-nil” buildings in building numbering.
- (b) Members enquired whether inspections would involve inter-departmental co-operation or outsourcing.
- (c) Members enquired about the number of law enforcement actions taken, with suggestions to step up law enforcement.
- (d) Members suggested stepping up the promotion of the campaign and the guidelines.
- (e) Members suggested including “building numbering” as one of the conditions for issue of licence for business.
- (f) Members suggested the department provide plain and simple instructions to facilitate relevant persons in understanding and complying with the criteria.
- (g) Members suggested the department beautify the number plates as

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characteristic “check-in spots” to attract tourists.

8. The representative from the RVD noted Members’ views and suggestions, and responded to their views and enquiries as follows:

- (a) The RVD had carried out building numbering campaigns in various districts in the past with a view to promoting the campaign more in-depth and focused at the district level. Upon the launch of the campaign, the RVD would first mail promotional letters and leaflets to owners’ corporations and owners/occupiers to remind them to display the building numbers correctly. The RVD would then engage a contractor to conduct a site inspection and take photos for records. If irregularities or absences of building numbers were found, the RVD would issue a warning letter to the relevant owners’ corporations or owners/occupiers, requiring them to display the building numbers correctly within 21 days. The contractor would conduct another inspection after the deadline. If the situation persisted, the RVD would issue another warning letter and give another 21 days to allow the recipient sufficient time to display the building number correctly.
- (b) In the RVD’s experience of promoting the campaign in other districts, members of the public might not display building numbers correctly due to various reasons in the initial stage, but were able to do so upon receipt of warning letters from the RVD or better understanding of the situation. Hence, there was no need for the RVD to issue display orders or institute prosecutions.
- (c) It was the owners’ duty to display building numbers, and most owners or commercial tenants had already displayed building numbers. If the RVD was to provide assistance to some owners or commercial tenants only, fair use of public funds might be challenged.
- (d) If any “three-nil buildings” were found incorrectly displaying building number during site inspection, the RVD would request the contractor to endeavour to find the correspondence address of the building manager at the site and send a letter to the manager afterwards. If the manager could not be contacted or located eventually, the RVD would explore whether to request the respective district office of the Home Affairs

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Department to assist in the attempt to contact the owner for follow-up.

- (e) The RVD had arranged to broadcast TV and radio Announcements in the Public Interest through the Information Services Department to promote information such as the importance of correct building numbering.
- (f) The contractor was expected to commence site inspections from mid-March and complete the first two rounds of inspections in late September. The RVD would continue to follow up on the situation afterwards.

IV. Progress Report of Matters Arising from Previous DFWC Meetings under Eastern District Council **(DFWC Paper No. 4/2024)**

- (i) *“Request To Follow Up the Matters Concerning the Noise Barriers for Blocks 16 and 17 of Heng Fa Chuen Immediately*
Suggestion on Substituting Existing Noise Barrier Superstructures on Highways with Solar Panels
Progress on Retrofitting Additional Noise Barriers on Roads in Eastern District
Request for Retrofitting of Noise Barriers on Chai Wan Road from Road Section of Neptune Terrace
Proposal for Retrofitting Noise Barriers on Existing Roads in the Eastern District”

9. The DFWC noted the written replies from the departments.

10. The views and enquiries of Members about the agenda items were summarised as follows:

- (a) Members suggested providing noise barriers and noise absorbents along the Island Eastern Corridor to minimise the impacts of traffic noise on neighbouring residence.

11. The representative from the Highways Department (HyD) noted Members’ views and would refer their views to the section concerned for follow-up.

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Environmental
Protection
Department
(EPD) /
HyD

12. The agenda items would continue to be followed up on at the next meeting.

(ii) ***“Request to Review the Use of Shau Kei Wan Market to Provide Residents with Appropriate District Facilities
Future Development of Shau Kei Wan Market
Requesting a Change in Use of Shau Kei Wan Market”***

13. The views and enquiries of Members about the agenda items were summarised as follows:

- (a) Members asked the department to make public the findings of the study on the uses of the Shau Kei Wan Market as soon as possible.
- (b) Members viewed that there were needs for recreational facilities, residential care homes for the elderly, public dental clinics, modern markets and car parks. They suggested that the government consider providing the above facilities in the development project, and they were willing to assist the government in consulting local residents on the long-term use of the site.

14. The representative from the Planning Department (PlanD) noted Members’ views and would refer their views to the departments and bureaux concerned for follow-up.

15. Members agreed to remove the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), the Government Property Agency and the FEHD as responsible bodies.

PlanD

16. The agenda items would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

(iii) ***“Urging the Government to Give an Account of the Severe Floods Caused by Heavy Rain in Shau Kei Wan
Request to Fully Review the Floods in Eastern District of Hong Kong Island***

***Review of Anti-flooding Preventive Measures and their Effectiveness in Eastern District
Drainage Improvement Works at Fei Tsui Road, Chai Wan”***

17. Members thanked the Drainage Services Department (DSD) for their efforts in coping with extreme weather, and their views and enquiries were summarised as follows:

- (a) Members asked the department to complete the drainage improvement works at Fei Tsui Road, Chai Wan as soon as possible, arrange a site visit and give a briefing on the drainage improvement works projects in the vicinity.
- (b) Members enquired whether the works would affect the access of vehicles as Fei Tsui Road in Chai Wan was the only vehicular access for Fung Wah Estate and Hing Wah (II) Estate.
- (c) Members would like to know about the arrangements including the preparatory work before rainy season and inter-departmental joint channel clearance operations for explanation to the public.
- (d) Members enquired whether the department would co-operate with other departments to provide additional facilities near the construction sites on hills or farmlands to prevent the washing away of debris by heavy rain which might cause channel blockage.

18. The representative from the DSD noted Members’ views, thanked their recognition of the DSD’s work, and responded to their views and enquiries as follows:

- (a) The drainage improvement works at Fei Tsui Road, Chai Wan was currently being accelerated and was expected to be completed before the 2025 rainy season. The DSD would arrange a site visit in a timely manner to give a briefing on the works progress.
- (b) During the drainage improvement works at Fei Tsui Road, the DSD had implemented effective temporary traffic arrangements to minimise the traffic impacts on Fei Tsui Road.

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- (c) Regarding the clearance of the drainage system on roadside, the DSD would maintain close liaison with the HyD and FEHD to clear the drainage system regularly and carry out inter-departmental joint operations as necessary. The DSD would also use larger scale machinery or large excavation tools to ensure that all essential inlets and roadside gullies were cleared before the rainy season.
- (d) The DSD had inspected the construction sites on hills and requested the projects' responsible units to enhance supervision and provide additional facilities to prevent rainwater from washing away the debris and causing blockage of nearby channels. In addition, the DSD would build a gully next to Quarry Bay Market to reduce the risk of flooding there.

DSD /
Water Supplies
Department

19. The agenda items would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

- (iv) ***“Concern Over the Development Plan for the Site Next to Quarry Bay Promenade at Hoi Yu Street
Follow Up on the Proposed Construction of a 25-storey Industrial Building at the Quarry Bay Promenade Near the Exit of the Pet Garden at Hoi Yu Street
Proposal on Enhanced Harbourfront Development at Hoi Yu Street, Quarry Bay”***

20. The views and enquiries of Members about the agenda items were summarised as follows:

- (a) Members were concerned that the original planning for the promenade on Hong Kong island would be affected. They enquired whether the department had set a deadline to the new owner for the development project, and whether solutions were in place in case the new owner refused to proceed with the proposal for in situ exchange.

21. The representative from the District Lands Office, Hong Kong East (DLO) noted Members' views, and would refer their views to the section concerned for follow-up and report to Members later on.

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Development
Bureau (DEVB) /
LandsD / PlanD /
Buildings
Department /
Transport
Department (TD)

22. The agenda items would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

(Post-meeting note: (i) The Secretariat wrote to the DEVB and DLO on 18 January 2024.
(ii) The DEVB and DLO provided supplementary information to the DFWC on 1 February 2024.)

(v) ***“Strong Request to Install a Lift for Connecting Hing Man Estate Footbridge at Chai Wan Road and Tai Man Street
Follow-up on the Provision of the Escalator at Staircases by Block 2 of Neptune Terrace”***

23. The views and enquiries of Members about the agenda items were summarised as follows:

- (a) There was a keen demand for the provision of escalator links and elevator systems at the captioned locations due to the ageing population and increase in the population in the Eastern District, and a considerable number of users was expected. Members asked the department to provide a solid works schedule and a priority list of the works.
- (b) Members asked the department to provide a works schedule for the escalator project from Sai Wan Ho Street to Sai Wan Ho Holy Cross Church.

24. The representative from the HyD noted Members’ views and suggestions, and responded to their views and enquiries as follows:

- (a) The HyD and TD had been working closely in setting the priority of the projects subject to the resources available. The TD would submit the relevant information to Members after the meeting.
- (b) The HyD had been conducting investigation studies and preparing preliminary design drawings for the escalator project from Sai Wan Ho Street to the Sai Wan Ho Holy Cross Church. Supplementary information would be submitted to Members after the meeting.

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TD / HyD

25. The agenda items would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

(Post-meeting note: (i) The Secretariat wrote to the TD and HyD on 18 January 2024.

(ii) The TD and HyD provided the supplementary information to the DFWC on 6 February 2024.)

(vi) ***“Request to Study and Implement Preventive Measures along the Coast of Heng Fa Chuen
Strong Request for the Installation of Temporary Floating Breakwater at Waters off Heng Fa Chuen
Follow-up on the Construction Progress of Offshore Breakwaters along Heng Fa Chuen”***

26. Members thanked the EDO for enhancing communication with the Heng Fa Chuen Owners’ Committee (OC) and Management Office and holding typhoon drills, and suggested the EDO provide additional facilities on the coast to ensure the safety of coastal residents.

27. The representative from the EDO responded that the EDO had all along concerned about the flooding situation in Heng Fa Chuen under extreme weather. The EDO had held typhoon drills with the FEHD, DSD, LCSD, Heng Fa Chuen OC and Management Office before the rainy seasons of 2019, 2021 and 2023, in the hopes that all parties could act promptly in case of extreme weather to achieve the desired results. Even though extreme weather had occurred in recent years, Heng Fa Chuen was not seriously affected by flooding with the active communication and co-operation among various departments and parties. The EDO would also continue to co-operate with the departments and the Heng Fa Chuen OC actively to minimise the impacts of extreme weather on Heng Fa Chuen.

DEVB / Civil
Engineering and
Development
Department
(CEDD) / DSD /
EDO

28. The agenda items would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

(vii) “Scope of Development for the Proposed Works of the Sports Centre and Open Space at Aldrich Bay”

29. The views and enquiries of Members about the agenda item were summarised as follows:

- (a) Members enquired about the necessity of constructing a third sports centre as there were already two sports centres nearby.
- (b) Members enquired whether basketball courts, handball courts and a sports centre with more storeys would be constructed to replace the carparks as designed, and whether the basketball courts would be constructed according to international standards.
- (c) Members asked that facilities such as swimming pools meet international standards. They would also like to discuss the detailed design with the department so that the sports centre could be used for the training of local athletes and hosting of international sports events, and become another landmark of the Eastern District.
- (d) Members enquired whether it was possible to consider Members’ views on the detailed design at the current stage.
- (e) Members asked that the department provide a works schedule.

30. The representative from the LCSD noted Members’ views and suggestions, and responded to their views and enquiries as follows:

- (a) The planned Aldrich Bay Sports Centre would have an indoor multi-purpose arena that could be converted into three basketball courts or one handball court or used for other ball games. The various sports facilities in the arena would be constructed according to international standards. The arena would also have spectator stands that provided 2 000 seats, including one set of fixed spectator stand providing 1 500 seats and one set of retractable spectator stand providing 500 seats, for hosting large-scale sports competitions.
- (b) The LCSD would provide a car park in the project to address the keen

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demand for parking spaces in the district, and the site was a temporary car park at present.

- (c) The swimming pools would include a heated swimming pool (25m x 25m) with 10 swimming lanes and a heated training pool (25m x 15m) with six swimming lanes for training purposes.
- (d) The Tin Chiu Street Playground in the Eastern District already had a handball court, and the Chai Wan Park Pitch No. 1, Heng Fa Chuen Playground and Hing Wah Estate Playground No. 1 had been converted into multi-purpose courts, which could be used as a handball court.
- (e) The LCSD would have to check on the works progress with the works department before confirming the possibility of optimising the design of the sports centre.

LCSD / TD /
PlanD

31. The agenda item would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

(Post-meeting note: (i) The Secretariat wrote to the LCSD on 18 January 2024.
(ii) The LCSD would provide a written reply on the Progress Report on Matters Arising from Previous DFWC meeting on 12 March 2024.)

(viii) “Concern over the Facilities and Services Provided by the District Library in the Joint User Complex at Lei King Road”

32. The DFWC noted the written reply from the department.

LCSD

33. The agenda item would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

(ix) “Concern over the Impact of the Development of Tseung Kwan O Area 132 and 137 on Residents of Heng Fa Chuen and Siu Sai Wan”

34. The DFWC noted the written replies from the departments.

35. The views and enquiries of Members about the agenda item were summarised as follows:

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- (a) Members asked the department to provide a works schedule, an environmental impact assessment and a progress report on the feasibility study of relocating some public facilities to caverns. They also enquired whether the feasibility study would affect the project planning.
- (b) Members would like to know whether the project's height would have a visual impact on the coastline.

36. The representative from the CEDD noted Members' views and would refer their views to the section concerned for follow-up.

DEVB / PlanD /
CEDD / EPD

37. After discussion, the agenda item would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

(Post-meeting note: (i) The Secretariat wrote to the DEVB, CEDD, PlanD and EPD on 18 January 2024.
(ii) The DEVB, CEDD, PlanD and EPD submitted supplementary information to the DFWC on 6 February 2024.)

(x) *“Request for Provision of Rain Shelters at Bus Stops on Tin Hau Temple Road near Pak Fuk Road”*

38. Members said there were 5 to 6 housing estates and Pui Kiu Middle School near the Pak Fuk Road bus stop and a considerable number of users was expected. Members hoped for the smooth implementation of the works and enquired about the works progress.

39. The representative from the EDO responded that the EDO had sought advice from the works department as the project in question was located near a slope and busy road junction, and the works department considered that the project was feasible but that the location of the rain shelter should be far away from the slope and carriageway. The EDO was preparing the detailed design of the rain shelter and would arrange for Members a site visit in a timely manner. The EDO estimated that the project could be implemented in the 2024-25 financial year.

EDO

40. The agenda item would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

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V. Any Other Business

41. There was no other discussion item for the DFWC.

VI. Date of the Next Meeting

42. The next meeting would be held at 2:30 pm on 12 March 2024 (Tuesday).
43. The meeting ended at 4:50 pm.

Eastern District Council Secretariat
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