

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

Date: 10 September 2024 (Tuesday)

Time: 2:30 pm

Venue: Eastern District Council Conference Room

Present

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

Absent with Apologies

Ms CHAN Hang, MH, JP (absent with consent)
Mr LAM Wing-shing (absent without consent)
Mr CHAN Hoi-wing, Joseph (absent without consent)

In Regular Attendance (Government Representatives)

Mr FU Yiu-nam, Daniel	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 Chi-hong	Maintenance Surveyor/Hong Kong North and Islands, Housing Department
Mr WONG Leung-yau, Jimmy	Senior Estate Surveyor/Hong Kong East 3, District Lands Office, Hong Kong East, Lands Department
Mr MOK Chan, Charles	Chief Estate Officer/Hong Kong East, District Lands Office, Hong Kong East, Lands Department
Ms CHU Yuet-man, Nichol	Building Surveyor/B5-1, 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 FUNG Yat-ching	Engineer/HK (Distribution 1), Water Supplies Department
Mr KONG Wai-ho, Alex	District Engineer/North East, Highways Department

In Attendance by Invitation (Representatives from the Departments)

Miss CHOW Man-man, Sophie	Senior Executive Officer (Planning)11, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Miss TO Yeuk-sze, Jenny	Executive Assistant (Planning)11B, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms SUNG Lai-ping, Maggie	Senior Librarian (Eastern), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Miss LAI Pui-yi, Kat	Senior Librarian (Planning & Development) (Ag.), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr TSANG Kwok-hung, Kenneth	Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Eastern/Wan Chai)3, Social Welfare Department
Ms CHAN Fung-po	Social Work Officer 2 (Planning & Coordinating), Social Welfare 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 government representatives to the meeting, and announced the appointment of Ms WU Bi-yen, Joyce and Mr QIU Jianxin as the co-opted members to the District Facilities and Works Committee (DFWC).

Handling Applications for Absence

2. Ms CHAN Hang, Mr LAM Wing-shing and Mr Joseph CHAN submitted notifications of absence from meeting before the meeting. The DFWC decided to give consent to Ms CHAN Hang on the ground of sickness, but not to give consent to Mr LAM Wing-shing and Mr Joseph CHAN on the ground that their applications for absence were unrelated to their capacity as District Council (DC) members or the functions of the DC.

Agenda 1. Confirmation of the Draft Minutes of the 4th Meeting of District Facilities and Works Committee

3. The above draft minutes were confirmed without amendment.

Agenda 2. Progress Updates on District Library and Residential Care Home for the Elderly in the Joint User Complex at Lei King Road **(DFWC Paper No. 18/2024)**

4. The Chairman said that the agenda item and No. (8) under matters arising would be combined for discussion for their relevancy.

5. The representative of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) briefed Members on Paper No. 18/2024.

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

(a) Members enquired about the reason for naming the project “Sai Wan Ho

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Complex”.

- (b) Members suggested incorporating “check-in” elements into the interior design of the complex to attract more people.
- (c) Members enquired whether there was any public car park in the complex.

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

- (a) With reference to past practices, the LCSD generally named new buildings with cultural, recreational and other facilities “complex”. Therefore, the building on Lei King Road with a library and a residential care home for the elderly (RCHE) was named “Sai Wan Ho Complex”.
- (b) When preparing the interior decoration of the Sai Wan Ho Public Library, the LCSD would incorporate diverse design elements to attract public use of the library facilities and services.
- (c) Regarding public car parks, the LCSD stated that as early as 11 July 2017, the Architectural Services Department had reported at the ninth meeting of the Planning, Works and Housing Committee of the Eastern District Council that according to its preliminary estimate, the construction cost of a single-storey underground car park would be about \$180 million to \$200 million and the cost per parking space would reach \$4 million while the overall timetable would be delayed for a minimum of two years. Therefore, no public car park would be provided in the complex, and only parking spaces would be provided for the daily operation of the library and RCHE, and for use by emergency vehicles. The details were available in paragraph 29(b) of the relevant minutes and item 1(1) of matters arising in Paper No. 23/17.

Agenda 3. Request for Provision of Seats along Leaping Dragon Walk **(DFWC Paper No. 19/2024)**

8. A Member briefed the DFWC on Paper No. 19/2024.

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9. Members understood that the department had limited resources, and would like the department to consider the suggestion in the next financial year when resources permitted, and to arrange site inspections to improve the facilities at Leaping Dragon Walk.
10. The representative of the Eastern District Office (EDO) noted Members' views and suggestions, and responded that the EDO would consider allocating resources to renovate the facilities at Leaping Dragon Walk in the next financial year and study the feasibility of the captioned suggestion when feasible.
11. The DFWC agreed to follow up on the agenda item upon further progress.

Agenda 4. Suggestion for Comprehensive Inspection of Ageing Water Pipes in Public Housing Estates in Eastern District **(DFWC Paper No. 20/2024)**

12. A Member briefed the DFWC on Paper No. 20/2024.
13. The views and enquiries of Members about the agenda item were summarised as follows:
 - (a) Members enquired about the frequency for inspections and maintenance under the HomeCARE Programme of the department, and whether the inspection was carried out by the department or contractor.
 - (b) Members opined that even though the department carried out regular inspection and maintenance of public areas and public facilities in public housing estates (PHEs), there were still rusty, cracked and leaking pipes, and that regular inspection and maintenance once a year might not be enough to deal with ageing pipes. Members would like the department to provide information on enhancement measures at the next meeting.
 - (c) Members enquired about the number of PHEs in the Eastern District that required maintenance of communal drainage pipes under the Drainage Inspection Programme (DIP).

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- (d) There was a rusty pipe near the roadside at Hing Wah (II) Estate. Photos would be provided to the department for follow-up.

14. The representative of the Housing Department (HD) noted Members' views and suggestions, and responded to their views and enquiries as follows:

- (a) HD staff would carry out technical inspections, including assessment of the conditions of water supply facilities, at least once a year for all buildings in each PHE under HomeCARE Programme, and the contractor would carry out the maintenance.
- (b) The HD would provide the number of PHE buildings inspected in the Eastern District under the DIP later.
- (c) As the HD's works team mainly carried out visual inspection of drainage pipes, it might not be able to detect the conditions of drainage pipes located higher up in the building with 100% accuracy. Drone inspections were gradually being carried out, but they were yet to be extended to all PHEs. In addition, if the management staff of PHEs under HD found leakage in drainage pipes during routine inspections, they would immediately notify the works team for follow-up and maintenance as soon as possible.
- (d) If Members found leakage in PHE drainage pipes, they could provide the relevant information and photos to the HD for immediate follow-up and maintenance.

15. The DFWC agreed to follow up on the agenda item at the next meeting.

Agenda 5. Concern about Ageing Water Mains and Enhancement of Water Supply Arrangement during Emergency Water Suspension in Braemar Hill Area

(DFWC Paper No. 21/2024)

16. A Member briefed the DFWC on Paper No. 21/2024.

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

- (a) Members enquired whether the water mains leakages were caused by road maintenance works. They would also like the Highways Department (HyD) to step up communication with the Water Supplies Department (WSD) when carrying out road maintenance works.
- (b) Members enquired of the WSD about the possibility of carrying out water mains improvement works during school holidays when there would be less vehicular traffic.

18. The representative of the WSD noted Members' views and suggestions, and responded to their views and enquiries as follows:

- (a) There was no evidence that the water mains leakage was caused by road maintenance works, and the WSD would enhance the communication mechanism with the HyD.
- (b) The WSD planned to carry out water mains improvement works as scheduled during school holidays when there would be less vehicular traffic. The WSD would continue to communicate with the Hong Kong Police Force on the situation.

19. The DFWC agreed to follow up on the agenda item upon further progress.

Agenda 6. Progress Report of Matters Arising from Previous DFWC Meetings under Eastern District Council (DFWC Paper No. 22/2024)

- (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
Progress on Retrofitting Additional Noise Barriers on Road in Eastern District
Request for Retrofitting of Noise Barriers on Chai Wan Road from Road

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Section of Neptune Terrace Proposal for Retrofitting Noise Barriers on Existing Roads in the Eastern District

Environmental
Protection
Department/HyD

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

(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”***

Planning
Department
(PlanD)

21. 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”***

Drainage Services
Department
(DSD)/WSD

22. 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,***

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Quarry Bay”

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| Development
Bureau
(DEVB)/District
Lands Office,
Hong Kong East/
PlanD/Buildings
Department/
Transport
Department (TD) | 23. The agenda items would continue to be followed up on upon further progress. |
| | <p>(v) <i>“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”</i></p> |
| TD/HyD | 24. The agenda items would continue to be followed up on upon further progress. |
| | <p>(vi) <i>“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”</i></p> |
| DEVB/ Civil
Engineering and
Development
Department
(CEDD)/DSD/EDO | 25. The agenda items would continue to be followed up on upon further progress. |
| | <p>(vii) <i>“Scope of Development for the Proposed Works of the Sports Centre and Open Space at Aldrich Bay”</i></p> |
| LCSD/TD/PlanD | 26. The agenda item would continue to be followed up on upon further progress. |

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

LCSD 27. The agenda item had been combined for discussion with Agenda 2 and 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”

28. The DFWC agreed to cease following up on the agenda item.

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

29. The representative of the EDO reported the latest works progress.

30. Members enquired about the works feasibility.

31. The representative of the EDO responded that according to the information received about underground drainage pipes of the public utilities, the EDO was cautiously optimistic about the technical feasibility of the works, and would make confirmation according to the actual findings of trial trenches.

EDO 32. The agenda item would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

(xi) “Suggestion for Providing Bottle Filling Dispensers and Water Dispensers at Landings of Hillside Escalators Connecting San Ha Street and Cape Collinson Road”

33. The DFWC agreed to cease following up on the agenda item.

(xii) “Suggestion for Provision of Escalator beside the Staircases from Bus Stop at Yiu Wah House on Yiu Hing Road to Sai Wan Ho Street”

TD 34. The agenda item would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

(xiii) “Suggesting the Leisure and Cultural Services Department to Expand the Pet Sharing Area in Quarry Bay Park and Convert Sai Wan Ho Harbour

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Park and Aldrich Bay Promenade into ‘Inclusive Parks for Pets’”

- LCSD 35. The agenda item would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

Agenda 7. Any Other Business

(i) The Effectiveness of the Eastern District’s Mechanism to Cope with Adverse Weather in Response to Typhoon Yagi

36. The representative of the EDO reported the effectiveness of the Eastern District’s mechanism to cope with adverse weather in response to Typhoon Yagi.

37. Members thanked the EDO and other departments for their work during the typhoon. They said that they had reported to the EDO that there were no special circumstances in their sub-districts since they could only rely on their inspection results during the typhoon and no notification had been received from the public. They would not like the EDO to interpret their reports as the actual situation for the entire sub-district.

38. The representative of the EDO noted Members’ views, and responded that the reporting mechanism was intended for Members to report to the EDO when they learnt of special situations in the sub-district through community networks. The EDO would also learn about the conditions of the sub-districts from other local networks, and reports from Members and local networks could facilitate the EDO in understanding the latest situation of the sub-districts.

(ii) Suggestion for Sticker Design for Bridge Piers Supporting the Boardwalk underneath Island Eastern Corridor

39. The representative of the EDO briefed Members on, and asked Members to note the suggestion for the sticker design for bridge piers supporting the Boardwalk underneath Island Eastern Corridor.

40. Members would like the CEDD to accept the design suggestion by the EDO.

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Agenda 8. Date of Next Meeting

41. The sixth DFWC meeting would be held at 2:30 pm on 12 November 2024 (Tuesday).

42. The meeting ended at 3:40 pm.

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