

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

Date: 12 November 2024 (Tuesday)

Time: 2:30 pm

Venue: Eastern District Council Conference Room

Present

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

Absent with Apologies

Mr LU Xiaofeng, Anthony (absent with 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
Mr CHENG Chi-shing, Charles	Senior Liaison Officer (3) (Ag.), 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 LAM Wing-cheung, David	Building Services Engineer/ Hong Kong East, 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
Mr LAU Wing-hon	Building Surveyor/A5-3, 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 LAU Sai-chung	Engineer/Hong Kong and Islands Region (Distribution 3), Water Supplies Department
Mr CHOI Kai-bong, Martin	District Engineer/North Point, Highways Department

In Attendance by Invitation (Government Representatives)

Mr WONG Fuk-ling	Senior Engineer/Transport Services D, Electrical & Mechanical Services Department
Miss LAU Hoi-shuk, Virginia	Engineer/Transport Services D/2, Electrical & Mechanical Services 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.

Handling Applications for Absence

2. Mr Anthony LU submitted notification of absence from meeting before the meeting. The District Facilities and Works Committee (DFWC) decided to give consent to Mr Anthony LU on the ground that he had to attend an important event arranged by Mainland authorities at various levels.

Agenda Item 1. Confirmation of the Draft Minutes of the 5th Meeting of District Facilities and Works Committee

3. The above draft minutes were confirmed without amendment.

Agenda Item 2. Opening Up of the Arena of Quarry Bay Sports Centre under Leisure and Cultural Services Department for Booking by Individuals for the New Sports Activities
(DFWC Paper No. 23/2024)

4. The representative of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) briefed Members on Paper No. 23/2024.

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

- (a) Members supported the opening up of the arena of Quarry Bay Sports Centre for booking by individuals for new sports activities, as well as the extension of the booking arrangements to cover peak hours. However, given that there was already a high demand for LCSD venues for traditional sports activities at present, the implementation of the scheme might aggravate the shortage of sports facilities.
- (b) Members enquired about the reason for opening up the arena of Quarry Bay Sports Centre for booking by individuals for new sports activities.
- (c) Members suggested opening up more LCSD venues in the Eastern

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District for new sports activities.

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

- (a) The LCSD launched the trial scheme in 2019 to open up the arenas of its six sports centres to the public for new sports activities. The trial scheme was satisfactory and well received by the public with little impact on venue users of traditional sports. To further promote the trial scheme, the LCSD would open up more suitable arenas of sports centres to the public for new sports activities.
- (b) Members of the public could contact the non-designated venues under the LCSD individually for new sports activities, or book the designated venues, including the arena of Quarry Bay Sports Centre, through the SmartPLAY system in personal capacity on a first-come-first-served basis.
- (c) Under the extended trial scheme, there would be 12 designated arenas of sports centres available territory-wide for new sports activities. The LCSD would keep in view the usage of the arenas and review the effectiveness of the extended scheme in due course.

Agenda Item 3. Overview of the Projects under the District Minor Works Programme of the Eastern District Office **(DFWC Paper No. 24/2024)**

7. The representative of the Eastern District Office (EDO) briefed Members on Paper No. 24/2024.

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

- (a) Members would like the department to enhance the rain shelter design to facilitate the public to take shelter during windy and rainy days. It was also hoped that special design features would be incorporated to beautify the rain shelters.

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- (b) Members suggested extending the cover of the rain shelter next to Metropole Building in North Point and providing seats for the elderly to rest.
- (c) Members enquired about the difference between the routine work and general maintenance work in the Annex.
- (d) Members would like the department to handle the withered plants in SOHO East at Lei King Wan as soon as possible.

9. The representatives of the EDO and LCSD noted Members' views and suggestions, and responded to their views and enquiries as follows:

EDO

- (a) Subject to resources availability, the EDO would consider incorporating more special design features in rain shelter renovation/construction projects and enhancing the sheltering function during severe weather.
- (b) The EDO planned to conduct enhancement works for the rain shelter next to Metropole Building in North Point to extend its coverage. However, due to the presence of a large storm water drain underneath the road surface of the rain shelter, the rain shelter was now fixed on the ground by the weight of the concrete structure at the bottom. To avoid affecting the stability of the rain shelter, the EDO could not alter the size of the concrete structure arbitrarily to make room for additional seats.
- (c) Routine work included general facility maintenance and other horticultural maintenance work.

LCSD

- (d) The LCSD would check on the withered plants in SOHO East and follow up on it after the meeting.

Agenda Item 4. Suggestion for Enhancement to Tourism Resources of Shau Kei Wan Main Street East to Develop a Quality and Highly Visited Tourist Attraction in Eastern District
(EDC Paper No. 34/2024)

10. The Chairman briefed Members on Paper No. 34/2024.
11. The views of Members about the agenda item were summarised as follows:
 - (a) As the road surface of Main Street East was already damaged, Members considered it too late to commence the road resurfacing works in the third quarter, and hoped that the department would carry out the works ahead of schedule.
 - (b) It was hoped that the department would incorporate characteristic cultural elements of the Eastern District, such as fisherman and temple culture, in the designs of the pavement bricks, railings and road directions, and submit the preliminary designs to the DFWC for information.
12. The representative of the Highways Department (HyD) noted Members' views and suggestions, and responded to their views as follows:
 - (a) As Main Street East was a one-way road, the HyD had to communicate with different departments and shop owners before commencing the improvement works in order to work out a traffic arrangement agreed by all parties. Therefore, the works could only commence in the third quarter of 2025 at the earliest.
 - (b) The HyD would work with the Transport Department (TD) to follow up on the suggestions such as the installation of attractive railings and road directions.
13. The DFWC agreed to follow up on the agenda item upon further progress.

Agenda Item 5. Suggesting Eastern District Office to Coordinate the Use of Government Premises For Hire By Owners' Corporations in Eastern District for General Meetings

(DFWC Paper No. 25/2024)

14. A Member briefed the meeting on Paper No. 25/2024.
15. The views and enquiries of Members about the agenda item were summarised as follows:
 - (a) Members suggested the EDO coordinate and compile a comprehensive information sheet, including the booking methods and capacity of the premises, for the reference of owners' corporations (OCs) of buildings.
 - (b) Members would like the EDO to liaise with the Education Bureau (EDB) to open up school facilities for OCs of buildings to hold meetings.
 - (c) Given that it was difficult for the OCs of buildings to confirm the date of a meeting and book the EDO premises three months in advance, Members suggested that the EDO should reserve some timeslots of the premises for the OCs to hold meetings, so as to facilitate the smooth operation of the OCs.
 - (d) Members enquired about the numbers of seats and capacities of the activity rooms under the LCSD.
16. The representatives of the EDO and LCSD noted Members' views and suggestions, and responded to their views and enquiries as follows:

EDO

- (a) The EDO's Guidelines on Hiring a Community Hall/Community Centres and its Facilities in the Eastern District stipulated a mechanism which accorded priority to OCs/owners' committees to hire its facilities once each year for holding a general meeting. The OCs/owners' committees should submit applications about three to four months in advance. Generally, the OCs/owners' committees should convene an

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annual general meeting every 12 to 15 months. Therefore, they should be able to anticipate the date of venue hiring and hire the facilities through the said priority mechanism. Moreover, the OCs/owners' committees could also make a booking for the facilities in advance through the same priority mechanism during the tendering period if any major repairs order was received. According to the records of 2023 and 2024, there were 18 and 19 OCs/owners' committees succeeded in hiring facilities through the said priority mechanism respectively. The EDO hoped that the said priority mechanism could alleviate the demand for meeting venues from the OCs/owners' committees in the Eastern District.

LCSD

- (b) The area of a multi-purpose squash court and activity room ranged from about 60 to 200 square metres. It was anticipated that the space and seating provided could accommodate small to medium-sized OCs for holding a general meeting.

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

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat wrote to the EDB on 15 November 2024.)

Agenda Item 6. Suggestion for Installation of Light Sensors in Public Housing Estates in Eastern District to Activate Public Lightings **(DFWC Paper No. 26/2024)**

18. A Member briefed the meeting on Paper No. 26/2024.

19. The views of Members about the agenda item were summarised as follows:

- (a) Members suggested the department install light sensors by phases to enhance illumination for the safety of residents.
- (b) If the department considered that the installation of light sensors would involve more significant alteration, it was suggested that the department should install lighting enhancement buttons at public locations where

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necessary. The light would go off automatically a few minutes after switching on and residents could switch it on when necessary, which would also be energy saving at the same time.

- (c) Members suggested the department consider the installation of solar sensor lights.

20. The representative of the Housing Department (HD) noted Members' views and suggestions and responded to their views that under extreme weather conditions, the staff of public housing estates could use the manual by-pass switch to turn on the lights in public areas for immediate illumination enhancement. The estate offices would also adjust the time setting subject to the actual circumstances in the housing estates to activate the illumination systems timely. As the illumination systems of some public housing estates were installed with light wiring and ducts laid many years ago, the installation of light sensors would depend on the actual situation. However, the HD would continue to study the feasibility of installing light sensors in the interest of the residents.

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

Agenda Item 7. Concern about Frequent Failures of Escalator Connecting King's Road and Fortress Metro Tower **(DFWC Paper No. 27/2024)**

22. A Member briefed the meeting on Paper No. 27/2024.

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

- (a) Members enquired whether the department had taken any improvement measures to prevent the escalator from stopping operation due to rainwater and inadvertent pressing of the emergency button by pedestrians.
- (b) Members enquired whether the escalator had any aged parts and maintenance problems.

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- (c) Members enquired whether the escalator was installed with CCTVs and about the ways to educate users on the proper use of the emergency stop button.

24. The representative of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) noted Members' views and suggestions, and responded to their views and enquiries as follows:

- (a) There had been only one incident of escalator failure due to soaked parts, which was not a frequent occurrence. Nevertheless, the EMSD would remind the contractor to be more vigilant.
- (b) The EMSD would arrange regular replacement of the escalator parts and remind the contractor to conduct preventive replacement of the parts to maintain smooth operation of the escalator.
- (c) There was no CCTV installed near the escalator to monitor the usage of the emergency stop button. Besides, there had been 15 incidents of escalator stoppage caused by pressing of the emergency stop button over the past year. While the emergency stop button was designed to prevent inadvertent pressing, as it was a protection device, it should not be installed in an unobtrusive manner so that it can be accessed by escalator users when necessary. The EMSD would discuss with the contractor the possibility of identifying a better design for the emergency stop button in compliance with statutory requirements. The EMSD would also remind the contractor to arrive at the scene to resume escalator operation as soon as possible in case of escalator failure. The EMSD had posted a notice near the emergency stop button to remind users not to abuse the button.

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

Agenda Item 8. Progress Report of Matters Arising from Previous DFWC Meetings under Eastern District Council

(DFWC Paper No. 28/2024)

- (i) *“Request to Follow Up the Matters Concerning the Noise Barriers for*

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

Environmental
Protection
Department/
HyD

26. The agenda items would 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
Requesting a Change in Use of Shau Kei Wan Market”***

Planning
Department
(PlanD)

27. The agenda items would 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)/
Water Supplies
Department
(WSD)

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

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- (iv) ***“Concern over the Development Plan for the Site Next to Quarry Bay Promenade at Hoi Yu Street
Following 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”***

Development
Bureau (DEVB)/
District Lands
Office, Hong Kong
East/PlanD/
Buildings
Department/TD

29. The agenda items would be followed up on upon further progress.

- (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”***

TD/HyD

30. The agenda items would be followed up on upon further progress.

- (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”***

DEVB/Civil
Engineering and
Development
Department/DSD/
EDO

31. The agenda items would 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”***

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LCSD/TD/
PlanD

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

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

LCSD

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

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

EDO

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

(x) “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

35. The agenda item would be followed up on upon further progress.

(xi) “Suggesting the Leisure and Cultural Services Department to Expand the Pet Sharing Area in Quarry Bay Park and Convert Sai Wan Ho Harbour Park and Aldrich Bay Promenade into ‘Inclusive Parks for Pets’”

LCSD

36. The agenda item would be followed up on upon further progress.

(xii) “Request for Provision of Seats along Leaping Dragon Walk”

LCSD

37. The agenda item would be followed up on upon further progress.

(xiii) “Suggestion for Comprehensive Inspection of Ageing Water Pipes in Public Housing Estates in Eastern District”

38. The representative of the HD reported on the work progress.

39. The Chairman asked the department to continue the inspection of external wall pipes in public housing estates, and reminded Members to contact the HD staff directly for follow-up if they found any problems with the pipes in public housing estates.

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

(xiv) “Concern about Ageing Water Mains and Enhancement of Water Supply Arrangement during Emergency Water Suspension in Braemar Hill Area”

WSD 41. The agenda item would be followed up on upon further progress.

Agenda Item 9. Any Other Business

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

Agenda Item 10. Date of Next Meeting

43. The seventh DFWC meeting would be held at 2:30 pm on 16 January 2025 (Thursday).

44. The meeting ended at 4:40 pm.

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