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Islands District Council
Minutes of Meeting of District Facilities Management Committee

Date : 12 November 2018 (Monday)
Time : 2:00 p.m.
Venue : Islands District Council Conference Room,
14/F, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong.

Present

Mr WONG Hon-kuen, Ken (Chairman)
Mr KWONG Koon-wan (Vice-Chairman)
Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, SBS
Mr YU Hon-kwan, Randy, JP
Mr CHAN Lin-wai
Mr CHEUNG Fu
Mr FAN Chi-ping
Mr WONG Man-hon
Ms YU Lai-fan
Ms LEE Kwai-chun
Ms YUNG Wing-sheung, Amy
Mr TANG Ka-piu, Bill, JP
Mr CHOW Ho-ding, Holden
Ms TSANG Sau-ho, Josephine
Mr KWOK Ping, Eric
Ms FU Hiu-lam, Sammi

Attendance by Invitation

Mr YEUNG King-hang, Kingsley	Head, Market & Competition 2, Office of the Communications Authority
Mr WONG Ka-keung	Telecommunications Engineer (Regulatory 12) , Office of the Communications Authority
Ms NG Wing-ye, Winnie	Senior Regulatory Affairs Manager (Market & Competition 21), Office of the Communications Authority
Mr WONG Yik-kwan, John	Regulatory Affairs Manager (Market & Competition 21)1, Office of the Communications Authority
Mr YAU San-ping, Peter	Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Islands District Office
Mr LEE Lap-chi, Alfred	District Secretary, Islands District Office
Ms HUI Ka-wai, Minerva	Architect (Works)5, Home Affairs Department
Ms CHAN Suk-fan, Bianca	Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Central & Western, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr SO Kin-leung	Assistant District Leisure Manager (District Support) Central & Western, Leisure and Cultural Services Department

In Attendance

Ms YEUNG Cin-man, Winnie
Ms CHAN Ka-ying, Florence
Mr CHAU Chun-wing, Tomy

Assistant District Officer (Islands)2, Islands District Office
Executive Officer I (District Council), Islands District Office
District Leisure Manager (Islands)
Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Senior Librarian (Islands),
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Secretary

Ms TANG Yuen-shan, Serena

Executive Officer (District Council)2, Islands District Office

Absent with Apology

Mr YUNG Chi-ming, BBS
Mr LOU Cheuk-wing
Ms HO Sau-fan, Fanny

Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories West),
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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### **Welcoming Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed Members and representatives of government departments to the meeting.

2. Members noted that Mr LOU Cheuk-wing, Mr YUNG Chi-ming, and Ms HO Sau-fan, Fanny, Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories West) of Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) were unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments.

#### **I. Confirmation of minutes of the meeting held on 10.9.2018**

3. The Chairman said that the above minutes had incorporated the amendments proposed by the government departments and Members, and had been distributed to Members for perusal prior to the meeting.

4. The above minutes were confirmed unanimously without amendment.

#### **II. Review of the Number of Public Payphones (Paper DFMC 31/2018)**

5. The Chairman welcomed Mr YEUNG King-hang, Kingsley, Head, Market &

Competition 2, Mr WONG Ka-keung, Telecommunications Engineer (Regulatory 12), Ms NG Wing-yee, Winnie, Senior Regulatory Affairs Manager (Market & Competition 21) and Mr WONG Yik-kwan, John, Regulatory Affairs Manager (Market & Competition 21) of Office of the Communications Authority (OFCA) to the meeting to present the paper.

6. Mr Kingsley YEUNG presented the paper.

7. Mr Eric KWOK raised opinion as follows:

(a) Payphone kiosks were ideal locations for provision of Wi-Fi service. He was concerned that new facilities for Wi-Fi installation would be required after the removal of payphone kiosks. He asked whether OFCA would discuss the matters with PCCW-HKT Telephone Limited and Hong Kong Telecommunications Limited (hereafter collectively referred to as “HKT”).

(b) It was stated in the paper that the cost for subsidizing payphones was over HK\$20 million. He asked whether HKT would lower the service charge for telephone services taking into account the savings in universal service contribution arising from the review.

8. Ms LEE Kwai-chun said that there was still demand for kiosk payphones in some areas. She suggested OFCA to introduce new models of payphone kiosk to tie in with the current development, such as provision of battery charging service.

9. Mr Randy YU raised opinion as follows:

(a) He asked whether all kiosk payphones listed in the Annex had an average revenue of not more than HK\$1 per day.

(b) Some residents of the Lantau constituency (constituency Code: T01) reflected to him that kiosk payphones in the area were not very useful and caused obstruction. He supported retaining the kiosk payphone at “Tai O Road, Outside Tai O Bus Terminus (kiosk ID: 1415) and asked OFCA about the revenue of that kiosk payphone. He opined that if the revenue of a kiosk payphone was too low, OFCA should consider excluding it from the contribution scheme and relocating the Wi-Fi equipment there to other facilities, such as bus stops.

10. Mr Holden CHOW said that kiosk payphones served as a means for emergency contact, especially when the mobile phone ran out of battery and it might not be possible to borrow one from other people. At present, very few public payphones were left in MTR stations. Therefore, he suggested OFCA to consider retaining kiosk payphones at remote areas for emergency use.

11. Mr Kingsley YEUNG made a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) “Universal service obligation” (USO) did not include Wi-Fi service and its provision was merely a commercial decision of HKT. The aim of the current review was to identify kiosk payphones with extremely low usage rate for considering whether they should be retained. Even if OFCA decided to exclude certain kiosk payphones from the universal service contribution (USC) scheme, HKT could retain the kiosk payphones concerned and continue to provide Wi-Fi service there based on its commercial consideration. He also pointed out that apart from using payphone kiosks, Wi-Fi service could be provided at “multi-functional smart lampposts” as stated in the 2017 Policy Address. In addition, many public and private organisations had participated in the Government’s “Wi-Fi.HK” scheme to provide Wi-Fi service in different venues and facilities, and the number of Wi-Fi hotspots was increasing. If HKT decided to remove kiosk payphones installed with Wi-Fi services after they were excluded from the USO, OFCA would notify the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO) accordingly. OGCIO would review the situation and consider adding new hotspots near the removed kiosk payphones where necessary.
- (b) Regarding whether telecommunications operators would make use of the savings in USC to reduce service charge, he said that the level of service charge was influenced by various factors, including competition in the market. As USC was a cost incurred by telecommunications operators, OFCA believed that the USC saved arising from the review would provide room for service fee reduction. Telecommunications operators could adjust their service fee downward when the market competition was keen.
- (c) He reiterated that for the kiosk payphones listed in the Annex, OFCA proposed to exclude those with an average revenue of not more than HK\$1 per day from the USO. Whether or not the payphone kiosks concerned had Wi-Fi service provision was not a factor for consideration.
- (d) With regard to the addition of features to payphone kiosks, OFCA had assisted HKT on the installation of Wi-Fi equipment at payphone kiosk in 2007. Moreover, OFCA had recently assisted HKT to test the installation of small radio base stations at payphone kiosks. The test result was satisfactory. Therefore, subject to securing policy support, HKT could install small radio base stations at payphone kiosks to enhance mobile network coverage.
- (e) OFCA would relay Members’ proposals regarding addition of features to payphone kiosks (such as provision of battery charging service) to HKT

for its consideration. However, he emphasised that addition of features to payphone kiosks involved changes of land use and was subject to the conditions in the block licence granted by the Lands Department (LandsD). Therefore, approval had to be obtained from LandsD.

- (f) Regarding Members' opinion that some kiosk payphones not proposed to be excluded from the USO had caused street obstruction (such as kiosk payphone with kiosk ID 1415 in constituency T01), OFCA would consider whether they should be excluded from the USO.

12. Mr CHEUNG Fu asked OFCA about the usage rate of the kiosk payphones listed in the Annex.

13. Mr Randy YU asked OFCA about the usage rate of the kiosk payphone at "Tai O Road, Outside Tai O Bus Terminus" (kiosk ID: 1415), and clarified the reason that he proposed to exclude this kiosk payphone was not due to street obstruction, but due to some residents suggested to relocate it. He suggested OFCA to post notices to remind the public that they could contact OFCA or District Council (DC) members of the respective constituencies if they had any opinions before removing kiosk payphones. He also suggested OFCA to consider carefully the exclusion of payphone kiosks from the USO, as there were still people using them despite low usage.

14. Mr Holden CHOW asked whether OFCA had drawn reference from overseas experience when formulating policies on public payphones. He would like to know whether the removal of public payphones was a dominant trend.

15. Mr Eric KWOK proposed conducting consultations prior to removing kiosk payphones and retaining one of them at some major locations such as Mui Wo Pier. He suggested OFCA, apart from considering provision of battery charging service at payphone kiosk, to make reference to overseas that had used payphone kiosk to provide travel information to tourists. He opined that OFCA had to carefully examine policies on kiosk payphones to avoid reconstructing one after removal, which would be a waste of public funds.

16. Mr Bill TANG said that one of the reasons for the drop in usage rate of kiosk payphones was that the public seldom carried coins at present. He suggested OFCA to consider adding Octopus payment function to the kiosk payphones that were retained under the USO. He opined that retention of kiosk payphones was necessary for emergency use.

17. Mr Kingsley YEUNG made a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) In the Annex, kiosk payphones marked with "Yes" in the column "Propose to Exclude from the USC" were those with an average revenue of not more than HK\$1 per day in 2016 and 2017. On the other hand, kiosk payphones with an average revenue of more than HK\$1 per day

were left blank in respective cells. Regarding Mr Randy YU's proposal of relocating the kiosk payphone at "Tai O Road, Outside Tai O Bus Terminus" (kiosk ID: 1415), OFCA would relay it to HKT for its consideration.

- (b) Based on overseas experience, the number of kiosk payphones in Australia were reduced by about half from 32 600 in 2004 to 17 000 at the end of 2017; in Ireland, it went down about 94% from 7 800 in 2001 to 500 at the end of 2017; and in UK, it dropped around 62 % from 92 000 in 2002 to 35 000 at the end of 2017 in UK; while in Belgium, Spain, and Denmark, all kiosk payphones were removed in mid-2015, 2016 and 2017 respectively. As such, decommissioning of kiosk payphones seemed to be the dominant trend.
- (c) With regard to Mr Bill TANG's opinion that the public going cashless was the reason for the low usage rate of kiosk payphones and his proposal of providing Octopus payment function, OFCA would relay them to HKT for consideration. However, he emphasised that switching to Octopus payment involved a large-scale alteration on components and replacement of the whole kiosk payphone might be necessary.
- (d) Regarding Mr Eric KWOK's proposal of enhancing the payphone kiosk at Mui Wo Pier to an information kiosk, he reiterated that payphone kiosk were subject to regulation of the block licence issued by the LandsD. Approval from the LandsD must be obtained for converting payphones into information kiosks and providing battery charging facilities there. OFCA had received similar opinions when consulting other DCs on the current review, and had relayed them to HKT for consideration.

18. Mr Randy YU clarified that Mr Eric KWOK proposed retaining a kiosk payphone at locations with high pedestrian flow as well as passenger pick-up points instead of only at Mui Wo Pier. He suggested OFCA to consider setting up information kiosks at the focal points of each district when studying whether battery charging facilities could be provided at payphone kiosk.

19. Mr CHEUNG Fu opined that removal of all kiosk payphones were infeasible. He proposed retaining the kiosk payphone at "Chi Ma Wan Road, Near Bui O Public School / Pui O Bus Stop" (kiosk ID: 1275) as there were usually a number of campers in the vicinity and the payphone could be used for emergency.

20. Mr Holden CHOW reminded OFCA that although other countries had been reducing the number of kiosk payphones, the special circumstances of Islands District should be considered, such as the emergency needs of remote areas. It would be undesirable to scrap all kiosk payphones in one go.

21. Ms LEE Kwai-chun said there were a large number of tourists visiting Islands District and removal of all payphones would cause inconvenience to them.

22. Mr WONG Man-hon said that foreign tourists might not be able to use the local mobile phone services. OFCA should not only draw reference from foreign experience. It should also take into account the actual situation of Hong Kong to bring convenience to the public.

23. Mr Randy YU asked whether OFCA would post notices reminding the public that the kiosk payphones would be removed in due course so that users could express their opinions. He also asked whether OFCA would allow DC members to post notices by themselves to remind residents that their requests could be relayed through DC Members if necessary. He agreed with Mr CHEUNG Fu's proposal of retaining the kiosk payphone at "Chi Ma Wan Road, Near Bui O Public School / Pui O Bus Stop" (kiosk ID: 1275).

24. The Chairman said that among the 3 100 public payphones across the territory, only 22 kiosk payphones were located in Islands District, which accounted for a low ratio. The geographical location of Islands District was special and some places still had no or unstable mobile network coverage. He worried that it was hasty to reduce the number of kiosk payphones from 22 to 3, and suggested OFCA to do so in phases. Further actions should only be taken after observing the outcome.

25. Ms LEE Kwai-chun suggested OFCA to conduct local consultation in advance.

26. Mr Kingsley YEUNG made a consolidated response as follow:

- (a) OFCA would actively consider Members' opinions about the necessity to retain more kiosk payphones for emergency use as there were limited number of kiosk payphones available in Islands District.
- (b) In respect of adding features to payphone kiosks, the payphone kiosks across the territory would be considered as a whole instead of individually or on a district basis.
- (c) With regard to Members' opinion about consulting residents on the proposed exclusion of kiosk payphones, OFCA would consider collecting the opinions or posting notices through Members in order to remind residents to reflect their opinions to OFCA or DC members in time.

27. Ms YU Lai-fan suggested OFCA to provide reasons for excluding the payphones in detail and the relevant data for comprehensive review.

28. Mr CHEUNG Fu asked OFCA about the actual turnover of the kiosk payphone at “Chi Ma Wan Road, Near Bui O Public School / Pui O Bus Stop” (kiosk ID: 1275). To his understanding, many visitors borrowed phones from residents and they might not know there was kiosk payphone available for use in the vicinity. He suggested OFCA to provide directional signs around there.

29. Mr Kingsley YEUNG said that the kiosk payphone at “Chi Ma Wan Road, Near Bui O Public School / Pui O Bus Stop” (kiosk ID: 1275) did not generate any revenue from 2016 to 2017, meaning that it was not used. He said that OFCA would consider providing directional signs to the payphone kiosk.

30. The Chairman said that the kiosk payphones proposed to be excluded in Islands District were located in various villages and suggested OFCA to discuss with the residents in detail.

31. Mr CHEUNG Fu suspected that some payphones did not have any revenue because they were broken down and thus could not be used. He suggested OFCA to step up inspection of the payphone equipment.

32. The Chairman suggested OFCA to follow up issues regarding public payphones with the South Lantau Rural Committee after the meeting.

(Ms LEE Kwai-chun, Mr Bill TANG and Mr Holden CHOW joined the meeting at around 2:10 p.m.)

### III. Question on floor cleaning in Discovery Bay Community Hall (Paper DFMC 32/2018)

33. The Chairman welcomed Mr YAU San-ping, Peter, Senior Executive Officer (District Management) and Mr LEE Lap-chi, Alfred, District Secretary of Islands District Office (IsDO) to the meeting to respond to the question.

34. Ms Amy YUNG presented the question.

35. Mr Peter YAU said that a cleaning staff of the contractor was responsible for providing daily cleaning service at Discovery Bay Community Hall (DBCH) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. from Monday to Saturday. On Sundays and public holidays, IsDO would arrange provision of extra cleaning services by the contractor based on the actual situation. As there was no gap between booked sessions of the community hall, extra cleaning services would not be arranged in between booked sessions, and sports centres under LCSD had the same arrangement. The community hall opened at 10 a.m. and the cleaning staff of the contractor started cleaning the community hall from 9 a.m. In other words, cleaning work, including floor cleansing, would be conducted before the community hall opened every day, and the cleaning staff would ensure that the floor was completely air dried before the opening. As users might easily slip if the



floor was wet, mopping the floor with water during the community hall's opening hours was not preferred. To his understanding, LCSD would not mop badminton courts being used as well except under special circumstances. In addition, IsDO suggested users to wear appropriate sports shoes when using facilities in the community hall. It would continue to closely monitor the issues on venue hygiene and review the facilities in due course.

36. Ms Amy YUNG said that IsDO mentioned that daily cleaning service was provided by the outsourced cleaning staff from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. However, she opined that dust would accumulate after the cleaning work at 2 p.m., and it would pose a safety risk to badminton court users at night. She suggested IsDO arrange one more cleaning session in the afternoon.

37. Mr Peter YAU said that the current contract would expire on 30 September 2019, and it would be difficult for IsDO to change or extend the service hours within the contract period. He also emphasised that the number of service sessions could only be increased if additional allocation was provided. IsDO had to discuss with the contractor and ensure that additional resources were available first.

38. Ms Amy YUNG said that she had seen someone slip on the floor when playing badminton which resulted in leg injury. There were relatively more people playing badminton at night and as accidents had happened before, she urged IsDO to consider requesting additional cleaning services in the contract. Otherwise, the Government might face more problems in future if users lodged a claim after suffering serious injuries due to a slip.

39. The Chairman asked whether IsDO could follow up on the matter with the contractor and report to the Committee in due course.

40. Mr Peter YAU agreed with the proposal of the Chairman. He emphasised that IsDO had conducted site visits and found the cleaning staff cleansing the floor every day. He did not agree that people slipped due to accumulation of dust.

41. Ms Amy YUNG said that she learnt that some users of the badminton courts mopped the floor before using and suggested IsDO conduct a site visit to the community hall again.

(Post-meeting note: Mr Peter YAU conducted a site visit with Ms Amy YUNG on 13 November 2018 at 6 p.m. and asked the users about the hygiene condition of the community hall in the evening session, with which Ms Amy YUNG was generally satisfied during the visit. To further enhance the service, IsDO had instructed the contractor to step up cleaning between 2 booked sessions if possible without affecting the users. It was also studying extension of the daily cleaning routine to the afternoon or evening session in the new contract, and would report the result to the Committee in due

course.)

IV. Construction of temporary recreational facilities in On Tung Street, Tung Chung  
(Paper DFMC 36/2018)

42. The Chairman welcomed Ms YEUNG Cin-man, Winnie, Assistant District Officer (Islands)<sup>2</sup> and Mr LI Ming-yau, Senior Inspector of Works of IsDO to the meeting to present the paper.

43. Ms Winnie YEUNG presented the paper.

44. Mr Holden CHOW said that as the site had to be returned to North Lantau Hospital in the future, he, Mr Eric KWOK, Mr Bill TANG and Ms Sammi FU unanimously agreed that the works should commence expeditiously and alterations should be kept to a minimum in the previous District Facilities Management Committee (DFMC) meeting, so as to open the site as temporary open space for public use as soon as possible. He asked whether IsDO would conduct grass cutting there and consider providing tables and chairs for recreational use.

45. Mr Eric KWOK was pleased to note that IsDO was pro-actively following up on the works. Since there was only an entrance as shown in the figure, he suggested IsDO to add another near the hospital and put up notice boards indicating the opening period of the open space to avoid public misunderstanding, or else resumption of the site might be difficult in the future.

46. Mr Bill TANG asked IsDO whether the semi-circular marking “500 HIGH APPROVED PLASTIC FENCE” in the figure represented the perimeter fences of the open space. He also asked about the area of that encircled space.

47. Mr Li Ming-yau made a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) IsDO would conduct grass cutting before opening the site as appropriate and would level the ground surface with soil if it was uneven. It did not have plans to provide tables and chairs as there were 3 arbours with seats on On Tung Street as shown in the figure.
- (b) The entrance would be on a different level of the footpath if added there. In addition, it might not be feasible as there was a staircase in the suggested location. IsDO would study and follow up on the proposal of putting up notice boards.
- (c) The semi-circular plastic fences around the lawn were 1.5 feet tall and were used to prevent users from trespassing the encircled space. Data on the area was not available at present and supplementary information would be provided after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: The total area of the site was around 3 700m<sup>2</sup> and

the lawn took up around 3 230 m<sup>2</sup>.)

48. Ms Winnie YEUNG supplemented that the dots in the figure represented trees, and the fences erected were to prevent users from courting danger by moving towards locations with many trees. IsDO was discussing with various departments the ways to manage the site, over which some departments expressed concerns after the site was open. IsDO would continue to discuss with relevant departments the arrangements and hoped that the proposal could be finalised at the next DFMC meeting. The project could then be officially initiated and a discussion on allocation issues could follow.

49. Mr Eric KWOK asked whether IsDO would raise a proposal at the next DFMC meeting for the Committee's consideration.

50. Ms Winnie YEUNG said that it depended on the actual situation. If IsDO resolved the management issues before the next DFMC meeting, it would provide a paper at the meeting and implement the works using the allocation under the District Minor Works Programme (DMWP). IsDO would continue to closely liaise and follow up with Members on the design and management mode of the site.

51. Mr Eric KWOK reminded IsDO that the proposal of the works should be finalised soon given the tight timeframe.

52. Ms Winnie YEUNG said that the next DFMC meeting would be held in January 2019. If the advance work was well conducted and discussion with relevant departments on the management issues was smooth, the allocation could be endorsed at the next meeting and the works could commence as scheduled.

53. The Chairman said that the management mode of On Tung Street Soccer for the site concerned could be considered, and asked if Members agree with such practice.

54. The Committee agreed to adopt the management mode of On Tung Street Soccer Pitch for the site concerned.

55. Ms Winnie YEUNG noted Members' opinions and said that she would follow up on the matter after the meeting.

(Mr Bill TANG left the meeting at around 3 p.m.)

V. Post-typhoon Mangkhut facilities restoration works  
(Paper DFMC 37/2018)

56. The Chairman welcomed Ms YEUNG Cin-man, Winnie, Assistant District Officer (Islands)<sup>2</sup> and Mr LI Ming-yau, Senior Inspector of Works of IsDO to the meeting to present the paper.

57. Ms Winnie YEUNG presented the paper.

58. Mr WONG Man-hon was dissatisfied that the facilities restoration projects only covered Peng Chau and Lamma Island. He had already mentioned the road damage at Man Kok Tsui at the last DFMC meeting but the collapsed trees were still not yet removed. The footpath was damaged and obstruction was caused at present. He urged IsDO to implement the restoration works at Man Kok Tsui as soon as possible.

(Post-meeting note: IsDO had to wait for LandsD's removal of the main trunk hanging in midair before removing the remaining part which blocked the ramp and implementing railings and road repair works. Otherwise, the main trunk might fall and crash the residential buildings in the vicinity when the work was in progress. With regard to the coastal footpath with private lots involved, IsDO had written to Land Registry to enquire about the registrants. It could only commence the tendering procedure with the allocation under the Rural Public Works Programme (RPWP) after written consent of all owners was obtained.)

59. Mr KWONG Koon-wan said that apart from the restoration projects set out in the paper, there were large-scale road damages on Tung Wan Road, Hak Pai Road, Don Bosco Road and Fa Peng Road in Cheung Chau. He asked IsDO about the progress of the repair works at the said road sections and the departments in charge.

60. Mr LI Ming-yau made a consolidated response as follow:

- (a) IsDO would conduct restoration works at Man Kok Tsui with the allocation under RPWP and remove the collapsed rain shelter. He would follow up on the locations of collapsed trees with Mr WONG Man-hon after the meeting.
- (b) Highways Department (HyD) was responsible for the repair works in the vicinity of Hak Pai Road and Tung Wan Road. IsDO was arranging the repair works of Don Bosco Road and Fa Peng Road, which would be funded by the recurrent allocation under RPWP and was expected to be conducted in late December.
- (c) Mr WONG Man-hon was dissatisfied with the response of IsDO. He said that the number of projects to be conducted on Lamma Island was increased from 2 as mentioned at the last meeting to 6. However, no project in Mui Wo was put forward. He urged IsDO to implement the restoration works at Man Kok Tsui as soon as possible.

- (d) Ms Winnie YEUNG clarified that IsDO did not avoid handling the problems in other areas. Restoration projects were funded under different programmes and the allocation under RPWP would cover the restoration works in Mui Wo. IsDO noted that there were collapsed trees at Man Kok Tsui and would follow up on the location concerned with Mr WONG Man-hon after the meeting.

61. Mr LI Ming-yau supplemented that the restoration works of the sitting-out area at Ling Tsui Tau, Mui Wo would be implemented under RPWP, with the post-typhoon cleanup and works on the collapsed rain shelter at Man Kok Tsui included.

62. Mr Holden CHOW raised opinion as follows:

- (a) IsDO consolidated arrangements for restoration works on Lamma Island and Peng Chau at the current meeting, with other works to be conducted under RPWP or DMWP. He requested IsDO to make a complete list of works to enable Members to understand IsDO's follow-up actions and work progress to avoid misunderstanding.

(Post-meeting note: To tie in with the date of meeting, the paper concerned was presented to Members at the meeting of Tourism, Agriculture, Fisheries and Environmental Hygiene Committee (TAFEHC) on 26 November.)

- (b) The approximate commencement date of work was around April, June and July 2019 which he found too late. The damage of the super typhoon Mangkhut was extensive and restoration works could brook no delay.

63. Mr Eric KWOK was concerned that the roads constructed and restored with the allocation of DMWP might not be able to withstand typhoons. He suggested IsDO and the works division study road design, such as taking mechanics into account, to strengthen the resisting capacity of the facilities.

64. Ms LEE Kwai-chun said that to her understanding, the road along the seawall had a very thin surface. She asked IsDO whether the roads paved in the restoration works would have a very thin surface as well.

65. Mr Randy YU said that the post-typhoon Mangkhut restoration works were followed up by various departments. For example, HyD was responsible for repairing the road seriously caved in outside Silvermine Beach Resort in Mui Wo; Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) was responsible for tackling problems regarding loss of marine sand and water flow; Drainage Services Department was responsible for the drainage works in Tai O. CEDD was also conducting flood protection works. Having understood that IsDO co-ordinated the said works and

conducted site visits for them, he suggested it formulate a list of the post-Mangkhut restoration works implemented by different departments, which enabled Members to be clear about the progress of each works.

66. The Chairman suggested IsDO clearly set out in the list the works (such as Man Kok Tsui, Mui Wo) conducted under different programmes (such as RPWP) so that Members would not misunderstand that resource competition existed and could trace works progress. He noted that IsDO had completed the temporary road repair works in Nim Shue Wan and would construct a permanent road that could withstand typhoons in future.

67. Ms Josephine TSANG was dissatisfied that not all works details were clearly listed in the paper. She urged IsDO to list the allocation for each works and their works schedules in the paper for Members' easy reference.

68. Mr WONG Man-hon said that resources were needed for restoration works in all districts. He requested IsDO to present a list setting out all proposed projects at the previous DFMC meeting but the list was still unavailable at the current meeting, with which he was dissatisfied. He said that the paper contained a longer list of works to be conducted on Lamma Island than before and he found it hard to explain to the residents. He opined that all proposed works, regardless of their priority, should be listed in the paper to give a clear account of the arrangements for the restoration works.

69. The Chairman requested Mr LI Ming-yau to provide works schedules of the rural public works.

70. Mr LI Ming-yau made a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) The works at Tung Wan Tau was underway; the works at Man Kok Tsui would commence in November 2018; the works of the sitting-out area at Ling Tsui Tau would commence in December 2018; and the works of the rain shelter at Man Kok Tsui would commence in April 2019.
- (b) Some projects with temporary repair completed would be given a lower priority. IsDO would prioritise more urgent works and adjust works schedules according to its manpower arrangement.
- (c) With lessons learnt from Mangkhut, the works designs would take into account the impact of typhoons.

71. Ms Winnie YEUNG made a consolidated response as follow:

- (a) She emphasised that IsDO would implement the post-Mangkhut facilities restoration works progressively and provide a list as proposed with details of allocation and the departments in charge. As this was a meeting of DFMC, only large-scale works led by IsDO were shown in the paper.

- (b) IsDO understood that each area had its own needs, and would administer the provisions for implementation of restoration works. As the allocation for each Committee was inadequate for all post-Mangkhut restoration works, the works could only commence after an increase in the commitment ceiling was endorsed. In addition, the works would be assigned to different Committees according to their respective commitment and papers setting out the works undertaken by each Committee would be submitted at their respective meetings.
- (c) The temporary repair works of the road at Po Toi Island had been completed and obstruction no longer existed. Therefore, it would be given a lower priority for works commencement (July 2019). Other works would be gradually implemented according to their urgency. As some works would be paid by the allocation for 2019, they were indicated as works commencing in 2019 in the paper. However, she emphasised that IsDO would conduct the advance work as soon as possible in 2018.
- (d) IsDO had arranged engineers to conduct site visits and review layout plans of the works. The road design and structure would improve and it was believed that the roads could withstand powerful natural disasters. IsDO could provide supplementary data such as road width later.

72. Ms YU Lai-fan said that apart from Lamma Island, all other areas were battered by Mangkhut. She urged IsDO to inspect all locations as soon as possible and follow up on resource allocation for restoration works. As a large amount of tasks including tendering were involved, she hoped that IsDO could seek additional resources as soon as possible so as to complete the restoration works before the next typhoon season.

73. Mr CHOW Yuk-tong said that he had followed up with IsDO with regard to the discussion at the previous TAFEHC meeting. IsDO pledged that all facilities affected by Mangkhut would be dealt with but a large amount of projects were not yet set out in the list. He urged IsDO to strengthen communication with Members to avoid misunderstanding and commence restoration works as soon as possible.

74. Ms LEE Kwai-chun agreed with the provision of a list by IsDO setting out clearly the arrangements for each restoration works and their progress, so that Members could explain the latter to the residents early.

75. Mr FAN Chi-ping said that Tung Chung was also affected by Mangkhut overwhelmingly. In view of the urgency, the residents could not wait for IsDO to deal with the matter and had repaired the roads themselves. However, the works was not subsidised by IsDO, with which he was dissatisfied.

76. Mr Eric KWOK suggested the Committee endorse the paper first for early implementation of the works by IsDO as urgent road restoration works were involved. A request can be made later to IsDO for provision of a supplementary paper setting out restoration works to be conducted in each area.

77. The Chairman urged IsDO to provide a list of works promptly to keep Members informed of the works progress. He asked whether Members agreed to endorse the paper first for early commencement of the advance work, and requested IsDO to provide a supplementary paper setting out restoration works to be conducted in each area.

78. The Committee endorsed the paper and the allocation for implementation of the works concerned.

VI. Fifth Batch of District Minor Works Projects proposed by Leisure and Cultural Services Department for 2018/19  
(Paper DFMC 33/2018)

79. The Chairman welcomed Mr CHAU Chun-wing, Tomy, District Leisure Manager (Islands) of LCSD to the meeting to present the paper.

80. Mr Tomy CHAU presented the paper.

81. The Committee endorsed an allocation of \$7,866,000 for implementing the 5 projects on improving leisure venue facilities as set out in the paper.

VII. Report on the management of Leisure and Cultural Services Department's recreational and sports facilities in Islands District (August and September 2018)  
(Paper DFMC 34/2018)

82. The Chairman welcomed Mr Tomy CHAU, District Leisure Manager (Islands) of LCSD to the meeting to present the paper.

83. Mr Tomy CHAU presented the paper.

84. Mr Eric KWOK said that with regard to the greening project in item 6 of the paper, LCSD stated that around 2 300 seasonal flowers and around 4 050 shrubs were planted in August and September. He asked about the names of the flowers.

85. Mr Tomy CHAU said that he would provide the names of the flowers to Mr Eric KWOK after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: LCSD had provided information on the flowers to Mr Eric KWOK



after the meeting.)

86. Members noted the content of the paper.

VIII. Report on the Services of the Public Libraries in Islands District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department between August and September 2018  
(Paper DFMC 35/2018)

87. The Chairman welcomed Ms KWOK Lai-kuen, Elaine, Senior Librarian (Islands) of LCSD, to the meeting to present the paper.

88. Ms Elaine KWOK presented the paper.

89. Members noted the content of the paper.

IX. Utilisation and improvement works of Community Halls in Islands District

90. The Chairman welcomed Mr Peter YAU, Senior Executive Officer (District Management) and Mr Alfred LEE, District Secretary of IsDO to the meeting to present the paper.

91. Mr Peter YAU said that the average utilisation rate of Tung Chung Community Hall (TCCH) was 79%, and that of DBCH was 58% in September and October 2018. In addition, from 22 June 2018, TCCH would be open as temporary night heat shelter when the Very Hot Weather Warning was in force at night for the public in need. After implementation of the arrangement, IsDO opened TCCH as night heat shelter for the first time on 26 June. As at 22 September, TCCH had been open for such purpose 28 times and the total number of users was 31. With regard to the pilot scheme on opening of conference room of DBCH as study room in unallocated timeslots launched since 1 December 2016, the scheme had been put on trial for 23 months as at 31 October 2018 and the total number of users was 206. From February 2018, significant increase in the number of users had been recorded, and the total number of users was 166 from February to October 2018. Since the pilot scheme would end on 30 November 2018, if Members considered an extension necessary, IsDO would suggest extending the pilot scheme for another 12 months to 30 November 2019 for assessing the effectiveness, and a review would be conducted in late 2019. As for allocation arrangement, the venue and staff cost were around \$3,900 and \$11,500 per month respectively, and so the monthly expenditure was approximately \$15,400. If a 12-month extension of the pilot scheme was proposed, the estimated total expenditure would be \$184,800, of which the expenditure of \$46,200 for November 2018 to February 2019 would be paid by DC funds for 2018/19; whereas the expenditure of \$138,600 for March to November 2019 would be paid by DC funds for 2019/20. IsDO had started relevant publicity and promotional work. It placed easy-mount frames outside DBCH earlier and had uploaded information on the pilot scheme to DC website.

IsDO had also contacted Discovery Bay Services Management Limited (DBSML) and requested it to hang banners at all bus stops and appropriate footpaths outside school entrances. If the proposed extension was endorsed, IsDO would discuss further with DBSML about poster and banner update. He asked Members to consider endorsing the proposal of pilot scheme extension and allocation arrangement.

92. Mr Eric KWOK supported the programme and appreciated IsDO's performance in the publicity and other coordination work.

93. The Committee endorsed an allocation of \$184,800 for extending the pilot scheme on opening of conference room of DBCH as study room in unallocated timeslots to 30 November 2019.

X. Progress report on DC-funded District Minor Works Projects  
(Paper DFMC 38/2018)

94. The Chairman welcomed Ms HUI Ka-wai, Minerva, Architect (Works)5 of HAD; and Ms CHAN Suk-fan, Bianca, Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Central & Western and Mr SO Kin-leung, Assistant District Leisure Manager (District Support) Central & Western of LCSD to the meeting to present the paper.

95. Members discussed the following projects:

(a) Provision of a sitting-out area at Pak Wan, Peng Chau (IS-DMW-164)

96. Ms Josephine TSANG asked whether the tree in the centre of the sitting-out area would be removed.

(Post-meeting note: LCSD said that the tree in the centre of the sitting-out area at Pak Wan, Peng Chau would be retained.)

(b) Improvement and provision of cover to Chui Kwan Drive, Tung Chung (Item 1 in the Annex)

Provision of cover to walkway from Yat Tung Street outside Tak Yat House, Yat Tung Estate through Chung Yan Road and Yu Tung Road beside North Lantau Hospital to the exit of the pedestrian subway beside Tung Chung Police Station (Item 6 in the Annex)

Provision of cover to walkway on Shun Tung Road, Tung Chung (road section near Tung Chung Fire Station) (Item 7 in the Annex)

Provision of cover to walkway beside Chung Yan Road outside Yat Tung Estate Car Park No. 1 (Item 10 in the Annex)

97. Mr Eric KWOK said that the works proposals raised by him, Mr Holden CHOW and Mr Bill TANG had been consolidated into a joint works proposal. He

hoped that IsDO could combine the works proposals in the paper for the next meeting.

98. Mr Holden CHOW supplemented that to his understanding, Hospital Authority did not oppose implementing works on Chui Kwan Drive which was under its purview and Transport Department (TD) had conducted studies for a period of time. He urged IsDO to expressly report the works progress at the next meeting and expeditiously process the joint works proposal.

99. Ms Winnie YEUNG said that IsDO noted Members' request for combining the above 4 works proposals. To her understanding, TD had launched another round of study for the walkway cover works. IsDO would relay Members' opinions to TD. As the pedestrian flow of some walkways could not meet the requirement for provision of cover, TD was considering relaxing the relevant criterion. If the relaxation was agreed on eventually, the above works would be handed over to TD, or else IsDO would follow up further.

(c) Improvement of the pedestrian link at the Central Piers (IS-DMW-286)

100. Mr Randy YU asked about the details on works commencement and completion.

101. Ms Bianca CHAN said that the works was still at the planning stage so relevant departments could not provide the works commencement and completion dates at the moment. Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) was studying details of the tree preservation measure, and would notify LCSD after the works details were finalised. LCSD would then consult MTR Corporation Limited on the works again. With regard to a tree to be relocated due to the works, LCSD initially planned to relocate the tree to a flower bed by the side of Man Kwong Street, and had submitted relevant information to IsDO. IsDO would consult Central and Western District Council on the proposed works and the overall maintenance of the affected tree.

102. Ms Winnie YEUNG said that IsDO had conducted a preliminary discussion on the above matters with Central and Western District Council and Central and Western District Office, and would follow up on LCSD's study.

103. Ms Lee Kwai-chun said that the works site was a road with a narrow and uneven surface that there would be stagnant water on rainy days. She suggested putting up directional signs to divert incoming and outgoing pedestrian flow before completion of the works to avoid congestion.

104. Ms Josephine TSANG agreed that the road was narrow and uneven at which stagnant water was easily accumulated. Pedestrians had to avoid stagnant water when passing by. She urged the departments to complete the works concerned expeditiously before the rainy season.

105. The Chairman said that the site was under the purview of Central and Western District and suggested the Secretariat write to the departments concerned for follow-up.

(Post-meeting note: Islands District Council Secretariat had relayed opinions of the Committee to LCSD and ArchSD.)

(d) Maintenance/replacement of the porch of Peng Chau Ferry Pier (IS-DMW-207)

106. The Chairman asked about the progress of the works.

107. Ms Winnie YEUNG said that IsDO would follow up with the Chairman after the meeting.

(e) Improvement of the mini sports ground of the primary school at Nim Shue Wan (Item 8 in the Annex)

108. Ms Amy YUNG said that the said works was indicated as “being studied by relevant departments” in the remarks of the Annex. She asked about the progress and details of the study.

109. Ms Winnie YEUNG said that IsDO was studying the works with other departments and would follow up with Ms Amy YUNG after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: LCSD said that as District Lands Office/ Islands was processing the application by Peng Chau Rural Committee for use of the primary school concerned, whether the mini sports ground of the primary school could be used for the purpose of DMWP was still under study.)

(Mr Randy YU, Mr WONG Man-hon, Mr FAN Chi-ping and Mr CHEUNG Fu left the meeting at around 3:45 p.m.)

#### XI. Any Other Business

110. There was no other business.

#### XII. Date of Next Meeting

111. The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m. The next meeting would be held at 2:00 p.m. on 14 January 2019 (Monday).

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