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Islands District Council
Minutes of Meeting of District Facilities Management Committee

Date : 16 January 2017 (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, BBS
Mr YUNG Chi-ming, BBS
Mr CHAN Lin-wai
Mr CHEUNG Fu
Mr FAN Chi-ping
Mr LOU Cheuk-wing
Ms YU Lai-fan
Ms LEE Kwai-chun
Ms YUNG Wing-sheung, Amy
Mr CHOW Ho-ding, Holden
Ms TSANG Sau-ho, Josephine
Mr KWOK Ping, Eric
Ms FU Hiu-lam, Sammi

Attendance by Invitation

Mr YAU San-ping, Peter	Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Islands District Office
Mr LEE Lap-chi, Alfred	District Secretary, Islands District Office
Mr HAU Wing-man, Raymond	Deputy District Leisure Manager (Islands)1, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr CHU Kwok-ching, Timothy	Engineer(5), Home Affairs Department
Ms LAW Mei-sze, Michelle	Architect(Works)5, Home Affairs Department

In Attendance

Ms CHONG Yan-ye, Belinda	Assistant District Officer (Islands)1, Islands District Office
Ms CHAN Ka-ying, Florence	Executive Officer I (District Council), Islands District Office
Ms CHEUNG Yuk-king, Dilys	Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories West), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mrs NG POON Kong-ying, Brenda	District Leisure Manager (Islands), Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Mr CHAU Chun-wing, Tomy

District Leisure Manager (Islands)(Designate),
Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Senior Librarian (Islands),
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms KWOK Lai-kuen, Elaine

Secretary

Ms CHAN Nga-chi, Angie

Executive Officer (District Council)2, Islands District Office

Absent with Apology

Mr YU Hon-kwan, Randy, JP

Mr WONG Man-hon

Mr TANG Ka-piu, Bill, JP

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Welcoming remarks

The Chairman welcomed Members and the representatives of the government to the meeting, and introduced Mr Tomy CHAU, District Leisure Manager (Islands)(Designate) of Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), who would succeed Mrs Brenda NG.

2. Members noted that Mr Randy YU, Mr WONG Man-hon and Mr Bill TANG, were unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments.

I. **Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting held on 14.11.2016**

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

4. The above minutes were confirmed unanimously without amendment.

II. **Question on beautification of Silvermine Bay Beach and improving safety of swimmers (Paper DFMC 3/2017)**

5. The Chairman welcomed Mr Raymond HAU, Deputy District Leisure Manager (Islands)1 of LCSD, to the meeting. The Highways Department (HyD) was unable to arrange a representative to attend the meeting but its written reply had been distributed to Members for perusal prior to the meeting.

6. Mr KWONG Koon-wan presented the question on behalf of Mr Randy YU who was unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments.

7. Mr Raymond HAU said that LCSD had noticed the situation on the beach and had contacted Mr Randy YU. As HyD had completed the maintenance works, LCSD would carry out the re-sanding and beautification works within the week.

III. Question on utilization of football pitch in Tung Chung
(Paper DFMC 4/2017)

8. The Chairman said the written reply of LCSD had been distributed to Members for perusal prior to the meeting.

9. Ms Sammy FU presented the question.

10. Mrs Brenda NG said currently a total of 4 soccer pitches were provided in Tung Chung by LCSD, 3 of which were free-of-charge hard-surfaced soccer pitches that could be used by the public without reservation whenever not hired by schools or organisations. Therefore, LCSD did not have the usage on the venues concerned. The average utilization rate of the artificial turf soccer pitch in Man Tung Road Park was 70%. Organisations were welcome to hire the soccer pitches in Tung Chung North Park and Man Tung Road Park to conduct other sports activities besides football, such as cricket and rugby.

11. Ms Sammy FU said the LCSD website did not mention rugby was permitted at Man Tung Road Park, and asked whether the department would consider including the relevant information on its website.

12. Mrs Brenda NG said that no rugby field facilities (such as rugby goal posts) was available at the artificial turf soccer pitch in Man Tung Road Park, thus it could only be used for basic practice such as elementary contact rugby training. In order to prevent the public mistaking the relevant soccer pitch as being equipped with proper rugby facilities, the department would continue displaying the existing information on its website.

13. Mr Eric KWOK expressed the following views:

- (a) He opined that it was inappropriate for LCSD to conduct planning for Tung Chung in accordance with Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines (HKPSG). Citing the North Lantau Hospital as an example, according to the relevant standard, a population size of 200 000 was required for the construction of a hospital. However, the Government recognized Tung Chung North and Tung Chung West as areas of major development, where there would be a population influx. He considered that the relevant facilities should be provided in advance of increase in population.

- (b) He said that the Tung Chung Playground soccer pitch had previously been used by Tung Chung villagers, but it now mainly catered for the Tung Chung New Town residents. Yat Tung Estate residents could only use the 5-a-side Tung Chung Road Soccer Pitch as well as the children's playground near Ma Wan Sun Tsuen. He suggested LCSD construct another standard soccer pitch facility to respond to the needs of the public appropriately.
- (c) In addition, at the committee meeting on 14 November 2016, LCSD mentioned that it would study the re-provisioning proposal of the former On Tung Street soccer pitch. He enquired about the progress.

14. Mr KWONG Koon-wan said that there was only 1 artificial turf soccer pitch in Tung Chung (i.e. Man Tung Road Park) which was insufficient to meet the demand. Since it was quite difficult to make a reservation of the pitch, some Tung Chung youth soccer teams trained at the Tung Chung Road Soccer Pitch (a hard-surfaced pitch). However, the matches were usually played on either artificial or natural turf soccer pitches, training on hard-surfaced pitches might lead to injuries during the actual game as the players would not be used to playing at such venue. He suggested increasing the number of soccer facilities (especially artificial or natural turf soccer pitches) to help nurture local football players.

15. Mrs Brenda NG gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) LCSD currently provided 4 soccer pitches in Tung Chung, the number of which was in compliance with HKPSG. However, the department would closely monitor the population growth in the district, the views of Members, the needs of the public, the utilization rate of the venues and other conditions for review from time to time.
- (b) LCSD had continually enhanced its existing facilities to provide better service. As the Man Tung Road artificial turf soccer pitch had been in use for a long time, the department was actively looking into returfing the pitch. The project would be carried out as soon as possible once resources become available.
- (c) In relation to Mr Eric KWOK's enquiry on the re-provisioning of the former On Tung Street Soccer Pitch, LCSD had held a meeting with some Members and Islands District Office (IsDO) on this issue. Besides, the Planning Section of LCSD was also involved in discussing the proposal. The results of the deliberations would be reported to Members once they become available.

16. Ms Belinda CHONG added that at the last meeting, IsDO stated that simple maintenance works to the former On Tung Street Soccer Pitch could be funded under the District Minor Works (DMW) programme.

17. Mr KWONG Koon-wan added that if LCSD approved the venue application of the Hong Kong Football Association for the next soccer quarter, he hoped that the department would allocate the artificial turf soccer pitch in Man Tung Road Park for youth football training. Moreover, since coaches and parents had conveyed that it would be too tough for youths practicing at noon, he hoped that where possible, the department would allocate the morning hours for their soccer training.

18. Members expressed the following views:

- (a) Mr Holden CHOW said that at the previous meeting, it was discussed whether the On Tung Street Soccer Pitch, if re-provisioned, would be managed by LCSD. He enquired LCSD about any difficulties it might face (resource or management wise) and hoped to render assistance to the department.
- (b) Mr Eric KWOK remarked that the former On Tung Street Soccer Pitch was left vacant due to hospital construction. Now IsDO was ready to utilize funding under the DMW programme to refurbish the venue. Noticing that there were already 4 soccer pitches in Tung Chung managed by LCSD, he enquired if the future recurrent expenditure of the said soccer pitch could be covered by the funding earmarked for the District-led Actions Scheme (DAS) in order to make good use of land resources and meet the needs of Tung Chung residents.
- (c) Ms Amy YUNG said currently there was no public soccer pitch in Discovery Bay, and residents had to travel to soccer pitches in Tung Chung for soccer training or school competitions. As residents of Discovery Bay were also users of the soccer pitch, she held the view that the department should not only consider the current population of Tung Chung in its planning. Moreover, she hoped that LCSD would actively cater to the residents' demand for sports venues considering the rapid development in Tung Chung and Discovery Bay.
- (d) The Chairman, upon consulting IsDO, had a preliminary understanding that the reason for the delay in the implementation of the re-provisioning works of the former On Tung Street Soccer Pitch was due to the unresolved questions relating to the future management of the venue.

19. Mrs Brenda NG gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) LCSD understood that residents of Tung Chung and its surrounding areas would use the soccer pitches at Tung Chung, and it would closely monitor the views of Members and the public, as well as the utilization of its various venues.
- (b) Regarding the re-provisioning of the On Tung Street Soccer pitch and its future mode of management, the relevant departments had discussions on three proposals. The first option was to have the site

taken over by LCSD. In this case, the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) must maintain all the facilities inside the venue on behalf of LCSD. Therefore, the facilities (including fencing, goal posts, drain outlets and venue surface) of the venue must comply with the design and planning guidelines set by ArchSD, and approval and consent must be obtained from ArchSD on the works specifications before the commencement of the re-provisioning works, but such approval and planning process would take time. The second proposal made reference to the joint-management model adopted for the waterfront open spaces in Tung Chung Area 52 which would involve different departments, namely the Lands Department to be responsible for land use and planning, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) responsible for the hygiene of the venue, and LCSD overseeing the repairs and maintenance of children's facilities. Because each department would assume responsibility of different domains, it was believed that the proposal would require a shorter time to implement. The third proposal was to take forward and operate the project under the operational principles of DAS. The relevant departments would earnestly consider the above-mentioned modes of management in determining the most suitable proposal and report the outcome to Islands District Council (IDC).

20. The Chairman reckoned the management arrangements for soccer pitches as uncomplicated, and hoped that LCSD could provide soccer pitch facilities as soon as possible.

21. Ms Belinda CHONG added that if Members were of the view that there was no need for lighting facilities in the soccer pitch, IsDO could arrange to commence the works as soon as possible for the provision of basic soccer pitch facilities. As for maintenance of the soccer pitch, the undertaking of maintenance costs by IsDO should not be a problem, what remained unresolved was the responsibility of venue management. In addition, IsDO had embarked on initial discussions with various departments on the handling of the day-to-day operations of the On Tung Street Soccer Pitch through the Islands District Management Committee, with the maintenance and operating expenses to be paid using the resources under DAS. If there was no need for a lighting system, it was estimated that the cleaning cost would be the major recurrent expenditure of the venue in the future, which could be covered by DAS.

22. Mr Holden CHOW asked whether there were any successful examples of joint-management of venues by different departments for reference.

23. Mrs Brenda NG indicated that DAS was first mentioned in the Policy Address 2016, while the details on management and implementation would need to be discussed amongst various departments.

24. Mr Eric KWOK said IsDO had sought professional advice from LCSD on management of the said soccer pitch. He hoped that LCSD and other departments would discuss to resolve the issue of management responsibility.

25. Mrs Brenda NG said that LCSD was always ready to share the relevant experience and give advice on the management matters.

26. The Chairman suggested that the venue be repaired first with the issue of management responsibility addressed concurrently. He hoped that LCSD would be more facilitating in the implementation of this project.

27. Mr Holden CHOW requested LCSD to provide a timetable for ascertaining the management responsibility for the venue concerned.

28. Mrs Brenda NG acknowledged that IsDO would further discuss the management matters and details with the relevant departments. Although the hard-surfaced soccer pitches would be open to the public free of charge, and the day-to-day management seemed simple, when it came to special bookings or special-purpose applications (such as festive bazaars, etc.), it was necessary to determine which department had the authority to handle them.

29. The Chairman reiterated that IsDO had indicated that it could earmark resources to cover the costs of the works, and enquired if LCSD could confirm the management responsibility with a view to the early opening of the soccer pitch.

30. Mrs Brenda NG said that she would discuss the works with the colleagues responsible for planning, in the hope of providing further information.

31. The Chairman requested LCSD to arrange a meeting with the respective DC members, IsDO and relevant departments to discuss the matter further to find a solution so as to avoid any further delay.

32. Ms Josephine TSANG hoped that LCSD would dispatch staff for a visit to Yat Tung Estate. Due to a shortage of soccer pitch facilities, many residents and youths were playing soccer on the roadside which would easily injure passers-by. She believed that the issue of venue management responsibility would not be difficult to resolve, and hoped the departments would stop evading their responsibilities.

33. The Chairman asked the relevant departments to follow up with the Planning Section of LCSD and DC Members concerned to avoid delay of the works.

IV. Report on the management of Leisure and Cultural Services Department's recreational and sports facilities in Islands District between October and November 2016
(Paper DFMC 1/2017)

34. The Chairman welcomed Mrs Brenda NG, District Leisure Manager (Islands) of LCSD to the meeting to present the paper.

35. Mrs Brenda NG presented the paper.

36. Members noted the content of the paper.

V. Report on the services of the public libraries in Islands District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department between October and November 2016
(Paper DFMC 2/2017)

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

38. Ms Elaine KWOK presented the paper.

39. Members noted the content of the paper.

VI. Review on the demerit points system of community halls
(Paper DFMC 6/2017)

40. 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.

41. Mr Peter YAU presented the paper.

42. Members noted the content of the paper.

VII. Utilization and improvement works of Community Halls in Islands District

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

44. Mr Peter YAU reported that the average utilization rate of Tung Chung Community Hall in November and December 2016 was 74%, and that of Discovery Bay Community Hall was 55%. On the pilot scheme of using the conference room at Discovery Bay Community Hall as a study room during unallocated sessions, from 1 December, 2016 up to the January 10 of this year, other than 4 members of the public using the study room on 9 January, the study room was left unused throughout the period. IsDO would continue to monitor its usage. On improvement works, IsDO had received funding to replace the split-type air conditioner in the Discovery Bay Community Hall and arrangement had been made by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department for the replacement works. While funding was still pending for the repair of the projector in the Discovery Bay Community Hall, IsDO would continue to provide a portable projector for use by booking organisations.

45. Ms Amy YUNG said that since the above pilot scheme was implemented in December last year, at a time when there were a lot of residents travelling during the long holidays, coupled with the promotional plan needing time to see results, its

utilization rate was low. She had been promoting the pilot scheme on her personal social media platform and website. She remarked that though a notice had been posted outside the community hall, it was not prominently displayed. Thus she suggested putting up a giant poster. Previously, she had found many students doing homework at a nearby coffee shop, who were not aware of the pilot scheme. She introduced the scheme to them and indicated that the community hall was equipped with Wi-Fi, which was welcomed by the students. Therefore, she suggested putting up posters to publicize the scheme and promote the study room facilities to students.

46. Mr Eric KWOK asked if there was any promotion conducted at schools.

47. Mr Peter YAU responded that IsDO would review the notice design at the community hall to attract public attention. In addition, IsDO had sent letters to all the schools in the district to inform students of this pilot scheme.

48. Mr Eric KWOK said owing to the schools' heavy administrative workload, they might not be able to inform students immediately of the scheme. He suggested IsDO to provide posters and flyers for promotion at schools which could attract better results.

49. Mr Peter YAU said that IsDO had only put up an A3 size notice and a set of regulations for the use of study room, but not a poster. Since the provision of study room facilities was not a major scope of work of IsDO, it would only inform the public of the scheme in form of a notice, and did not embark on a large scale promotion nor design a poster for such purpose. However, a larger size of notice would be used for the convenience of the public.

50. Ms Amy YUNG said that the publicity materials that contained only text was not sufficient to attract public attention. She had designed her own posters for promotion on social media which she welcomed IsDO to print and post on its own if necessary. She could also assist in its promotion to help the public make good use of such facilities so as to avoid wasting government resources.

51. Mr Eric KWOK said that as IsDO had allocated resources in implementing the study room pilot scheme, it could provide picture illustrations on the flyers. Without even simple promotion, the students would not be aware of such scheme, which would result in a waste of the facility and resources. He urged IsDO to consider the views of Members.

52. Mr YUNG Chi-ming suggested that the respective DC member help publicise the pilot scheme.

53. Ms Amy YUNG said she had carried out a lot of publicity work via her personal social media. She pointed out the management company of Discovery Bay forbade posters posting which affected the dissemination of information while selectively allow other groups to do so. She stressed that plenty of efforts had been devoted to promotion, each time reaching more than a thousand residents. She hoped IsDO could understand the difficulties of Members in conducting publicity in

Discovery Bay. Since there was only 1 Member serving 16 000 residents in Discovery Bay, and having to promote in multiple languages, she hoped IsDO could help strengthen the publicity work there.

54. The Chairman agreed with the views of Ms Amy YUNG, and suggested that the unsatisfactory usage of the study room might be attributed to many non-local residents travelling during the Christmas holidays. He urged IsDO to consider Members' views and study how to step up the promotion.

55. Members noted the content of the report.

VIII. Progress report on DC-funded District Minor Works Projects
(Paper DFMC 5/2017)

56. The Chairman welcomed Ms Michelle LAW, Architect (Works)5 and Mr Timothy CHU, Engineer(5) of the Home Affairs Department (HAD), to the meeting to present the paper.

57. Members discussed the following projects:

- (a) Provision of a cover to the walkway of Yat Tung Street opposite of Tak Yat House, Yat Tung Estate via North Lantau Hospital to exit of pedestrian subway next to Lantau North Police Station (Item No.11 at Annex)

Mr Eric KWOK enquired about the progress of the works proposal and its feasibility.

Ms Belinda CHONG said that the Transport Department (TD) and HyD briefed the Traffic and Transport Committee (T&TC) on the Government's plan to provide a cover to the walkways in its September meeting last year and the various proposals were now being followed up. The two departments had conducted a preliminary study on the locations of adding cover to the pedestrian walkway proposed by Members, and would report the progress to TTC in due course.

- (b) Construction of shelter at the open space next to South Lantau Rural Committee Office (IS-DMW-116)

Mr CHEUNG Fu enquired about the progress of the above project.

Ms Michelle LAW said that after the meeting with the Planning Department, the design plans had been revised in accordance with its advice. HAD was studying the design with IsDO and would consult the views of Members on the design before applying for planning approval from the Town Planning Board.

Ms Belinda CHONG added that the Term Consultant had prepared a preliminary draft design that could be revised upon review by IsDO, and Members would be consulted.

Mr CHEUNG Fu would like to receive the draft design as soon as possible to offer his views.

The Chairman hoped the revision of the draft design could be completed before the next meeting.

Ms Michelle LAW said the design would be completed as soon as possible, and the department would consult the project proponent on the draft design in conjunction with IsDO.

IX. Any Other Business

58. The Chairman indicated that in relation to the proposed improvement works of the pedestrian link at the Central Piers, some Members and the relevant departments had earlier conducted a site visit and found that the pedestrian link leading from Central Pier Nos. 3 (to Discovery Bay) and 4 (to Sok Kwu Wan) to the footbridge was particularly narrow due to the presence of roadside flower beds, thus it was requested that the size of the flower beds be reduced to widen the pedestrian access. Since the project proposal was brought forward by IDC and yet the works location fell within the jurisdiction of the Central and Western District, the relevant departments were invited to explore whether the funding for the DMW programme could be used to cover the cost involved in the above proposal.

59. Ms Belinda CHONG said that IsDO had sought the preliminary views of the HAD on the cost involved in the proposed works, which she believed would be a minor issue. IsDO would need to study further with HAD on the details of the related procedures and the way forward.

60. The Chairman said that since the project was to be followed up by the lead department, whereas the flower beds near the pedestrian access was the responsibility of LCSD, he requested the LCSD representative to follow up with the Central and Western District unit of the department.

61. Ms LEE Kwai-chun enquired whether the works would include the removal of trees and landscape design, and if so, the engineering and landscape design should be conducted concurrently.

62. The Chairman said the project would only involve the removal of a portion of the flower beds and not landscape design, though the roots could be involved, hence the relevant departments would need to arrange a site visit with an arboriculture expert to assess the project's impact on the trees. After the related procedures had been finalized, the Members concerned would be invited to submit a DMW proposal.

63. Mrs Brenda NG said that earlier, a site visit had been conducted with Mr Randy YU, and representatives of IsDO, HyD, TD and the Central and Western District Leisure Services Office. She acknowledged that this project would be funded by IDC, and IsDO would follow up on the relevant work.

X. Date of Next Meeting

64. The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 pm. The next meeting would be held at 2:00 p.m. on 13 March 2017 (Monday).

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