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Minutes of Meeting of District Facilities Management Committee

Date: 16 May 2016 (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 YU Hon-kwan, Randy, JP

Mr YUNG Chi-ming, BBS

Mr CHAN Lin-wai

Mr CHEUNG Fu

Mr FAN Chi-ping

Mr LOU Cheuk-wing

Mr WONG Man-hon

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

Dr SUN Tin-fung, David

Mr KAN Yat-chung, Thomas

Mr YAU San-ping, Peter

Ms CHUNG Chun-yiu, Shina

Mr CHU Kwok-ching, Timothy

Mr Arthur CHENG

Ms Peggy SHUM

Mr Patrick LAI

Ms Finnie FUNG

Deputy Hospital Chief Executive, North Lantau Hospital

Senior Hospital Administrator, North Lantau Hospital

Senior Executive Officer (District Management),
Islands District Office

Architect(Works)6, Home Affairs Department

Engineer(5), Home Affairs Department

Senior Architect, Leigh & Orange Limited

Architect, Associated Architects Limited

Environmental Consultant, AECOM

Architectural Executive, WCWP International Limited

Ms Anna KWONG

Assistant Quantity Surveyor,
C.S. Toh & Sons & Associates Limited

In Attendance

Ms CHONG Yan-yee, 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
Ms KWOK Lai-kuen, Elaine	Senior Librarian (Islands), Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Secretary

Ms CHAN Nga-chi, Angie	Executive Officer (District Council)2, Islands District Office
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Absent with Apology

Mr TANG Ka-piu, Bill, JP

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**Welcoming remarks**

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

2. Members noted that Mr Bill TANG was unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments.

I. **Confirmation of the Minutes of Meeting held on 14 March 2016**

3. Mrs Brenda NG proposed an amendment and added a post-meeting note to paragraph 65(h) of the minutes about the Improvement Works at Silvermine Bay Beach.

4. The proposed amendment and the captioned minutes were confirmed unanimously.

II. **Question on request for re-opening a site beside Chui Kwan Drive for temporary football pitch**  
(Paper DFMC 16/2016)

5. The Chairman welcomed Dr David SUN, Deputy Hospital Chief Executive and Mr Thomas KAN, Senior Hospital Administrator of the North Lantau Hospital, to the meeting. The written replies of the Food and Health Bureau, the Hospital Authority (HA) and the Audit Commission were distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

6. Mr Eric KWOK introduced the question.

7. Dr David SUN responded as follows:

(a) In light of the expected growth in the population of North Lantau, the site adjacent to the North Lantau Hospital (including the site originally reserved for the construction of a private hospital) had been reserved by the HA for the phase two extension of the hospital. The relevant extension project was still in preliminary stage. The HA would commence its strategic planning and technical feasibility study in due course. A more specific timetable on the extension project would be formulated upon completion of the planning work.

(b) If there were proposals of other short-term use for Areas 13 and 22 adjacent to the North Lantau Hospital from other government departments, the HA would be glad to study the proposals with the relevant departments. Nevertheless, factors such as the impact on the service and operation of the hospital and whether the period of use could be accommodated with the phase two works of the hospital would be taken into consideration.

8. Mr Eric KWOK enquired if the site concerned would not be used for the construction of hospital in the next decade. If so, he would ask the relevant departments (in particular the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD)) to convert the site into a temporary football pitch in order to fully utilise land resources and provide activity space for the youth.

9. Mrs Brenda NG responded that the abovementioned proposal had been discussed several times in previous meetings. Mr Bill TANG had also proposed constructing a temporary football pitch on On Tung Street in the past. Before implementation of the proposal, the future development of the site should be ascertained and that the HA would not develop that site in the near future.

10. Dr David SUN said that the phase two project of the hospital was still under planning. As the population of North Lantau was still growing, it was difficult for the HA to provide an exact timetable for the construction works. Provided that the operation and the phase two works of the hospital would be unaffected, the HA would be glad to collaborate with other departments to explore proposals for short-term use of the site.

11. Mr Holden CHOW urged the HA to negotiate with other departments to explore the possibility of converting the vacant site to a temporary football pitch or open space for public use.

12. Mrs Brenda NG said that there were sufficient football pitches in Tung Chung and hence the department would not consider constructing a new one at present. With regard to Members' proposal of constructing a temporary football

pitch under the District Minor Works (DMW) programme, she suggested to first sort out the arrangements for the recurrent costs to be incurred by the facility in the future first.

13. Ms Josephine TSANG enquired about the number of football pitches currently available in Tung Chung.

14. Mrs Brenda NG said that there were 4 football pitches in Tung Chung at present. The football pitch near Yat Tung Estate (Tung Chung Road Soccer Pitch) had been returned to the Housing Department (HD) for construction of residential housing. The relevant football pitch would be reprovisioned at Area 39. According to Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines, a football pitch should be provided per 30 000 persons. The population of Tung Chung was around 90 000 now and there were sufficient football pitches for the district.

15. Mr Eric KWOK hoped that a working group could be established to facilitate discussion with the HA and other relevant departments on whether the site concerned could be converted to a temporary football pitch or open space.

16. The Vice-chairman KWONG Koon-wan said that the Islands District Football Team mainly practised at the Man Tung Road football pitch. However, it was an artificial turf pitch instead of an 11-a-side natural turf pitch, and this could adversely affect the team's performance in future competitions. Furthermore, the revitalisation of the site could benefit residents, especially children and football lovers.

17. The Chairman said that there was no working group under the Committee at present. He proposed the HA to ascertain the extension project timetable for North Lantau Hospital first. If the site concerned would be vacant for 5 years or more, LCSD and other relevant departments could consider converting it into a temporary football pitch or open space.

(Mr WONG Man-hon joined the meeting during discussion of this agenda item.)

### III. Question on utilization and improvement works of Community Halls in Islands District (Paper DFMC 17/2016)

18. The Chairman welcomed Mr Peter YAU, Senior Executive Officer (District Management) of the Islands District Office (IsDO), to the meeting.

19. Ms Amy YUNG introduced the question.

20. Mr Peter YAU said that IsDO would report on the usage rates and improvement work progress of community halls in Islands District at the District Facilities Management Committee (DFMC) meeting in the future. In the first quarter of 2016, the average usage rates of the community halls of Tung Chung and Discovery Bay were 72% and 73% respectively. The two community halls did not have specific maintenance plans at the moment. The maintenance works of the movable partitions of the Tung Chung Community Hall was completed in January this year and would be available for use soon.

21. Ms Amy YUNG said that the average usage rates of the two community halls were over 70% which reflected the large demand in Islands District for these facilities. She hoped the department would monitor their usage.

(Mr Peter YAU left the meeting after discussion of this agenda item.)

IV. Question on mobile library in Islands District  
(Paper DFMC 18/2016)

22. The Chairman welcomed Ms Elaine KWOK, Senior Librarian (Islands) of LCSD, to the meeting. The written reply of the LCSD had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

23. Ms Amy YUNG introduced the question.

24. Ms Elaine KWOK responded as follows:

- (a) At present, there were two district libraries (Cheung Chau Public Library and Tung Chung Public Library) and five small libraries (located at Peng Chau, North Lamma, South Lamma, Mui Wo and Tai O) in the Islands District. There was also a mobile library van which provided service on Lantau Island to enhance the library network in the district. The mobile library service stops, including Yat Tung Estate in Tung Chung, Discovery Bay, Pui O, Shui Hau and Tong Fuk, offered free library services to local residents.
- (b) LCSD provided appropriate library facilities for around 150 000 residents in the Islands District in accordance with the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines. Due to limited resources, the department had no plan to acquire additional mobile library van at present. However, the department would closely monitor the utilisation of library services in Islands District for review and adjustment.
- (c) The department would leverage on the use of new technology and information technology to actively develop the "library without walls" services to enable the public to enjoy library services anytime and anywhere, such as browsing library catalogues, reading e-books and e-resources, etc., to promote reading. Furthermore, the department upgraded the Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL) website. The public could choose mobile libraries as the pick-up location for collecting reserved materials via the on-line reservation service.
- (d) To cope with the community development and widen the service network of public library, block loan service had been provided to schools and organisations in the district. The department had also implemented the "Libraries@neighbourhood - Community Libraries Partnership Scheme" through collaboration with non-profit making organisations in Tung Chung and Discovery Bay to extend library services and bring reading culture to all sectors in the community. The department would be ready to collaborate with interested organisations in the district to offer advice on the

set up and operation of the community libraries with a view to setting up more of such libraries in the Islands District.

25. Ms Amy YUNG thanked LCSD for adopting her suggestion of allowing the public to pick up reserved materials from mobile libraries which was convenient to the elderly and physically-challenged. Besides, she opined that it was difficult to apply the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines in the Islands District. She urged the department to monitor the utilisation of the mobile library service stops and adjust its service hours appropriately.

26. Ms Elaine KWOK said that she noted Members' comments and would monitor the utilisation of the mobile libraries.

V. Question on proposed open space at Tung Chung Area 52  
(Paper DFMC 19/2016)

27. The Chairman said that LCSD could not arrange any representative to the meeting but had provided a written reply for Members' perusal.

28. Ms Sammi FU introduced the question.

29. Mrs Brenda NG said that the Planning Section of LCSD had provided a written reply. She would relay Members' views to the Planning Section for follow-up after the meeting.

VI. First Batch of District Minor Works Projects proposed by Leisure and Cultural Services Department for 2016/17  
(Paper DFMC 15/2016)

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

31. Mrs Brenda NG presented the paper.

32. The Vice-chairman KWONG Koon-wan asked if durable and anti-corrosive materials would be used for the "Repair the sculpture in Windsurfing Memorial Garden" project (Item 6c in the Annex).

33. Ms Josephine TSANG requested LCSD to discuss with Members before commencement of the "Improvement of the children's play equipment at Peng Chau Waterfront Playground" project (Item 4a in the Annex) to meet the needs of local residents.

34. Ms LEE Kwai-chun urged LCSD to expedite the facilities renovation works.

35. Mrs Brenda NG gave a consolidated response that the "Repair the sculpture in Windsurfing Memorial Garden" project mainly involved polishing of the statue instead of large-scale renovation or demolition and rebuilding. She noted Members' comments.

36. The Committee endorsed an allocation of \$3,042,000 for carrying out eight recreational facilities improvement works.

VII. Report on the management of Leisure and Cultural Services Department's recreational and sports facilities in Islands District between February and March 2016  
(Paper DFMC 14/2016)

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

38. Mrs Brenda NG presented the paper.

39. The Vice-chairman KWONG Koon-wan said that the installation of solar-powered insect traps at the Cheung Chau Sports Centre was effective and environmentally-friendly. He suggested LCSD to install such facility at other venues.

40. Ms LEE Kwai-chun suggested LCSD to plant more seasonal flowers at its venues in summer.

41. Mrs Brenda NG said that the department would study the feasibility of the suggestions subject to availability of existing resources.

42. Members noted the contents of the paper and endorsed the naming of Mui Wo River Silver Garden as mentioned in paragraph 8 of the paper.

VIII. Report on the Services of the Public Libraries in Islands District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department between February 2016 and March 2016  
(Paper DFMC 12/2016)

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

44. Ms Elaine KWOK presented the paper.

45. Members noted the contents of the paper.

IX. Progress Report on DC-funded District Minor Works Projects  
(Paper DFMC 20/2016)

46. The Chairman welcomed Ms Shina CHUNG, Architect, and Mr Timothy CHU, Engineer of the Home Affairs Department (HAD); Mr Arthur CHENG, Senior Architect of Leigh & Orange Limited; Ms Peggy SHUM, Architect of Associated Architects Limited; Mr Patrick LAI, Environmental Consultant of AECOM; Ms Finnie FUNG, Architectural Executive of WCWP International Limited and Ms Anna KWONG, Assistant Quantity Surveyor of C.S. Toh & Sons & Associates Limited, to the meeting.

47. Ms Shina CHUNG reported on the latest progress of the following projects:

- (a) Construction of Shelter at Open Space next South Lantau Rural Committee Office (IS-DMW-116)

The Term Consultant had submitted a report to the Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) in March this year. After incorporating comments from the AMO, the Term Consultant submitted the revised report in early May and was awaiting reply from AMO.

- (b) Provision of a Sitting-out Area at Pak Wan, Peng Chau (IS-DMW-164)

The Term Consultant had completed the preliminary design report for phase two of the project. The project estimate had increased by \$4 million. HAD had been negotiating with the Term Consultant on lowering the project cost.

48. Members discussed the following projects:

- (a) Improvement Works in the vicinity of Cheung Po Tsai Cave, Reclining Rock and Pak Tso Wan (IS-DMW-025)

Mr YUNG Chi-ming said that although the works had been completed on 19 February this year, he was not satisfied, and the stakeholders were not informed of the progress. He invited the Term Consultant for a site visit with Members concerned to explain the parts that had been renovated.

Ms Shina CHUNG said that she would convey Members' comments to her colleagues in charge.

The Chairman asked the HAD to liaise with the Members concerned for follow-up.

- (b) Construction of Shelter at Open Space next to South Lantau Rural Committee Office (IS-DMW-116)

Mr CHEUNG Fu enquired about the result of the archaeological impact assessment of the works site and requested a specific timetable of the works.

Mr Patrick LAI responded that the Term Consultant had completed the preliminary excavation in October last year. No archaeological finds were discovered and the analysis had been submitted to the AMO. As the archaeological site designated by the AMO included the whole Pui O, AMO had to ascertain there was no heritage at the works site and hence requested the Term Consultant to elaborate on the lack of archaeological finds. The Term Consultant had resubmitted a report to the AMO in May and requested AMO to reply before 20 May.

Mr CHEUNG Fu was dissatisfied that the archaeological impact assessment



had been conducted for years yet the report had yet to be endorsed. He demanded the representatives of the AMO to attend the next meeting to report the progress.

Ms YU Lai-fan suggested that if the AMO replied within this week, the Term Consultant could refer the relevant reply to Mr CHEUNG Fu via the Secretariat. She considered it necessary that the officer in charge should report progress of each project to Members.

The Chairman said that the presence of the representatives of the AMO would not be necessary if AMO endorsed the report before the next meeting. Otherwise he would request representatives of AMO to attend the next meeting.

(c) Construction of sanitary facilities on Sai Tai Road, Cheung Chau (IS-DMW-176)

The Vice-chairman KWONG Koon-wan said that it had been more than two years since IsDO negotiated with the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) and HAD on arrangements for maintenance, management and recurrent cost. He hoped that IsDO would sort out the relevant matters with the departments concerned as soon as possible.

Ms Belinda CHONG said that she would follow up with the Vice-Chairman and the relevant departments after the meeting.

(d) Construction of a covered walkway at Chung Yan Road (Item 4 in the Annex)

Mr Eric KWOK enquired when IsDO could provide the result of the preliminary feasibility study and a specific timetable.

Ms Belinda CHONG said that the relevant report was nearly completed. As there were many electrical cables and related utilities beneath the concerned section of the footpath, involving numerous technical issues, more resources and time would be required for the study. Any further progress would be reported to Members.

X. Any Other Business

i) Proposals for DMW Projects in 2016-2017

49. The Chairman said that the Islands District Council (IsDC) had been allocated \$18,688,000 for DMW projects in 2016-2017. The amount of funds allocated to DFMC was the same as last year, i.e. \$11,663,000. He asked the Secretariat to invite Members to submit project proposals, which would be processed with the project proposals submitted earlier in one-go.

50. Members noted the captioned report.

## ii) Arrangements during Renovation of Yat Tung Estate Market

51. Mr Eric KWOK proposed a provisional motion, requesting IsDO to establish a “Working Group on setting up a temporary bazaar during renovation of Yat Tung Estate Market”.

52. The Chairman said that as the motion did not comply with the requirements set out in the “IsDC Standing Orders”, it would not be discussed at this meeting. However, given the importance of Yat Tung Estate Market to the local residents, he suggested IsDO and the relevant departments to negotiate with Members concerned on increasing the number of temporary stalls during the renovation work.

53. Ms Belinda CHONG said that the relevant departments noted the local residents’ views and the number of temporary stalls had already been increased from 5 to 15. IsDO would closely monitor the operation of these stalls and convey Members’ views to the relevant departments for follow-up.

54. Mr Eric KWOK said that the renovation works of the market had commenced on 13 May. Residents had expressed their discontent about facility safety and food and environmental hygiene problem caused by the construction works. The dust problem at the market had now been solved. However, members of the Land Justice League had set up their own bazaar there last week and had conflicts with the staff of the Uni-China (Market) Management Limited (Uni-China). Both parties stated that they might step up on their actions. He asked IsDO to liaise with relevant Members and departments to set up a working group to deal with the problem to avoid future conflicts.

55. The Chairman suggested IsDO to negotiate with the Members concerned and the relevant departments and organisations (including HD, FEHD and Uni-China) after the meeting to reach a solution.

## XI. Date of Next Meeting

56. The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m. The next meeting would be held at 2:00 p.m. on 11 July 2016 (Monday).

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