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Islands District Council Minutes of Meeting of District Facilities Management Committee

Date : 16 July 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 KWONG Koon-wan (Chairman)

Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, SBS

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 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 LEE Lap-chi, Alfred Acting Senior Executive Officer (District Management),

Islands District Office

Mr CHEUNG King-man Senior Engineer/Lantau, Drainage Services Department

Mr CHEUNG Fei-kit Engineer/Drainage System Planning 4,

Drainage Services Department

Mr KWOK Chi-hang Administration Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Islands),

Lands Department

Mr Patrick HAU Senior Manager (Capital Projects), Hospital Authority
Mr LI Ming-yau Senior Inspector of Works, Islands District Office
Ms HUI Ka-wai, Minerva Architect (Works)5, Home Affairs Department

Mr HUNG Ka-kui Engineer/Maintenance 1A,

Civil Engineering and Development 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 CHONG Yan-yee, Belinda Assistant District Officer (Islands)2, Islands District Office

Ms YEUNG Cin-man, Winnie Designate Assistant District Officer (Islands)2,

Islands District Office

Ms CHAN Ka-ying, Florence

Ms HO Sau-fan, Fanny

Executive Officer I (District Council), Islands District Office

Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories West),

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Mr CHAU Chun-wing, Tomy District Leisure Manager (Islands),

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms KWOK Lai-kuen, Elaine 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 WONG Hon-kuen, Ken

Welcoming Remarks

The Vice-chairman Mr KWONG Koon-wan welcomed Members and representatives of government departments to the meeting. He said that the Chairman was unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments and this meeting would be presided by him. He introduced Ms YEUNG Cin-man, Winnie, Designate Assistant District Officer (Islands) of the Islands District Office (IsDO).

2. Members noted that Mr Ken WONG was unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments.

I. <u>Confirmation of minutes of the meeting held on 14.5.2018</u>

- 3. <u>The Acting Chairman</u> 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. Question on water dispenser in Discovery Bay Community Hall (Paper DFMC 16/2018)
 - 5. <u>The Acting Chairman</u> welcomed Mr LEE Lap-chi, Alfred, Acting Senior Executive Officer (District Management) of IsDO to the meeting to respond to the question. The written replies of the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) and the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) had been distributed to Members for perusal prior to the meeting.
 - 6. <u>Ms Amy YUNG</u> briefly introduced the question.
 - 7. <u>Mr Alfred LEE</u> responded as follows:
 - (a) Upon receipt of enquiry, IsDO immediately followed up with ArchSD and EMSD. The water dispenser in Discovery Bay Community Hall (CH) was installed by ArchSD in May 2016 and available for public use on 8 July 2016. Maintenance and repair for the first year was responsible by ArchSD and routine maintenance for the subsequent years was responsible by EMSD unless arrangement was made otherwise by IsDO in the future.
 - (b) IsDO was informed of the failure of water dispenser in Discovery Bay CH in late March this year and immediately informed the contractor of EMSD for checking. As further repair was required, the use of the water dispenser was suspended after March for EMSD to arrange for replacement of original parts. The replacement of parts and cleansing works were completed on 13 June this year and the water dispenser was then available for public use and currently functioning well.
 - (c) Regarding the approval of water dispenser installation works, it was believed that there was misunderstanding because the part-time CH staff was unfamiliar with the maintenance procedures of government departments. IsDO tendered apology for this and would strengthen training for frontline staff in the future to avoid similar incidents happened again.
 - (d) Regarding the automatic drink vending machine (DVM) in the CH, it had been recalled by the previous contractor since the old contract was expired at end of March. The new contract of the Home Affairs Department (HAD) officially took effect on 1 April and the new contractor specially ordered a brand new DVM for Discovery Bay CH, which was delivered to Hong Kong in late May. The contractor arranged for the installation of the DVM in Discovery Bay CH on 20 June and the DVM was available for public use on the same day. In view of the limited space, IsDO had currently no plan of installing additional DVM in the CH. IsDO would continue to appropriately review the needs for various equipment in the CH in response to the demand and expectation of members of the public.

8. <u>Ms Amy YUNG</u> raised her views as follows:

- (a) The request for installation of a water dispenser was made on 24 April 2014. It had subsequently been followed up and brought up at meetings for 8 times before it was installed and put into service on 8 July 2016. The government departments involved included ArchSD, EMSD, IsDO and the Water Supplies Department (WSD). The whole process took as long as over 2 years due to the problems in communication between WSD and ArchSD. She considered this unacceptable. It also took a long time before the water dispenser was repaired. Although the DVM was installed in the meantime, she was disappointed that the frontline staff failed to immediately report to IsDO and inform ArchSD the contractor for checking and to immediately provide a substitute. She reckoned that there were problems in communication among government departments and hoped that a review would be made.
- (b) The Wi-Fi connection in the CH was unstable. On the day before the activity was held, residents were invited to the CH for testing the Wi-Fi connection. However, on the day of the activity, the Wi-Fi facilities in the common room of CH did not function and all people had to move to the hall. She expressed regret that the facilities in Discovery Bay could not meet the demand of members of the public and hoped that IsDO would, in co-ordination with the government departments, step up checks on the Wi-Fi facilities in the CH.

9. <u>Mr Alfred LEE</u> responded as follows:

- (a) He thanked Ms YUNG for her opinions. Regarding the water dispenser in Discovery Bay CH, upon installation in 2016, WSD conducted a series of water quality tests to ensure safety before it was made available for public use. Since the installation of the water dispenser on 8 July 2016, failure occurred only for the first time in late March this year and the frontline staff immediately informed EMSD for checking. Replacement of original parts were required and it took time for placing order for the parts. After this incident, IsDO had established sound communication with EMSD so that the repair time could be shortened when failures happened in the future.
- (b) The Wi-Fi facilities in Discovery Bay CH were not installed by IsDO. A response would be given after IsDO enquired of the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO) about the situation.
 - (Post-meeting note: IsDO understood from OGCIO that it had upgraded the Wi-Fi system in late May this year and the system had been functioning well according to the records.)

10. <u>Ms Amy YUNG</u> raised her views as follows:

- (a) She considered the slow progress of installation and repair of water dispenser unacceptable. In urgent situations, EMSD had to arrange the original equipment manufacturer parts to be delivered expeditiously to Hong Kong by air for replacement. She hoped that the frontline staff would pay close attention to the functioning of CH facilities.
- (b) She opined that while the Wi-Fi system was not under the ambit of IsDO, it should be responsible for co-ordination and management. In case of failure of the W-Fi system, staff of the CH should immediately report to IsDO and take action.

(Mr Randy YU and Ms Sammi FU joined the meeting at around 2:05 p.m.; Mr Bill TANG joined the meeting at around 2:10 p.m.)

III. Question on drainage problem in the vicinity of the stilt house area, Sun Ki, Tai O (Paper DFMC 20/2018)

- 11. <u>The Acting Chairman</u> welcomed Mr CHEUNG King-man, Senior Engineer/Lantau and Mr CHEUNG Fei-kit, Engineer/Drainage System Planning 4 of the Drainage Services Department (DSD) to the meeting to respond to the question. The Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) said that the subject matter was not under the ambit of the department and thus it would not arrange representative to the meeting.
- 12. Mr LOU Cheuk-wing briefly introduced the question.
- 13. <u>Mr CHEUNG King-man</u> responded as follows:

The Government had been deeply concerned that under the influence of spring tide or storm surge, flooding would occur easily in the vicinity of the stilt house area, Sun Ki, Tai O. After Typhoon Hato hit Hong Kong last year, DSD, CEDD and IsDO had conducted a number of inspections at various areas of Tai O to explore how to further alleviate the flooding problem caused by storm surge. The department noted that residents of the stilt house area, Sun Ki, Tai O worried that the surging sea water would overtop the existing embankment (i.e. Sun Ki Street) and flood the wetland during storm surge and the water inside could not be drained away efficiently through the sole outfall at the south . The department was now exploring and discussing with various government departments the works proposal, such as provision of additional outfalls. The department had to take into account a number of factors in respect of the design and locations and would report to and consult the District Council (DC) in due course.

14. <u>Mr LOU Cheuk-wing</u> raised his views as follows:

- (a) He proposed the provision of an additional outfall. In front of the existing outfall near the Pak Shan Morgue ahead a side street, there was a waterfront space and a water gate could be installed as there was no stilt house so as to allow water to flow out from both sides to solve the drainage problem.
- (b) Under the presence of spring tide on the first 3 days of the lunar month, serious flooding occurred in the vicinity of the stilt house area, Sun Ki, Tai O with water level reaching point 3 and above. A few households could only access their homes by passing over the properties of other people.

15. Mr Holden CHOW raised his views as follows:

- (a) Mr LOU Cheuk-wing had proposed the location of the additional outfall, and as the rain and typhoon season was drawing near during which Hong Kong might be hit by super typhoons, he enquired whether the department had a timetable and temporary measures in place to cope with the typhoons.
- 16. Mr Randy YU thanked DSD for giving initial response. He, the village representative and Mr LOU Cheuk-wing had earlier inspected the area unofficially and raised relevant questions to the department. He suggested the department set a timetable to inspect the location proposed by Mr LOU Cheuk-wing with members of Tai O Rural Committee (RC) and relevant parties within 1 month, as well as take follow-up action and report the progress after the inspection.
- 17. <u>Mr CHEUNG King-man</u> thanked Members for their opinions and Mr LOU Cheuk-wing for his proposal. The proposal would be subject to the actual circumstances and the department would proactively consider and follow up on it.
- 18. The Acting Chairman enquired whether DSD would invite Members concerned for a site inspection within 1 month and develop a temporary proposal for Members' perusal.
- 19. <u>Mr CHEUNG King-man</u> indicated that a site inspection with Members concerned would be arranged within 1 month. As for the temporary proposal, the department would proactively consider about it and discuss with Members afterwards.
- 20. <u>Mr Holden CHOW</u> enquired whether the department would shoulder the project cost relating to the temporary proposal drawn up after the inspection and needed not request funding from the Legislative Council (LegCo).
- 21. <u>Mr CHEUNG King-man</u> said that preliminary conceptual idea and proposal could only be formulated after inspecting the site and actual situation, and discussion

would be held with the departments in due course. The project cost could not be ascertained for the time being.

- 22. <u>Mr LOU Cheuk-wing</u> said that he had inspected the site with District Officer (Islands) and Assistant District Officer (Islands), and IsDO also agreed to the provision of an additional outfall. He suggested inspecting the site with IsDO.
- 23. <u>The Acting Chairman</u> suggested Assistant District Officer (Islands) liaise with Members concerned and various departments for a site inspection.

(Post-meeting note: According to the arrangement made at the meeting, IsDO and DSD inspected the site with Members on 1 August. After discussion, DSD agreed that special arrangement could be made to provide a temporary outfall at the north of Sun Ki Street upon the consent of relevant departments.)

(Ms LEE Kwai-chun left the meeting at around 2:20 p.m.)

- IV. Question on request for restoring the idle grassland behind North Lantau Hospital (Area 22) for use as temporary open space (Paper DFMC 21/2018)
 - 24. <u>The Acting Chairman</u> welcomed Ms CHONG Yan-yee, Belinda, Assistant District Officer (Islands)2 of IsDO, Mr KWOK Chi-hang, Administration Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Islands) of the Lands Department (LandsD) and Mr Patrick HAU, Senior Manager (Capital Projects) of the Hospital Authority (HA) to the meeting to respond to the question.
 - 25. The written replies of HA and District Lands Office, Islands (DLO) had been distributed to Members for perusal prior to the meeting.
 - 26. <u>Mr Eric KWOK</u> briefly introduced the question.
 - 27. Mr Patrick HAU said that phase II development of the North Lantau Hospital (NLTH) project was divided into two parts. The first part involved development of a support centre and ArchSD was engaged by HA as its agent. ArchSD had completed the feasibility study report in June 2018 and submitted the report to the Development Bureau for approval. The approval process was still underway. According to the feasibility study report, the works were expected to commence in the third quarter of 2020 (around August 2020). ArchSD had submitted application to LandsD in June for temporary land allocation and planned to carry out preparatory work including site survey and ground investigation, etc. from September this year to February next year. HA would not carry out any works during March 2019 and August 2020 and would only use the land from August 2020 onwards according to the above timetable.
 - 28. Mr KWOK Chi-hang responded to the content of the written reply.

Ms Belinda CHONG said that upon enquiry of LandsD in the second half of last year, IsDO learned that ArchSD would apply for temporary land allocation in the third quarter of this year for carrying out ground investigation works. LandsD reported the progress at the District Facilities Management Committee (DFMC) meeting late last year. Since it was already the third quarter, IsDO was unable to erect facilities thereon in view of the tight timeline.

30. Mr Eric KWOK raised his views as follows:

- (a) He noted that IsDO had no plan to provide facilities at the open space.
- (b) According to the timetable, HA would carry out small-scale ground investigation and survey works between September this year and February next year. He asked HA to provide the details.
- (c) He enquired whether HA would have to consult the DC and residents of the district after going ahead with the process and then report to the DC after collecting the opinions. He also enquired whether HA had confidence for works commencement in the third quarter of 2020 as scheduled. Even if the investigation works went smoothly, construction could only commence in 2021 or 2022 at the earliest. As such, he proposed opening the site for use as temporary open space during mid-2018 to 2020.
- (d) He enquired whether LandsD would not require the applicant to submit report after granting approval for the works.
- 31. Mr Holden CHOW said that according to the written replies of HA and LandsD, HA planned to commence in September this year the ground investigation works which were expected to take half a year and not be completed until the first or second quarter of 2019. The works of the support centre would officially commence only in the third quarter of 2020. He estimated that the site would be idle for over a year and suggested opening the site and carrying out minor restoration works to provide a temporary open space for members of the public until the land was handed over to HA in the third quarter of 2020.

32. Mr Bill TANG raised his views as follows:

- (a) When the Food and Health Bureau was granted the land in 2008 for development of the NLTH project, it was aware that phase I construction would occupy only about one-third of the land area. He regarded it a pity that the land was left idle for almost 10 years. Although HA had now set a timetable for the works, he still hoped that LandsD could open the vacant land for temporary use.
- (b) He proposed that when the land in Area 22 was developed in the future, elements of community could be injected by integrating On Tung Street

soccer pitch in the design or planning, as well as providing more green belts or parks. Regarding the planned hospital walkway cover, he suggested that seats be provided along the walkway and hoped that HA would discuss with Members and consider Members' views during the design stage.

- (c) He reiterated that he concurred with Mr Eric KWOK and Mr Holden CHOW that the site should be open for use as temporary open space during the transition period.
- 33. <u>Ms Amy YUNG</u> said that while the issue had been discussed time and again, little progress had been made so far. She suggested LandsD adopt scientific "operations research" to work out the timetable and work details. At present, majority of the works in Hong Kong lacked foresight and scientific calculation, she hoped that LandsD and IsDO would use the said technique to ensure the smooth works progress and optimal use of resources.
- 34. <u>The Acting Chairman</u> asked HA to respond to Mr Eric KWOK's enquiry about the details of investigation and survey works, and LandsD to explain the land grant procedures and respond to the enquiry of Mr Holden CHOW and Mr Bill TANG about the feasibility of temporary land allocation.
- 35. Mr Patrick HAU said that according to the timetable set out in the feasibility study report, ArchSD would carry out site survey and ground investigation works in September this year and the entire preparatory work was expected to take 6 months. During 2019, in addition to performing investigation and survey work, ArchSD would start proceed to preparing the tender document and making arrangement for the tendering procedure. After completing the tendering exercise, ArchSD would submit funding application to LegCo in 2020 and the works were expected to commence in August 2020. The above procedures would be carried out according to the timetable set out in the feasibility study report.
- 36. Mr KWOK Chi-hang gave a consolidated response as follows:
 - (a) Regarding the enquiry of Mr Eric KWOK, as ArchSD had submitted a simplified temporary land allocation application, it would be processed according to the simplified approval procedures. Upon the expiry of land allocation period, the department concerned had to reinstate the land. The simplified temporary land allocation application was different from the permanent land allocation application which involved more complicated and technical requirements. Since the subject application for land allocation involved ground investigation work, approval would be given according to the simplified approval procedures.
 - (b) Regarding the enquiry of Mr Holden CHOW and Mr Bill TANG, DLO would like to fully utilize the land and welcomed the other departments

to submit land allocation application for using the land when it was idle. In case an application was received for land allocation for temporary open space, DLO would collaborate to process the application.

37. Mr Eric KWOK raised his views as follows:

- (a) He said that HA had not responded to whether it would consult the DC and residents of the district on the entire works.
- (b) He queried the reply of Mr Patrick HAU. At the DC meeting held on 4 September 2017, representative of HA indicated that application of funding from LegCo was not required and that HA would bear the project cost. Since the submission of an application to LegCo for funding would affect the works progress, he hoped that HA could give a definite reply on whether it had sufficient reserve to cover the project cost and needed not make a funding request to LegCo.
- 38. Mr Patrick HAU said that the project included preparatory works and subsequent works. The cost of preparatory works would be covered by the reserved funding of HA and application of funding from LegCo was not required. Funding from LegCo for the construction works would have to be sought in 2020. Since the project was still at the feasibility study stage, no design proposal was available. HA would consult the DC and provide the details in due course.
- 39. <u>The Acting Chairman</u> enquired whether HA needed to apply funding from LegCo after completion of the preliminary investigation works.
- 40. <u>Mr Patrick HAU</u> said that upon completion of the investigation works, HA would prepare the tender document and project cost estimate. It would then apply funding from LegCo.
- 41. <u>The Acting Chairman</u> further enquired whether funding approval from LegCo had to be obtained before HA could commence works in August 2020 as planned.
- 42. Mr Patrick HAU said that the application procedures for funding from LegCo in 2020 would be the same as those for other infrastructure projects. Works could only commence after approval of funding was secured, whereas the cost of preparatory works would be covered by HA's reserved funding.
- 43. Mr Eric KWOK cited the response of HA representative at the DC meeting held on 4 September 2017: "Under the ten-year hospital development plan, the Government and HA had reserved funding for Phase II development project of NLTH." In case the works still could not commence in August 2020, he hoped that HA could accept the proposal of Mr Holden CHOW to open the land for residents' use. He requested HA to submit a detailed timetable and work procedures to the DC prior to the commencement of investigation works in September, so that Members could

apply funding under the District Minor Works (DMW) Programme for the restoration works based on HA's report.

- 44. Mr Holden CHOW said that according to HA's reply, it had to submit formal funding application to LegCo and could only commence the entire works upon approval of funding. He opined that the estimation of HA that the works would commence in the third quarter of 2020 was rather optimistic and had not taken into account various uncertainties and the possible longer works period. In view of this, he suggested HA seriously consider converting the land to a temporary open space and enquired whether HA had any supplement or comment in respect to his suggestion.
- 45. Mr Bill TANG said that as he understood it, it took a longer time to apply LegCo funding for infrastructure works, thus he hoped that the departments concerned would consider opening the land for use as temporary open space.

46. Mr Patrick HAU responded as follows:

- (a) HA still needed to co-ordinate and make arrangement with various departments. The commencement of works in the third quarter of 2020 set out in the works timetable was estimated based on the feasibility study report in this stage and HA had not taken into account the hypothetical obstacles that might encounter in the future.
- (b) Regarding HA representative's reply at the DC meeting on 4 September 2017 that funding had been reserved as mentioned by Mr Eric KWOK, he presumed that it referred to the provision of \$200 billion for the ten-year hospital development plan. He reiterated that the cost of investigation works would be covered by the reserved funding and funding approval from LegCo would be required for the entire works.
- 47. <u>The Acting Chairman</u> suggested HA report the latest works progress to the DC before commencing the investigation and survey works.
- 48. <u>Mr Patrick HAU</u> said that HA had to consult ArchSD again and would follow up on the actual situation and progress after the meeting.
- 49. <u>The Acting Chairman</u> further enquired whether HA would attend future meetings.
- 50. <u>Mr Patrick HAU</u> said that he would enquire of ArchSD and follow up after the meeting.
- 51. <u>Mr Holden CHOW</u> enquired, in case of delay in works commencement, whether LandsD would convert the land into an open space for use by residents.

- Mr KWOK Chi-hang said that if the land was to become an open space, DLO would still hand over the land to match with the phase II development of NLTH project according to the project program. In case of delay of the approval of capital works funding application resulting that HA could not commence the works in August 2020, he opined that the land could continue to be an open space until HA could confirm the site handover date.
- 53. <u>The Acting Chairman</u> suggested the Secretariat follow up with HA after the meeting on making report to DC.

(Post-meeting note: Islands District Council (IDC) Secretariat had consolidated the views of the Committee and conveyed to HA. HA's written reply had been distributed to Members for perusal.)

(Mr YUNG Chi-ming left the meeting at around 2:45 p.m.)

- V. <u>Proposed District Minor Works Projects for District Facilities Management Committee in 2018/2019</u>
 (Paper DFMC 22/2018)
 - 54. <u>The Acting Chairman</u> welcomed Ms CHONG Yan-yee, Belinda, Assistant District Officer (Islands)2 of IsDO to the meeting to present the paper.
 - 55. <u>Ms Belinda CHONG</u> presented the paper and gave further details of the following works proposals:
 - (a) "Improvement of small playground of Nim Shue Wan Shu Chun Public School" works proposal (Item no. 1) had been referred to the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) for further follow-up.
 - (b) "Greening works from Pak Ngan Heung to peripheral area of Silvermine Bay Waterfall" works proposal (Item no. 2) and "Provision of cover to walkway adjacent to Chung Yan Road off Yat Tung Car Park 1" works proposal (Item no. 3) were overlapped the scope of 2 projects set out in Annex 1 to IsDO's report on DMW projects, thus the works would merge.
 - (c) "Construction of public toilet adjacent to Tung Chung Fire Station" works proposal (Item no. 4) had been referred to the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) for follow-up and Members had written to FEHD to request for construction of public toilet.
 - (d) Regarding "Extension of altar and provision of cover" works proposal (Item no. 5), since the altar was not a facility provided under IsDO's DMW Programme, the works could not be carried out under the DMW

Programme. Should Members have any suggestion on this works project, they might further discuss with IsDO after the meeting.

- (e) She asked the Committee to endorse the 3 works proposals (i.e. works proposal items no. 1, 2 and 3) set out in the paper which had been initially examined by IsDO and LCSD.
- 56. Members discussed the following projects:
 - (a) "Construction of public toilet adjacent to Tung Chung Fire Station" works proposal (Item no. 4)

Mr Bill TANG enquired what actions IsDO would take if the works proposal was not accepted by FEHD.

Ms Belinda CHONG said that the DC had earlier endorsed the construction of public toilet at Sai Tai Road, Cheung Chau under the DMW Programme with the original intent to cover the works cost with DC fund and for FEHD to bear the future maintenance and operation cost of the toilet, but FEHD indicated that it could not bear the cost. As there was only limited fund for daily operation cost under DMW Programme, the operation cost of the toilet would account for a large chunk of operation fund. After discussing with the headquarters, FEHD indicated that it could not bear the future daily operation cost and thus IsDO could not implement the project. IsDO would re-consider the proposal should there be further development on the part of FEHD.

Mr Bill TANG further enquired whether the works proposal was not accepted by IsDO.

Ms Belinda CHONG said that the project of toilet construction could not be carried out for the time being.

<u>Mr Bill TANG</u> enquired whether the criteria of handling DMW projects were the same among the 18 districts, or whether the feasibility of works proposal was subject to the financial position of individual District Office (DO).

Ms Belinda CHONG said that IsDO learned from HAD that so far none of the 18 districts had used DMW funding to cover the cost of toilet construction and the subsequent daily operation cost. To her understanding, there had been individual districts implementing toilet construction works under the DMW Programme, but the works concerned were part of the park project of LCSD under which the toilet was a park facility and LCSD had a separate fund to cover the cost of the entire facility and daily operation cost of the toilet. For other districts, it was known that construction of toilet had not been implemented as a stand-alone project under the DMW Programme.

Mr Bill TANG would like to know the criteria of IsDO for toilet construction project. He also enquired about the progress of toilet construction at Sai Tai Road, Cheung Chau.

Ms Belinda CHONG said that IsDO noted the views of Mr Bill TANG. She indicated that after collecting the views of Members, IsDO would assess its capability of managing the facilities under the DMW Programme in the future, which included their maintenance and daily operation cost. IsDO would report to Members the latest development of the matter in FEHD in due course.

<u>The Acting Chairman</u> said that he would discuss the construction of public toilet at Sai Tai Road, Cheung Chau with Mr Bill TANG after the meeting.

Mr CHEUNG Fu, in respect of the "Construction of public toilet adjacent to Tung Chung Fire Station" works proposal (Item no. 4) raised by Mr Bill TANG, enquired whether no department could handle the matter.

Ms Belinda CHONG said that the implementation of toilet construction project at Sai Tai Road, Cheung Chau depended on whether FEHD would shoulder the future operation cost of the toilet, including the wages of cleaning workers and payment of the routine maintenance cost to ArchSD and EMSD, etc. If the future operation cost of the toilet was completely covered by the Islands District DMW fund for daily operation cost, it would be used up. The matter had to be referred to FEHD and its headquarters for further follow-up.

Mr CHEUNG Fu expressed dissatisfaction that IsDO did not handle this works proposal for the reason of lacking funding for operation cost. He opined that most people, including Lantau residents and tourists, who took long-haul trips or were caught in a traffic jam would need to use the toilet. He urged IsDO to proactively respond to the need of residents.

<u>The Acting Chairman</u> said that he would discuss the construction of public toilet with Mr CHEUNG Fu and Mr Bill TANG after the meeting.

(b) "Greening works from Pak Ngan Heung to peripheral area of Silvermine Bay Waterfall" works proposal (Item no. 2)

Mr WONG Man-hon said that according to Annex 1 to Paper DFMC 23/2018, this works proposal was submitted by Mr WONG Fuk-kan on 8 April 2014 and followed up by Mr Randy YU and him. The note at the above Annex stated that the proposal was "pending for submission of the actual scope of works by the works proponent". He submitted the works proposal as a supplement to the proposal of Mr WONG Fuk-kan submitted in 2014.

Ms Belinda CHONG said that IsDO noted the views of Mr WONG Man-hon and would handle together the "Greening works from Pak Ngan Heung to peripheral area of Silvermine Bay Waterfall" works proposal (Item no. 2) and the "Beautification of Silvermine Cave and greening works of the peripheral area of the waterfall" works proposal (Item no. 2) set out in Annex 1 to Paper DFMC 23/2018.

(c) "Extension of altar and provision of cover" works proposal (Item no. 5)

Mr FAN Chi-ping enquired of IsDO about the reason of rejecting the minor works proposal of extending the altar and provision of cover near Tung Chung Road. To his understanding, there was heavy pedestrian flow at the altar of the cemetery in Tung Chung Area 18 (Tung Chung Pavilion), and some people might not be able to take shelter from the wind and rain thereat during typhoons or rainfalls.

Ms Belinda CHONG said that it was known that there was a pavilion at the said location with 2 rain shelters beside. IsDO might discuss the improvement measure with Mr FAN Chi-ping after the meeting.

(d) "Improvement of small playground of Nim Shue Wan Shu Chun Public School" works proposal (Item no. 1)

Ms Amy YUNG said that regarding the proposal of improving the small playground of Nim Shue Wan Shu Chun Public School, the playground fell within the Peng Chau area whereas the school was managed by Peng Chau RC. She inspected the site earlier with LCSD which indicated that it could undertake the maintenance works of the small playground but the restoration work of the school should be handled by LandsD. As such, she hoped that IsDO would liaise with LandsD to handle the restoration work of Nim Shue Wan Shu Chun Public School. Moreover, she learned from LCSD that toilet facilities should be provided at the playground and hoped that the relevant departments would follow up.

Ms Belinda CHONG said that IsDO would follow up on the matter with LandsD and LCSD after the meeting.

- 57. The Committee endorsed the 3 works proposals set out in the paper which had been initially examined by IsDO (i.e. works proposal items no. 1, 2 and 3).
- VI. Third Batch of District Minor Works Projects proposed by Leisure and Cultural Services Department for 2018/19
 (Paper DFMC 17/2018)
 - 58. <u>The Acting Chairman</u> welcomed Mr CHAU Chun-wing, Tomy, District Leisure Manager (Islands) of LCSD to the meeting to present the paper.

- 59. <u>Mr Tomy CHAU</u> presented the paper.
- 60. The Committee endorsed the allocation of \$896,000 for the implementation of 3 recreational venues and facilities improvement projects set out in the paper.
- VII. Report on the management of Leisure and Cultural Services Department's recreational and sports facilities in Islands District (April and May 2018)

 (Paper DFMC 18/2018)
 - 61. <u>The Acting Chairman</u> welcomed Mr CHAU Chun-wing, Tomy, District Leisure Manager (Islands) of LCSD to the meeting to present the paper.
 - 62. Mr Tomy CHAU presented the paper.
 - 63. Mr Eric KWOK said that according to Annex 1, the number of visits to Pui O Beach in May 2018 was 41 010, whereas the number of visits to Tung Chung Swimming Pool was as many as 33 754, indicating that the swimming pool was already overcrowded.
 - 64. Mr Tomy CHAU noted the views of Mr Eric KWOK and said that when planning for the development of recreational facilities in the future, the department would adhere to the relevant mechanism, including seeking the DC's views, making reference to the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines, and taking into account the demands of residents in the district.
 - 65. Members noted the paper.

(Mr Randy YU left the meeting at around 3:20 p.m.)

- VIII. Report on the Services of the Public Libraries in Islands District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department between April and May 2018 (Paper DFMC 19/2018)
 - 66. <u>The Acting Chairman</u> welcomed Ms KWOK Lai-kuen, Elaine, Senior Librarian (Islands) of LCSD to the meeting to present the paper.
 - 67. <u>Ms Elaine KWOK</u> presented the paper.
 - 68. Members noted the paper.
- IX. <u>Utilisation and improvement works of Community Halls in Islands District</u>
 - 69. <u>The Acting Chairman</u> welcomed Mr LEE Lap-chi, Alfred, Acting Senior Executive Officer (District Management) of IsDO to the meeting to present the paper.

- 70. Mr Alfred LEE said that the average utilisation rate of Tung Chung CH between May and June 2018 was 72%, while that of Discovery Bay CH was 60%. Regarding the pilot scheme on the use of the conference room of Discovery Bay CH as study room during unallocated sessions launched since 1 December 2016, the cumulative number of users as at 30 June 2018 was 139. IsDO would continue to monitor the utilisation of the conference room. In addition, starting from 22 June 2018, on the nights when the Very Hot Weather Warning (VHWW) was in force, Tung Chung CH would be open for use as a temporary night heat shelter for residents in need. On operation, if the VHWW was still in force after 4:30 p.m., Tung Chung CH would be open from 10:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. tomorrow as a temporary night heat shelter. IsDO would provide bedding, drinking water and simple food for people who sought shelter in the temporary night heat shelter. As the temporary night heat shelter operated from 10:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. tomorrow, the normal operation of Tung Chung CH from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. would not be affected. implementation of the arrangement from 22 June 2018, Tung Chung CH was open for use as a temporary night heat shelter for the first time on 26 June. As at 8 July, the shelter had been operated for a total of 5 nights and the cumulative number of users was 5.
- 71. <u>Ms Amy YUNG</u> said that as indicated by IsDO, a total of 5 persons had used the temporary night heat shelter service at Tung Chung CH from 22 June to 8 July 2018. She enquired of IsDO whether the whole CH was open for use by members of the public in need. She proposed that if the number of users was small, only the common room be open for public use to avoid wastage of resource.
- 72. Mr Alfred LEE said that temporary night heat shelter service was offered in all 18 districts across the territory and was mostly provided in CHs or community centres. Tung Chung CH was open for use as a temporary night heat shelter by IsDO for the first time this year and adjustment would be made according to the usage and views of various parties.
- 73. Mr CHEUNG Fu said that the opening of temporary night heat shelter was a benevolent measure so that members of the public might take a rest and sleep thereat.
- 74. Members noted the contents of the above report.
- X. <u>Progress report on DC-funded District Minor Works Projects</u> (Paper DFMC 23/2018)
 - The Acting Chairman welcomed Ms CHONG Yan-yee, Belinda, Assistant District Officer (Islands)2 and Mr LI Ming-yau, Senior Inspector of Works of IsDO; Ms HUI Ka-wai, Minerva, Architect (Works)5 of HAD; Mr HUNG Ka-kui, Engineer/Maintenance 1A of CEDD; 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.

- 76. <u>Ms Belinda CHONG</u> presented the paper and gave further details of the following works proposals:
 - (a) Regarding the works (no.: IS-DMW-292) set out in Annex 2, at the DFMC meeting in May this year, IsDO had asked Members to endorse the works proposal of building a rock-armoured bund at Shek Tsai Po near Tai O Heritage Hotel. Later, IsDO and CEDD conducted local consultation and held a briefing session at Tai O RC on 6 June this year to explain to the residents the works proposal of building a rock-armoured bund at Shek Tsai Po. The residents suggested raising and strengthening the old jetty near Tai O Heritage Hotel to offer stronger protection against wave attack. After taking into account the views of residents, IsDO and CEDD proposed that the original works scope (please refer to Paper DFMC 15/2018) be amended to raise and strengthen the old jetty with rubbles and asked Members to endorse the amendment.
 - (b) Regarding the works proposal of "Providing additional staircases at the waterfront" (Item no. 7), the provision of additional staircases at the waterfront of Cheung Chau might pose a danger to pedestrians if no railings were erected, therefore the works proposal would not be considered for the moment.
 - (c) Regarding the works proposal of "Sam Pak Wan beach cleaning hut" (Item no. 10), IsDO had earlier provided information about the application of funding from Environment and Conservation Fund to Ms Amy YUNG. IsDO had no follow-up action for the works for the moment and could provide supplementary information in the future upon request by Members.
 - (d) IsDO suggested that works items no. 7 and 10 be deleted from the Annex.

77. Members discussed the following projects:

(a) <u>Beautification and construction of cover at Chui Kwan Drive, Tung</u> Chung (Item 1 in the Annex 1)

Provision of walkway cover from Yat Tung Street off Tat Yat House, Yat Tung Estate via Chung Yan Road and Yu Tung Road next to North Lantau Hospital to pedestrian subway exit beside Tung Chung Police Station (Item 9 in the Annex 1)

<u>Provision of walkway cover at Shun Tung Road, Tung Chung (road section near Tung Chung Fire Station) (Item 11 in the Annex 1)</u>

Mr Bill TANG said that he had discussed the works concerned with IsDO, the Transport Department (TD), the Highways Department (HyD) and CEDD 3 to 4 months ago. He hoped that IsDO would help liaise with the

above departments to follow up on the 3 works proposals of provision of cover and attend meetings to give response or submit written replies so that Members could be informed of the works progress.

Mr Eric KWOK concurred with Mr Bill TANG. He had earlier conducted 2 meetings with IsDO and learned that the cover at Chung Yan Road next to NLTH was managed by CEDD, Chui Kwan Drive to the road section under the purview of HA fell within the scope of TD's cover works, and the middle section was managed by HA which had pledged to carry out the works at the meeting. He said that since the works involved various departments, it would be necessary for IsDO to take up the co-ordinating role or else the works might be delayed.

Ms Belinda CHONG said that the progress of the works proposal was the same as that reported at the last meeting. TD and HyD were now conducting the feasibility study which covered Chui Kwan Drive through the road section under the purview of HA to the bus stop off the fire station as proposed by Mr Holden CHOW. It was known that after completing the feasibility study, TD and HyD would report to Members at the Traffic and Transport Committee meeting of IDC early next year.

(b) <u>Construction of Shelter at Open Space next to South Lantao Rural</u> <u>Committee Office (IS-DMW-116)</u>

<u>Mr Eric KWOK</u> enquired about the details of changes in the circumstances of the proposed works location (with unauthorised building works beside) as stated in the paper.

<u>Mr CHEUNG Fu</u> enquired of IsDO about the follow-up action made with the Town Planning Board (TPB) and the progress of application for short-term tenancy made to LandsD.

Ms Belinda CHONG said that IsDO had completed the draft planning application for submission to TPB and sought comments from the Planning Department (PlanD). IsDO had reported to Mr CHEUNG Fu the comments of PlanD and would follow up with him after the meeting.

Mr CHEUNG Fu was discontented that IsDO had not yet submitted application to TPB and considered that IsDO had not followed up proactively. He urged IsDO to submit the application to TPB as soon as possible.

<u>The Acting Chairman</u> suggested IsDO follow up on the matter with Mr CHEUNG Fu after the meeting.

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

Ms YU Lai-fan enquired about the latest situation of works.

Ms Bianca CHAN said that the department conducted site investigation earlier and found that part of the roots of the 4 trees at the adjacent flower bed had extended to the area under the flower bed to be removed and the nearby area. The tree unit of the department conducted preliminary assessment and considered that the 4 trees could be preserved in-situ provided that sufficient protection measures were taken before works commencement, but it was still subject to the actual situation after the removal of flower bed. The department anticipated that another Chinese fan palm at the flower bed had to be transplanted prior to the flower bed removal works. The department would transplant the tree according to established procedures and had to seek prior consent of the department's Tree Preservation Board. To ensure smooth progress of works, the department asked the lead department to arrange for consultation with the Central and Western DC and explain to it the works proposal and the arrangement of handling the trees affected by the works, with a view to soliciting support from the DC. The department was now planning with ArchSD the works details including the tree protection measures during the works period, relocation of flower bed and the works scope, etc. After ArchSD completed the study on works details, LCSD would seek the views of MTR Corporation Ltd. (MTRCL) and estimate the cost of works.

Ms Belinda CHONG said that to her understanding, the Chairman and members of IDC had initially discussed with Central and Western DC members and the proposal was supported by the Central and Western DC. IsDO would seek the views of Central and Western DC through the Central and Western DO and take follow-up action.

Ms YU Lai-fan said that there was already 1 tree being affected and the trees would keep growing. She enquired whether MTRCL would take follow-up action after the completion of works and urged LCSD to follow up on the works as soon as possible.

Ms Bianca CHAN said that when carrying out the site investigation works, the department found that part of the tree roots had extended to the works scope, thus tree protection measures had to be taken prior to works commencement. However, the consent of MTRCL and Central and Western DC had to be obtained before the proposed works and tree protection measures or transplanting work could be carried out.

(d) Annex 2: Raising and maintenance of the old jetty near Tai O Heritage Hotel at Shek Tsai Po, Tai O (IS-DMW-292)

Mr LOU Cheuk-wing said that he and the residents of Tai O were very supportive of the seawall proposal. In view that the typhoon season was drawing near, he asked Members to support the works and hoped that the departments concerned would handle the matter expeditiously.

78. The Committee endorsed Annex 2 and the funding for implementation of the works concerned, as well as the deletion of the works items no. 7 and 10 from Annex 1.

(Ms Josephine TSANG left the meeting at around 3:40 p.m.)

XI. Any Other Business

79. There was no other business.

XII. <u>Date of Next Meeting</u>

80. The meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m. The next meeting would be held at 2:00 p.m. on 10 September 2018 (Monday).

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