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**Islands District Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting of District Facilities Management Committee**

Date : 21 September 2021 (Tuesday)

Time : 10:30 a.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 YU Hon-kwan, Randy, MH, JP (Left at around 12:00 noon)

Mr WONG Man-hon, MH

Mr CHAN Lin-wai, MH (Left at around 11:50 a.m.)

Mr YUNG Chi-ming, BBS, MH

Mr HO Chun-fai

Mr HO Siu-kei

Ms WONG Chau-ping

Ms TSANG Sau-ho, Josephine

Mr KWOK Ping, Eric

Mr FONG Lung-fei

**Attendance by Invitation**

Mr HO Kwok-fai, Godfrey

Chief Engineer/Lantau 3,  
Civil Engineering and Development Department  
Senior Engineer/6 (Lantau),

Mr PEI Nien-jen, Gordon

Civil Engineering and Development Department  
Engineer/15 (Lantau),

Ms ZHANG Ying, Emma

Civil Engineering and Development Department  
Principal Engineer, Jacobs China Limited

Mr WONG Pui-wing, Arthur

Mr Terence CHAN

Deputy Director,  
Ho & Partners Architects Engineers & Development  
Consultants Limited

Mr LI Ming-yau

Senior Inspector of Works, Islands District Office

Mr YEUNG Tak-hoi

Senior Engineer/Hong Kong 3,  
Water Supplies Department

Mr HON Chun-sing

Engineer/Hong Kong (Headworks 2),  
Water Supplies Department

Mr CHAN Kwok-fai, Raymond  
Ms CHU Si-man, Amy  
Mr CHAN Chun-yin  
Mr TSANG Hing-fai  
Mr YAU San-ping, Peter

Ms LEUNG So-ping, Selina

Ms WONG Hoi-ming, Helen  
Ms KONG Yuen-fan, Bonnie  
Mr TANG Siu-fai

Senior Engineer/Lantau, Drainage Services Department  
Engineer/Lantau 5, Drainage Services Department  
District Engineer/Islands, Highways Department  
Maintenance Engineer/Slopes(East), Highways Department  
Senior Executive Officer (District Management),  
Islands District Office  
Senior Executive Officer (Planning) 21,  
Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Architect (Works) 4, Home Affairs Department  
Architect (Works) 5, Home Affairs Department  
Senior Architect,  
Ho & Partners Architects Engineers & Development  
Consultants Limited

**In Attendance**

Ms WONG Ka-ming, Grace  
Ms LIM Ting-ting, Sylvia

Ms SIU Kit-ping, Currie

Ms CHU Po-yee, Polly

Assistant District Officer (Islands) 2, Islands District Office  
Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories West),  
Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
District Leisure Manager (Islands),  
Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Senior Librarian (Islands),  
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

**Secretary**

Ms NG Ching-sum

Executive Officer (District Council) 2, Islands District Office

**Absent with Apology**

Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, SBS, MH  
Ms LAU Shun-ting

**Absent**

Mr WONG Chun-yeung  
Mr TSUI Sang-hung, Sammy

## Welcoming Remarks

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

2. Members noted that Mr CHOW Yuk-tong and Ms LAU Shun-ting were unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments.

### I. Confirmation of minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2021

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

4. The captioned minutes were confirmed unanimously without amendments.

### II. Improvement Works for Mui Wo Facelift, phase 2 stage 2 (Paper DFMC 38/2021)

5. The Chairman welcomed Mr HO Kwok-fai, Godfrey, Chief Engineer/Lantau 3, Mr PEI Nien-jen, Gordon, Senior Engineer/6 (Lantau) and Ms ZHANG Ying, Emma, Engineer/15 (Lantau) of the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD); Mr WONG Pui-wing, Arthur, Principal Engineer of Jacobs China Limited; and Mr Terence CHAN, Deputy Director of Ho & Partners Architects Engineers & Development Consultants Limited to the meeting to present the paper.

6. Mr Godfrey HO, Mr Gordon PEI, Mr Terence CHAN and Mr Arthur WONG briefly presented the PowerPoint slides.

7. Mr WONG Man-hon expressed his views as follows:

- (a) He commended and supported the project plan. The Improvement Works for Mui Wo Facelift was long awaited. He opined that the plan was mature now and sufficient consultation had also been made. He was delighted to see that the department had adopted the views of residents to include a cycle track and a bicycle parking area in the project to facilitate residents' travelling.
- (b) He said that as the project plan had already included the relocation of the cargo loading and unloading area to the site of the former concrete batching plant, there was in theory no need to provide a small cargo loading and unloading area in the south waterfront promenade, so as to reduce the impact on residents of the Scenic Crest nearby. As far as he could recall, there should be a children's playground adjacent to the

proposed small cargo loading and unloading area, but it was not mentioned in the paper.

- (c) Since there were still a number of fishing boats and work boats mooring along the north waterfront promenade, he hoped the department would reserve some space for their mooring and loading/unloading of cargo.
- (d) He suggested that a district logo or a flag post should be installed at the ferry concourse and attractive spots should be set up at the upper level of the Cooked Food Market for publicity purpose.

8. Mr Randy YU expressed his views as follows:

- (a) He thanked the representatives of the CEDD for the detailed presentation. He said that the first consultation for the project was carried out around 15 to 20 years ago. The phase 1 works were completed in 2017 and stage 1 of phase 2 was completed in March 2019. Despite their long wait, residents of Mui Wo in general were satisfied with and appreciated the works completed.
- (b) Stage 2 of Phase 2 was in fact the most difficult part in the Improvement Works for Mui Wo Facelift as stakeholders had a lot of views on the project. To take the cooked food kiosks as an example, at first most stakeholders requested for in-situ redevelopment. However, as the department was unable to find any place to accommodate the existing tenants of the cooked food kiosks during the years of redevelopment, the proposal of in-situ redevelopment was found unfeasible. He said that the department's current plan to build a new cooked food market near the cooked food kiosks first and then demolish the kiosks after the existing tenants moved into the new market was more advisable.
- (c) He understood that the department might have considered to designate an area in the south waterfront promenade for loading and unloading of small cargos having to regard to the needs of some players within the trade. He said for safety reason, railings must be installed along the waterfront promenades. If openings were left on the railings for loading and unloading of small cargos, it might pose a danger to children and pedestrians. He asked whether it was possible to designate some space in the cargo loading and unloading area for loading and unloading of small cargos. Moreover, the department might also consider designating a small cargo loading and unloading area near the pick-up/drop-off bay for cars and the kaito ferry landing steps or the fireboat pier.
- (d) He was pleased to know that the department had adopted the views of residents and resident groups (such as the Living Island Movement) at the focus group meetings. For example, it was impossible for the residents to cycle to the supermarket under the original design of cycle

track, but the issue had been solved in the current design. Moreover, an outdoor dining area was included into the current design of the cooked food market.

- (e) He had received the report of a questionnaire survey initiated by a resident group shortly before the meeting. Although he had not yet read through the report, it was initially learnt that residents did not want a fee-charging car park to be set up near the pier. He had also received similar views. He considered that the project plan was not a perfect one but could satisfy the requirements of the majority of stakeholders. He commended the department for the provision of free parking spaces adjacent to the fast food shops. He said that a fee-charging car park could provide convenience to drivers who were unable to find a free parking space as they could interchange for the ferry service after parking their cars at the fee-charging car park. He pointed out that currently many drivers would make use of the existing fee-charging car park, which indicated that there was a real need for it.
- (f) He said that it was a benevolent measure to set up a cycle track along the waterfront promenades for mountain bike riders to ride to the mountain bike ground after alighting from the ferries. However, some people were concerned that this measure might affect the provision of on-street parking spaces in the future or be in conflict with the design of the small cargo loading and unloading area. In conclusion, he commended the department for adopting the views of stakeholders over the years of planning. He supported the project plan and hoped the project in question could be gazetted and implemented as quickly as possible.

9. Mr Eric KWOK expressed his views as follows:

- (a) He was concerned that the covered fee-charging car park might be unable to attract resident users and would be reduced to a small white elephant project. Based on his observation, there were only a few vehicles parked at the fee-charging car parks in Lantau daily. Mui Wo was in acute shortage of parking spaces because the car park next to the New Territories Heung Yee Kuk Southern District Secondary School (NTHYKSDSS) did not adopt a multi-storey design. The Police did not issue fixed penalty notices (FPNs) in respect of illegally parked vehicles in view of the serious shortage of parking spaces in the district. As a result, the fee-charging car parks were unable to attract users at all since FPNs would not be issued in respect of illegal parking of vehicles. He hoped the department would convert the covered fee-charging car park into small shops similar to those in the Stanley Market, so as to promote local economy by attracting tourist consumption and provide local residents with more employment opportunities.

- (b) According to the report of a questionnaire survey conducted by a resident group, although the majority of residents expressed their desire for the in-situ redevelopment of the cooked food market, he was pleased to see the new arrangement for the market.
- (c) He was pleased to know that the big tree next to the fast food shops would be preserved. He enquired of the department whether the old Chinese banyan trees next to the ferry pier could be kept as well. He also requested the department to preserve the several old oak trees at the fee-charging car park.
- (d) He noticed that the entrance of the cycle track was too close to the public transport interchange and requested the department to explain the relevant safety measures.

10. Mr Godfrey HO made a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) He thanked Members for their support for the project. He said that the current design had incorporated the views received earlier this year and had been amended accordingly. He hoped Members would support it.
- (b) During the construction of the north waterfront promenade, the existing boat mooring would be enclosed as the construction site and the department would look for another place for the mooring of boats.
- (c) The department had consulted the relevant departments and found that there were established criteria to follow if landmarks such as a flag post for the National Flag were to be set up at the ferry concourse. The department would consider setting up landmarks and attractive spots at the ferry concourse.
- (d) Regarding the design of the cooked food market, the current proposal had already made a balanced consideration of various factors. Tenants could continue their business during the construction of the new market and the original cooked food market would be demolished only after the tenants had moved into the new market. The “single site, multi-use” model had been adopted for the site of the original cooked food market, in which the lower level would be used for parking of vehicles and bicycles and the upper level would be a landscape deck for the public to enjoy the sea view.
- (e) The department had consulted the Transport Department (TD) on the reprovisioning of a temporary car park and it was confirmed that a reprovisioned car park was essential in order to ensure that the number of parking spaces in the district would not decrease suddenly. The car park would then be operated by the TD and he was pleased to relay

Members' views on the charges and operation mode of the car park to the TD.

- (f) The department noted the views of Mr Randy YU and Mr WONG Man-hon. It would review whether it was necessary to provide a small cargo loading and unloading area in the south waterfront promenade and whether the entire south waterfront promenade should be used as public open space for enhancing the connectivity.
- (g) The department would try to preserve the afore-mentioned old Chinese banyan trees and oak trees.
- (h) The new cycle track could separate the bicycles from Ngan Kwong Wan Road and the pedestrians. Moreover, the vehicular lanes connecting the fee-charging car park would not overlap with the bus lanes for accessing the public transport interchange. Therefore, safety had been taken into account in the current design.

11. Mr Eric KWOK thanked the CEDD for its direct response. He said that it was impractical for the TD to operate the covered car park with parking meters. The car park would thus fail to attract users because it would be difficult for residents who going out for work to pay the parking fees every two hours. Therefore, he suggested that the TD should consider adopting a monthly rental mode or making it free of charge. He reiterated that this covered car park could be converted into small shops similar to those in the Stanley Market. He said if the department was to follow up on this suggestion, he would consider supporting the project.

12. Mr Randy YU said as the Vice-chairman of the Mui Wo Rural Committee had said in a focus group meeting, the current design of the bicycle parking area was aesthetic. Trees would be planted nearby and the courtyard design would be incorporated to let in natural light. However, he was concerned that if root barriers were not used, the trees might lead to uneven road surface in the future, which could cause accidents easily when bicycles pass by. Moreover, the trees would also obstruct parking and reduce the number of parking spaces. He also pointed out that root barriers made of steel might hinder the growth of trees. He hoped the department would strike a balance between appearance and functionality and would also ensure the healthy growth of trees.

13. Mr WONG Man-hon said that small shops selling local featured products as proposed by Mr Eric KWOK could be set up in the south waterfront promenade. He pointed out that at present many South Lantau residents would park their vehicles in the vicinity of the pier. He believed that covered car park would be welcomed by residents if its charge was at a reasonable level. Also, the car park could be used by shops nearby for loading and unloading of goods. Therefore, he did not agree that the car park would be under-utilised.

14. Mr HO Chun-fai expressed his support for the construction of the covered car park to increase the number of parking spaces for the public to access the cooked food market or interchange to ferry service after parking their vehicles. He said that South Lantau and Mui Wo had been in shortage of parking spaces for a long time, and the adjacent car park in the NTHYKSDSS was five minutes' walk away from the pier, which was inconvenient. He said that most of the car park users on week days were Mui Wo residents, he therefore agreed that the car park should be free of charge. However, even though parking meters that required payment of fee every two hours were to be installed, it would still provide convenience to the public who would dine at the cooked food market. Residents would be happy with this measure.

15. Mr HO Siu-kei said that as many Lantau residents used cars as their means of transport, the provision of parking spaces at the ferry concourse could provide convenience to them. He supported metered parking because he was worried that the charge would become high if the car park was to be operated by a private organisation. There was an acute shortage of parking spaces in Mui Wo and Tai O at present. He was concerned that the problem would become more severe with the increase of local population, leading to the worsening of the illegal parking problem as well as safety hazards to road users. Therefore, proper planning must be made for the parking spaces. Moreover, cooked food kiosks used to be very popular in the 1980s and had attracted many tourists. He hoped the department would properly plan the new cooked food market and would locate it as far away from residential areas as possible so as to reduce disturbance to residents.

16. The Chairman said that a car park was indeed necessary at the Mui Wo Ferry Pier and the parking fee problem could be discussed separately. He pointed out that many residents, for convenience's sake, would park their cars or bicycles arbitrarily near the pier and then take the ferry. He had personally witnessed an incident in which illegally parked vehicles obstructed the passage of a fire engine and the emergency service was hindered as a result. After the completion of the car park, the Police should step up law enforcement and issue FPNs in respect of illegally parked vehicles.

17. Mr Eric KWOK said that the new covered car park should be free of charge or charge on a monthly basis. He said although there were metered parking lots at the Mui Wo Ferry Pier at present, the problem of illegal parking was still serious. There was an acute shortage of parking spaces in the district. Neither the Police nor the TD had faced the problem squarely. He pointed out that the covered car park could only provide 56 parking spaces, which simply could not solve the problem. Therefore, the construction of small shops at the location should be considered instead.

18. The Chairman clarified that Mr Eric KWOK did not oppose the construction of the covered car park but was concerned about the charges.

19. Mr Godfrey HO noted Members' concerns about the charges of the car park. He said that the department held an open attitude towards this issue, and would consult the TD in this connection and relay Members' views to the TD. As mentioned earlier, the "single site, multi-use" model would be adopted for the car park, with a view to



striking a balance between residents' demand for parking spaces and the provision of green and open space.

20. The Chairman invited Members to vote by a show of hands on whether they would endorse phase 2 stage 2 of the Improvement Works for Mui Wo Facelift.

21. Members voted by a show of hands. There were nine votes in favour, nil against and two abstentions. The project was endorsed.

(Members voted in favour included: the Chairman Mr Ken WONG, Mr Randy YU, Mr WONG Man-hon, Mr YUNG Chi-ming, Mr CHAN Lin-wai, Mr HO Chun-fai, Mr HO Siu-kei, Ms WONG Chau-ping, and Ms Josephine TSANG; Mr Eric KWOK and Mr FONG Lung-fei abstained.)

III. Question on request for carrying repair work for the ball court of Tong Fuk Village  
(Paper DFMC 39/2021)

22. The Chairman welcomed Ms WONG Ka-ming, Grace, Assistant District Officer (Islands) 2 and Mr LI Ming-yau, Senior Inspector of Works of the Islands District Office (IsDO) to the meeting to respond to the question.

23. Mr Randy YU briefly presented the question.

24. Ms Grace WONG said that the IsDO had earlier liaised with the village representatives and the stakeholders in respect of the ball court of Tong Fuk Village, and staff would be deployed for site inspections to confirm the follow-up actions.

25. Mr HO Chun-fai said the ball court of Tong Fuk Village had a history of several decades and used to be a sand pitch. With the increasing number of youth in the district, residents hoped the IsDO would gradually improve the local facilities for the use of young people in the district.

26. Mr Randy YU thanked the IsDO for the positive response. He said that the ball court of Tong Fuk Village was managed by the Tong Fuk Village Office. As the uneven ground surface might pose dangers to users, the ball court had already been locked up. He hoped the IsDO could repair the ball court as soon as possible, and the ball court will be reopened for public use after the repair work.

27. Ms Grace WONG said that the IsDO would contact the stakeholders and carry out site inspections as soon as possible.

IV. Question on regular inspection and clean up of catchwater channels and slopes in South Lantau  
(Paper DFMC 40/2021)

28. The Chairman welcomed Ms WONG Ka-ming, Grace, Assistant District Officer (Islands) 2 and Mr LI Ming-yau, Senior Inspector of Works of IsDO; Mr YEUNG Tak-hoi, Senior Engineer/Hong Kong 3 and Mr HON Chun-sing, Engineer/Hong Kong (Headworks 2) of the Water Supplies Department (WSD); Mr CHAN Kwok-fai, Raymond, Senior Engineer/Lantau and Ms CHU Si-man, Amy, Engineer/Lantau 5 of the Drainage Services Department (DSD); and Mr CHAN Chun-yin, District Engineer/Islands and Mr TSANG Hing-fai, Maintenance Engineer/Slopes (East) of the Highways Department (HyD) to the meeting to respond to the question. The written reply of the HyD had already been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

29. Mr HO Chun-fai briefly presented the question.

30. Mr YEUNG Tak-hoi responded as follows:

- (a) On 28 June, the Hong Kong Observatory issued an amber rainstorm signal at 5:05 a.m., followed by a red rainstorm signal and a black rainstorm signal at 5:55 a.m. and 8:20 a.m. respectively. The WSD then immediately arranged the emergency teams to inspect the catchwater channels on Lantau Island. It was found that a slope failure had occurred at the Cheung Sha Catchwater and a slope at the Tong Fuk Catchwater was damaged. The channel of the Cheung Sha Catchwater was blocked by the debris from the slope failure, resulting in an overflow of rainwater collected. The department then immediately dispatched staff and arranged contractors to deal with the matter, including covering up the slope surface with temporary means, cleaning up debris in the catchwater channel and shotcreting the surface of the slope, so as to resume the catchwater channel to normal function as quickly as possible. Moreover, the department's professional geotechnical engineers and engineering consultants also conducted a site inspection on the same day to assess the conditions of the damaged slopes and other slopes nearby to ensure that there were no signs of slope failure. Following the concerted effort of the relevant departments to deal with the aftermath, the affected lanes of the South Lantau Road were partially reopened in the afternoon on the same day and the traffic had largely resumed normal. The department was carrying out further emergency repairs for the slopes in question. It was expected that the works would be completed in October.
- (b) He said that it was the department's everyday work to ensure that the catchwaters functioned properly. The department would inspect and clean up the mud and debris in the catchwater channels on a regular basis. During rainy seasons, the department would step up its inspection work and all the catchwaters in Lantau would be inspected at least once a week. Moreover, after rainstorms and typhoons, staff of the department would conduct special inspections on all the catchwaters. If blockage by debris

was found, clearance would be carried out immediately to ensure that the catchwaters were unobstructed.

- (c) The department would regularly examine the conditions of the slopes and carry out repair works for the man-made slopes next to catchwaters in accordance with the established regime and procedures, so as to ensure that the relevant safety standards were met. Engineering consultants and contractors specialising in slope repair were also engaged to carry out improvement works for certain man-made slopes on a regular basis in order to raise the safety standard.
- (d) The principal reason for the slope failure at Cheung Sha Catchwater was the loss of soil caused by the rapid rise of underground water level when the black rainstorm signal was in force. The boulders on the slope also fell due to a lack of support, blocking the catchwater channel. After the black rainstorm signal was cancelled, the department had patrolled and inspected the slopes in Cheung Sha and Tong Fuk to carry out a risk assessment. Following the risk-based principle, it was determined that follow-up actions were required for six slopes, including special maintenance and examinations for four of them, and improvements and preventive maintenance works for the other two respectively.

31. Mr Raymond CHAN said that the DSD would examine its facilities on a regular basis to ensure that facilities such as channels, water inlets and manholes functioned properly. Before rainy seasons, the department would step up inspection, clearance and maintenance of the public stormwater drainage systems. It would also work with the relevant government departments to check the road gullies, rainwater inlets, drainage channels and waterways to ensure clearance of drainage systems. During heavy rains, the DSD would deploy manpower to inspect and carry out clearing operations at locations that were vulnerable to blockages by washouts.

32. Ms Grace WONG said that although the aforementioned catchwaters, trenches and slopes were not under the purview of the IsDO, but the IsDO would take up the responsibility of cleaning and maintaining the channels that were constructed or maintained by the IsDO on a regular basis. If the situation allowed, the IsDO would also carry out improvement works for the channels as well. The IsDO would continue to closely monitor existing drainage facilities in the villages of South Lantau and would follow up with the relevant departments to reduce the risk of flooding.

33. Mr HO Chun-fai expressed his views as follows:

- (a) The Shek Pik Reservoir catchwater had been functioning for about 60 years ever since it was completed. It was fortunate that the flash flood occurred in the early morning. If it occurred one hour later, the consequences would be disastrous because there were people waiting for buses at that location every morning. It was also fortunate that the

incident did not occur in villages. Otherwise, rescue operations would be more difficult.

- (b) He hoped that government officers would pay attention to the slopes nearby during their regular inspections of catchwaters and would report and take follow-up actions immediately if any problems were detected. In addition, he hoped the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department would regularly examine the trees, with special attention given to those big trees growing on slopes. As the trees had grown bigger and heavier over the years and the soils were loosened after being washed by storms, the trees might fall along with slope failures. Therefore, this issue must be handled seriously.

34. Mr Randy YU expressed his views as follows:

- (a) Although the incident had caused inconvenience to the travel of local residents for a few hours, he commended the WSD for the prompt detailed inspections of the catchwaters behind the village entrance and the inclusion of six slopes into its short-term works programme. He said the incident showed that the department's regular inspections of catchwaters were inadequate. The catchwater involved in the incident was built in the 1960s. He believed that many catchwaters in the district would likely have the same problem.
- (b) He said that many places around the world had recorded an hourly rainfall of up to 200 millimetres this year. The incident in question also occurred during a heavy rainstorm within a short period of several hours. He believed that such situations would occur more frequently in the future. In 2008, Typhoon Hagupit had caused large-scale slope failures. Afterwards, the CEDD had carried out detailed examinations for many slopes that could affect the traffic and were close to villages in Lantau, and had developed a ten-year plan for slope repair and determination of works priorities. He urged the WSD to make reference to this approach. Apart from examination of the several retaining walls behind the villages, catchwaters that would affect the villages and the traffic of South Lantau Road should also be inspected.
- (c) He thanked the WSD for the detailed report which gave everyone a clear picture of the incident. He hoped the WSD would establish communication channels by making reference to the approach of the DSD. Therefore, in case of the occurrence of similar incidents, relevant messages could be sent to Members of the constituencies concerned via short message service or email for communication to residents, so as to avoid unnecessary panic and speculation.

35. Mr HO Siu-kei commended the relevant departments for their excellent efficiency as they were able to carry out emergency repairs within several hours to

enable residents to resume normal life promptly. He said that residents of Tai O were closed to the outside world for up to a week due to the passage of Typhoon Hagupit. In view of this incident, he said that if there was to be another severe rainstorm or typhoon that would lead to landslides, the consequences would be very serious. Therefore, he urged the department to carry out thorough inspections in Lantau, including the mountain range stretching through the entire South Lantau Road, Keung Shan Road to Sham Wat Road, so as to protect the safety of local residents.

36. Mr HO Chun-fai thanked the IsDO for its coordination with the relevant departments after the incident. The road section concerned was reopened for one-lane traffic in the afternoon and the traffic had generally returned to normal. He again urged the department to pay attention to the potential problem of the trees located on slopes leading to the collapse of an entire soil section, especially the area located near the village entrances where many villagers would pass through.

37. Mr YEUNG Tak-hoi made a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) The department arranged maintenance inspections and inspections by engineers for the slopes of the WSD in accordance with the established guidelines of the CEDD. However, noting that Members were concerned about the catchwaters, the department would arrange inspections on the man-made slopes in the district. As mentioned just now, the department would patrol and inspect the catchwaters every week during rainy seasons and clearing operations would be carried out immediately if any blockages were found. In addition, the department would review the maintenance of the Shek Pik Reservoir catchwater.
- (b) He supported the proposal to establish communication channels. In case of any incidents, the relevant information would be sent to Members of the constituencies concerned.

38. The Chairman requested the WSD to follow up on the establishment of channels for communication with Members.

V. Questions on proposal for installing seating along pedestrian access between Chui Kwan Drive and On Tung Street  
(Paper DFMC 41/2021)

39. The Chairman welcomed Ms WONG Ka-ming, Grace, Assistant District Officer (Islands) 2 and Mr LI Ming-yau, Senior Inspector of Works of the IsDO to the meeting to respond to the question.

40. Mr FONG Lung-fei briefly presented the question.

41. Ms Grace WONG said that the HyD was carrying out the construction of a walkway cover at Chui Kwan Drive and the project was expected to be completed in

June 2022. Therefore, the proposal regarding the installation of benches could not be commenced until the major works of the afore-mentioned project were completed. She suggested Mr FONG to submit a district minor works proposal to the District Council according to the existing mechanism, so as to proceed with project initiation and follow up.

42. Mr FONG Lung-fei said that the bus stop outside the Tung Chung Fire Station had a daily pedestrian flow of over a thousand people. As many elderlies would sit on the kerbstones while waiting for buses, he proposed to install benches at the bus stop.

43. Mr Eric KWOK supported the proposal. Moreover, he suggested that Mr FONG should also propose the construction of toilets in the district minor works proposal that he was going to submit.

44. The Chairman reminded Mr FONG Lung-fei to submit the proposal of district minor works.

(Mr CHAN Lin-wai left the meeting at around 11:50 a.m. and Mr Randy YU left the meeting at around 12 noon.)

VI. Question on proposal for provision of skatepark in Chung Wai Street Playground  
(Paper DFMC 42/2021)

45. The Chairman welcomed Ms SIU Kit-ping, Currie, District Leisure Manager (Islands) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to the meeting to respond to the question. The written reply of the LCSD had already been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

46. Mr FONG Lung-fei briefly presented the question and thanked the department for the site inspection conducted earlier. He noted that due to the limited space, it was unlikely that a skatepark would be provided at the location. He said many residents had reflected being bitten by mosquito after visiting the playground. Despite the department's regular weeding removal work, the mosquito problem persisted. As there was currently a lack of space for children and family activities in the vicinity of Yat Tung Estate and Yu Tai Court, he suggested that the lawn should be converted into other uses such as fitness facilities or running tracks.

47. Ms Currie SIU said that after the site inspection together with Mr FONG on 14 September, the department had arranged weeding removal work and enhanced anti-mosquito measures. Moreover, with regard to the proposal for converting the lawn into other uses, the department would carry out a preliminary feasibility study and explore feasible designs. The department would contact Mr FONG Lung-fei if there were any updates.

48. Mr FONG Lung-fei thanked the department for its active response. He hoped the department could provide more recreation, sports and sitting-out facilities for residents as soon as possible.

VII. Report on the Services of the Public Libraries in Islands District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department between June and July 2021  
(Paper DFMC 33/2021)

49. The Chairman welcomed Ms CHU Po-yee, Polly, Senior Librarian (Islands) of the LCSD to the meeting to present the paper.

50. Ms Polly CHU briefly presented the paper.

51. Members noted the contents of the paper.

VIII. Report on the management of Leisure and Cultural Services Department's recreational and sports facilities in Islands District (June to July 2021)  
(Paper DFMC 34/2021)

52. The Chairman welcomed Ms SIU Kit-ping, Currie, District Leisure Manager (Islands) of the LCSD to the meeting to present the paper.

53. Ms Currie SIU briefly presented the paper.

54. Mr Eric KWOK asked when the modification works for the public play spaces would commence.

55. Ms Currie SIU said that the department would arrange to carry out the renovation works for the Tai O Recreation Ground and the Peng Chau Playground in 2022-23.

IX. Third Batch of District Minor Works Projects proposed by Leisure and Cultural Services Department for 2021/22  
(Paper DFMC 35/2021)

56. The Chairman welcomed Ms SIU Kit-ping, Currie, District Leisure Manager (Islands) of the LCSD to the meeting to present the paper.

57. Ms Currie SIU briefly presented the paper.

58. The Chairman invited Members to vote by a show of hands on whether they agreed to endorse the funding of \$320,000 for implementing the projects set out in the paper.

59. Members voted by a show of hands. The funding proposal was endorsed unanimously.

(Members voted in favour included: the Chairman Mr Ken WONG, Mr WONG Man-hon, Mr YUNG Chi-ming, Mr HO Chun-fai, Mr HO Siu-kei, Ms Josephine TSANG, Mr Eric KWOK and Mr FONG Lung-fei; Ms WONG Chau-ping left the meeting temporarily.)

X. Utilisation and improvement works of Community Halls in Islands District  
(Paper DFMC 36/2021)

60. The Chairman welcomed Mr YAU San-ping, Peter, Senior Executive Officer (District Management) of the IsDO to the meeting to present the paper.

61. Mr Peter YAU briefly presented the paper.

62. Mr Eric KWOK urged the IsDO to expedite the processing of the funding allocations for the audio-visual systems of the two Community Halls, as it had been delayed for quite a long time.

63. The Chairman asked the IsDO when the results of the funding applications would be available.

64. Mr Peter YAU said that the funding applications for works would be reviewed and approved altogether annually. The IsDO had already submitted the funding applications. It was known that Home Affairs Department (HAD) has given internal priority to these two works. He was confident that the funding applications would be approved within the year. He would report to Members in the meeting when the results were available.

XI. Progress report on DC-funded District Minor Works Projects  
(Paper DFMC 37/2021)

65. The Chairman welcomed Ms WONG Ka-ming, Grace, Assistant District Officer (Islands) 2 and Mr LI Ming-yau, Senior Inspector of Works of the IsDO; Ms LEUNG So-ping, Selina, Senior Executive Officer (Planning) 21 of the LCSD; Ms WONG Hoi-ming, Helen, Architect (Works) 4 and Ms KONG Yuen-fan, Bonnie, Architect (Works) 5 of the HAD; and Mr TANG Siu-fai, Senior Architect of Ho & Partners Architects Engineers & Development Consultants Limited to the meeting to present the paper.

66. Ms Grace WONG briefly presented the paper and requested Members to note the contents of the paper. She added that since the Cheung Chau Sai Wan Platform project (IS-DMW352) involved complicated geology and geomorphology, after taking into account the advice from the CEDD, geological surveys should be carried out at the



current stage in order to collect more geological data for design purposes. She invited Members to consider endorsing the allocation of additional funding of \$270,000 so as to take the project forward.

67. Members had discussions on the various projects:

(i) Conversion of the Bicycle Parking Area next to Tung Chung Road Soccer Pitch into a Children's Playground and a Fitness Corner (IS-DMW370)

68. Mr Eric KWOK said it had been two years since the resident intake of the nearby Mun Tung Estate and over 1 000 households had already moved into Yu Tai Court, but the small children's playground on Chung Wai Street was the only facility of this type in the vicinity. He said that many residents were looking forward to the completion of the new playground and were asking about the project schedule.

69. Ms Selina LEUNG said that this project was initiated in the District Facilities Management Committee (DFMC) meeting in May this year. The Works Section of the HAD had already engaged a consultant to carry out the feasibility study.

70. Ms Helen WONG said that the HAD was carrying out a preliminary study for the project and would conduct topographical surveys next month to assess the environment at the site. Moreover, arborists had carried out a site inspection of the environment around the trees and performed a preliminary study. The department would continue to work with the stakeholders to follow up on the arrangement of underground pipelines. Based on the latest progress, it was anticipated that tendering would commence in the second quarter of 2023 and the works would commence in the third quarter of the same year if everything went smoothly.

71. Ms Selina LEUNG supplemented that after the feasibility study was completed, the department would report the study findings, the project cost and the project schedule at the DFMC meeting.

(ii) Provision of Shelter for the New Taxi Stand at Yat Tung Street (Item 8 of Annex)

72. Mr Eric KWOK said that the relevant trial pit had to be deferred due to other works in progress near the location. Based on his observation, the coverage of the trial pit of the Towngas had rimmed the trees very closely and no problem had been detected so far. Therefore, he opined that the project would not affect the trees. He hoped the department would report the findings truthfully.

73. Mr LI Ming-yau said the IsDO noted that the Housing Department and the Towngas were carrying out excavation works near the location of the proposed shelter. The IsDO was keeping a close watch on the progress of the works and would carry out trial pits to assess the impact of the proposed shelter on the trees after such works were completed.

(iii) Temporary Community Garden Programme (Item 21 of Annex)

74. Mr Eric KWOK enquired when the works for the Joint-user Complex in Area 107, Tung Chung would commence. He pointed out that the community garden programme was temporary in nature. Therefore, he hoped the IsDO and the LCSD would make good use of the site before the commencement of the works to provide space for family activities, so that the land would not be wasted.

75. Ms Selina LEUNG said that the Architectural Services Department was carrying out minor inspection works and studies for the Joint-user Complex in Area 107, Tung Chung at the site by way of temporary government land allocation. The temporary government land allocation would expire in the first quarter of 2022 and would be extended depending on the progress of the inspection works and the actual situation. She said that the District Lands Office, Islands (DLO/Is) was responsible for the short-term use of the land. The LCSD would liaise with the DLO/Is on the development of the site in due course.

(iv) Conversion of a Park into a Skatepark (Item 11 of Annex)

(v) Addition of Railings in Tai Peng Village (Item 12 of Annex)

(vi) Improvement Programme for Ko Long Village (Item 13 of Annex)

(vii) Improvements to No.18 Ka Nam Village, Yung Shue Wan (Item 14 of Annex)

(viii) Improvements to a Road Section in Mo Tat Wan Pier (Item 15 of Annex)

(ix) Provision of Fitness Facilities for Adults in Tung Chung North Park (Item 16 of Annex)

76. Mr Eric KWOK said that as Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho and Mr LEE Ka-ho, the proponents of project items 11 to 16 of the Annex, had already vacated their offices of Members of the District Council, he proposed to delete items 11, 15 and 16 based on the review progress and to consult Members of the constituencies concerned in respect of the other projects.

77. Ms Currie SIU responded as follows:

- (a) Regarding the proposal of the “Conversion of a Park into a Skatepark” (Item 11 of Annex), based on the department’s observation, there were lots of children playing at the Cheung Chau Tung Wan Children’s Playground during weekends and public holidays. As roller sports facilities were provided in the Cheung Chau Park which was not far from the playground, she proposed deleting the project item.
- (b) Regarding the proposal of the “Provision of Fitness Facilities for Adults in Tung Chung North Park” (Item 16 of Annex), as the site had been converted into a “Inclusive Park for Pets” more than a year ago, the department and the then District Council Member Mr LEE Ka-ho had conducted a site inspection at a vacant land outside the Tung Chung Man Tung Road Sports Centre. However, the DLO/Is had recently proposed to temporarily allocate the land to a religious group. Since both of the

sites above were not available for the provision of fitness facilities for adults, she proposed to delete the item.

78. Mr YUNG Chi-ming said that he agreed to delete the proposal of the “Conversion of a Park into a Skatepark” (Item 11 of Annex) because, as stated by the department, there were many users of the children’s playground, but he still hoped a skatepark could be provided at another location in the district.

79. Mr LI Ming-yau said regarding the proposal of the “Improvements to a Road Section in Mo Tat Wan Pier” (Item 15 of Annex), since the technical section had indicated that the existing structure of the pier was unable to bear the loading of an additional cover, he proposed to delete the item.

(x) Provision of Fitness Corners for Teenagers (Item 18 of Annex)

(xi) Provision of Leisure and Sports Corners for the Elderly in Yat Tung Estate (Item 19 of Annex)

(xii) Provision of a Dog Garden at Yu Tung Road (Item 20 of Annex)

80. Mr FONG Lung-fei expressed his views as follows:

- (a) Regarding the proposal of the “Provision of Fitness Corners for Teenagers” (Item 18 of Annex), there was a lack of sports venues in the vicinity of Yat Tung Estate. Residents could only jog and exercise on the pedestrian walkways next to the roads. He said although it might not be appropriate to provide fitness facilities next to roads with busy traffic, fitness facilities were provided at the side of the runways adjacent to observation deck in the Airport. He suggested that the LCSD should make reference to the design.
- (b) Regarding the proposal of the “Provision of Leisure and Sports Corners for the Elderly in Yat Tung Estate” (Item 19 of Annex), he learnt that three benches would be added for the elderly to rest. He hoped that fitness facilities such as pebble walking trails would also be provided for the elderly to do stretching and exercises. He said that although parks and other related facilities would be constructed in Area 29a in the future, he hoped the department would positively consider this proposal as many elderly residents had mobility difficulties and could only do exercises near their residences.
- (c) Regarding the proposal of the “Provision of a Dog Garden at Yu Tung Road” (Item 20 of Annex), he pointed out that currently Yat Tung Estate had over 60 tenants who could keep dogs lawfully and most of them were elderly. He said that if sufficient supporting facilities were provided in the district to attract residents to do exercises, residents would be able to get acquainted with each other and then provide mutual support. He said that incidents like deaths of the elderly at home that were not discovered in time happened often. He opined that the

provision of a dog garden and the addition of leisure and sports corners might encourage the elderly to go out for social interaction and activities, and reduce the occurrence of such tragedies.

81. Ms Selina LEUNG said that the LCSD had received the three proposals mentioned above in May this year. As a preliminary stage, basic information was being collected from the relevant departments. The department would look into the actual needs of the district and the proposed facilities later and report in due course.

82. The Chairman invited Members to vote by a show of hands on whether they supported the deletion of items 11, 15 and 16 of the Annex.

83. Members voted by a show of hands. There were eight votes in favour, nil against and one abstention. The proposal was endorsed.

(Members voted in favour included: the Chairman Mr Ken WONG, Mr YUNG Chi-ming, Mr HO Chun-fai, Mr HO Siu-kei, Ms WONG Chau-ping, Ms Josephine TSANG, Mr Eric KWOK and Mr FONG Lung-fei; Mr WONG Man-hon abstained.)

84. The Chairman invited Members to vote by a show of hands on whether they would endorse the paper and the allocation of additional funding of \$270,000 for the Cheung Chau Sai Wan Platform project (IS-DMW352) for implementing the supplementary works.

85. Members voted by a show of hands. The proposal was endorsed unanimously.

(Members voted in favour included: the Chairman Mr Ken WONG, Mr WONG Man-hon, Mr YUNG Chi-ming, Mr HO Chun-fai, Mr HO Siu-kei, Ms WONG Chau-ping, Ms Josephine TSANG, Mr Eric KWOK and Mr FONG Lung-fei.)

## XII. Any Other Business

86. There was no other business.

## XIII. Date of Next Meeting

87. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for 15 November 2021 (Monday) at 10:30 a.m.

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