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

Date : 10 January 2022 (Monday)  
Time : 2:00 p.m.  
Venue : Islands District Council Conference Room,  
14/F, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

**Present**

Mr WONG Hon-kuen, Ken (Chairman)  
Mr HO Chun-fai (Vice-Chairman)  
Mr YU Hon-kwan, Randy, MH, JP  
Mr WONG Man-hon, MH (Arrived at around 2:05 p.m.)  
Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, SBS, MH  
Mr YUNG Chi-ming, BBS, MH  
Mr CHAN Lin-wai, MH  
Mr HO Siu-kei (Arrived at around 2:05 p.m.)  
Ms WONG Chau-ping (Arrived at around 2:05 p.m.)  
Ms TSANG Sau-ho, Josephine  
Mr KWOK Ping, Eric  
Mr FONG Lung-fei  
Ms LAU Shun-ting

**Attendance by Invitation**

Mr TSANG Wai-man	Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Islands) Lands Department
Mr YAU San-ping, Peter	Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Islands District Office
Mr LEE Lap-chi, Alfred	District Secretary, Islands District Office
Mr LI Ming-yau	Senior Inspector of Works, Islands District Office
Ms WONG Hoi-ming, Helen	Architect (Works)4, Home Affairs Department
Mr PANG Tat-hung, Raymond	Executive Officer (Planning)21A, Leisure and Cultural Services Department

**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, Rain

Executive Officer (District Council)2, Islands District Office

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**Welcoming Remarks**

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

I. Confirmation of minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2021

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

3. The captioned minutes were confirmed unanimously without further amendments proposed by Members.

(Mr WONG Man-hon, Mr HO Siu-kei and Ms WONG Chau-ping joined the meeting at around 2:05 p.m.)

II. Question on the latest progress of the conversion of the derelict cycle parking area adjoining Tung Chung Soccer Pitch into children's playground  
(Paper DFMC 4/2022)

4. The Chairman welcomed Mr TSANG Wai-man, Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Islands (DLO/Is)) of the Lands Department to the meeting to respond to the question. The written replies of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), the DLO/Is and the Home Affairs Department (HAD) had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

5. Mr Eric KWOK briefly introduced the question.
6. Mr Eric KWOK enquired when the LCSD would submit application for land allocation to the DLO/Is and wanted to know the specific works schedule for the children's playground project, including the completion date.
7. Ms Currie SIU said that the project was being followed up by the Planning Section of the LCSD and the Works Section of HAD. As she understood, the feasibility study including ground investigation was being carried out by the consultants and, upon completion of the feasibility study and other planning processes of the project, the LCSD would apply to the DLO/Is for land allocation prior to works commencement.
8. Mr Eric KWOK enquired whether HAD had made any response and which department will make the application for land allocation.
9. The Chairman said that HAD had provided a written reply to the question.
10. Mr Eric KWOK said that it had been more than three years since the project was proposed in 2019. However, the LCSD was still not able to provide a specific works schedule for the project. He hoped that the project could be completed before the end of the current term of the District Council (DC). He was dissatisfied that the LCSD had neglected the development of children in the district and had not actively followed up on the project of children's play equipment.  
  
(Post-meeting note: The project "Conversion of the cycle parking area adjoining Tung Chung Road Soccer Pitch into children's playground and fitness corner" was endorsed by the District Facilities Management Committee (DFMC) under the Islands DC on 10 May 2021. The Works Section of HAD had commissioned consultants to conduct the feasibility study of the project in June 2021.)
11. Ms WONG Chau-ping enquired how long it would take for the process from submission to approval of an application for land allocation and whether an application for land allocation could be submitted only after the feasibility of the project concerned had been confirmed. In her opinion, enhanced efficiency could be achieved if the relevant feasibility study and the application for land allocation could be simultaneously carried out.
12. Ms Currie SIU said that representatives of the LCSD's Planning Section would give response on the details.
13. The Chairman suggested that Members should raise enquiries to the guests during the discussions on Item VI.

### III. Report on the Services of the Public Libraries in Islands District by the Leisure and

Cultural Services Department between October and November 2021  
(Paper DFMC 1/2022)

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

15. Ms Polly CHU introduced the paper.

16. Members noted the paper.

IV. Report on the management of Leisure and Cultural Services Department's recreational and sports facilities in Islands District (Oct to Nov 2021)  
(Paper DFMC 2/2022)

17. The Chairman welcomed Ms Currie SIU, District Leisure Manager (Islands) of the LCSD to the meeting to introduce the paper.

18. Ms Currie SIU briefly introduced the paper.

19. Mr Eric KWOK said that the designated camping site at Pui O Beach was temporarily closed due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) epidemic. As he noted, many campers had changed to camp on the beach instead. During the site visit conducted on the day before the meeting, he found that there were many campers and the tents were erected close to one another, and that some private cars had even entered the area of the beach. He worried that all these would result in a loophole for epidemic prevention. He enquired whether the LCSD had any corresponding measures to restrict camping in areas outside the designated camping site and recommended reopening of the camping site to facilitate management.

20. The Chairman reminded Mr Eric KWOK not to go off topic. He, however, was also concerned about the unregulated camping at non-gazetted beaches and locations other than designated camping sites. He, together with Ms Josephine TSANG, had enquired with the Police about the above situation, but was told that enforcement action could not be taken against people camping at the above locations if they did not light a fire. He suggested that Members submit questions concerning the issue for discussion at meetings and enquired whether the LCSD would consider reopening the camp site to facilitate management.

21. Mr WONG Man-hon stated that the LCSD had previously proposed to provide an "Inclusive Park for Pets" in Mui Wo River Silver Garden (Area 2). Since the proposed location was in proximity to a residential care home for the elderly, some residents raised objections to the proposal. As he noted, the LCSD had planned to provide "Inclusive Park for Pets" at four other selected sitting-out facilities in Islands District. He reminded that the LCSD had to first consult stakeholders and representatives in the local community such as Rural Committees. As he also noted, the LCSD had planned to make improvements to some soccer pitches in Islands

District. However, it seemed that the LCSD had not given notification to stakeholders in such areas and had only displayed banners about the works outside the soccer pitches concerned.

22. Ms Currie SIU said that the LCSD did not have any timetable for reopening Pui O Campsite at present after it had reviewed the latest developments of the epidemic and considered to tie in with the measures and arrangements of epidemic prevention and control. As regards the district consultation on siting for the provision of “Inclusive Park for Pets”, the LCSD had set out the proposed venues and details in the paper for perusal and comment by Members. Moreover, as the LCSD understood that the public might not have paid attention to the notices concerning the maintenance works for soccer pitches, it would try its best to disseminate information on the closure of venues for maintenance to the public through various channels in the future.

23. Mr HO Chun-fai recommended the LCSD reopen Pui O Campsite and, in compliance with the Prevention and Control of Disease (Prohibition on Gathering) Regulation (the Regulation), impose restrictions on the number of persons allowed per group gathering to two or four with a view to preventing people from camping at other public places.

24. Mr Randy YU indicated that regarding the “Inclusive Park for Pets” in Mui Wo River Silver Garden (Area 2), although Members supported the provision of inclusive facilities for pets, residents thereof might be opposed to the proposal due to the undesirable site selected. He enquired whether the proposal of constructing an “Inclusive Park for Pets” at this site had been implemented or cancelled since such site was not mentioned in the paper.

25. Mr FONG Lung-fei enquired whether the commencement of the renovation works of the table tennis room and badminton courts in Tung Chung Man Tung Road Sports Centre could be advanced since the temporary closure of the sports centre had already been implemented. Besides, having learnt that the Tung Chung Community Hall would be used as temporary badminton courts for the time being, he enquired whether the public was eligible to book the venue.

26. Ms Currie SIU made a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) The Prevention and Control of Disease (Prohibition on Group Gathering) Regulation is an anti-epidemic regulation formulated by the government in accordance with legal procedures.

(Post-meeting note: Barbecue and camping were generally group activities. As many groups would often use a venue at the same time, people at the venue would have close social contact easily. In addition, people would take off their masks when roasting and eating food, there would be higher

infection risks of COVID-19. In this connection, the LCSD still implemented temporary closure of barbecue sites and Pui O Campsite at present to reduce virus transmission risks. The LCSD would continue to closely monitor the latest situation of COVID-19 and, under the premise of controlling the spread of the epidemic, timely review the reopening arrangement of barbecue sites and Pui O Campsite.)

- (b) In a paper submitted for discussion at the DFMC meeting held on 9 November 2020, the LCSD had set out the sites proposed for providing an “Inclusive Park for Pets” in the first phase. The selected sites included Mui Wo River Silver Garden (Area 2) and Tung Chung North Park (Area A). The LCSD had also implemented the proposed arrangement since February 2021. Nevertheless, this paper had set out the sites selected for providing “Inclusive Park for Pets” in the second phase, in which four additional sites were proposed for such provision. The LCSD welcomed further public comments on the provision of an “Inclusive Park for Pets” at Mui Wo River Silver Garden (Area 2).
- (c) The renovation works of the table tennis room in Tung Chung Man Tung Road Sports Centre were in progress, and the flooring replacement works of the multi-purpose arena would be carried out in due course. After learning that the temporary closure of the above sports centre would be implemented with effect from 7 January 2022, the LCSD had liaised with the works department concerned for advancing the commencement of some parts of the works and carrying out the works as much as possible when the sports centre was temporarily closed.

27. Mr FONG Lung-fei enquired whether members of the public were eligible to book the temporary badminton courts at the Tung Chung Community Hall and whether the venue was available for rental by organisations only.

28. The Chairman suggested that Members raise enquiries during the discussions on Item V since community halls were managed by District Offices.

V. Utilisation and improvement works of Community Halls in Islands District  
(Paper DFMC 3/2022)

29. The Chairman welcome Mr YAU San-ping, Peter, Senior Executive Officer (District Management) and Mr LEE Lap-chi, Alfred, District Secretary of the Islands District Office (IsDO) to the meeting to present the paper.

30. Mr Peter YAU briefly introduced the paper.

31. Mr FONG Lung-fei learnt that the Tung Chung Community Hall would be used as temporary badminton courts for the time being. So, he enquired whether members of the public were eligible to book the venue and whether the venue was available for rental by organisations only.

32. Mr Peter YAU clarified that the Tung Chung Community Hall was not used as temporary badminton courts for the time being. The venue was available for rental by organisations only while applications submitted by individual applicants would not be entertained. Nevertheless, some organisations would book the venue for various kinds of activities including badminton.

33. Members noted the paper.

VI. Progress report on DC-funded District Minor Works Projects  
(Paper DFMC 5/2022)

34. The Chairman welcomed Ms WONG Ka-ming, Grace, Assistant District Officer (Islands)<sup>2</sup> and Mr LI Ming-yau, Senior Inspector of Works of the IsDO; Mr PANG Tat-hung, Raymond, Executive Officer (Planning)<sup>21A</sup> of the LCSD and Ms WONG Hoi-ming, Helen, Architect (Works)<sup>4</sup> of HAD to the meeting to introduce the paper.

35. Ms Grace WONG briefly introduced the paper and invited Members to note it.

36. Members' discussions on "Project No. IS-DMW370: Conversion of the cycle parking area adjoining Tung Chung Road Soccer Pitch into children's playground and fitness corner" were as follows:

37. Mr Eric KWOK said that the LCSD was the lead department of the project. He enquired whether the ground investigation as stated in HAD's written reply to Paper DFMC 4/2022 would be commenced this October. He also enquired whether applications for land allocation would be submitted to the DLO/Is and referral would then be made to the LCSD for design after the completion of the ground investigation. He requested the LCSD to provide the specific works schedule of the project including the completion date.

38. Mr Raymond PANG said that the ground investigation of the project was being carried out by the consultants commissioned by the Works Section of HAD with a view to examining the feasibility of the project. If the project was found to be feasible, other preparatory work would continue in accordance with the prevailing procedure such as the application for land allocation.

39. Ms Helen WONG said that the consultants conducted the tender exercise for the ground investigation in September 2021 and launched the works in October 2021. As there were many trees at the location, it took time to examine the conditions of land and trees. In the light of the site reports, HAD was currently preparing a feasible conceptual design that will be completed in an expeditious manner.

40. Mr Eric KWOK enquired whether HAD could confirm that the conversion of the site into children's playground was feasible. He worried that the project would eventually fail to be implemented due to the findings of the feasibility study.

41. Ms Helen WONG said that, as initially shown in the ground investigation report, many trees grown at the site and the roots of the trees might adversely affect the installation and spatial arrangement of the project facilities. Moreover, as there was a large utility pipeline under the ground level at the location, HAD was in liaison with the departments concerned and the CLP Power Hong Kong Limited (CLP) to conduct a research before evaluating whether the project was feasible only after discussions.

42. Mr Eric KWOK said that if the departments concerned could do their utmost to provide play equipment for children residing in Tung Chung West, it should not be difficult to solve the above problem. He suggested that the trees grown at the location should be retained, holding that such trees should not have negative impact on the feasibility of the project because, as a matter of fact, there were utility pipelines under ground level at many works sites.

43. Ms WONG Chau-ping welcomed the construction of a children's playground. However, as there was only one road between the site and the walled village nearby and the villagers attached great importance to the culture of feng shui, she reminded that the departments concerned should consult the villagers on the design and layout of the facilities in the future.

44. The Chairman indicated that most of the district minor works projects would take a long time to complete. He enquired HAD when the findings of the feasibility study for the project would be available.

45. Ms Helen WONG said that HAD was deliberating over the information on the ground investigation. As she explained, the significant factor that would affect the feasibility of the project was the utility pipeline under ground level, which was situated near the centre of the works site. Therefore, HAD had written to CLP to discuss the possibility of relocating the pipeline concerned and was awaiting the reply. HAD would actively follow up on the issue and expected that Members would be informed of the preliminary feasible conceptual design at the next meeting.

## VII. Any Other Business

46. There was no other business.



VIII. Date of Next Meeting

47. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m. The next meeting would be held at 2:00 p.m. on 14 March 2022 (Monday).

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