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

Date : 13 March 2023 (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 CHOW Yuk-tong, SBS, MH

Mr YUNG Chi-ming, BBS, MH

Mr CHAN Lin-wai, MH

Ms WONG Chau-ping

(Arrived at around 2:05 p.m.)

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

Ms LEUNG So-ping, Selina

Senior Executive Officer (Planning)21,  
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Mr LEE Sun-fu, Joe

Senior Executive Officer (District Management),  
Islands District Office

Mr YEUNG Chiu-cheong, Mark

District Secretary (Acting), Islands District Office

Mr CHAN Chak-chung

Senior Inspector of Works, Islands District Office

Ms WONG Hoi-ming, Helen

Architect (Works)4, Home Affairs Department

Mr Ken TONG

Senior Architect,

Ho & Partners Architects Engineers & Development  
Consultants Limited

**In Attendance**

Ms TSE Yik-ting, Ellie

Assistant District Officer (Islands)2, Islands District Office

Ms LIM Ting-ting, Sylvia

Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories West),  
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms HA Chung-wan, Joanne

District Leisure Manager (Islands),  
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms CHU Po-yee, Polly

Senior Librarian (Islands),  
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

**Secretary**

Ms KWONG Tsz-wing, Wing

Executive Officer (District Council)2, Islands District Office

**Absent with Apology**

Mr WONG Man-hon, MH

Mr HO Siu-kei

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**Welcoming Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed representatives of government departments and Members to the meeting and introduced the following representatives of government departments who were in attendance:

- (a) Ms HA Chung-wan, Joanne, who replaced Ms SIU Kit-ping, Currie as District Leisure Manager (Islands) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD).
- (b) Mr YEUNG Chiu-cheong, Mark, District Secretary (Acting) of the Islands District Office (IsDO), who stood in for Ms WONG Yik-ting, Sarina.

2. Members noted that Mr WONG Man-hon and Mr HO Siu-kei were unable to attend the meeting because of other commitments.

I. **Confirmation of minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2023**

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

4. The minutes were confirmed unanimously without amendments.

(Members who voted in favour included: the Chairman Mr Ken WONG, the Vice-Chairman Mr HO Chun-fai, Mr Randy YU, Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, Mr YUNG Chi-ming, Mr CHAN Lin-wai, Mr Eric KWOK, Mr FONG Lung-fei and Ms LAU Shun-ting.)

(Ms WONG Chau-ping arrived the meeting at around 2:05 p.m.)

II. Question on the long-idled Auxiliary Medical Service Mui Wo Training Centre  
(Paper DFMC 10/2023)

5. The Chairman said that the written reply from the Auxiliary Medical Service (AMS) had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

6. As Mr WONG Man-hon was unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments, the Chairman asked Mr Randy YU to present the question on behalf of Mr WONG.

7. Mr Randy YU briefly presented the question.

8. Mr Randy YU said that the work of the AMS was very important, and it mainly provided medical and emergency services for residents in the district. However, residents had raised concern about the long-term idling of the Mui Wo Training Centre of the AMS, which had not provided services to the residents for a long time. He understood that the services of the AMS had been affected by the epidemic. However, the AMS mentioned in its written reply that the AMS had only provided services on eight occasions, which indicated that the service level had been very low. Previously, he had asked the AMS to provide services for some major events held in the district, but the requests were often declined, which was puzzling to him. Despite the tight land resources in the district, the government had allocated land for the AMS to set up a training centre. Unfortunately, the organisation failed to provide services for the district when the district needed them. In this connection, he suggested that the Chairman should ask the Secretariat to write to the AMS to enquire about the details of the aforementioned eight occasions where the AMS had provided services, including the identities of the service users. He would like to know if the requests from the LCSD and the Home Affairs Department (HAD) had been accorded priority by the AMS. In addition, he would like to know whether it was feasible for the AMS to open up the Mui Wo Training Centre for public use, such as organising activities at the centre, so as to optimise the use of resources. He also hoped that representatives of the AMS could meet with Members to communicate with each other.

9. The Chairman concurred with the views of Mr Randy YU. In the past, he had also invited the AMS to provide services for some major events, but the requests had been declined. Since the Mui Wo Training Centre was occupying government land, the AMS should provide services for the community while occupying government resources. He asked the Secretariat to write to the AMS in respect of the proposal of Mr Randy YU.

10. Vice-Chairman Mr HO Chun-fai said that the AMS had been established to provide emergency medical services for residents on Lantau Island at the time when the transport network on Lantau was inadequate. However, as the transport network had improved greatly, the AMS played a less significant role. He supported the proposal of opening up the Mui Wo Training Centre for public use.

11. Mr YUNG Chi-ming had requested for the services of the AMS for some major events and activities held in Cheung Chau, including the Jiao Festival, and the AMS had provided services on every occasion. He did not know about the services the AMS provided in other areas, but was supportive of the aforementioned proposal.

12. Ms WONG Chau-ping concurred with the views of Mr Randy YU and Chairman Mr Ken WONG. She said that the Tung Chung office of the AMS was also left idling. She considered that the AMS should make good use of its resources and meet with Members to discuss the issue.

13. Ms LAU Shun-ting pointed out that there was no AMS training centre on Lamma Island. She had asked the AMS to provide assistance for an activity held on the island, but the request had been declined on the ground that there was already a clinic on the island. She was puzzled by the response of the AMS, as she considered the services provided by the AMS different from those provided by the clinic. For instance, the clinic was unable to dispatch medical staff promptly to the scene to pick up the sick and wounded. She hoped that the AMS would meet with Members and communicate directly with them.

14. The Chairman said that the AMS should meet with Members to enable them to understand the reasons for the frequent failure of the AMS to provide services, as well as the idling of the Mui Wo Training Centre and the Tung Chung Office. With the current easing of the pandemic and the gradual resumption of outdoor activities, the Chairman hoped that the AMS could play an active role in serving the community.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat had written to the AMS in respect of the above issues on 25 April 2023, and had forwarded the written reply from the AMS to Members on 11 May 2023.)

III. Question on the variation in the conversion works of the cycle parking area adjoining Tung Chung Road Soccer Pitch  
(Paper DFMC 11/2023)

15. The Chairman welcomed Mr TSANG Wai-man, Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Islands (DLO, Is)) of the Lands Department (LandsD) and Ms LEUNG So-ping, Selina, Senior Executive Officer (Planning)<sup>21</sup> of the LCSD to the meeting to respond to the question. The written replies of the DLO, Is and the LCSD had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

16. Mr Eric KWOK briefly presented the question.

17. Mr TSANG Wai-man said that he had nothing to add to the written reply of the DLO, Is.

18. Ms Selina LEUNG elaborated on the written reply of the LCSD. She added that the LCSD would conduct a site inspection with the staff of the Works Section of

the HAD and Mr Eric KWOK later. If the proposal of converting the site adjacent to the Hong Chi Shiu Pong Morninghope School into a children's playground was feasible, the LCSD would confirm the relevant works as soon as possible.

19. Mr Eric KWOK thanked the LCSD for its positive response. He pointed out that the proposed site was not a legal bicycle parking area. Currently, many abandoned bicycles were parked there. He enquired whether the site was managed by the DLO, Is; and if so, he hoped that the DLO, Is would follow up on the issue so that the LCSD could carry out the works.

20. Mr TSANG Wai-man said that the DLO, Is would look into the matter and keep in touch with the LCSD.

(Post-meeting note: In respect of the proposal of Mr Eric KWOK, the DLO, Is had not received any land allocation application from the relevant departments. The DLO, Is had conducted a site inspection of the government land adjacent to the Hong Chi Shiu Pong Morninghope School at Chung Mun Road and was currently in discussion with the relevant departments to arrange for the clearance of abandoned bicycles on the site.)

IV. Report on the Services of the Public Libraries in Islands District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department between December 2022 and January 2023  
(Paper DFMC 6/2023)

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

22. Ms Polly CHU presented the paper.

23. Members noted the content of the paper.

V. Report on the management of Leisure and Cultural Services Department's recreational and sports facilities in Islands District (December 2022 to January 2023)  
(Paper DFMC 7/2023)

24. The Chairman welcomed Ms HA Chung-wan, Joanne, District Leisure Manager (Islands) of the LCSD to the meeting to present the paper.

25. Ms Joanne HA presented the paper.

26. Mr Randy YU enquired whether the maintenance works of the Mui Wo Swimming Pool would be completed by 31 March 2023 as scheduled.

27. Ms Joanne HA replied that the aforementioned works would be completed as scheduled. The LCSD planned to re-open the swimming pool to the public on 1 April 2023.

VI. Utilisation and improvement works of Community Halls in Islands District  
(Paper DFMC 8/2023)

28. The Chairman welcomed Mr LEE Sun-fu, Joe, Senior Executive Officer (District Management) and Mr YEUNG Chiu-cheong, Mark, District Secretary (Acting) of the IsDO to the meeting to present the paper.

29. Mr Joe LEE presented the paper.

30. Mr Eric KWOK enquired whether the activities organised by the groups and organisations at the community hall would be affected during the works period of the audio-visual system improvement works for the Tung Chung Community Hall.

31. Mr Joe LEE replied that according to the information provided by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD), it might be necessary to temporarily close the Tung Chung Community Hall during the works period of the project. The IsDO would continue to follow up closely with the EMSD on the implementation timetable of the works, so as to minimise the impact on the public.

32. Mr Eric KWOK said that there was a strong demand for the venues in the community hall. He hoped that the IsDO would maintain effective communication with the EMSD so that the works could be completed promptly and the impact on the public could be minimised.

33. The Chairman asked the IsDO to take note of the views of Members.

34. Mr Joe LEE noted the views of Members.

VII. Progress report on DC-funded District Minor Works Projects  
(Paper DFMC 9/2023)

35. The Chairman welcomed Ms TSE Yik-ting, Ellie, Assistant District Officer (Islands)<sup>2</sup> and Mr CHAN Chak-chung, Senior Inspector of Works of the IsDO; Ms LEUNG So-ping, Selina, Senior Executive Officer (Planning)<sup>21</sup> of the LCSD; Ms WONG Hoi-ming, Helen, Architect (Works)<sup>4</sup> of the HAD and Mr Ken TONG, Senior Architect of Ho & Partners Architects Engineers & Development Consultants Limited to the meeting to present the paper.

36. Ms Ellie TSE briefly presented the paper and asked Members to take note of the content of the paper.

37. Mr Eric KWOK pointed out that the “Construction of Shelter at the Open Space next to South Lantau Rural Committee Office” (IS-DMW116) was a project approved by the Islands District Council during its last term of office, but no progress

could be seen in the current report. He opined that the completion of the project would provide an upgraded venue for the organisation of activities, and there was a pressing need for such a venue in the district. He enquired the IsDO about the reasons for the slow progress of the project.

38. Ms Ellie TSE said that the IsDO had kept in touch with the Vice-Chairman Mr HO Chun-fai regarding the progress of the project. As it was expected that the project would not involve complicated procedures, the report only provided relatively basic information on the progress of the project. The IsDO planned to advise the Rural Committee to rent the site in question on a short-term basis. The IsDO and the LandsD were currently engaging in the preparatory work for the short term tenancy.

39. The Vice-Chairman Mr HO Chun-fai thanked Mr Eric KWOK for his attention to the project. He said that the project had encountered various obstacles since the establishment of the project, but with the assistance of the IsDO, it could be implemented. He had communicated with the IsDO and agreed to rent the site in question on a short-term basis. As the project has been in preparation for a long period of time, he hoped that the LandsD would expedite the approval of the short term tenancy. He said that the South Lantau Rural Committee would follow up closely on the progress of the project.

40. Ms Ellie TSE said that the project had encountered various problems in the past, involving a number of government departments. As a result, it took the IsDO a longer time to undertake the related preparatory work. The IsDO would follow up closely on the progress of the project. She hoped Members would understand the situation.

41. Mr Eric KWOK pointed out that while it took only eight years to construct the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge, the project in question was still in the preparatory stage after so many years. He believed that the IsDO already had enough time to take the project forward. He was pleased to note the progress of the project and hoped that the IsDO would inform Members and the villagers of the latest progress once the details of the project were finalised.

42. Mr Randy YU said that it had been over 13 years since the project was established and had faced many challenges in the planning stage, such as issues related to coastal protection area and archaeology. He hoped that the IsDO could leverage its experience accumulated over the years to solve the problems in a practical manner so that the project could be implemented smoothly.

(Post-meeting note: The IsDO was coordinating the related work with the DLO, Is, the Planning Department, the Buildings Department and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and had updated the Vice-Chairman Mr HO Chun-fai on the latest progress of the project in a timely manner.)

## VIII. Any Other Business

43. No further issues were raised by Members.

IX. Date of Next Meeting

44. 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 15 May 2023 (Monday).

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