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**Islands District Council**

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

Date : 15 March 2021 (Monday)  
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 12:40 p.m.)
Mr WONG Man-hon	(Arrived at around 10:50 a.m.)
Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, SBS, MH	(Left at around 12:45 p.m.)
Mr YUNG Chi-ming, BBS, MH	
Mr CHAN Lin-wai, MH	
Mr HO Chun-fai	
Mr HO Siu-kei	
Ms WONG Chau-ping	
Ms YUNG Wing-sheung, Amy	(Arrived at around 10:50 a.m.)
Ms TSANG Sau-ho, Josephine	
Mr KWOK Ping, Eric	
Mr TSUI Sang-hung, Sammy	
Mr FONG Lung-fei	
Ms LAU Shun-ting	
Mr LEE Ka-ho	
Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho	

**Attendance by Invitation**

Mr TSANG Wai-man	Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Islands), Lands Department
Mr TSANG Chi-yuen	Housing Manager/Hong Kong Island & Islands 8, Housing Department
Mr CHEUNG Kwok-fai	Assistant Housing Manager/Tenancy (Hong Kong Island & Islands 8) 4, Housing Department
Ms HUI Shuk-yee	Engineer/Islands 2, Transport Department
Mr LAW Hoi-ming	Divisional Commander (Lantau North), Hong Kong Police Force
Ms Mariah Beth STEWART	Country Parks Ranger Services Officer (Hong Kong), Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
Mr YEUNG Tak-hoi	Senior Engineer/Hong Kong 3, Water Supplies Department

Mr YAU San-ping, Peter	Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Islands District Office
Mr LEE Lap-chi, Alfred	District Secretary, Islands District Office
Ms KONG Yuen-fan, Bonnie	Architect (Works)5, Home Affairs Department
Ms LEUNG So-ping, Selina	Senior Executive Officer (Planning)21, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr NG Kwan-lung	Liaison Manager, Ho & Partners Architects Engineers & Development Consultants Limited
Mr TANG Siu-fai	Senior Architect, Ho & Partners Architects Engineers & Development Consultants Limited
Mr CHOI Lung-fai	Architectural Assistant, Ho & Partners Architects Engineers & Development Consultants Limited
Ms LAU Yuet-to	Architectural Assistant, Ho & Partners Architects Engineers & Development Consultants Limited

**In Attendance**

Ms LEUNG Tin-yee, Christy	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 SIU Kit-ping, Currie	District Leisure Manager (Islands), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms CHU Po-yee, Polly	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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**Absent**

Mr WONG Chun-yeung

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**Welcoming remarks**

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

I. **Confirmation of minutes of the meeting held on 9.11.2020**

2. 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.

3. Members voted by a show of hands. The voting result was 13 votes in favour, 0 against and 2 abstentions. The minutes were endorsed.

(Members who voted in favour included: the Chairman Mr Ken WONG, Mr Randy YU, Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, Mr YUNG Chi-ming, Mr CHAN Lin-wai, Mr HO Chun-fai, Mr HO Siu-kei, Ms WONG Chau-ping, Ms Josephine TSANG, Mr Eric KWOK, Mr Sammy TSUI, Mr FONG Lung-fei and Ms LAU Shun-ting; Mr LEE Ka-ho and LEUNG Kwok-ho abstained.)

(Mr WONG Man-hon and Ms Amy YUNG arrived at the meeting at around 10:50 a.m.)

II. Question on proposal of converting the vacant land at Area 107 beside JoysMark of Mun Tung Estate into a temporary car park  
(Paper DFMC 7/2021)

4. The Chairman welcomed Ms SIU Kit-ping, Currie, District Leisure Manager (Islands) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD); Mr TSANG Wai-man, Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Islands) (DLO) of the Lands Department (LandsD); Mr TSANG Chi-yuen, Housing Manager/Hong Kong Island & Islands 8 and Mr CHEUNG Kwok-fai, Assistant Housing Manager/Tenancy (Hong Kong Island & Islands 8)4 of the Housing Department (HD); and Ms HUI Shuk-ye, Engineer/Islands 2 of the Transport Department (TD) to the meeting to respond to the question. The written replies of the LCSD, the DLO and the TD had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

5. Mr Eric KWOK briefly presented the question.

6. Mr CHEUNG Kwok-fai made a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) According to the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines (HKPSG), the suggested standard for provision of private car parking spaces in subsidised housing (including public rental housing) was as follows: number of private car parking spaces required = Global Parking Standard (GPS) x Demand Adjustment Ratio (R1) x Accessibility Adjustment Ratio (R2). The GPS stipulated the provision of one parking space for every six to nine public housing units, with R1 being 0.23 and R2 being 1 for developments outside a 500-metre radius of a rail station. According to the above standard, the minimum number of private car parking spaces for Mun Tung Estate should be  $3\,866 \text{ units} \div 9 \text{ (GPS)} \times 0.23 \text{ (R1)} \times 1 \text{ (R2)}$ , i.e. 99 parking spaces. There were 140 private car parking spaces in Mun Tung Estate, 112 of which were monthly parking spaces and the remaining 28 of which were hourly. The number of private car

parking spaces provided in Mun Tung Estate by HD met the relevant guidelines.

- (b) At the early intake stage of Mun Tung Estate, all private car parking spaces were set as hourly parking which facilitated residents to move in and renovate their units. In April 2019 when the intake rate reached 80%, the HD converted 100 of the hourly private car parking spaces back to monthly. With the increasing demand of monthly private car parking spaces, HD would further convert 12 of the hourly private car parking spaces to monthly parking. In other words, the number of private car parking spaces would be reverted to 112 monthly spaces and 28 hourly spaces as originally planned.

7. Ms HUI Shuk-ye added that according to the HKPSG as to the calculation of parking spaces in public and subsidised housing, housing units did not include one-person and two-person units.

8. Mr Eric KWOK said that HD's response was puzzling. To make it simple, there were 3 866 housing units in Mun Tung Estate, but the HD considered that 99 private car parking spaces were adequate. He requested that HD to further convert some of the hourly parking spaces into monthly parking spaces. He asked, if his request was feasible, how many monthly parking spaces could be added at the maximum, and he hoped that the HD would provide the implementation timetable.

9. Ms WONG Chau-ping said the written reply of the HD stated that an investigation study on the use of the vacant land was being conducted. As the vacant land was near the Tung Chung Old Village, she hoped that HD would consult the residents first before formulating the preliminary plan to avoid causing nuisance to the residents in future. As mentioned in the question, residents reported that the utilisation rate of the hourly parking spaces in Mun Tung Estate was low. She hoped that HD would take a direct consideration of the problem and conduct an on-site inspection to observe the usage of the hourly parking spaces.

10. Mr Sammy TSUI opined that the guidelines on the provision of parking spaces were outdated, suggesting that a review should be conducted. Both Ying Tung Estate and Mun Tung Estate also faced a shortage of parking spaces. With the changes in the social environment, members of the public had a growing demand for parking spaces because of their professions. In spite of the lack of space and parking spaces in the district, the new parking spaces planned by the Government were overly spacious and a waste of space. There was an urgent need to improve the design of the parking spaces.

11. Ms WONG Chau-ping said that according to the written reply of the DLO, the TD was exploring the feasibility of constructing a temporary fee-paying car park on the vacant land. She said that the vehicles entering the JoysMark car park from Tung Chung Road often caused congestion at the exit/entrance. Besides, Tung Chung Road was already overloaded being the only route into and out of Lantau

Island. The relevant departments had to consider the arrangement for the exit/entrance of the car park and consult the residents.

12. Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho said that the parking spaces in Tung Chung had long been in short supply, giving rise to the illegal parking problem. He urged the TD to obtain the relevant data from the Police in order to raise the issue with the HD or the departments responsible for handling the vacant land so as to provide additional temporary parking spaces. He hoped that the problem would be improved within five to ten years. He asked the departments concerned to note the proposal and arrange to meet with the Members of the constituency for following up in the future.

13. Mr Eric KWOK said that there had been a serious shortage of parking spaces in Tung Chung West for a long time. In the past, there was a large open-air car park in Mun Tung Estate which could park several hundred vehicles. He criticised the TD and the Highways Department (HyD) for their improper planning. At present, there was a great demand for parking spaces for Mun Tung Estate residents. There were 200 applicants on the waiting list for monthly parking spaces. Converting some of the hourly parking spaces into monthly parking spaces could only alleviate the problem temporarily. The LCSD said that Area 107 was managed by the LandsD and that the sports centre might not be completed within the next three or four years. Besides, the temporary car park between Areas 42 and 46 had been closed. He therefore proposed constructing a temporary car park on the vacant land in order to ease the shortage of parking spaces in the area and reduce illegal parking on Yu Tung Road. On the other hand, he was satisfied with the TD's written reply and hoped that the proposal would be implemented as soon as possible.

14. Mr LEE Ka-ho said that Members had all along been concerned about the shortage of parking spaces in Tung Chung. The issue had been discussed many times at the meetings of the District Council (DC) and its committees. As Mr Eric KWOK mentioned, the demand for monthly parking spaces was overwhelming. He requested HD to provide the data on parking spaces for Members' reference, including the occupancy rate of monthly parking spaces and the utilisation rate of hourly parking spaces during peak and non-peak hours.

15. Mr TSANG Chi-yuen made a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) According to the planning brief, there should be 112 monthly parking spaces and 28 hourly parking spaces in Mun Tung Estate. At present, there were 100 monthly and 40 hourly parking spaces in the estate. He agreed with Mr Eric KWOK's proposal of adopting temporary measures to ease the shortage of parking spaces. The HD would be pleased to convert 12 of the hourly parking spaces into monthly parking spaces to reach the cap of 112 monthly parking spaces. If the plot ratio of the car park allowed the cap on the number of monthly parking spaces to be increased, the HD would conduct a feasibility study. However, relevant study and the procedure for applying change of land use would take a considerable time. The HD would

check with the departments concerned for the details in due course.

- (b) The HD had already requested the management company of the car park in Mun Tung Estate to provide preliminary data on the utilisation rate of the car park. The data would be submitted to the Members for perusal after consolidation. According to the data, the utilisation rate of the hourly parking spaces during peak hours in the recent three months was 15 to 25 vehicles, whereas the utilisation rate on Sundays or public holidays was around 30 vehicles. It would therefore be acceptable to convert 12 of the hourly parking spaces into monthly parking spaces. If additional hourly parking spaces were converted to monthly parking spaces, it might lead to the insufficient supply of the hourly parking spaces.

16. The Chairman enquired of the TD about the timetable for the study and consultation on the proposed temporary fee-paying car park.

17. Ms HUI Shuk-yee said that the TD had formulated a preliminary plan for the temporary fee-paying car park which had been submitted to the relevant departments for review. As the location of the car park's exit/entrance might affect the residents, the TD would review the feasibility of the plan after receiving the comments from the departments concerned. A consultation would be undertaken depending on the feasibility.

18. Ms WONG Chau-ping said that she had been concerned about the issue of parking spaces in Tung Chung. She did not object to Mr Eric KWOK's proposal, but she hoped that the TD would know the actual demand for parking spaces in the district first and consult the residents of the Old Village on the plan.

19. Mr HO Siu-kei said that the serious issue of illegal parking in Tung Chung West clearly reflected the shortage of parking spaces. He hoped that the relevant departments would designate the land for providing a temporary car park as soon as possible after the consultation, so as to meet the needs of the public.

20. Mr Sammy TSUI suggested that the HD should improve their management of parking spaces. It should consider making use of the vacant monthly parking spaces flexibly, for example, by converting them into temporary hourly parking spaces during certain hours. Alternatively, the HD could convert the long vacant monthly parking spaces for large goods vehicles in Ying Tung Estate into hourly parking spaces. That would increase the income of the car park for hiring more staff and provide more parking spaces to reduce illegal parking, a win-win for all. He had consulted the HD about the matter but had been told that there were no such arrangements in place.

21. Mr Eric KWOK agreed with Mr Sammy TSUI's views. He proposed that a detailed discussion could be conducted at the Traffic and Transport Committee (TTC) Working Group meeting. He urged the TD to address the long-standing shortage of

parking spaces in Tung Chung directly. He was dissatisfied that the TD had not followed up the issue proactively, indirectly giving rise to conflicts between the public and the Police, who issued tickets to vehicle owners for parking illegally. He also agreed with Ms WONG Chau-ping's proposal of conducting a local consultation. He asked the Chairman to request the TD, upon completion of the study, to conduct an on-site inspection with Members to assess the feasibility of the proposal.

22. The Chairman said he hoped that, if the study showed that the plan was feasible, the TD would conduct an on-site inspection with the stakeholders. He also asked the HD to take note of the views of Mr Eric KWOK and Mr Sammy TSUI for reference in order to resolve the existing shortage of parking spaces in the housing estate.

23. Mr TSANG Chi-yuen added that it would take four to six weeks for the conversion of the 12 hourly parking spaces into monthly parking spaces to be approved. The HD would handle the matter as expeditiously as possible. The new parking spaces would be allocated by ballot in the order of the waiting list. With respect to the proposal of managing parking spaces with flexibility, he would consult the Commercial Premises Management Unit under the HD and reply to Members as soon as possible.

24. Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho said that Mr Eric KWOK had just proposed that the matter of parking spaces in Tung Chung should be handed over to the TTC Working Group for discussion. As there were already two working groups under the TTC but none under the District Facilities Management Committee (DFMC), it would be more suitable to set up a working group under the DFMC for following up.

25. Mr Eric KWOK said that he had no comments and hoped that the issue would be resolved as soon as possible. He requested the TD respond to the Chairman's proposal.

26. Ms HUI Shuk-yee said that other departments' views had to be sought because the plan fell within their scope of work. If the departments replied that the plan was feasible by the end of the month, consultation would then be conducted. Apart from drawing reference to the number of tickets issued by the Police, the TD would also review the number of vehicles illegally parked in the vicinity at night and the utilisation rate of the car parks within 500 metres of the location in order to assess the demand for parking spaces in the area.

27. The Chairman opined that a working group could be set up under the DFMC to discuss the matter of car park spaces in Tung Chung.

### III. Question on iron railings erected in the Green Belt outside Yat Tung Estate (Paper DFMC 12/2021)

28. The Chairman welcomed Mr LAW Hoi-ming, Divisional Commander

(Lantau North) of the Hong Kong Police Force and Mr TSANG Wai-man, Administrative Assistant/Lands of the DLO to the meeting to respond to the question. The written replies of the DLO, the TD and the HyD had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

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

30. Mr LAW Hoi-ming said that if a banner hung by the roadside was torn or obviously vandalised, the Police would treat the case as criminal damage upon receiving a report from the owner. According to Section 60 of the Crimes Ordinance, “A person who without lawful excuse destroys or damages any property belonging to another intending to destroy or damage any such property or being reckless as to whether any such property would be destroyed or damaged shall be guilty of an offence.” The maximum penalty would be imprisonment. Such cases would be referred to the District Investigation Team for follow-up, including making photographic records or returning the banner to the owner after gathering evidence. The banner would be seized as an exhibit for court purposes when necessary.

31. Mr FONG Lung-fei enquired whether the DLO was responsible for processing applications for hanging banners on railings. He noticed that there was a date on some of the banners. For example, although the display period shown on some Legislative Council Members’ banners was until the end of their term of office, the banners were still hanging after being damaged. He enquired which department was responsible for clearing banners and following up on irregularities or informing the people who hung the banners to follow up. He also enquired whether there were penalties for hanging banners illegally.

32. Mr Eric KWOK understood that the Police faced difficulties in handling the repeated vandalism of banners because his banners had been vandalised many times. Even though reports were made, the perpetrators could not be caught.

33. Mr Sammy TSUI said that he did not know which department was responsible for the management of banners. The Police was only responsible for handling banners for which lawful applications had been made. The banners that were hung unlawfully, commercial advertisements and easy-mount frames were not handled by the Police. He opined that if no departments were responsible for following up on complaints about banners unlawfully hung, it would be unfair to those who had applied for hanging their banners in accordance with the law.

34. The Chairman asked the DLO’s representative to respond to Members’ enquiries about the hanging of banners lawfully and unlawfully. He asked whether the DLO would inform the applicants if the banners hung lawfully were vandalised.

35. Mr TSANG Wai-man, quoting the written reply, pointed out that according to the law enforcement arrangements under the Management Scheme for the Display of Roadside Non-commercial Publicity Materials, upon receipt of a complaint, the DLO would confirm whether permission had been given to the publicity materials



under the scheme. If not, the DLO would refer the case to the relevant departments for follow-up. The departments might remove unauthorised and commercial banners in accordance with the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance.

36. The Chairman enquired if the damaged banner was lawful, whether the DLO would inform the applicant in writing.

37. Mr TSANG Wai-man responded that for the enforcement mechanism and details of the Management Scheme for the Display of Roadside Non-commercial Publicity Materials, Members could browse the relevant publicity leaflets on the LandsD's website. He could also provide a copy to Members after the meeting. With regard to the handling of damaged lawful banners, the DLO and the relevant departments would take the initiative to contact the applicant organisations or groups to follow up.

38. Mr FONG Lung-fei enquired whether the iron railings mentioned in the question were managed by the DLO. Many residents told him that there was no need to install iron railings at the spot and the road could be widened by removing those railings. He enquired whether the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) should be responsible for removing the unlawful banners and to which department should the application for removing the railings be submitted.

39. Mr TSANG Wai-man said that the railings on Chung Yan Road were under the purview of the Management Scheme for the Display of Roadside Non-commercial Publicity Materials. Members could hang their banners there after obtaining permission. However, the railings on the side of Yu Tung Road were not covered by the scheme. As for the removal of the iron railings, the railings were affixed on a pavement managed by the HyD, whereas the FEHD was an enforcement department which exercised the power vested by the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance.

#### IV. Question on proposal of displaying warning notices in Wong Lung Hang Picnic Site (Paper DFMC 13/2021)

40. The Chairman welcomed Ms Mariah Beth STEWART, Country Parks Ranger Services Officer (Hong Kong) of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) and Mr YEUNG Tak-hoi, Senior Engineer/Hong Kong 3 of the Water Supplies Department (WSD) to the meeting to respond to the question. The written replies of the AFCD and the WSD had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

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

42. Ms Mariah STEWART elaborated on the written reply of the AFCD.

43. Mr YEUNG Tak-hoi elaborated on the written reply of the WSD.

44. Mr FONG Lung-fei said that according to his observation, the barrier gate at Wong Lung Hang Road was often not locked and the lock had also been damaged before. During weekends, many vehicles were parked at the entrance of the picnic site. He said that the desludger would be there every morning, but the contractor often left the barrier gate unlocked after finishing their work, allowing other vehicles to enter the area. Residents reported to him that some people camped at the picnic site and some picked flowers, spit and barbecued there. He suggested that the AFCD step up inspection and publicity as well as replace the faded banners in the site and post notices to remind visitors to protect the countryside and keep the environment hygienic. In addition, foreign domestic helpers left behind a large amount of rubbish after using the venue at the weekend. He hoped that the departments concerned would step up the cleaning.

45. Mr Randy YU said that barrier gates installed for the access roads of many catchwaters on Lantau Island. He enquired of the WSD whether there was a penalty for people not on public duty who opened the barrier gates and drove into the access roads. He enquired, if yes, whether the WSD could put up warning signs to clearly state that only people with authorisation could enter and set out the penalty for violation. He said that trespasses beyond barrier gates rarely occurred on Lantau Island. Sometimes, there were vehicles coming in and out of some of the access roads in the area, but he was not sure whether they were the WSD's maintenance vehicles.

46. Ms Mariah STEWART made a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) Since the barrier gate on Wong Lung Hang Road was a facility managed by the WSD, issues such as whether the barrier gate was locked and whether the lock was damaged should be followed up by the WSD. When the AFCD staff walked past the location, they would check whether the barrier gate was locked.
- (b) With regard to the issue of illegal parking outside the Wong Lung Hang picnic site, as the site was not located within the country park area, the AFCD would refer the issue to the Police.
- (c) If the staff of the AFCD found visitors misusing the picnic site during patrol, they would give advice to the people concerned. If law enforcement was necessary, the case would be referred to the Police.
- (d) The AFCD was checking the notices and educational banners in the site and would strengthen inspection on holidays. The department would monitor the use of the site and would display more notices and educational banners if necessary.
- (e) The AFCD deployed staff to clear rubbish from the site regularly. It would review whether it was necessary to step up cleaning efforts. If

a large amount of litter was found, the AFCD would deploy additional staff to handle the situation.

47. Mr YEUNG Tak-hoi said that a warning sign which read “Waterworks access road. No entry without permission.” was normally erected at the entrance of a waterworks access road. The WSD would consider installing warning signs at Wong Lung Hang Road to remind tourists that entry of unauthorised vehicles was not allowed. At present, the WSD would conduct inspections two to three times a week. If the barrier gates were found to be unlocked, the staff would lock them immediately. If vehicles were found within the waterworks access road, the staff would advise the owners to leave. If the owners refused to cooperate, assistance would be sought from the Police. As there was a picnic site at Wong Lung Hang Road, if contractors did not immediately lock the barrier gate after opening them, other vehicles would be able to enter and park illegally in the area. If the lock was found to be vandalised, the WSD would replace it as soon as possible and would step up patrol when necessary.

48. The Chairman said that as both the WSD and the AFCD possessed the keys to the barrier gate, the vehicles on the access road should belong to the two departments. Seeking assistance from the Police might not be able to resolve the issue effectively. The practical and effective solution would be to keep the barrier gate locked. Even if the contractor’s vehicles were still within the access road when the barrier gate was locked, the staff could still open the barrier gate with their keys. He pointed out that the gate of Sea Point Road beside the Disneyland was managed by the HyD. Even if some other vehicles had trespassed onto the road, the HyD always kept the gate locked. He opined that by leaving the barrier gate of Wong Lung Hang Road unlocked to allow access by contractors’ vehicles, the WSD in effect gave connivance to the vehicles that trespassed and parked illegally on the access road.

49. Ms Mariah STEWART said that while the barrier gates were facilities of the WSD, the staff of the AFCD would also need to open them to carry out their duties. Regardless of whether there were vehicles on the access road, the AFCD staff would lock the barrier gate when entering and leaving. If the lock was found to be vandalised, the relevant departments would be informed to take follow-up action.

50. Mr YEUNG Tak-hoi said that the barrier gate of Wong Lung Hang Road was always locked. The staff of the WSD would use government vehicles or contract vehicles provided by the contractors to enter the waterworks access road, so it was possible to tell whether the vehicles behind the barrier gate was used for official duties. The WSD would only permit contractor vehicles on official duties to use the access road.

51. Mr FONG Lung-fei said that he had seen a vehicle leaving the access road with a child on board, so he believed that the vehicle did not belong to any government departments or contractors. He urged the related departments to pay more attention.

V. Question on proposal of changing the use of green belt under footbridge at Yu Tung Road opposite Hong Yat House of Yat Tung Estate  
(Paper DFMC 14/2021)

52. The Chairman said that the written replies of the LCSD and the Planning Department (PlanD) had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

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

54. No question was raised by others Members.

VI. Report on the Services of the Public Libraries in Islands District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department between December 2020 and January 2021  
(Paper DFMC 8/2021)

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

56. Ms Polly CHU presented the paper.

57. Ms Amy YUNG understood that all libraries and mobile libraries had suspended services due to the epidemic. She learnt that all libraries had reopened in the previous week. She enquired whether people would be fined for overdue items.

58. Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho asked, if libraries had to be temporarily closed in the future, how the LCSD would maintain their public service. He also said that he had raised a similar question in the previous meeting. Regarding the provision of services after the temporary closure of libraries, the data for the previous two to three years were not optimistic. He enquired whether the LCSD had any new initiatives, such as online activities organised by libraries. If there were such initiatives, they should be listed in the report to show the number of participants of online activities. If Members saw from the report that there was a decrease in the number of public library users, it would affect their consideration of the direction of library development.

59. Ms Josephine TSANG said that she had discussed the situation of Peng Chau Library with Senior Librarian Ms Polly CHU. There was only one small library on Peng Chau, which had to be temporarily closed during the epidemic. As many members of the public went to the library to borrow books or use computers, she hoped that the LCSD would consider opening the small library once or twice a week or partially to allow members of the public to borrow books without staying.

60. Ms Polly CHU responded as follows:

(a) Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL) had resumed the calculation of

overdue fines on 5 March, and the details had been published on HKPL's website. However, mobile libraries and static libraries had a different method of calculating overdue fines.

- (b) With regard to the data of public library services, while libraries were temporarily closed, there was an increase in the utilisation rate of the online electronic resources, and some readers had switched to reading e-books.

(Post-meeting note: The LCSD had submitted the utilisation rate of HKPL's e-book collection (2018-2020) to Members for perusal after the meeting.)

- (c) With regard to Peng Chau, as the epidemic situation remained volatile, the LCSD was reviewing the arrangements for reopening the library. While the LCSD would conduct cleaning as far as possible, the risk of reopening small libraries was higher due to their smaller area.

61. Ms LAU Shun-ting agreed with Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho's proposal and opined that the LCSD could provide the data of online library activities to inform Members of the quantity of physical books borrowed and also the statistics on online participants.

62. Mr LEE Ka-ho said that Members worried about the outbreak of the fifth wave of the epidemic, which would force the Government to close the libraries. During the outbreak of the fourth wave of the epidemic, library service was suspended for a long time. During that period, many members of the public said to him that apart from borrowing books, they had to go to the library to use computers, read newspapers or pay their fees, so the closure of libraries had a great impact on them. He hoped that before there was an outbreak of another wave of epidemic, the HKPL would conduct a review and make preparations in advance so that when restrictive measures were imposed, limited services could be maintained to provide convenience to the public. He understood that the LCSD had to strike a balance between epidemic prevention and provision of services, but he opined that the public's daily needs should not be neglected.

63. Ms Amy YUNG opined that if the HKPL had the usage data of the e-book service, they could provide the number of people who accessed the service through the electronic system. With the territory-wide data system, Members could then compare the utilisation rate of the service during the epidemic and other periods. In addition, as not every area of the Islands District was provided with a library, e-book service should continue to be enhanced after the epidemic subsided, and guidance should be provided to members of the public in order to keep pace with the times.

64. Ms Josephine TSANG said that libraries had been closed for a long time and no one knew how long the epidemic would last. Most people who went to the library on weekdays were children and the elderly, so the e-book service had not been

widely used on Peng Chau. She proposed that the LCSD should consider reopening the library partially and carrying out disinfection once every two hours to ensure that the library met the hygiene standard and that limited services could be maintained to reduce the impact on the public.

65. Ms Amy YUNG said that members of the public had donated books to libraries in the past. Considering the hygiene issues arising from the epidemic, she enquired whether book donation was still ongoing, and if so, how the LCSD could ensure that the health of the borrowers was safeguarded while accepting kindness from the public.

66. Ms Polly CHU made a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) With regard to the proposal of reopening the library, the LCSD would review the situation of the epidemic again and reopen the library as soon as possible when circumstances allowed.
- (b) The LCSD would organise various activities in Islands District to promote and introduce electronic resources to members of the public. The promotion of electronic resources was also a part of the Library-on-Wheels Pilot Project. Staff of the Library-on-Wheels would be arranged to teach participants how to use e-books and download the applications at the places visited.
- (c) Book donation would resume when the libraries reopened after the epidemic subsided.

VII. Report on the management of Leisure and Cultural Services Department's recreational and sports facilities in Islands District (December 2020 to January 2021)  
(Paper DFMC 9/2021)

67. The Chairman welcomed Ms SIU Kit-ping, Currie, District Leisure Manager (Islands) of the LCSD to the meeting to respond to the question.

68. Ms Currie SIU briefly presented the paper.

69. Mr FONG Lung-fei requested the LCSD not to plant shrubs in the flower beds on Chung Yan Road, Tung Chung. He also commended the LCSD for replacing the plants in the flower bed behind Chung Yan Road near Mun Yat House with turf. Scavengers always placed their items in the shrubs next to the bus stop, affecting the environmental hygiene. Rodents were even spotted at the location. He hoped that the LCSD would remove the shrubs and plant turf instead to avoid rodent nuisance which caused worries to residents. The shrubs at the opposite hospital were further away from the residences, so they could be dealt with later.

70. Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho said that Annex I stated that the attendances of Hung

Shing Yeh Beach and Pui O Beach were around 7 000 and 5 000 people respectively, which were far greater than other beaches. He lived in the vicinity of Tung Wan in Cheung Chau and found that Tung Wan Beach was almost full of visitors every day. However, the attendance of Tung Wan Beach was around 1 000 people only, so he would like to know how the LCSD calculated the attendances and whether the LCSD had analysed why Hung Shing Yeh Beach and Pui O Beach were so overcrowded. While many foreigners used Hung Shing Yeh Beach, there were also many tourists visiting Tung Wan Beach on Cheung Chau every day since the onset of the epidemic. If the LCSD's estimate was only based on the number of ferry passengers, given that the routes of Lamma Island and Cheung Chau were always full, the attendance of Tung Wan Beach should be higher than the statistical figure. He hoped that the LCSD would provide a reply after the meeting or discuss the matter at the meeting.

71. Mr WONG Man-hon said that according to item 5(iii) of the paper, the improvement works of Mui Wo River Silver Garden would commence in mid-March. He was not aware of the works until he read the paper. Earlier there was a paper mentioning that the dog garden works would be carried out near a home for the elderly, but the project was approved without a discussion by the DC. Members might have overlooked some of the details, which had created dissatisfaction among the local residents. The current paper said that there would be improvement works and that fences would be installed in the garden to prevent cattle from entering. He would like to obtain the layout plan for the fences to study whether they would affect the access by the residents.

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

- (a) The number of swimmers and visitors would be included in the calculation of beach attendances. All people entering the beaches would be counted. However, as beaches did not have gates, the figures were just estimates. She would follow up why the attendance at Cheung Wan Tung Wan Beach was relatively low and analyse the reason for the discrepancy between the estimates and the expected figures.
- (b) With regard to the improvement works of Mui Wo River Silver Garden, fences would be installed near the fitness facilities for the elderly to prevent stray cattle from intruding, but they would not hinder the access by residents or users.

73. Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho clarified that his enquiry was about why the attendances at Hung Shing Yeh Beach and Pui O Beach were particularly high, not why the attendance at Cheung Chau Tung Wan Beach was particularly low. He opined that the LCSD had misunderstood him and was concerned about the LCSD's method of estimation. He would like to know why the actual attendance figures of Hung Shing Yeh Beach and Tung Wan Beach differed so much despite the actual attendances were seemingly similar. He believed that the LCSD would follow up and hoped that the representatives of the LCSD would understand carefully what

Members said at the meeting in the future.

(Post-meeting note: The LCSD explained the calculation method of beach attendances to Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho after the meeting. Apart from swimmers, there were also many hikers passing by Hung Shing Yeh Beach and Pui O Beach, so their numbers of visitors were relatively higher.)

VIII. Utilisation and improvement works of Community Halls in Islands District  
(Paper DFMC 10/2021)

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

75. Mr Peter YAU briefly presented the paper.

76. Ms Amy YUNG said that the Cardio-pulmonary Resuscitation and Automated External Defibrillator (CPR & AED) Course was postponed to 27 April 2021 due to the epidemic. As residents of Discovery Bay were not aware of such course, she enquired whether the IsDO would disseminate other information for publicity purpose; and whether the residents would be notified if the course was further postponed due to the epidemic.

77. Mr LEE Ka-ho said that the Tung Chung Community Hall would be used as a vaccination centre and enquired whether disinfection would be conducted afterwards. He hoped that the department would briefly explain the procedures so that he could publicise them to the residents to address their concerns.

78. Mr Eric KWOK said that as far as he recollected, the comprehensive improvement plan of the audio-visual systems of the two community halls had been approved at a meeting and the IsDO had said that they had obtained quotations for the works. However, the paper said that the relevant plan could not be implemented because the funding could not be secured. He hoped that the IsDO would provide an explanation.

79. Mr Peter YAU made a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) The first class of the CPR & AED Course was postponed several times and was currently scheduled on 27 April 2021. IsDO would arrange the staff of the Tung Chung and the Discovery Bay Community Halls to attend the course first. If there were vacancies left, organisations that often used the community halls would be invited to participate. As the quota was limited, the public was not invited to attend this course. The IsDO was discussing with the Fire Services Department to continue providing public courses.



- (b) With regard to the disinfection work of Tung Chung Community Hall, the IsDO hired cleaners to station at the community hall to conduct cleaning work. After an organisation finished using the community hall, the cleaners would, where practicable, immediately use diluted bleach to clean the main door, door handles, etc. During the period when the community hall was used as a vaccination centre, the relevant department would arrange cleaning work for the centre under special arrangement. When the venue was returned to the IsDO, the IsDO would also arrange in-depth cleansing to ensure hygiene.
- (c) With regard to the improvement plan of the audio-visual systems, the amount of money involved was substantial. The audio-visual systems of the two community halls would cost nearly \$1.5 million in total. Funding had to be sought from the central administration after the plan was endorsed by the DFMC. The application had to compete with applications submitted by other departments for funding. As the funding was not approved this year, the IsDO would submit an application again in the following financial year.

IX. Progress report on DC-funded District Minor Works Projects  
(Paper DFMC 11/2021)

80. The Chairman welcomed Ms KONG Yuen-fan, Bonnie, Architect (Works)<sup>5</sup> of the Home Affairs Department (HAD); Ms LEUNG Tin-yee, Christy, Assistant District Officer (Islands)<sup>2</sup> of the IsDO; Ms LEUNG So-ping, Selina, Senior Executive Officer (Planning)<sup>21</sup> of the LCSD; and Mr NG Kwan-lung, Liaison Manager, Mr TANG Siu-fai, Senior Architect, Mr CHOI Lung-fai, Architectural Assistant and Ms LAU Yuet-to, Architectural Assistant of Ho & Partners Architects Engineers & Development Consultants Limited to the meeting to present the paper.

81. Ms Christy LEUNG briefly presented and asked Members to note the paper. She added that the allocation of \$11,663,000 for the DFMC in the current financial year had all been used up.

82. Members discussed the works projects as follows:

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

83. Mr YUNG Chi-ming said that the area concerned had been enclosed for some time, but the works still had not begun. The road closure had caused inconvenience to pier users. He opined that the works should be completed as soon as possible. He queried whether the deadline set for the works was too long, resulting in continued delay.

84. Ms Christy LEUNG responded that the latest works schedules provided by

the TD and the HyD were set out in paper DFMC 11/2021. It was understood that the original planters had been removed, and the resurfacing of the pedestrian link and the alteration of the drainage system were being carried out at present. According to the most updated information provided by the TD and the HyD, the project was anticipated to be completed in April or May of the current year.

85. Mr Randy YU said that many residents welcomed the removal of the planters and the widening of the pedestrian link. As the pedestrian link had been enclosed for some time, he hoped that the relevant departments would follow up on the progress of the works. The Architectural Services Department was supposed to complete the removal and relocation of the planter in February so that the HyD and the TD could proceed with the second part of the project. In other words, the resurfacing of the pedestrian link and the alteration of the road drainage system should be underway and completed no later than May. He requested the IsDO to communicate with the division of the HyD that was responsible for the Central and Western District to ensure that, when the laying of paving blocks and the pedestrian link works were under progress, the road signs would first be removed and relocated near the new planter, and would not be erected in the middle of the road.

86. Ms Christy LEUNG responded that she had conveyed Mr Randy YU's proposal of relocating the road signs to the TD and the HyD, and the relevant departments had said that they would follow up on the proposal. The IsDO would remind the departments later.

(b) Provision of rain and wind shelters along the walkway near the helipad in Cheung Chau (IS-DMW351)

87. Mr YUNG Chi-ming enquired about the progress of the project. He said that the issue had persisted since the passage of Typhoon Mangkhut. The situation was rather urgent as many patients needed to use the helipad, but they had to travel a long distance in order to get to it. The ongoing works had made it inconvenient for the hospital to transfer their patients.

88. Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho said that patients should be delivered directly to the helipad by ambulance. They did not have to walk or be stretchered to the helipad. He clarified that the original intent of the project was to provide convenience to the accompanying family members who had to walk along the road.

89. Ms Christy LEUNG responded that the first phase of the feasibility study was being conducted and the representatives of the HAD would further explain the project progress later.

90. Ms Bonnie KONG responded that the HAD's consultant was undertaking the first phase of the feasibility study. At the same time, ground investigation and tree surveying were also in progress. The HAD was preparing to carry out trial pit works at the location and applying for an excavation permit from the HyD.

91. Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho said that the project was put forward two to three years ago after typhoon Mangkhut hit Hong Kong. At present, the first phase of the project was underway, including ground investigation, application for excavation permit and trial pit works. The entire project was estimated to take around seven to eight years. During the period, it could not be guaranteed that no super typhoons would hit Hong Kong. In order not to deprive patients and their relatives of wind and rain shelters on the way to the helipad, he considered the project more urgent than the others. He hoped that the relevant departments would raise the urgency level in order to prioritise and expedite the project.

92. Ms Bonnie KONG noted the views of Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho and said that various projects were being implemented at the same time. The HAD understood that Members would like to see the early completion of the project and the department would take follow-up action.

(c) Provision of cover to the walkway from Yat Tung Street outside Tak Yat House, Yat Tung Estate through Chung Yan Road and Yu Tung Road beside North Lantau Hospital to the exit of the pedestrian subway beside Tung Chung Police Station (Item 1 of the Annex)

93. Mr Eric KWOK pointed out that the discussion of the project proposal had begun in 2016. It had been five years, but it was said in the “Progress Review” column that the feasibility of the project was still under discussion. He hoped that the HAD would provide the works schedule and opined that there should be a decision as to whether the project should proceed or not. If the project was feasible, the HAD should provide the planning report. If not, it should consider other options.

94. Ms Christy LEUNG responded that the IsDO had discussed with Mr Eric KWOK previously. As the proposal was not selected for the first phase of the TD’s Provision of Cover to Walkway Programme, Members agreed to follow up the matter again when the second phase was launched. However, the IsDO was still waiting for the TD to implement the second phase of the programme and to provide details.

(d) Provision of cover to the walkway beside Chung Yan Road outside Yat Tung Estate Car Park No. 1 (Item 2 of the Annex)

95. Mr Eric KWOK said that the project proposal had been discussed for three years as well. Similar to the preceding project, the feasibility of the project was still under discussion. The two proposals mentioned above had been listed in the report for five and three years respectively. He urged the IsDO to follow up.

96. Ms Christy LEUNG responded that an on-site inspection was conducted with Mr Eric KWOK in order to understand the scope of the proposed project. The IsDO was reviewing the project with the departments concerned and considering whether it was possible to implement the project under the programmes of other departments in order to make good use of resources.

97. Mr Eric KWOK suggested that the IsDO provide the latest progress of the project in the progress review report at the next meeting.

98. Ms Christy LEUNG noted Mr Eric KWOK's suggestion.

(e) Conversion of the cycle parking area adjoining Tung Chung Road Soccer Pitch of Mun Tung Estate into children's playground (Item 8 of the Annex)

99. Mr Eric KWOK said that the former manager of the LCSD had provided the layout plan in the previous year and enquired about the progress.

100. Ms Selina LEUNG responded that the LCSD was studying the proposal with the HAD and will report the progress and the details as soon as possible. The HAD would supplement with other details of the progress.

101. Ms Bonnie KONG responded that the Liaison Manager of the consultant was consolidating the preliminary study results and working out a rough estimate. The HAD would contact the leading department and consult the relevant stakeholders upon completion of the work.

102. Mr Eric KWOK appreciated the department's positive response and hoped that the departments would provide the timetable of the conversion works as soon as possible.

103. Ms WONG Chau-ping was pleased to learn that the project was making progress and suggested that the relevant departments should consult the stakeholders of the villages in Tung Chung, such as Ha Ling Pei Tsuen across the road. She opined that the departments should consult the corresponding village representatives. In addition, the abandoned area was surrounded by large trees. She hoped the design would take that into consideration.

(f) Provision of cover to the new taxi stand on Yat Tung Street (Item 9 of the Annex)

104. Mr Eric KWOK said that after conducting an on-site inspection, the representatives of the IsDO expressed concern about the problem of tree roots. He enquired whether the IsDO had carried out trial pit investigation. In addition, as Towngas conducted underground pipeline works at the location, he asked the engineer before whether the project would affect the trees. The engineer said the works and the roots would not affect each other, yet the "Progress Review" column stated that the trees might be affected by the works. While he was very concerned about the issues of trees, environment, climate, conservation, etc., he hoped that the IsDO would follow up seriously to prevent the works from stalling.

105. Ms Christy LEUNG responded that, as stated in the Paper, the department hoped that Members would endorse the trial pit excavation for ascertaining the distributions of tree roots and underground public utilities. In addition, while

Towngas was carrying out trial pit works at another location and said that the tree roots would not be affected, the location was different from where the proposed works would be carried out, which was under the tree canopy. According to the Guidelines on Tree Preservation during Development, no works were allowed in the area within the dripline of a tree so that the stability and health of the tree would not be affected. To establish the feasibility of the project, the IsDO asked Members to consider whether trial pit excavation should be conducted to find out the distribution of tree roots and underground utilities.

(g) Application for provision of a sitting-out area at Pui O Soccer Pitch (Item 7 of the Annex)

106. Mr HO Chun-fai said the paper stated that the proposal could not be implemented because the location was within the Coastal Protection Area. He was dissatisfied with the reply, and residents found it puzzling as well. The rationale of the reply was questionable as the construction of a sewage treatment works is permitted in the area. He said that a proper soccer pitch should be equipped with a sitting-out area and changing rooms. He also pointed out that the whole South Lantau was supposed to fall within the Coastal Protection Area and whether it would mean that no works should be conducted at all. Residents had been cooperative in many aspects, and yet the Government ignored their needs. He hoped that government departments would try to coordinate with each other, not to shirk their responsibilities, and to follow up and implement the project proposal as soon as possible.

107. Ms Selina LEUNG responded that she well noted Mr HO Chun-fai's concern and would relay his views to the PlanD.

108. Mr Eric KWOK said that as far as he recalled, it was mentioned at the last meeting that the Drainage Services Department (DSD) had endorsed the Environmental Impact Assessment Report for a storage cistern to be built to collect the sewage in Pui O. Members also proposed to contact the DSD to suggest providing changing rooms and toilets within the cistern area. He proposed to the Chairman to arrange a site visit for Members having concerns about the matter with the staff of the DSD after the epidemic subsided, so as to explore the feasibility of the proposal. As the cistern was located at the back of the soccer pitch, the proposed toilets and changing room facilities would provide convenience to the local residents and the soccer pitch users. In the previous term of the DC, he suggested the LCSD to inform the DSD about the frequent overflow of the septic tank at Pui O Beach, and the issue was resolved afterwards. He therefore hoped that the relevant departments would follow up proactively and address the lack of sitting-out area at Pui O Soccer Pitch.

109. Mr HO Chun-fai appreciated Mr Eric KWOK's support to the work of the DC and his constant concern about local affairs. He also hoped to invite the departments concerned to conduct an on-site inspection to follow up the matter. He said that Mr Randy YU had proposed in the previous meeting that the sitting-out

facilities and the sewage treatment works could be constructed simultaneously if they took about the same time to be completed. He reiterated that the changing rooms of Pui O Beach were always full. Sewage and excreta would overflow from the toilets, polluting the water quality of the sea and the beach. The issue therefore must be dealt with squarely. He pointed out that Pui O Soccer Pitch was one to two hundred metres away from the beach. It was necessary to provide the facilities near the soccer pitch to alleviate the overcrowding situation in the beach's changing rooms.

(Post-meeting note: The LCSD said that the renovation works of the toilets, changing rooms and outdoor shower facilities at Pui O Beach were in progress and it was anticipated that the said works could be completed in April.)

(h) Provision of adult fitness equipment at Tung Chung North Park (Item 18 of the Annex)

110. Mr LEE Ka-ho pointed out that the LCSD previously said it would identify other locations for follow-up. It had maintained contact with him in the previous six months and said that a study was being conducted. It was stated in the "Progress Review" column that "a preliminary study on the proposal was being conducted with the relevant departments". The study had been underway for six months, so he would like to know the progress and when the study would be completed.

111. Ms Selina LEUNG responded that the Islands District Leisure Services Office had conducted an on-site inspection with Mr LEE Ka-ho. The LCSD was conducting a study and consulting other departments on the locations preliminarily identified. The use and the conditions of the land would also be reviewed, and the progress would be reported to Members accordingly.

(i) Multi-purpose sports ground for children and youth in Yung Shue Wan, Lamma Island (Item 5 of the Annex)

112. Ms LAU Shun-ting said it was stated in the "Progress Review" column that "given the above reasons and the incompatibility between the land uses of the proposed development and the surrounding lands, the PlanD did not support the implementation of the proposal at the two locations mentioned above from the perspective of local planning." She said that she put forward the proposal as the Lamma Island lacked the relevant facilities to meet the needs of the residents, and yet the report pointed out that there was "incompatibility between the uses". She wanted to know the criteria adopted by the PlanD.

113. Ms Selina LEUNG responded that the relevant supplementary information was given in the paper and she would relay Members' views to the PlanD.

114. The Chairman asked Members to vote by a show of hands on whether to endorse the proposal of conducting trial pit works for "Provision of cover to the new taxi stand on Yat Tung Street" (Item 9 of the Annex).

115. Members voted by a show of hands. The voting result was 14 votes in favour, 0 against and 2 abstentions. The works proposal was endorsed.

(Members who voted in favour included: the Chairman Mr Ken WONG, Mr WONG Man-hon, Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, Mr YUNG Chi-ming, Mr CHAN Lin-wai, Mr HO Chun-fai, Mr HO Siu-kei, Ms Josephine TSANG, Ms Amy YUNG, , Mr Eric KWOK, Mr Sammy TSUI, Mr FONG Lung-fei, Ms LAU Shun-ting and Mr LEE Ka-ho; Ms WONG Chau-ping and LEUNG Kwok-ho abstained. Mr Randy YU left the meeting temporarily.)

116. Mr Eric KWOK hoped that the Chairman would arrange an on-site inspection with the DSD, the LCSD, the PlanD and the AFCD in respect of the proposed provision of a sitting-out area at Pui O Soccer Pitch (Item 7 of the Annex).

117. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to note the request and liaise with the departments concerned in order to conduct an on-site inspection.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat of Islands District Council had conveyed the Committee's views to the departments concerned.)

(Mr Randy YU left the meeting at around 12:40 p.m.; Mr CHOW Yuk-tong left the meeting at around 12:45 p.m.)

#### X. Any Other Business

118. The Chairman said that with regard to the question about the temporary car park, Members previously proposed to set up a working group under the DFMC to follow up the matter. However, the matter might also involve traffic issues, which might exceed the terms of reference of the DFMC. Moreover, it would take some time to set up a working group. After having a discussion with the Secretariat, he proposed that the issue should be followed up by the TTC Working Group.

119. Mr Eric KWOK proposed that the issue should be included in the agenda of the TTC Working Group.

120. Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho said that Members already had a comprehensive discussion about the issue. The discussion should not have taken place if the issue did not fall within the terms of reference of the DFMC. The Secretary should have reminded Members during the discussion when appropriate to avoid going beyond the committee's terms of reference. He hoped to set up a working group for the issue, and he would attend the meetings no matter under which committee the working group was set up. However, he opined that the Secretary and Members should know well the terms of reference of the various committees. He criticised the procedures as unreasonable.

121. The Chairman clarified that the previous question was mainly raised to discuss facilities such as the temporary car park. However, if future development involved the issues mentioned by Ms WONG Chau-ping such as the vehicular flow at the exit/entrance of the car park, the discussion might deviate from the terms of reference of the DFMC. He therefore opined that the issue should be centrally discussed by the TTC Working Group to enhance the efficiency of the meetings. If the report submitted by the TD at the end of March did not object to the construction of a car park, the issue would be solely related to traffic but not facilities. He suggested waiting for the TD's report before figuring out which committee should handle the matter.

122. Mr Eric KWOK said Mr Sammy TSUI had proposed that the HD should convert monthly parking spaces to hourly parking spaces at specific time sessions and conduct a feasibility study in this regard. As the proposal involved administration, policy and management issues, he opined that it should be discussed in-depth and followed up by one of the working groups. He had no opinions on which committee's working group to hold the discussion. What he hoped was that the proposal could be implemented. In addition, he reiterated that the car park in Area 107 was temporary because indoor sports centre, library and community hall would be constructed in the area in the future. The LCSD said that they would not apply for using the land in the following three to four years, and that was why he proposed a temporary car park to alleviate the shortage of parking spaces in Tung Chung West. He learnt that the HD would provide car parks in Areas 42 and 46. He would discuss with the department whether the areas of the car parks needed to be expanded to meet the needs of Tung Chung West.

123. The Chairman said that he would communicate with Mr Eric KWOK and Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho to see whether the issue involved facility or traffic issues before deciding whether a working group should be set up.

124. Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho agreed that a discussion should take place after the TD submitted the report at the end of March.

#### XI. Date of Next Meeting

125. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m. The next meeting would be held at 10:30 a.m. on 10 May 2021 (Monday).

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