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Islands District Council
Minutes of Meeting of District Facilities Management Committee

Date : 15 May 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	(Arrived at around 2:05 p.m.)
Mr WONG Man-hon, MH	(Arrived at around 2:05 p.m.)
Mr HO Siu-kei	
Ms WONG Chau-ping	
Mr NG Man-kit	(Arrived at around 2:05 p.m.)
Mr WAN Yeung-kin	
Mr KWOK Ping, Eric	
Mr FONG Lung-fei	
Ms LAU Shun-ting	

Attendance by Invitation

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 TANG Wing-yan	Inspector of Works (2), Islands District Office
Ms LEUNG So-ping, Selina	Senior Executive Officer (Planning)21, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms WONG Hoi-ming, Helen	Architect (Works)4, Home Affairs Department
Mr Darren LI	Design Manager, Ho & Partners Architects Engineers & Development Consultants Limited

In Attendance

Ms TSE Yik-ting, Ellie	Assistant District Officer (Islands)2, Islands District Office
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 CHOW Yuk-tong, SBS, MH

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**Welcoming Remarks**

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

2. Members noted that Mr CHOW Yuk-tong was unable to attend the meeting because of other commitments.

I. **Confirmation of minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 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. No amendment was proposed and the minutes were confirmed unanimously.

(Members who voted in favour included: the Chairman Mr Ken WONG, the Vice-Chairman Mr HO Chun-fai, Mr HO Siu-kei, Ms WONG Chau-ping, Mr WAN Yeung-kin, Mr Eric KWOK, Mr FONG Lung-fei and Ms LAU Shun-ting.)

(Mr Randy YU, Mr WONG Man-hon and Mr NG Man-kit joined the meeting at around 2:05 p.m.)

II. **Question on the progress of the building of covers for the footpath beside Chung Yan Road outside Yat Tung Estate Car Park No. 1 and the addition of covers for the footpath beside Yu Tung Road from Hong Yat House to Fuk Yat House in Yat Tung (1) Estate (Paper DFMC 16/2023)**

5. The Chairman said that the written replies from the Transport Department (TD) and the Highways Department had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

6. Mr Eric KWOK briefly presented the question.

7. Mr Eric KWOK expressed his views as follows:
- (a) The departments did not send any representatives to attend the meeting, which showed that the Government took the district facility issues lightly.
  - (b) He had made a site visit for the proposed works set out in Annex 1 together with the departments in the last term of office of the Islands District Council (IDC). Given the presence of an en-route bus stop outside Yat Tung Estate Car Park No. 1 and the fact that many pedestrians would go to the North Lantau Hospital via Mei Yat House, coupled with the future construction of public housing in Area 27A, he was of the view that there was an imminent need to construct covers for the footpath beside Chung Yan Road outside the car park. He therefore requested the TD to consider the above proposal.
  - (c) It was understood that the MTR Corporation had scheduled to hold a groundbreaking ceremony for the Tung Chung Line Extension project on 25 May 2023. The project was expected to be completed in 2029. He pointed out that the construction of covers for a segment of the footpath along Chui Kwan Drive near Chung Yan Road had taken six years to complete. If the addition of covers for the footpath beside Yu Tung Road from Hong Yat House to Fuk Yat House was to be commenced after the opening of the Tung Chung West Station, the completion date might be further delayed to 2036. He opined that the TD should immediately explore the addition of covers for that segment of footpath in anticipation of a surge in pedestrian flow of the footpath in the future.

8. The Chairman concurred with Mr Eric KWOK and considered it imperative that the TD planned ahead for the construction of district facilities with the long-term development of Tung Chung taken into account.

III. Report on the Services of the Public Libraries in Islands District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department between February 2023 and March 2023  
(Paper DFMC 12/2023)

9. The Chairman welcomed Ms CHU Po-yee, Polly, Senior Librarian (Islands) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to the meeting to present the paper.

10. Ms Polly CHU presented the paper.

11. Members noted the content of the paper.

IV. Report on the management of Leisure and Cultural Services Department's recreational and sports facilities in Islands District (February to March 2023)  
(Paper DFMC 13/2023)

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

13. Ms Joanne HA presented the paper.

14. The Vice-Chairman Mr HO Chun-fai said that residents of South Lantau supported the addition of an Inclusive Park for Pets in the district but would like the LCSD to take into account the traffic conditions in the surrounding area during the site selection process. He brought up an earlier incident where a vehicle hit a dog on South Lantau Road. As the proposed site for the Inclusive Park for Pets was near the "South Lantau Road/Tung Chung Road Pavilion" on South Lantau Road, some residents considered the site unsuitable. He suggested that the LCSD should instead consider selecting the open space near Tung Chung Road as the site for the park.

15. Ms Joanne HA said that the LCSD would pay attention to the aforementioned circumstances when choosing the site, with consideration given to the surrounding environment of different sites before formulating any proposal.

(Post-meeting note: The proposed sites for the Inclusive Park for Pets provided by the LCSD did not include the "South Lantau Road/ Tung Chung Road Pavilion".)

V. Utilisation and improvement works of Community Halls in Islands District  
(Paper DFMC 14/2023)

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

17. Mr Joe LEE presented the paper.

18. Members noted the content of the paper.

VI. Progress report on DC-funded District Minor Works Projects  
(Paper DFMC 15/2023)

19. The Chairman welcomed Ms TSE Yik-ting, Ellie, Assistant District Officer (Islands)<sup>2</sup> and Mr TANG Wing-yan, Inspector of Works (2) 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 Home Affairs Department (HAD); and Mr Darren LI, Design Manager of Ho & Partners Architects Engineers & Development Consultants Limited to the meeting to present the paper.

20. Ms Ellie TSE briefly presented the paper, asked Members to note the content of the paper and drew their attention to the changes in the project “Conversion of the open space adjoining Chung Mun Road opposite Mun Tung Estate into a sitting-out area” (IS-DMW370).

21. Members had discussions on the various projects:

(i) Conversion of the open space adjoining Chung Mun Road opposite Mun Tung Estate into a sitting-out area (IS-DMW370)

22. Mr Eric KWOK said that he had conducted a site visit with the relevant departments, during which they had noticed a considerable number of abandoned bicycles in that area. As stated in the minutes of the previous meeting, the District Lands Office, Islands (DLO, Is) had been discussing with the relevant departments the arrangements for clearing away the abandoned bicycles. He requested the Secretariat to follow up on the progress with the DLO, Is. He also enquired with the LCSD and the HAD about the progress of the feasibility study on the aforementioned project.

23. Ms Selina LEUNG said that the LCSD proposed to change the project site and rename the project as “Conversion of the open space adjoining Chung Mun Road opposite Mun Tung Estate into a sitting-out area” following an on-site inspection of the surrounding environment and exploration of other feasible locations. The proposed facilities for the project would remain largely in line with the original plan. The LCSD had also preliminarily notified the DLO, Is of the aforesaid proposed changes to the project.

24. Ms Helen WONG said that the consultant had commenced the preliminary study and would enquire with the relevant departments about the routing of underground pipeworks.

25. Mr Eric KWOK hoped that the HAD could update the Committee on the progress of the preliminary feasibility study at the next meeting. He also hoped that the HAD could provide a timetable for the works before the end of the current term of office of the IDC.

26. The Chairman requested the Secretariat to follow up on the issue of abandoned bicycles with the DLO, Is.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat had conveyed Members’ views to the DLO, Is, which was currently working alongside the IsDO to follow up on the matter with relevant departments.)

27. Ms WONG Chau-ping asked whether the change in the aforementioned project site implied that the proposed works concerning the cycle parking area adjoining the Tung Chung Road Soccer Pitch would be shelved.

28. Ms Selina LEUNG said that the LCSD had reported to Members in a previous District Facilities Management Committee (DFMC) meeting that the original project site was subject to various site constraints and tree maintenance issues. The LCSD had conducted on-site inspections after the discussions in the last DFMC meeting, and now proposed to change the site of the project to the open area adjoining Chung Mun Road opposite Mun Tung Estate. As a result, the LCSD would not proceed with the district minor works project of converting the cycle parking area adjoining Tung Chung Road Soccer Pitch into a sitting-out area.

29. Ms WONG Chau-ping said that the original project site was close to rural villages in Tung Chung and the villagers were deeply concerned about the design and progress of the project. She understood that the site constraints at the abovementioned location had made the implementation of works challenging, hence there had been a need to find an alternative site. However, she opined that the LCSD should have consulted relevant Members, local residents and stakeholders before making any changes. She expressed dissatisfaction without being notified in advance of such changes.

30. Ms Selina LEUNG thanked Members for their understanding of the difficulties in converting the cycle parking area adjoining Tung Chung Road Soccer Pitch into a sitting-out area. Besides, it had been discussed in the previous DFMC meeting that a sitting-out area could be built in a newly proposed site instead of the cycle parking area adjoining the Tung Chung Road Soccer Pitch. In view of this, the LCSD would like to give Members an update on the latest developments and propose a change in the project site through the paper presented at this meeting. She also said that the LCSD would provide recreational facilities similar to those under the original proposal at the new site, and welcomed inputs from the Tung Chung Rural Committee and Members regarding the district's development.

31. Ms WONG Chau-ping requested the LCSD to provide a concrete response by explicitly stating that the cycle parking area adjoining the Tung Chung Road Soccer Pitch would not be converted into a sitting-out area, so that she could explain the situation to villagers after the meeting.

32. Ms Selina LEUNG replied that concerning the project IS-DMW370, the LCSD would not convert the cycle parking area adjoining the Tung Chung Road Soccer Pitch into a sitting-out area under the District Minor Works Programme.

33. Ms WONG Chau-ping requested a written reply from the LCSD regarding the latest arrangements for the project IS-DMW370.

(ii) Construction of canopy on the road near Cheung Chau Helipad (IS-DMW351) and Construction of Cheung Chau Sai Wan Forecourt (IS-DMW352)

34. Mr NG Man-kit noted from the paper that the consultant was currently carrying out the design work for the aforementioned two projects. He enquired about the commencement dates of the projects.

35. Ms Helen WONG said that the design process of the two projects was underway. The tender exercise for these projects was expected to take place in the current financial year if things went well. The HAD would discuss the design of the projects with Members in due course.

36. Mr Darren LI said that the consultant had carried out preliminary design work for the “Construction of canopy on the road near Cheung Chau Helipad” (IS-DMW351) and would proceed with the detailed design after consulting with the Cheung Chau Fire Station. As for the “Construction of Cheung Chau Sai Wan Forecourt” (IS-DMW352), the consultant was currently assessing the number of affected trees. Upon completion of design, Members would be updated on the latest developments in due course.

37. Mr NG Man-kit enquired about the completion dates for the design work on the two projects and the work commencement dates.

38. The Chairman asked the HAD and the consultant whether they could inform Members of the commencement dates of the two projects before the next meeting.

39. Ms Helen WONG replied that the works were expected to commence in 2024 subject to smooth progress.

(iii) Construction of Shelter at the Open Space next to South Lantau Rural Committee Office (IS-DMW116) and various minor works projects

40. Mr Eric KWOK felt perplexed as to why the project was still at the preparatory stage while the report indicated that relevant departments had already revisited feasible solutions with Members. He said that many village representatives were concerned about the progress of the project as it had been nearly 12 years since its inception. He hoped that the IsDO and the South Lantau Rural Committee (SLRC) could respond in this regard.

41. The Vice-Chairman Mr HO Chun-fai said that he had multiple discussions with the IsDO regarding the progress of the project since assuming the role of Chairman of the SLRC. Since the beginning of his current term of office at the SLRC, he had convened two meetings with the IsDO and various village representatives to work together on exploring ways to advance the project. He hoped the IsDO could provide a specific timetable for the project.

42. Ms Ellie TSE said that a timetable could not be provided at the moment as certain details were yet to be confirmed at the current stage. The IsDO would keep a close watch on the progress of the project.

43. Mr Eric KWOK asked whether there were objections from other departments causing the project to remain stagnant and questioned whether maladministration was involved. He said that many village representatives had expressed dissatisfaction with the slow project progress. Considering that the current term of office of the IDC was

set to end on 31 December 2023, he requested the Vice-Chairman Mr HO Chun-fai and the IsDO convene a meeting with the SLRC by the end of the year to update village representatives and villagers on the timetable.

44. The Vice-Chairman Mr HO Chun-fai noted from a previous meeting with the IsDO that the various departments had not yet reached a consensus on the implementation of the project. He was of the view that the departments should maintain ongoing communication with the SLRC in order not to affect the project's progress.

45. Ms Ellie TSE believed that all administrative staff who had been involved in the project in the past had done their utmost to implement it. She had previously suggested to the Vice-Chairman Mr HO Chun-fai the option of implementing the project by means of short term tenancy (STT), and preliminary studies showed that this approach was feasible. The IsDO was consolidating the details at the current stage and would be glad to communicate the particulars to stakeholders in due course. She assured that the IsDO would actively follow up on the project and would not set it aside upon the end of the current term of office of the IDC.

46. Ms WONG Chau-ping believed that the Vice-Chairman Mr HO Chun-fai had fulfilled his duty by conveying the views of villagers in the Lantau area and raising questions about the development of the project in the IDC meetings, hence he was not obliged to assist the IsDO in responding to Members' enquiries.

47. The Chairman said that the progress of the project was unsatisfactory. He requested the IsDO to provide an update on the latest development, furnish the timetable at the next meeting, and promptly schedule a meeting to give a detailed account of the project's status to the SLRC and all stakeholders.

48. Ms WONG Chau-ping said that the Vice-Chairman Mr HO Chun-fai was under considerable pressure from the villagers because of the progress of the aforementioned project. She concurred with the views of other Members and suggested that the IsDO should convene a meeting as soon as possible.

49. Ms Ellie TSE agreed that the Vice-Chairman Mr HO Chun-fai had made every effort to follow up on the project's progress. She explained that the STT might involve issues of land use and temporary structures, necessitating consultation with other departments. She asserted that the departments had no intention to impede the project, and emphasised that the IsDO currently considered the STT approach feasible. She hoped to provide timely explanations to all stakeholders about the latest developments of the project in the future.

50. Mr Randy YU said that there might be changes in the composition of the IDC and the DFMC in their next terms of office because of the reform of the District Councils. He hoped that the departments concerned would follow up on the projects IS-DMW370, IS-DMW351 and IS-DMW352 and set out the progress of each project by the end of September 2023, along with a statement on whether the projects could be



completed within the current term of office of the IDC, so that Members could explain the situation to the public.

51. Mr Eric KWOK shared the views of Mr Randy YU and hoped that the departments concerned would commence the project IS-DMW116 as soon as possible.

52. Ms LAU Shun-ting concurred with the views of Mr Randy YU and hoped that the relevant departments could formulate construction timetables for the various minor works projects by September 2023.

53. The Chairman hoped the IsDO could summarise the progress of each minor works project before the DFMC meeting in September 2023 as there might be changes in the composition of the IDC in the next term of office.

54. The Vice-Chairman Mr HO Chun-fai said that there had been various challenges since the establishment of the project, with the IsDO being the only department that had provided assistance and actively explored solutions to facilitate the implementation of the project, while other departments had not offered any assistance. He suggested that if any departments held different views on the development direction of the project, it should communicate directly with the SLRC, so that the Members would not only consult IsDO about the project's progress and hold the IsDO accountable for that. He suggested that the IsDO should invite representatives from other departments to attend the SLRC meetings to discuss solutions collaboratively.

55. Ms Ellie TSE said that a wide range of issues had to be taken into account in the design process. She took tree relocation as an example to explain the need to take into account different details and procedures. She committed to providing a timetable for the works of each project for Members as far as practicable. As local residents would still be able to follow up on the project progress through various platforms and channels in the next term of office of the IDC, she expressed reluctance to hastily provide works timetables that might ultimately go unfulfilled. She reiterated that the IsDO would actively follow up on the progress of each project. As an office bridging communications between the Government and the public, the IsDO regularly conveyed the opinions of other departments and challenges they were met with to Members at the IDC meetings. She was confident that all departments were dedicated to serving the community and would never impede project advancement on purpose. However, she acknowledged that modifications were inevitable for certain projects and asked for understanding from Members. She said that the IsDO would invite representatives from other departments to explain the details to Members when necessary.

56. Mr Randy YU said that Members needed not be overly concerned as the IsDO had already pointed out that members of the local community would still be able to follow up on the progress of the projects through various platforms and channels in the future. He believed that members of the local community could continue to serve the community in different ways.

57. Ms WONG Chau-ping agreed with Mr Randy YU, saying that even if there would be changes in the composition of the IDC, she remained confident in the work of the IsDO.

(Post-meeting note: After the meeting, the IsDO had informed the Vice-Chairman Mr HO Chun-fai that an STT application could be attempted for the project IS-DMW116.)

VII. Any Other Business

58. No further business was raised by Members.

VIII. Date of Next Meeting

59. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for 10 July 2023 (Monday) at 2 p.m.

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