

(Translation)

Islands District Council
Minutes of Meeting of District Facilities Management Committee

Date : 14 September 2020 (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
Mr WONG Man-hon
Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, SBS, MH
Mr YUNG Chi-ming, BBS, MH (Left at around 12:50 p.m.)
Mr CHAN Lin-wai, MH (Left at around 12:35 p.m.)
Mr HO Chun-fai (Arrived at around 10:35 a.m.)
Mr HO Siu-kei
Ms WONG Chau-ping
Ms YUNG Wing-sheung, Amy
Ms TSANG Sau-ho, Josephine
Mr KWOK Ping, Eric
Mr TSUI Sang-hung, Sammy (Arrived at around 10:40 a.m.)
Mr FONG Lung-fei
Ms LAU Shun-ting
Mr LEE Ka-ho
Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho

Attendance by Invitation

Mr TSANG Wai-man

Mr HUANG Jialiang

Mr CHAN Chun-yin

Mr HAU Chi-leung, Arnold

Mr LAW Hoi-ming

Mr LO Tim-fat, Frankie

Ms HUI Ka-wai, Minerva

Ms HUI Shuk-yee

Ms LEUNG So-ping, Selina

Mr YAU San-ping, Peter

Mr LEE Lap-chi, Alfred

Mr LI Ming-yau

Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Islands),
Lands Department

District Engineer/General (4)A, Highways Department

Assistant District Engineer /Islands, Highways Department

Property Service Manager/S(HKI) 4, Housing Department

Divisional Commander Lantau North Division,

Hong Kong Police Force

Police Community Relations Officer (Lantau District),

Hong Kong Police Force

Architect (Works)5, Home Affairs Department

Engineer/Islands 2, Transport Department

Senior Executive Officer (Planning)21,

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Senior Executive Officer (District Management),

Islands District Office

District Secretary, Islands District Office

Senior Inspector of Works, Islands District Office

In Attendance

Ms LEUNG Tin-yee, Christy

Mr KWAN Chung-wai, David

Ms CHU Po-yee, Polly

Assistant District Officer (Islands)2, Islands District Office

District Leisure Manager (Islands),

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Senior Librarian (Islands),

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Secretary

Ms NG Ching-sum

Executive Officer (District Council)2, Islands District Office

Absent with Apology

Mr WONG Chun-yeung

Welcoming remarks

The Chairman welcomed representatives of government departments and Members to the meeting and introduced Ms NG Ching-sum, Executive Officer (District Council)2 of Islands District Office (IsDO) who succeeded Ms TANG Yuen-shan, Serena as the secretary of the Committee.

2. Members noted that Mr WONG Chun-yeung was unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments.

I. Confirmation of minutes of the meeting held on 13.7.2020

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 prior to the meeting.

4. Ms Amy YUNG said that at the last meeting, she had withdrawn the works proposal of “Improvement of the mini sports ground of the primary school at Nim Shue Wan”, and the Chairman also said that Peng Chau Rural Committee (RC) would give up its application for using the venue. The matter had been recorded in the minutes. However, when non-governmental organisations applied for using the venue, Lands Department (LandsD) said that their applications could not be accepted because Peng Chau RC had already submitted a previous application. She hoped that LandsD could take note of the minutes and stressed that both the works proposal and the application had been withdrawn, so LandsD could accept and process the new application.

5. The Chairman said that the representative of LandsD would attend the meeting to answer questions later. He said that he had written to withdraw the application and did not understand why it was not regarded to have been withdrawn.

6. The captioned minutes were confirmed unanimously.

II. Question on provision of seats with shelter at road section outside North Lantau Hospital (Paper DFMC 42/2020)

7. The Chairman welcomed Ms LEUNG Tin-yee, Christy, Assistant District Officer (Islands)2 of IsDO, Mr TSANG Wai-man, Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Islands) of LandsD and Mr KWAN Chung-wai, David, District Leisure Manager (Islands) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to the meeting to respond to the question. The Highways Department (HyD) advised the Secretariat that the matter in question was outside its purview.

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

9. Ms Christy LEUNG responded as follows:

- (a) She said that government departments had all along handled various aspects of management work under their respective purview. IsDO had previously conducted a site inspection at the road section concerned earlier to evaluate the situation. The preliminary view was that the

proposal to provide seats for people in need to take a short rest was technically feasible. IsDO suggested the Member to submit a district minor works (DMW) proposal in accordance with the established mechanism so that IsDO could follow up accordingly, giving regard to the resource allocation under Islands District Council (IDC). (b) IsDO was aware that the Civil Engineering and Development Department planned to construct a walkway cover at the same location and the construction concerned was expected to commence in mid-2021. IsDO suggested installing the seats under the cover in order to make good use of public resources .

(Mr HO Chun-fai joined the meeting at around 10:35 a.m.)

III. Question on repair and provision of directional signs
(Paper DFMC 43/2020)

10. The Chairman welcomed Mr HUANG Jialiang, District Engineer/General (4)A and Mr CHAN Chun-yin, Assistant District Engineer/Islands of HyD, Mr TSANG Wai-man, Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Islands) of LandsD and Mr David KWAN, District Leisure Manager (Islands) of LCSD to the meeting to respond to the question. HyD, the District Lands Office, Islands (DLO), LCSD and the Tourism Commission had provided written replies for Members' perusal.

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

12. Mr HUANG Jialiang said that the duties of HyD included the repair of visitor directional signs and mapboards. HyD discovered in an earlier inspection that the directional sign concerned was damaged and was procuring materials for repair. The repair work was expected to be completed within two weeks.

(Post-meeting note: HyD had completed the repair work of the directional sign concerned on 26 September 2020.)

13. Mr David KWAN said that as the maintenance of directional signs and mapboards did not fall under the purview of LCSD, LCSD had nothing to add.

14. Mr FONG Lung-fei said that the information provided by the existing directional signs was not clear, leading to a result that visitors and residents nearby were hard to know the routes to tourists' attractions (such as Tung Chung Battery). He provided that start walking from the walkway on the hillside opposite Tung Chung Crescent, then walk down the stairs would be the most direct way to the Battery. However, there was no relevant directional sign was installed along the route. While there was a directional sign showing the way to Yat Tung Estate, however, after reached the hospital in accordance with the directional sign, no further information was given. He urged the relevant department to follow up on the issue.

15. Mr Eric KWOK said that the directional signs installed in the country parks under the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) included a map with "You are here" sign showing different locations. He suggested making reference to the practice by providing maps to visitors and members of the public clearly showing

how they could go to the respective locations. He hoped that HyD would proactively consider the above suggestion.

16. Mr LEE Ka-ho asked whether HyD would regularly review the effectiveness of road signs and make improvements accordingly. He said that although the location directions shown in the directional signs in Figure 2 were correct, the number of signs provided were too many. Even visitors could follow the direction shown in the directional sign for Tung Chung Fort or Tung O Ancient Trail, no further direction was shown at the junctions end route. Visitors would only know the general direction without any idea which junction to proceed. Therefore, he asked whether HyD would regularly review the clarity of the road signs for the convenience of visitors.

17. The Chairman asked the HyD representatives to respond to Mr FONG Lung-fei's question on the provision of road signs, Mr Eric KWOK's question on the provision of maps, and Mr LEE Ka-ho's question on the review of road signs.

18. Mr HUANG Jialiang said that HyD was mainly responsible for the repair of visitor signage while the design and management of directional signs were co-ordinated by the Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKTB). The department was aware that HKTB would conduct a series of review, and the question could be answered by HKTB. If HKTB considered that there was a need for the provision of relevant facilities after the review, the department would assist in construction and repair.

19. Mr Eric KWOK said that a final decision could not be made on the issue at this meeting. To avoid duplication of work in relation to question submission for the Members and the Secretariat, he suggested HyD contact HKTB directly and convey the views of Members on the issue. He also requested HKTB to provide a written reply.

20. Mr HUANG Jialiang pointed out that the Tourism Commission had provided a written reply, and the department would assist in following up the matter.

(Mr Sammy TSUI joined the meeting at around 10:40 a.m.)

IV. Question on provision of fitness equipment at Green Belt site (Paper DFMC 44/2020)

21. The Chairman welcomed Mr TSANG Wai-man, Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Islands) of LandsD and Mr David KWAN, District Leisure Manager (Islands) of LCSD to the meeting to respond to the question.

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

23. Mr David KWAN said that LCSD was open to the proposal of converting the Green Belt site of about 200 metres long between Yu Tung Road next to the North Lantau Hospital and the Lantau North Divisional Police Station into a fitness corner and provision of a jogging trail. If it was feasible in terms of land use planning and Members hoped to further take forward the proposal, they might consider submitting a DMW proposal to the District Facilities Management Committee. The department would co-operate with relevant departments to conduct feasibility study on the proposal. If the study result was positive and showed that the project was operationally feasible, the department would apply for DC funds according to the scale

of the project and make arrangements accordingly. The department would conduct a site inspection with Mr FONG after the meeting to study whether the width of the Green Belt site was wide enough for the provision of jogging trail and fitness equipment at the same time. In addition, the department drew attention to some thriving trees on the road section. Since the proposed project might affect the tree roots, caution should be exercised in choosing a suitable spot at the site for the works.

24. Mr Eric KWOK hoped to join the site inspection together with Mr FONG Lung-fei.

25. Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho said that he noted that the project could be included in the DMW list, but the photos showed that the location was overgrown with weeds which would become a mosquito breeding ground in summer. He requested LCSD follow up on grass cutting there.

26. Mr FONG Lung-fei said that palm trees were planted along the section of cycle track from the Lantau North Divisional Police Station to Mun Tung Estate. However, the branches and foliage were too long that they might obstruct the vision of road users and cause potential dangers. He noted that the department had sent staff to prune the trees this morning, but he was not sure whether the entire road section was covered under the pruning work. He also pointed out that some members of the public voluntarily bundled up the branches and foliage, hoping that the pruning work could be completed within a few days. In addition, he said that a number of members of the public would go jogging at the road section in the morning and evening, so he urged the department to provide facilities to benefit the public.

27. Mr Eric KWOK said that he had written to LCSD earlier to request foliage pruning at the road section between Yu Tung Road next to the North Lantau Hospital and the Lantau North Divisional Police Station. However, the department had only given a brief reply with the date of the pruning work. He cited the example of HyD's written reply regarding the water leakage cases in Yat Tung Estate and Mun Tung Estate. He said that photos of the completed works were included in the reply. Since he had attached photos to his letter sent earlier, he hoped that LCSD would also enclose photos of the completed works in its reply to obviate the need for his site inspection.

28. The Chairman asked LCSD to conduct a site inspection with relevant Members after the meeting. Other interested stakeholders from Tung Chung could take the initiative to contact the department.

V. Question on planning and security of public bicycle parking sites in Ying Tung Estate (Paper DFMC 45/2020)

29. The Chairman welcomed Mr HAU Chi-leung, Arnold, Property Service Manager/S(HKI) 4 of the Housing Department (HD), Mr LAW Hoi-ming, Divisional Commander Lantau North Division and Mr LO Tim-fat, Frankie, Police Community Relations Officer (Lantau District) of the Hong Kong Police Force to the meeting to respond to the question.

30. Mr Sammy TSUI briefly presented the question.

31. Mr Arnold HAU made a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) HD had drawn up guidelines on the requirements for the use of bicycle parking stands in 2003. Residents should comply with the requirements when using the facilities. The purpose of providing bicycle parking stands was to convenience residents to park their bicycles temporarily for shopping or interchanging for other transport. Users were advised to install anti-theft devices to their bicycles as set out in the guidelines. Articles placed at the bicycle parking stands for purpose other than the designated one would be removed by the estate offices. The bicycle parking stands would be temporarily closed subject to the environmental and hygiene condition or repair and maintenance works.
- (b) Residents should keep their not-frequently-used bicycles at home. If staff of HD found that children's bicycles, abandoned bicycles, handcarts, trolleys and baby prams were placed at the bicycle parking stands for purpose other than the designated one, or found bicycles or other articles placed in public areas such as corridors, staircases, etc. of the building, they would seize or remove the articles concerned in accordance with the relevant ordinance.
- (c) Abandoned bicycles were generally referred to as worn-out and damaged bicycles. During inspection, staff of HD would check whether the brakes and gears of a bicycle had rusted, and whether its tires were deflated, etc. to determine whether the bicycle was an abandoned one.
- (d) According to the record, the estate offices had suspended some of the clearing operations due to the epidemic but maintained regular inspection of the bicycle parking stands. About 40 abandoned bicycles had been cleared so far this year.
- (e) The estate offices had deployed additional manpower for patrol and maintained contact with the Police Public Relations Branch to jointly combat bicycle theft, including inspection of the lighting level of the street lamps and the number of closed circuit television (CCTV) cameras in the vicinity of the bicycle parking stands. The staff of the estate offices would inform the works unit of HD for repair immediately once street lamps were found turning dim or damaged. In addition, banners and posters were displayed in the vicinity of the bicycle parking stands, and "video-recording in progress" notices were put up at prominent positions. Residents were also reminded to take anti-theft measures. A suspected case of bicycle theft took place at 11:30 p.m. on 2 September this year. The duty staff had reported the case to the Police and assisted the Police in arresting a suspicious man. This case had been referred to the Police for follow-up.

32. Mr LAW Hoi-ming said that the Police had kept a close eye on the bicycle parking sites in other areas of the district in addition to displaying warning banners at bicycle parking sites in public housing estates. They had also committed to stepping up patrol to prevent such crimes. According to police records, a total of six reports of

bicycle theft cases had been received by Lantau North Division since January this year. Two men suspected of involving in three cases had been arrested after investigation.

33. Mr Eric KWOK expressed his views as follows:

- (a) He commended Mun Tung Estate Management Company for its satisfactory performance in handling illegal parking of bicycles in recent months. However, with the shortage of bicycle parking spaces in the district, the problem of illegal parking of bicycles could not be resolved completely. He requested HD to consider providing additional bicycle parking spaces.
- (b) He urged HD to co-operate with the management company in its work through stringent implementation of the Marking Scheme in respect of water dripping from air-conditioner, illegal parking of bicycles and littering in Ying Tung Estate or Mun Tung Estate in order not to allow the problems to persist. He also requested the departmental representative to put the matter on record for discussion at the next meeting.

34. Mr Sammy TSUI expressed his views as follows:

- (a) He noted that the department had taken follow-up action by clearing about 40 bicycles. However, the bicycle parking spaces in Ying Tung Estate were not formal parking spaces, bicycles were only parked near flower beds or sitting-out areas. During site inspections, he found that many bicycles, in particular children's bicycles, which should have been purchased at the time of the intake of residents, were rarely used after the children grown up. Among those bicycles, many of them were seriously damaged but were still locked. The bicycles were parked indiscriminately, those in the innermost area had become rusty and dusty, which had obviously not been used for a long time. Those in the outermost area were still in use. He said that this situation suggested that there was room for improvement in management. The bicycles, if continued to be parked in rest gardens or open space, would cause obstruction to passers-by and residents. Nonetheless, there was nowhere to park the bicycles. While guidelines were in place to remind the public how to park bicycles at suitable places, the prevailing problem remained unresolved. Members had solicited residents' views online, many residents agreed to arrange the parking spaces by real-name registration or similar means, while unclaimed bicycles would be cleared under the arrangement. HD could also identify the owners of bicycles and clearly know the conditions of bicycles or whether the bicycles were in use during inspections at an interval of half a year or a year, and inform the owners to remove the bicycles. Without real-name registration at present, HD could not remove the bicycles as if scrap metal, which called for an improvement in management procedure.
- (b) As regards theft prevention, bicycle theft cases still occurred from time to time. For a case on 7 September, a few offenders had been arrested because of the bicycle theft issues. He suggested making improvements to the anti-theft or CCTV systems. The problems of

camera angles and unclear images imposed difficulties for the Police to arrest suspects when a bicycle was stolen. The victims said that the bicycles stolen were adult bicycles of new model, rather than bicycles of old model or baby prams. It was obvious that the offenders were not members of the public at large, but they committed bicycle theft on purpose. After identifying new bicycles, the offenders would find an opportunity to break the locks to steal the bicycles for resale. He requested the Police to strengthen monitoring through advising HD of the inadequacies of the anti-theft or CCTV systems identified after a theft case for improvement purpose. Otherwise, HD would deem that it was sufficient to install three to four cameras in each place. He reiterated that the Police should review whether there were loopholes in the security system.

- (c) Regarding police patrols, the Police had just said that there were six bicycle-theft cases. For the case on 7 September he had just mentioned, the resident was in a hurry to work and had no plan to make a police report, but he persuaded the resident to do so. The resident made a report the following day, but the police officer on duty said that the resident should have a site inspection with the police officer which would take a few hours. The resident found it inconvenient to do so and the case was classified as theft without bringing charges. Members of the public hoped that the Police could stamp out bicycle theft through crime detection. As residents leaving home in early hours might not find it convenient to take public transport to MTR station, while bicycles were not expensive, they would prefer cycling. But now their bicycles were stolen, which caused inconvenience to them. The frequency of bus services was rather low in Islands District, residents would take bus after work and drop off at the fire station to return to Ying Tung Estate by bicycles as a means of transport. He hoped that the detection rate of bicycle theft could increase.

35. Ms Amy YUNG said that the item “Report of the District Management Committee” was included in every IDC meeting, in which illegal parking of bicycles and the co-ordination work carried out by IsDO were mentioned every time. She suggested that IsDO should co-ordinate the work of various departments to tackle the problem together and look for a suitable solution. She urged IsDO to proactively examine and completely resolve the problem.

36. Mr Arnold HAU made a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) HD would discuss with Members on the provision of additional bicycle parking spaces at Mun Tung Estate later. HD had noted the proposal in relation to the Marking Scheme for Estate Management Enforcement, and would refer the proposal to the relevant section for following up the non-compliance cases. Regarding the query from the residents of Ying Tung Estate that HD had set up bicycle parking spaces on the flower bed, he clarified that upon the completion of the housing estate, the bicycle parking stands had been placed on the grassland, and the location was not intended to be used as a flower bed.

- (b) Regarding the proposal of adopting real-name registration system, he said that the relevant system might not be implemented smoothly without fixed parking spaces. In view of the epidemic situation, HD had suspended some of the clearance operations at Ying Tung Estate. When the epidemic situation slightly subsided in the middle of the year, the department carried out several clearance operations at Mun Tung Estate. The usual practice of HD was to announce the clearance spots one to two weeks in advance for members of the public to remove their bicycles. As the clearance work would take one day only, the residents could place their bicycles back to the parking sites the following day. HD would keep the unclaimed bicycles temporarily, and dispose of them if unclaimed after a period of time. He opined that it would be more appropriate to conduct large-scale operations to combat the problem of illegal parking of bicycles.
- (c) HD had been co-ordinating with the Police on matters relating to CCTVs at the housing estates. According to the Police's information, there was sufficient coverage of CCTVs at present; however, if a thief with a cap and a face mask committed the crime at night, it would be difficult to identify the thief even at close distance to the CCTV of the elevator. He said that HD's hardware was sufficient at present, but there was room for improvement for the software, and made a commitment to enhance inspection, set up security check points, and deploy staff for inspection every night as far as possible. If necessary, HD would instruct the management company to step up surprise checks, such as two to three times every night, so as to enhance the deterrent effect.
- (d) HD noted that some places within the housing estate were relatively dim and intended to adjust the street lights therein. Nevertheless, to prevent complaints lodged by the affected residents living on lower floors, HD would negotiate with them in advance.

37. Mr LAW Hoi-ming made a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) As regards the coverage of CCTVs, the representative of HD had given a response. The Police would maintain close liaison with HD and conduct review timely.
- (b) After receiving a case report, the Police needed to confirm the exact location of the incident and obtain further information for follow-up, which might require further contact with the informant. The Police noted that members of the public might only be free to report cases after work, and would study ways to improve the reporting procedure for their convenience.

38. Ms Christy LEUNG said that the District-led Actions Scheme of IsDO covered bicycle clearance. In her understanding, the project mainly focused on clearing the bicycles occupying government land, but she was not certain whether the enforcement departments could conduct clearance operation at Ying Tung Estate in one go. She would convey Ms Amy YUNG's proposal to the section concerned for follow-up action.

39. Mr Sammy TSUI expressed his views as follows:

- (a) He shared the views of the representative of HD earlier that it would be difficult to detect cases with CCTV system if the appearance of the thief was covered with clothing. However, when adequate facilities were available, the Police could trace the whereabouts of the suspect with the footage of CCTVs in the vicinity of the scene. While bicycle theft was not a serious offence, it would cause nuisance to the lives of residents if the situation persisted. Therefore, he urged the Police to improve anti-theft facilities.
- (b) He urged the Police to streamline the reporting procedure. The complicated reporting and investigation procedures would make it impossible for members of the public to go to work, as a result losing one-day wages. They might even give up making a report.
- (c) He opined that the Police should step up publicity such as putting up posters or displaying banners at bicycle parking sites to provide the dates of case detection, the number of suspects arrested and other details to show that the case had been followed up by the Police in order to increase the deterrent effect. He hoped that HD and the Police could seriously consider the proposal.

40. Mr Arnold HAU considered the proposed approach of Mr Sammy TSUI feasible. He said that bicycle theft cases and information of the detected cases would be put up on the notice board at the lobby of buildings to remind residents to stay vigilant. If penalty points were allotted to any household for misdeeds, the department would also announce the detailed information to serve as a reminder to residents.

41. Mr LAW Hoi-ming said that after the Police's enforcement actions, the Police Community Relations Office could provide the information to Members who would then inform residents.

VI. Question on progress of converting the cycle parking area adjoining Tung Chung Road Soccer Pitch of Mun Tung Estate into children's playground
(Paper DFMC 46/2020)

42. The Chairman welcomed Ms HUI Ka-wai, Minerva, Architect (Works)⁵ of the Home Affairs Department (HAD), Mr TSANG Wai-man, Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Islands) of LandsD and Ms LEUNG So-ping, Selina, Senior Executive Officer (Planning)²¹ of LCSD. LCSD and DLO had provided written replies for Members' perusal.

43. Mr Eric KWOK briefly presented the question.

44. Ms Selina LEUNG responded that after receiving the proposal from Mr Eric KWOK, the department, together with the Works Section of HAD (Works Section) and Liaison Manager of the consultant, had a site inspection with Mr Eric KWOK on 22 May this year to study the environment and residents' needs, and discuss on the spot the preliminary project scope and the facilities could be provided. She expressed that the consultant was carrying out the preliminary study. If the preliminary study

concluded that the proposal was feasible, the department would follow up with IsDO and suggest IDC to initiate the project, liaise with HAD Works Section to arrange the consultant to conduct feasibility study, and report the findings to IDC in due course.

45. Ms Minerva HUI said that she had nothing further to supplement.

46. Mr Eric KWOK said that his prime concern was the project schedule, including the time for consultation with IDC, preliminary study, project initiation and commencement of feasibility study by the consultant, etc. He enquired about the availability of a rough schedule to enable Members to keep tabs on the progress of the project, e.g. preparatory work such as preparation of draft plan, funding application and design. He also expressed views to the Transport Department (TD), and advised TD not to provide bicycle parking spaces at the children's playground upon its completion because the future playground with limited space could hardly accommodate bicycle parking stands. He enquired of LCSD when the application for site allocation would be submitted to LandsD.

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

- (a) He said that as being the most populous areas, Yat Tung Estate and Tung Chung West were provided with the least number of facilities. Some of the bicycle parking spaces at Yat Tung Estate were remote from residential buildings and had remained idle for years. He criticised that the department concerned had all along claimed that follow-up actions were underway without providing a timetable. Despite that he had written to LCSD last year requesting the provision of additional fitness equipment in venues such as Tung Chung Swimming Pool, Tung Chung Man Tung Road Sports Centre, Tung Chung North Park and Man Tung Road Park, LCSD had merely added facilities in remote areas such as Tung Chung North. He pointed out that people unfamiliar with Tung Chung West might think that there were many recreational and sports (R&S) facilities in the area concerned, but this was not the case.
- (b) He pointed out that housing estates built in earlier times mostly lacked community facilities. He enquired of LCSD whether the site mentioned in its response was Wong Ka Wai Sitting-Out Area, Tung Chung with a few seats only, and said that as far as he knew, children living nearby did not even have a place to play. Given that the area between Chek Lap Kok New Village and Mok Ka Village were so populous, he questioned why R&S facilities had been solely provided by LCSD to Tung Chung North instead of Tung Chung West which was treated like a barren land. He had made an enquiry to the department concerned on two plots of land next to Tak Yat House, and learnt that one of them would be used for providing community facilities. Despite that the other one had remained idle over the last decade or even the last two decades, the department concerned had simply responded that the site concerned had been covered by the outline zoning plan. As such, he enquired about the possibility of constructing temporary facilities on the site concerned. As a case in point, the sites of Mun Tung Estate and Yu Tai Court had been used as temporary ball courts before commencement of construction works. He criticised the Government for not providing sufficient resources and facilities despite its active

efforts in promoting sport for all. He urged LCSD to follow up on the provision of R&S facilities in Tung Chung West.

48. The Chairman reminded that LCSD should understand Members' concerns and focus of questions before responding to their enquiries. He hoped that LCSD would discuss with Mr FONG after the meeting to identify the locations for adding R&S facilities and provide the project schedule accordingly.

49. Ms Selina LEUNG expressed that the representative from the Works Section would provide the project schedule later. As the department was carrying out preliminary study of the project, the application for site allocation had not yet been submitted. If the preliminary findings concluded that the project was feasible, the department would follow up on project initiation, funding application and feasibility study before reporting to IDC. Upon the findings of the feasibility study was endorsed, the department would discuss the application for site allocation with DLO/Is.

50. Ms Minerva HUI said that after collecting the views of other government departments concerned, HAD would consolidate the preliminary study findings and prepare a rough cost estimate within about three months to half a year, after which they would review whether the cost estimate was reasonable, and invite Members to endorse the appointment of the consultant to carry out the feasibility study. As to Mr Eric KWOK's request for the draft plan of the project, she said that project design had not yet been carried out in the preliminary study stage, no draft plan could be provided at the moment. In assessing the preliminary feasibility of a project, the department would review the site area to determine a suitable number of fitness equipment, and would consider safety distance, access and the provision of rain shelters. The department would move to the design stage if the project was considered feasible after review. The design concepts provided in the feasibility study report, if approved, would be adopted for design along the direction.

51. Mr Eric KWOK said that among a total population of 60 000 in Tung Chung West, about 45 000 people were living in Yat Tung Estate, but there were only three slides and two swings in the estate, while there was only one small playground at the back of a petrol filling station in the Old Village. He said that the most important growth period for children ranged from a few years old to 10 years old, children's playgrounds were vital to the mental and physical development of children. In this regard, he urged the department to accord priority to the children's playground project. He hoped that the department could complete the whole procedure within one year, because the project at Yat Tung Street would take as long as four years and there were still two years to go before completion. He said that the Hong Kong – Zhuhai – Macao Bridge was completed in eight years only, there should not be any further delay in livelihood matters. He reiterated that priority should be accorded to the children's playground project and expected to see the result in the following year.

52. Mr FONG Lung-fei said that there were two swings in Yat Tung Estate only, but they were damaged very often which were virtually useless. The children's playground at the back of the petrol filling station at Tung Chung Road was open for children under six years old only, but over half of the area was a grassland covered with trees with mosquito and insect breeding due to the lack of repair, no one would go there but there was no other place for children to go playing. He queried whether it was necessary to provide so many Green Belt sites.

53. Mr HO Siu-kei said that he was living in the Old Village. From his observation, many parents would like to bring their children to enjoy R&S facilities, but they could only stroll along the streets in view of the dire shortage of the facilities in Tung Chung West. He agreed to Mr Eric KWOK's view that consultation and project initiation procedures were time-consuming, and criticised that projects as simple as provision of slides and swings would take years to study by different departments, discussion by the respective DC and funding application, which was not acceptable. If government officers continued to adopt this approach to deal with livelihood matters, he considered that people would feel helpless about the future of Hong Kong.

54. The Chairman suggested that LCSD should conduct a site inspection with Mr FONG Lung-fei to the grassland concerned to confirm whether it was under the purview of LCSD, so that funding approval could be sought from IDC for providing relevant facilities. He said that the lead time for each project was too long, and many projects were still in the pipeline. Given that the project had been given the green light at the last meeting, it was hoped that LCSD would streamline the process with a view to submitting papers to IDC for perusal within this year.

55. Ms Selina LEUNG expressed that LCSD had already conducted a site inspection with Mr Eric KWOK, and the Works Section had been actively taken follow-up actions. Upon completion of the preliminary study, the department would discuss with IsDO about project initiation.

56. Mr Sammy TSUI requested LCSD to provide a blueprint for sitting-out facilities. He pointed out that the population continued to grow in the Islands District with the successive completion of residential property development projects in recent years. In this connection, he asked whether the ratio of population to sitting-out facilities used in the planning of the Islands District was the same as that of urban areas. Government departments were supposed to comply with relevant criteria and proactively give an account of the facilities for children and the elderly before members' raised the request, so as to avoid a delay in the provision of the facilities concerned beyond the expiration of the current term of IDC. If relevant criteria were not available, Members would consider raising relevant questions at IDC meetings. He said that a lack of ancillary facilities at Mun Tung Estate and Ying Tung Estate had caused a great deal of inconvenience to residents participating in sports activities.

57. Ms WONG Chau-ping supported expediting the overall planning with respect to conversion of the cycle parking area. She pointed out that there were 19 villages in the vicinity of Tung Chung, but they lacked children's play equipment. The playground in closest proximity was located at Yat Tung Estate. In the Old Village, only a small playground was provided next to Tung O Ancient Trail. However, it took at least half an hour to travel to the playground concerned from each village. She asked LCSD to take note of the situation concerned.

58. Ms Selina LEUNG expressed that LCSD would liaise with other departments to follow up on the suggestions concerned in a timely manner. She also said that the provision of open space in the Islands District met the recommendation of the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines, while the geographical restriction between the outlying islands and Tung Chung was also noted. LCSD would examine the need of sitting-out facilities in various areas of the district and consider Members' DMW proposals and other views.

59. The Chairman asked DLO to take note of withdrawal of application for the use of the vacant school premises in Nim Shue Wan on Lantau Island. Ms Amy YUNG had already withdrawn her DMW proposal with respect to the school premises concerned as well.

60. Ms Amy YUNG said that the works proposal was still included in the Annex, and urged DLO to update the information therein. She said that DLO had sent a representative to attend the last meeting, and that the decision had been put on record. Given that the Chairman had already issued a letter in this regard, she enquired of DLO why no follow-up action had been taken. She said that an organisation had complained about the rejection of its application for the use of the school premises concerned on the ground that another organisation had made an application already. She criticised DLO for its low efficiency in handling the matter, thus preventing the public from using the school premises, and would consider whether it was necessary to lodge a complaint with the Office of The Ombudsman.

61. The Chairman urged DLO to follow up on the matter concerned.

(Post-meeting note: In response to the concern expressed by Ms YUNG, DLO checked its records after the meeting, but did not find any record on the request for cancellation of the short-term tenancy application from the applicant Mr Ken WONG. Thereafter, DLO contacted Mr Ken WONG to look into the matter concerned. Mr Ken WONG notified DLO via email on 14 September 2020 requesting cancellation of the application concerned.)

VII. Motion on request for provision of large electronic display panels on beaches in Cheung Chau
(Paper DFMC 47/2020)

62. The Chairman welcomed Mr David KWAN, District Leisure Manager (Islands) of LCSD to the meeting to respond to the motion. This motion was moved by Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho and seconded by Mr LEE Ka-ho.

63. Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho briefly presented the motion.

64. Mr David KWAN pointed out that there were currently nine beaches in the Islands District, and that Hung Shing Yeh Beach on Lamma Island was installed with an electronic display panel for displaying the current time and real-time water temperature. On water quality, the Environmental Protection Department would update beach water quality data on a weekly basis, which were accessible by the public through its website. Moreover, beach grading noticeboards had been erected on every beach for displaying respective water quality reports. LCSD would keep an open mind to the motion moved by Mr LEUNG with respect to the provision of display panels at Cheung Chau Tung Wan Beach and Kwun Yam Beach. Subject to the passage of the motion by Members, LCSD would conduct a site visit with the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) to explore the feasibility of installing light-emitting diode display panels, and review in one go the availability of suitable spaces at the other six beaches in the district for installing display panels. He would provide relevant information for Members' perusal later.

65. The Chairman asked Members whether there were any amendments to this motion.
66. Mr LEE Ka-ho proposed amending the motion as “The Islands District Council requests the Leisure and Cultural Services Department to install large electronic display panels at various beaches in the Islands District for providing real-time information such as time, temperature and water quality, in order to bring convenience to swimmers.”
67. Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho said that now that both Mr KWAN and Mr LEE had deemed it necessary to install display panels at all beaches in the Islands District, he agreed with the amendment concerned.
68. Mr Randy YU considered that other beaches might not have such a need. For instance, as the number of swimmers at Cheung Sha Beach was not high, the need for display panel would be lower, which would otherwise give rise to light pollution. He expressed reservations about the amendment concerned, and called on fellow Members to give careful deliberation.
69. The Chairman asked Members to take a vote on the amendment proposed by Mr LEE Ka-ho by a show of hands.
70. Members voted by a show of hands. The voting result was nine votes in favour, three against and four abstentions. The proposed amendment was endorsed.
- (Members voted in favour included: The Chairman Mr Ken WONG, Mr HO Siu-kei, Ms Josephine TSANG, Ms Amy YUNG, Mr Eric KWOK, Mr Sammy TSUI, Mr FONG Lung-fei, Mr LEE Ka-ho and Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho; Members voted against included: Mr Randy YU, Mr HO Chun-fai and Ms LAU Shun-ting. Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, Mr YUNG Chi-ming, Mr CHAN Lin-wai and Ms WONG Chau-ping abstained.)
71. The Chairman asked Members to take a vote on the motion amended by Mr LEE Ka-ho by a show of hands. The amended motion was seconded by Mr FONG Lung-fei and Mr Sammy TSUI.
72. Mr CHAN Lin-wai considered that it would be difficult to identify suitable spots at all beaches in the Islands District for installing large display panels. As a case in point, previously, a lot of time had been spent on searching a suitable spot at Hung Shing Yeh Beach on Lamma Island for installing a time and temperature display panel. While agreeing that the display panels would be rather useful, he suggested taking a vote only after identifying suitable spots because it was not easy to locate a suitable spot on a small beach for erecting a display panel, without creating an eyesore and affecting the provision of life-saving equipment thereon.
73. The Chairman said that the motion concerned was intended to be a proposal only, and that upon its passage, it was necessary to take different factors such as project cost into account. Moreover, the department concerned had to conduct site visits and obtain consent from local stakeholders. Hence, the proposal might not be materialised eventually. He reiterated that what needed to be done now was to vote for or against the motion.

74. Mr FONG Lung-fei pointed out that in a similar situation, the Chairman had invoked the Islands District Council Standing Orders to stop him from speaking at the last meeting, but had not stopped anyone from speaking today, calling into question the fairness of the practice.

75. The Chairman said that he absolutely treated all Members equally. Mr CHAN Lin-wai had not digressed from the subject when expressing his views, he had merely been unable to grasp the essence, or mistakenly thought that the motion involved the provision of relevant facilities on Lamma Island.

76. Mr FONG Lung-fei said that on that day, he had raised a question to the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department on the matter concerned just in the hope of proposing an amendment after clarifying the issue. He had not digressed from the subject either, but had been stopped from speaking.

77. The Chairman noted Mr FONG Lung-fei's view.

78. Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho said that a vote should be taken to deal with the amendment to the motion and the motion in one go, and considered that reference might be made to the past practice, otherwise, it might be necessary to overturn the decisions made by voting this year.

79. The Chairman said that according to Order 20 of the Islands District Council Standing Orders, "A motion to amend another motion must be decided upon by the Council before it can be put to the meeting for voting. If there is more than one motion to move amendments, they should be dealt with in the order they have been moved." Therefore, there was no problem with his approach in handling the matter just then, i.e. endorsement of the amendment should precede voting on the motion.

80. Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho expressed his understanding of the Islands District Council Standing Orders. As Members were perplexed by the procedure for dealing with amendments to motion, he asked whether the Secretary or the Assistant District Officer could elaborate on this.

81. Mr Randy YU said that a number of Members had expressed their confusion about the procedure concerned over the past few months. There had been confusion at the first and second IDC meetings, but it had been subsequently clarified that it was imperative to put amendments to motion to a vote first, and a vote would be taken on the motion after the amendments were endorsed.

82. The Chairman said that as the amendment had been endorsed earlier, a vote should be taken on the amended motion now. He asked Mr LEE Ka-ho to read out the amended motion once again.

83. Mr LEE Ka-ho read out the amended motion.

84. The Chairman asked Members to take a vote on the motion amended by Mr LEE Ka-ho by a show of hands. The amended motion was seconded by Mr FONG Lung-fei and Mr Sammy TSUI.

85. Members voted by a show of hands. The voting result was six votes in favour, two against and nine abstentions. The amended motion was passed.

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

VIII. Report on the management of Leisure and Cultural Services Department's recreational and sports facilities in Islands District (June to July 2020)
(Paper DFMC 40/2020)

86. The Chairman welcomed Mr David KWAN, District Leisure Manager (Islands) of LCSD to the meeting to present the paper.

87. Mr David KWAN presented the paper.

88. Mr Eric KWOK said that regarding public play spaces managed by LCSD, it was hoped that the provision of facilities near the petrol filling station (i.e. the playground opposite to Yu Tai Court) proposed by Mr FONG Lung-fei earlier would be included in the programme. As for the greening works as set out in Annex 2, he and Mr FONG had commented that in the past, azalea had been planted along a section of Chung Yan Road leading from North Lantau Hospital to Yu Tai Court; nevertheless, the entire road section had lost its charm upon the removal of these azalea at the last meeting. He suggested replanting azaleas at the road section concerned. Besides, only trees and grass were planted at a section of Yu Tung Road leading from Tung Chung Police Station to Mun Tung Estate currently, which was relatively monotonous. As such, he requested planting some flowers.

89. Mr FONG Lung-fei said that LCSD had put in a lot of efforts on greening works but failed to manage the green spaces upon project completion, and that the green spaces merely clustered around the vicinities of Tung Chung East and Tung Chung North, whereas the fragmented greening zones in Tung Chung West were connected by footpaths, a cycle track and carriageways. Only trees and weeds were found in the Roadside Verge Greening Zones. Flowers had wilted or the stems were bent by wind, and only a few palm trees left. As Mr Eric KWOK had said, only one or two azalea had remained intact in the greening zone. He suggested beautifying the environment of the greening zones to make them flourish. He did not understand why the Government had merely beautified Man Tung Road, Tat Tung Road, as well as the roadside planters along Man Tung Road and in the vicinity of the waterfront area in Tung Chung North, but simply ignored Tung Chung West. As blown-down trees near a village in Tung Chung West had been left unattended so far, he requested the Government to follow up on the matter.

90. Mr LEE Ka-ho pointed out that discussion had been made on the usage of Tung Chung North Park at a previous meeting, during which the representative of LCSD had responded that only the utilisation rate of the activity room could be provided because it had been impracticable to keep statistics on the number of users in open areas. Nevertheless, the report tabled at this meeting had set out the number of users in open areas (including beaches). Members wished to know the utilisation rates of some facilities (such as the Chinese herbs garden and pet garden), so that they could put

forward improvement proposals. Now that the current report had set out the number of users in open areas, it was hoped that LCSD would keep statistics on the number of park users in the same manner.

91. Mr David KWAN responded that LCSD would first look into the actual situations of Chung Yan Road as well as the road section between the police station and Mun Tung Estate before considering suitable plant species, and would follow up on the matter relating to Tung Chung Road Soccer Pitch. As for the central divider mentioned by Mr FONG Lung-fei, normally, only trees and grass would be planted in a central divider, because seasonal flowers required intensive maintenance including frequent watering to upkeep the condition. The current report merely focused on the situations of Tung Chung East, Tung Chung North and Tung Chung West because LCSD carried out horticultural maintenance as scheduled; nevertheless, follow-up actions would be promptly taken to address the problem of overgrown weeds and blown-down trees referred by the Member concerned. If the locations were outside the purview of LCSD, such cases would be referred to relevant departments for follow-up. As for Mr LEE Ka-ho's request for statistical data on utilisation rates, basically LCSD did not keep statistics on the number of the users of its parks. However, as the Chinese herbs garden and pet garden were not so many exits/entrances, it would be practicable to collect static data on users, and LCSD would attempt to keep these statistics. Yet, for free-entry leisure facilities, it was difficult to collect statistical data on the entire Tung Chung North Park with a number of exits/entrances. LCSD would designate the Chinese herbs garden and pet garden as pilot sites before further exploring the feasibility of extending this practice to the remaining park facilities.

92. In response, Mr FONG Lung-fei clarified that what he mentioned was the greening zone next to the cycle track but not the central divider. He believed that it should be possible to plant flowers there.

IX. Report on the Services of the Public Libraries in Islands District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department between June and July 2020
(Paper DFMC 38/2020)

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

94. Ms Polly CHU presented the paper and provided supplementary information as follows:

- (a) Following the partial reopening of Tung Chung Public Library, public libraries in Cheung Chau, North Lamma, Mui Wo, Peng Chau, South Lamma and Tai O were partially reopened on 15, 22 and 23 June respectively to provide limited services with special measures adopted. All public libraries in Hong Kong had resumed normal opening hours since 7 July. However, in view of the latest situation of COVID-19, the public libraries and their students' study rooms that had reopened were temporarily closed again since 15 July.
- (b) All mobile libraries resumed service on 29 June. However, in view of the latest situation of COVID-19, all mobile libraries had suspended service again since 15 July until further notice.

- (c) Mobile Library 4 suspended service from 9 to 15 July for regular maintenance of the library van.

95. Mr Eric KWOK said that Library-on-Wheels had once provided service at Mun Tung Estate and was very popular among parents but unfortunately suspended service because of the epidemic. He thanked LCSD on behalf of the parents for organising the activity. He enquired whether the service would continue at Mun Tung Estate when the epidemic stabilised and suggested increasing the frequency of service from twice a month to three or four times a month because Mun Tung Estate had an acute shortage of library facilities for children.

96. Mr Sammy TSUI said that as the epidemic had begun to ease, and the Government had announced the resumption of operation of all departments. He asked LCSD when the library and study room services would fully resume.

97. Ms Polly CHU gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) Library-on-Wheels would continue to operate after the epidemic had stabilised. Regarding increasing the frequency of service, discussion with relevant sections was required and it would also depend on the availability of the venue. Moreover, since Library-on-Wheels provided service in different districts, the needs of every district should be balanced if the service frequency was to be increased.
- (b) Regarding the resumption of library services, following the reopening of self-service library stations and resumption of book drop service on 2 September, the Hong Kong Central Library, six major libraries and 31 district libraries would reopen on 17 September to allow readers to borrow and return books and pick up reserved library materials. Libraries would implement special opening hours and arrange admission by sessions to limit visitor flow in addition to relevant anti-epidemic measures. Study rooms would also reopen on the same day.

98. Mr Eric KWOK requested LCSD to inform him when Library-on-Wheels resumed service.

99. Mr Sammy TSUI hoped that LCSD would provide the exact resumption dates of the circulation service and study room service.

100. Ms Polly CHU said that the book drop service had resumed on 2 September and was available 24 hours a day. The library service would resume on 17 September. Detailed information was available on the website of Hong Kong Public Libraries.

X. Third Batch of District Minor Works Projects proposed by Leisure and Cultural Services Department for 2020/21
(Paper DFMC 41/2020)

101. The Chairman welcomed Mr KWAN Chung-wai, David, District Leisure Manager (Islands) of LCSD to the meeting to present the paper.

102. Mr David KWAN presented the paper.
103. Mr Eric KWOK welcomed LCSD's proposal to carry out works for "Improvement to the toilet facilities of Praya Street Sports Centre" in Annex 2. He said that the toilet floor was always slippery and enquired whether anti-slip floor coating had been applied and whether there were blower fans in the toilet to keep the floor dry and prevent slip.
104. Mr FONG Lung-fei asked whether the said improvement works was designed by LCSD. He pointed out that there was foul odour in the old mobile toilets at the park on Tung Chung Road and enquired whether improvement would be made. There were no toilets at On Tung Street Soccer Pitch. Although there were toilets at the bus station adjacent to the fire station, it was very inconvenient to walk there. Moreover, the soccer pitch did not have any water dispensers, and it was difficult to purchase drinks nearby, so people had to bring their own drinks. As Ms WONG Chau-ping mentioned, there were 19 villages in Tung Chung but most of the facilities were located in Tung Chung North. He urged LCSD to address the needs of Tung Chung West residents.
105. Mr David KWAN responded to the question raised by Mr Eric Kwok, saying that the shower curtains of most shower cubicles in the sports centre had been replaced with solid doors. Anti-slip floor tiles would be used and the drainage efficiency would be enhanced. LCSD would work with the Architectural Services Department on the addition of blower fans to keep the floor dry. As for Tung Chung Road Soccer Pitch which Mr FONG Lung-fei mentioned, it would be developed as a sports centre. It currently had temporary toilets and the hygiene condition might be unsatisfactory. LCSD would remind the service contractor to step up cleaning.
106. Mr LEE Ka-ho enquired about the project of installing body temperature checking systems detailed in Annex 5, and whether LCSD had decided to use the one shown in the attached photos at the end of the document. He said that members of the public are concerned about privacy. The device shown was a product of Hikvision, which was involved in a privacy breach and had aroused controversy. He enquired whether the system would be used for checking body temperature only or had any other functions, such as video recording.
107. Mr David KWAN said that the system did not have video recording function and would only be used for checking body temperature. The photos attached were for reference only for Members to understand the facilities to be installed.
108. Mr HO Chun-fai said that LCSD had closed some of its facilities due to the epidemic. Most toilets in South Lantau, especially in the vicinity of Pui O, had been temporarily closed. He asked when the facilities would be reopened and hoped that the temporary toilets at Pui O Soccer Pitch could be opened for public use.
109. The Chairman asked Mr HO Chun-fai to discuss the paper first.
110. Mr Sammy TSUI said that the toilets of FEHD and LCSD had foul odour. He said that regarding the toilet improvement works, if the louvres shown in the photos in Annex 3 were installed for upgrading the ventilation system, it could not guarantee the foul odour would be reduced and fresh air would enter toilets accordingly. The installation of fans would also trap the air inside. He asked whether LCSD would use

new equipment to remove the odour and use fresh air units to draw fresh air from the roof or outside for indoor air circulation.

111. The Chairman asked whether LCSD would consider improving the design of the ventilation system to bring in fresh air.

112. Mr David KWAN said that all ventilation systems would supply fresh air for circulation. LCSD and EMSD would examine other deodorising devices to solve the odour problem. As Mr Eric KWOK said, high humidity favoured the growth of bacteria. Keeping the environment dry would reduce odour and help make the floor dry.

113. The Chairman asked Members to vote by a show of hands on whether to endorse the paper and allocation of fund for implementing the project.

114. Members voted by a show of hands. The voting result was 16 in favour, with no votes against and one abstention. The proposal was endorsed.

(Members voted in favour included: The Chairman Mr Ken WONG, Mr Randy YU, 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 WONG Chau-ping, Ms Josephine TSANG, Ms Amy YUNG, Mr Eric KWOK, Mr Sammy TSUI, Mr FONG Lung-fei, Ms LAU Shun-ting and Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho. Mr LEE Ka-ho abstained.)

XI. Utilisation and improvement works of Community Halls in Islands District (Paper DFMC 39/2020)

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

116. Mr Peter YAU invited Members to note Paper DFMC 39/2020 and provide comments.

117. Ms Amy YUNG said that paragraph 6 of the paper stated that “regarding the overall improvement plan for the audio-visual system of the community halls, the funding required is still pending approval by the central administration”. She pointed out that the question had been raised more than two years ago and queried why the funding application had not been made until now. She asked when funding approval would be given and when the project would commence.

118. Mr Eric KWOK said that he had the same query as Ms Amy YUNG. The information indicated that multiple large-scale events would be held at Tung Chung Community Hall in October. He enquired whether the community hall would be fully open for organisations to organise activities. He pointed out that the organisations would face great difficulties if they were informed only at that time that the community hall was not available.

119. Mr Peter YAU responded to the question on the audio-visual system of the community halls, saying that IsDO had asked EMSD to evaluate and redesign the entire system and advise on the procurement of suitable equipment. Only then could IsDO

apply for funding based on the advice and the cost provided. The two projects required a total of approximately \$1.5 million. As the amount involved was high, IsDO must apply for funding from the central administration, and approval was not yet given. The community halls would reopen on 17 September. IsDO would put up a notice to inform the public and had already started to notify the organisations that had booked the venue.

120. Ms Amy YUNG said that she had proposed to install an automated external defibrillator (AED) in the Discovery Bay Community Hall but the paper did not mention it. She had also proposed that before an AED was provided in the community hall, IsDO could negotiate with the shopping centre for borrowing an AED and post a notice showing the location of the nearest AED so that residents would know where to borrow one in case of an accident. She enquired about the progress of the proposal.

121. Mr Peter YAU said that IsDO had obtained support from the headquarters for installing an AED. IsDO had also commenced the procurement procedure and obtained initial quotations, followed by formal quotations. It was hoped that the procurement procedure and installation would complete within this month. IsDO had prepared the notice showing the location of the nearest AED. It would be posted after the reopening of the community hall.

(Mr CHAN Lin-wai left the meeting at about 12:35 p.m.)

XII. Progress report on DC-funded District Minor Works Projects (Paper DFMC 48/2020)

122. The Chairman welcomed Ms HUI Ka-wai, Minerva, Architect (Works)⁵ of HAD and Ms LEUNG Tin-yee, Christy, Assistant District Officer (Islands)² of IsDO to the meeting to present the paper.

123. Ms Christy LEUNG briefly presented the paper and invited Members to note the paper.

124. Regarding “Improvement of the pedestrian link at the Central Piers” (IS-DMW-286), Mr Randy YU thanked the Central and Western District Leisure Services Office (CWDLSO) of LCSD for their assistance in removing some of the plants and believed that the planter would be removed shortly. He noticed that there was a traffic sign at the end of the planter. He hoped that CWDLSO would pay attention to it and, remind HyD to remove the traffic sign to the side of the remaining planters after relocating the planter. Otherwise, the traffic sign would be in the middle of the pedestrian link after the planter was relocated.

125. Mr Eric KWOK expressed his views as follows:

- (a) He said that the project of “Construction of shelter at the open space next to South Lantau Rural Committee Office” (IS-DMW-116) had been proposed during the last term of IDC, yet little progress was made. He suggested IsDO meet with RC, the village representatives and the villagers to seek their opinions with a view to implementing the works as soon as possible. He invited the Chairman to provide supplementary views.

- (b) He thanked IsDO for completing the works of green rain shelters near the walkway of Mun Tung Estate Bus Terminus within two years and praised its efficiency.
- (c) He requested the project schedule for “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 2 at the Annex). The “Progress Review” column in the Annex stated that “proposal to be submitted by the works proponent to the Transport Department later”. He hoped that the Assistant District Officer would follow up with TD on when the draft plan would be available.
- (d) Regarding “Provision of cover to walkway beside Chung Yan Road outside Yat Tung Estate Car Park No. 1” (item 4 at the Annex), the “Progress Review” column stated that “HyD will undertake the project design and construction in relation to the final proposal”. He asked the Assistant District Officer to follow up with HyD and hoped that progress would be reported at the next meeting.
- (e) Regarding “Provision of cover to the new taxi stand on Yat Tung Street” (item 12 at the Annex), the “Progress Review” column stated that the cover would obstruct the passage of emergency vehicles and residents. He opined that the passageway was not an emergency access and requested to conduct a site inspection with the Assistant District Officer and HyD officers to understand the situation. He hoped that the works proposal would not be deleted for the time being.

126. Mr HO Chun-fai said that regarding “Construction of shelter at the open space next to South Lantau Rural Committee Office” (IS-DMW-116), IsDO, DLO, PlanD and RC had been liaising with each other in the hope that a consensus was reached, the key of which was PlanD. He pointed out that the project had been dragging on for more than a decade and hoped that it would be followed up as soon as possible after the epidemic had eased.

127. Mr FONG Lung-fei said that regarding the addition works of taxi stand cover (item 12 at the Annex) proposed by Mr Eric KWOK, he had never seen anyone use the emergency access. In 2016, a person had fallen from height at Kit Yat House but the access had not been opened for ambulances to pass. It was also too short for ambulances to turn around. He hoped that IsDO would follow up on Mr Eric KWOK’s works proposal.

128. Ms Christy LEUNG gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) Regarding the traffic sign beside the planter at the Central Piers mentioned by Mr Randy RU, she would relay his views to CWDLSO.
- (b) Regarding the cover works (IS-DMW-116), IsDO had planned to have a meeting with Mr HO and PlanD but it had been postponed due to the epidemic. She would discuss the meeting date with Mr HO later.

- (c) Regarding the proposal of “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 2 at the Annex) put forward by My Eric KWOK, the project had not been formally implemented. HyD and TD had launched respective programmes for walkway covers and Members could submit works proposals to TD when invited by the department at the end of the year.
- (d) Regarding item 4 at the Annex, HyD had not implemented the project but Members could consider following up under the programme on provision of covers to walkways. IsDO had conducted a site inspection with Mr Eric KWOK and had consulted other departments. IsDO would continue to follow up on the matter.
- (e) Regarding item 12 at the Annex, i.e. the cover works for the taxi stand, she noted Members’ views. IsDO had obtained a map from TD showing the actual locations of the taxi stand and the emergency vehicular access. It would be provided to Members for reference later.

(Post-meeting note: Regarding the traffic sign beside the planter at the Central Piers, TD and HyD noted the above suggestion. TD would arrange HyD to relocate the traffic sign. As for the cover works (IS-DMW 116), IsDO and PlanD had met with the works proponent on 18 September 2020.)

129. Mr Eric KWOK said that he had submitted a works proposal for item 2 at the Annex and enquired whether IsDO would forward to TD. He hoped to invite Mr FONG Lung-fei to have a site inspection at the emergency access. Regarding item 14 at the Annex proposed by Mr FONG Lung-fei, the “Progress Review” column stated that TD was “consulting the relevant departments and stakeholders”. He hoped that IsDO could provide the project schedule at the next meeting because the consultation exercise would have been completed by then.

130. Mr LEE Ka-ho said that regarding “Provision of toilets and changing facilities at On Tung Street Soccer Pitch” (item 30 at the Annex), the department replied that the facilities to be provided would be temporary but not permanent. FEHD replied that there were already two temporary toilets for public use near the Tung Chung Fire Station. He found the remark absurd as the soccer pitch was very far from the temporary toilets. Soccer pitch users hoped that there would be toilets and changing rooms available for use at the soccer pitch. He urged the department to reconsider and follow up on the proposal.

131. Mr FONG Lung-fei said that although On Tung Street Soccer Pitch was a temporary facility, it had been used for 20 years. To his understanding, the expansion project of the Hospital Authority would not take up the area beyond the existing grassland. He enquired about the future use of the soccer pitch. He pointed out that the soccer pitch at Mun Tung Estate had been demolished after being used for merely a year while On Tung Street Soccer Pitch had been used for 20 years. He hoped the department would follow up on the matter.

132. Mr Sammy TSUI opined that even if permanent toilets could not be constructed, some temporary facilities should be provided for public use. He pointed out that the soccer pitch failed to meet users' needs if basic facilities like toilets were not provided. He asked which department was responsible for managing the temporary toilets next to the Tung Chung Fire Station as he had received public complaints about the substandard condition and limited space of the toilets. He asked IsDO to relay the comments to the relevant departments.

133. Mr Eric KWOK agreed with Mr LEE Ka-ho's views. He said that he had successfully strived for the construction of a permanent soccer pitch on Man Tung Road in 2003 but the site was later used for temporary storage of building materials for constructing the North Lantau Hospital. After the completion of the hospital in 2012, the land had been deserted until he requested to redesignate it as a soccer pitch at the end of 2016. He thanked Mr Li Ping-wai, Anthony, the then District Officer for facilitating the development of the current Man Tung Street Soccer Pitch. He suggested providing a more spacious solar powered toilet and temporary changing facilities at the soccer pitch for Tung Chung West residents by consolidating the views of Mr LEE Ka-ho and Mr Sammy TSUI.

134. Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho asked whether there were other ways to proceed when IsDO suggested deleting an item from the paper. He had put forward a detailed proposal for "Application for improvement to the barrier-free access at Round Table First Village, Cheung Chau" (item 18 at the Annex) after discussing with the residents but IsDO suggested deleting it, citing as reason the significant height difference at the proposed location and non-compliance with the standards. He enquired whether there were other means to help the residents solve the problem if the item was deleted.

135. Ms Christy LEUNG gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) Regarding Mr Eric KWOK's request for IsDO to refer his proposal to TD, she said that IsDO was unable to do so because two different programmes were involved. Members could resubmit a proposal when invited by TD.
- (b) Regarding the cover works for the taxi stand (item 12 at the Annex), she would conduct a site inspection with Mr Eric KWOK, Mr FONG Lung-fei and the relevant departments.
- (c) Regarding the expansion works of motorcycle parking spaces (item 14 at the Annex) proposed by Mr FONG Lung-fei, it was learnt that TD was following up on it but the details of the progress were unclear. She would ask TD to provide an update on the progress at the next meeting.
- (d) Regarding the provision of toilets and changing facilities at On Tung Street Soccer Pitch (item 30 at the Annex), the soccer pitch had been constructed using DMW fund in 2017. She said that the venue was jointly operated with other departments, so she would work with the relevant departments on the feasibility of providing the said facilities nearby. As for the substandard condition of the temporary toilets mentioned by Mr Sammy TSUI, she said that to her understanding, the toilets were under the purview of FEHD. She would reflect Members' views to FEHD.

- (e) Regarding the barrier-free access works (item 18 at the Annex) proposed by Mr LEUNG Kwok-ho, as the proposed ramp was steeper than standard barrier-free access, it might pose danger to wheelchair users. As for the accessibility problem of some of the villagers, she said that improvements could be made under major works programmes, such as the lift installation programmes of other departments.

(Post-meeting notes: When deciding on the provision of temporary mobile toilets in public places, FEHD would consider the site situation, such as the amount of space occupied by the toilets and whether the toilets would obstruct pedestrian access or pose safety issues to pedestrians/the public.)

136. Mr Erick KWOK asked IsDO to invite Mr Sammy TSUI, Mr FONG Lung-fei, Mr LEE Ka-ho and him when it conducted site inspection with the relevant departments for the On Tung Street Soccer Pitch project (item 30 of the Annex).

137. Mr FONG Lung-fei hoped that the relevant departments would follow up on the future development of On Tung Street Soccer Pitch. He believed that the soccer pitch did not have any designated uses or development plans for the time being and asked whether the site could be released for studying ways to improve the facilities.

138. Ms Amy YUNG asked IsDO to delete item 3 at the Annex and inform DLO that the proposal had been withdrawn.

139. Ms Christy LEUNG noted and would follow up the views of Mr Eric KWOK and Mr FONG Lung-fei.

(Mr YUNG Chi-ming left the meeting at about 12:50 p.m.)

XIII. Any Other Business

140. There was no other business.

XIV. Date of Next Meeting

141. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m. The next meeting would be held at 10:30 a.m. on 9 November 2020 (Monday).

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