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Islands District Council
Minutes of Meeting of
Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee

Date : 16 December 2025 (Tuesday)
Time : 11:04 a.m.^{Note}
Venue : Islands District Council Conference Room,
14/F, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

Present

Chairman

Mr WONG Man-hon, MH

Vice-Chairman

Mr HUI Chun-lung, MH

Members

Mr HO Siu-kei
Mr HO Chun-fai
Mr YU Hon-kwan, MH, JP
Mr NG Man-kit
Mr CHOW Yuen-kuk, Jonathan
Ms KWOK Wai-man, Mealoha
Mr WONG Hon-kuen, Ken
Mr YIP Pui-kei
Mr LAU Chin-pang
Ms LAU Suk-han
Ms LAU Shun-ting

Co-opted Member

Mr NG Tak-wai

Attendance by Invitation

Mr FUNG Wai-nok	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Islands), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Ms CHU Po-yin, Christine	Chief Health Inspector (Islands)2, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Ms YEUNG Yee-wa	Senior Health Inspector (Hawker & Market) Islands, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr CHAK Hok-leung, Ryan	Senior Engineer/23 (South and Sustainable Lantau), Civil Engineering and Development Department

^{Note} The meeting originally scheduled for 11:30 a.m. began earlier at 11:04 a.m.

In Attendance

Mr IP Cheuk-man, Ryerson	Assistant District Officer (Islands)2, Islands District Office
Ms CHU Lai-yee, Agnes	Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Islands, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms CHUNG Chi-yuen, Candy	Senior Librarian (Islands), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LEUNG Wai-nga, Viola	Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms HO Yee-hung	Senior School Development Officer (Wanchai & Islands), Education Bureau

Secretary

Ms CHAN Ying-tung, Shadow	Executive Officer (District Council)1, Islands District Office
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Absent with Apology

Ms XIANG Ming-han

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### **Welcoming Remarks**

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

2. The Committee agreed to accept the application for absence from the meeting submitted by Ms XIANG Ming-han in accordance with the Islands District Council Standing Orders.

#### **I. Confirmation of the Minutes of Meeting held on 14 October 2025**

3. The Chairman said that the captioned minutes had incorporated the amendments proposed by government departments, and had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting. The minutes were confirmed unanimously without further amendments proposed by Members.

#### **II. Introduction on the 2026 Lunar New Year Fair in Islands District (CICRC Paper No. 23/2025)**

4. The Chairman asked Members to refer to CICRC Paper No. 23/2025, and welcomed Mr FUNG Wai-nok, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Islands), Ms CHU Po-yin, Christine, Chief Health Inspector (Islands)2 and Ms YEUNG Yee-wa, Senior Health Inspector (Hawker & Market) Islands of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) to the meeting to elaborate on the paper.

5. Mr FUNG Wai-nok briefly presented the paper.
6. Members expressed their views as follows:
  - (a) Members said that residents in the district might not know that the FEHD would host the Lunar New Year (LNY) Fair at the Tat Tung Road Garden. Therefore, they suggested that the Department should step up publicity efforts, such as putting up banners to guide the residents to the fair.
  - (b) Members said that temporary fairs had once been held at the soccer pitch at On Tung Street in Tung Chung, receiving positive responses from members of the public. Therefore, they suggested that the Department should consider organising the LNY Fair there.
  - (c) Members suggested that the Department should compile statistics on the footfall of the LNY Fair and business turnover of the stalls, as well as gauge stall tenants' views to assess the suitability of the site for hosting the fair. In addition, Members enquired about the rental status of the LNY Fair stalls.
7. Mr FUNG Wai-nok gave a consolidated response as follows:
  - (a) To enhance the atmosphere of the LNY Fair, the FEHD would put up banners and posters, set up "photo spots" at the site, distribute gifts to visitors, as well as set up light decorations at the entrance. In addition, the Department would arrange performances and set up booth games and LNY-themed workshops, with a view to attracting visitors of different age groups to the fair through diversified activities.
  - (b) The Department publicised and promoted the LNY Fair to residents in the district through both online and offline channels. In addition to mailing publicity leaflets to the housing estates, the Department engaged contractors to distribute leaflets at different locations in the district (including the Tung Chung MTR Station) and publicised the fair on social media.
  - (c) The Department had earlier conducted a site inspection at the five-a-side hard-surface soccer pitch cum handball court in the Tung Chung North Park to assess its suitability for hosting the LNY Fair. The site concerned was considered to be unfit for the fair as it had one entrance only and uneven ground without any area for loading and unloading goods. In addition, the Department had conducted consultation on the proposal of hosting the LNY Fair at the Tung Chung East Promenade. However, the proposal received opposition from successful stall bidders of the past LNY Fair. The Department welcomed suggestions from Members on the possible sites for the LNY Fair and asked them to put

forward their suggestions as soon as possible, so that it could study the feasibility of hosting the fair at the proposed sites.

- (d) The FEHD had been compiling statistics on the footfall of the LNY fairs, and it was observed that the footfall last year was slightly higher than that of the year before. The Department would continue to compile such statistics in order to explore improvement measures on site selection, stall types, venue arrangements, as well as publicity and promotion, etc. for the LNY Fair in the coming year.
- (e) A total of 27 stalls would be set up at the LNY Fair, of which 19 had been leased out in the open auction on 31 October. In addition, four dry goods stalls had been leased out on a first-come-first-served basis between 27 November and 3 December, while the remaining four dry goods stalls had not yet been leased out. The Department would use the unleased stalls to provide booth games and workshops to enhance the atmosphere of the fair and attract visitors.

8. Members enquired about the types of goods to be sold at the stalls of the LNY Fair.

9. Mr FUNG Wai-nok said that the stalls would mainly be selling New Year flowers, while the dry goods stalls, one of which was leased to the teachers and students, would mainly be selling souvenirs and festive merchandise. The Department hoped to attract operators from different sectors to take part in the bidding with affordable stall rentals, so as to increase the footfall of the LNY Fair.

10. The Chairman said that the footfall of the previous LNY fairs was mediocre and suggested that the Department should explore other possible sites to enhance the New Year ambience in the district.

### III. Question on the enhancement of the recreational facilities in Tung Chung (CICRC Paper No. 24/2025)

11. The Chairman asked Members to refer to CICRC Paper No. 24/2025, and welcomed Mr CHAK Hok-leung, Ryan, Senior Engineer/23 (South and Sustainable Lantau) of the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) and Ms CHU Lai-yee, Agnes, Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Islands of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to the meeting to respond to the question.

12. Mr YIP Pui-kei briefly presented the question.

13. Mr Ryan CHAK responded that, after taking into account various factors such as management, safety and operation, in particular the opening hours of the Tung Chung East Promenade (the promenade) (i.e. from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.), the Department considered that it was inappropriate to provide lockers there at this stage.

14. Ms Agnes CHU briefly presented the written reply of the LCSD.
15. Members expressed their views as follows:
- (a) The current opening hours of the promenade were from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Members said that many residents would run along the promenade to the airport, and that they had to make a detour and cross several roads to reach the airport after the closure of the promenade. Despite the previous extension of the opening hours of the promenade by the CEDD, Members suggested that the Department should study the feasibility of further extending the opening hours as many residents were in the habit of running late at night or in the early hours of the morning.
  - (b) Although lockers were available at the park near the promenade, they were located in a relatively remote area which took runners about 20 minutes to go back and forth. In this regard, Members suggested that the CEDD should provide simple storage cases at the promenade for users to store their personal belongings using their own combination locks.
  - (c) Members suggested that the LCSD should review the guidelines for the provision of heated water in its swimming pools, such as using the average morning temperature as a reference indicator. In addition, Members considered that the frontline staff should enhance communication with members of the public, maintain a good working attitude and facilitate public understanding of the guidelines and procedures for the provision of heated water in swimming pools to reduce misunderstanding and disputes.
  - (d) Members said that many members of the public carried out non-designated activities at the Tung Chung North Park, such as cycling, using scooters and even playing golf. Members considered that the frontline security staff should step up patrols and give advice as appropriate to maintain the order at the park and ensure the safety of users.
16. Mr Ryan CHAK gave a consolidated response as follows:
- (a) The current opening hours of the promenade were determined by balancing the views of different parties. As some residents had relayed that the extension of opening hours might cause light and noise pollution, the Department would maintain the existing arrangement for the time being and review the opening hours in a timely manner.
  - (b) As the promenade was not open round the clock, the Department was concerned that users would have to retrieve their belongings from the lockers (if provided) before the closure of the promenade, and this might

cause inconvenience to them. In the light of the existing provision of lockers in the nearby park, the Department considered that it was inappropriate to provide lockers at the promenade at this stage.

17. Ms Agnes CHU gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) In recent years, the weather in Hong Kong in early November remained generally warm. After reviewing the weather conditions and the relevant arrangements of November last year, the LCSD decided that the arrangements for the provision of heated water in swimming pools in the winter of 2025 would remain the same as those of last year. Given that the average temperature between 1 and 15 November last year was 25.2 °C, the Department arranged the provision of heated water on 16 November according to the guidelines. However, arrangements would be made in a timely manner based on the actual weather conditions and according to the guidelines.
- (b) In arranging the provision of heated water in swimming pools, the Department had to co-ordinate with the works departments and deploy manpower as appropriate. In addition, she would relay Members' suggestion on enhancing communication between the frontline staff and members of the public to the relevant sections to facilitate public understanding of the arrangements for the provision of heated water in swimming pools.
- (c) She had conducted an inspection at the Tung Chung North Park, and noticed that some young children were riding tricycles on the jogging track. The Department would remind the security guards of the park to step up their efforts in advising against such behaviour to ensure the safety of the jogging track's users.

18. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) Noting that the parks under the LCSD were generally open until 11:00 p.m., Members suggested that the CEDD should consider extending the opening hours of the promenade to 11:00 p.m.
- (b) Members were of the view that the CEDD should consider the provision of lockers and the extension of the opening hours of the promenade separately. The parks of the LCSD were not open round the clock either, yet storage facilities were provided there for public use. In this regard, Members urged the CEDD to reconsider the suggestion on providing lockers at the promenade.
- (c) Members suggested that the LCSD should consider using the average morning temperature as a reference indicator in the provision of heated water since the temperature was lower in the morning. In addition, Members suggested that the Department should close more doors and

windows or install screens in the morning session to block strong winds from blowing directly into the swimming pool area.

IV. Any Other Business

19. No further issues were raised by Members.

V. Date of Next Meeting

20. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m. The next meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 9 February 2026 (Monday).

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