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Islands District Council
Minutes of Meeting of
District Facilities and Works Committee

Date : 3 February 2026 (Tuesday)
Time : 2:30 p.m.
Venue : Islands District Council Conference Room,
14/F, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

Present

Chairman

Mr YU Hon-kwan, MH, JP

Vice-Chairman

Mr HO Chun-fai

Members

Mr HO Siu-kei
Mr NG Man-kit
Mr NG Choi-wah, MH
Ms KWOK Wai-man, Mealoha
Mr WAN Yeung-kin
Mr WONG Man-hon, MH
Mr YIP Pui-kei
Mr LAU Chin-pang
Ms LAU Shun-ting

Co-opted Members

Mr CHEUNG Tsz-him, Ryan

Attendance by Invitation

Mr TANG Chi-sum, Terence	Property Service Manager/Service (Hong Kong Island and Islands) 5, Housing Department
Mr LEE Sun-fu, Joe	Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Islands District Office
Ms HAU Lok-yiu, Cordelia	District Secretary, Islands District Office
Mr CHAN Chak-chung	Senior Inspector of Works, Islands District Office

In Attendance

Mr IP Cheuk-man, Ryerson	Assistant District Officer (Islands)2, Islands District Office
Ms MAN Yuen-ling, Rachel	Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories West), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LAI Kit-ching, Maureen	District Leisure Manager (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 LAM Shuk-man, Mandy	Senior Executive Officer (Planning)21, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms WONG Hoi-ming, Helen	Architect (Works)4, Home Affairs Department
Mr YEUNG Che-yuen, Patrick	Senior Engineer/15 (South and Sustainable Lantau), Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr WAN Chi-kin, Vincent	Engineer/Lantau 5, Drainage Services Department
Mr NG Kin-fung, Vincent	Engineer/Islands (1), Highways Department

Secretary

Ms LAM Long-ching, Christine	Executive Officer (District Council)2, Islands District Office
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### **Welcoming Remarks**

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

#### **I. Confirmation of minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2025**

2. 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.

3. Members did not propose any further amendments, and the minutes were confirmed unanimously.

#### **II. Question on the improvement of mobile communications services in Tung Chung (DFWC Paper No. 4/2026)**

4. The Chairman asked Members to refer to DFWC Paper No. 4/2026, and welcomed Mr TANG Chi-sum, Terence, Property Service Manager/Service (Hong

Kong Island and Islands) 5 of the Housing Department (HD) to the meeting to respond to the question. The written replies of the Office of the Communications Authority (OFCA) and the Digital Policy Office (DPO) had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

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

6. Mr Terence TANG responded that the HD received applications for installation of mobile communications facilities (MCFs) in public residential buildings from mobile network operators (MNOs) from time to time. The Department would actively process such applications, with a view to improving mobile network coverage in public residential buildings. According to the HD's records, the Department had not recently received any feedback from Tung Chung residents regarding poor mobile network coverage in individual public housing courts or estates. Nevertheless, the Department noted Members' views and would closely monitor mobile network coverage in public housing courts and estates in the area. In addition, the MNOs usually decided whether or not to install MCFs at individual locations based on various commercial factors, such as demand for mobile network services. Taking Cheung Tung Estate which currently relied mainly on the MCFs at Ying Tung Estate for signal reception as an example, many MNOs had received feedback regarding poor signal reception at the estate and had consequently applied for installation of MCFs there. He suggested that the residents could contact the MNOs directly to reflect their views, thereby encouraging the MNOs to install additional MCFs in residential buildings where network coverage was relatively poorer. Furthermore, residents could consider switching to other MNOs offering better network coverage.

7. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) With the rapid development of Tung Chung New Town, the population in the area was expected to increase by more than 100 000, and the demand for mobile communications services was set to rise significantly. However, Cheung Tung Estate was one of the first public housing estates completed in the Tung Chung New Town Extension, and many residents had already reported poor mobile network coverage there. They were even unable to receive mobile phone signals inside their flats or in the corridors, which was far from ideal. As mobile communication networks were utility services, not only did poor network coverage cause inconvenience to residents' daily lives, but it also hindered Hong Kong's development as a smart city. Furthermore, unsatisfactory signal coverage might affect the effectiveness of receiving residents' emergency calls, thus posing a safety risk.
- (b) At present, mobile network signals for Cheung Tung Estate were provided by the MCFs at Ying Tung Estate. However, with the gradual resident intake of new housing developments such as Yu Hing Court and Chun Tung Estate, the MCFs at Ying Tung Estate might be unable to provide network coverage to these buildings, which were located at a

greater distance. Furthermore, the application procedures for installing MCFs in new housing estates had been cumbersome, typically taking over a year. Therefore, the OFCA should make early arrangements for the expansion of mobile network coverage in Tung Chung East and Tung Chung West in response to the population growth in Tung Chung, and should take the lead in co-ordinating closely with the MNOs to improve mobile network services in the area.

- (c) The communication functions of multi-functional smart lampposts (smart lampposts), as infrastructure of a smart city, were crucial for the collection and dissemination of city data (e.g. weather information). Members understood that approximately 800 smart lampposts were to be installed in Tung Chung, of which around 150 had already been installed. In its written reply, the DPO stated that four smart lampposts in Tung Chung would be equipped with 5G base stations and Wi-Fi hotspots and were expected to become operational in 2027. In this regard, Members enquired with the DPO the reason(s) for it installing communications equipment on only four smart lampposts, and the criteria for selecting the locations concerned. Furthermore, resident intake of several housing courts and estates in Tung Chung would start in 2027, resulting in a population increase of between 30 000 and 40 000 people. Given that the installation works were not complex, Members urged the DPO to expedite the works to meet residents' needs.
- (d) With regard to the HD's suggestion that residents might consider switching to other MNOs offering better mobile network coverage, this approach was rather inconvenient, and users might not necessarily be able to retain their existing telephone numbers. Therefore, it might not be the best solution for residents. In this regard, Members suggested that the HD should reduce the rent charged to the MNOs for installing MCFs in public housing courts and estates and expedite the approval of relevant applications to encourage the MNOs to install additional MCFs in public housing courts and estates.
- (e) Network coverage in public housing estates in the Islands District (e.g. Fu Tung Estate and Yat Tung Estate) was generally poorer than that in other districts. As Tung Chung was a new town with a rapidly growing population, the relevant departments should optimise mobile communications services in the area as soon as possible to meet residents' needs.

8. Mr Terence TANG responded that MNOs authorised by the Communications Authority could access the reserved space in specified buildings with building plans approved by the Building Authority on or after 1 April 2025, to install and maintain MCFs without the payment of a fee to the land owners concerned. As for residential buildings (including Cheung Tung Estate) for which building plans had been approved prior to the aforementioned date, fees would still be payable. Consequently, mobile

network coverage in newly built housing estates was expected to improve. Furthermore, the HD had been committed to optimising mobile communications services in public residential buildings in the area, including raising issues regarding signal reception with the MNOs and actively processing the MNOs' applications for installing communications facilities. He reiterated that residents might contact the MNOs directly to reflect their views, thereby urging the MNOs to improve service quality.

9. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) Members asked if MNOs would still be required to pay the relevant fees when they installed MCFs in residential buildings completed before 1 April 2025. Furthermore, given that signal reception problems currently occurred in some public housing estates, and that the MNOs usually took rental costs into account when installing MCFs, the policy of waiving the installation and maintenance fees for MCFs (the exemption policy) should be extended to all residential buildings, unless the HD had reasonable grounds for not doing so. This was to encourage the MNOs to install MCFs in buildings with building plans approved before the aforementioned date.
- (b) In the past, network coverage on Lamma Island had been poor and charges had been high. Since the laying of the fibre-based network, network coverage had improved significantly. In this regard, Members enquired if residential buildings in Tung Chung had fibre-based network access.

10. The Chairman said that Members' main concern was mobile network services in Tung Chung, rather than fixed network services, and that the situation was therefore slightly different from that of Lamma Island. In addition, the Chairman requested the Secretariat to write separately to the HD, the DPO and the OFCA regarding the following matters: (1) to suggest that the HD should extend the exemption policy to cover all residential buildings (including those with building plans approved before 1 April 2025), so as to prevent the MNO from slowing down the installation of MCFs due to rental cost considerations; (2) to enquire with the DPO regarding the exact completion date(s) in 2027 of the installation of the four smart lampposts equipped with 5G base stations and Wi-Fi hotspots in Tung Chung, and if the relevant works could be expedited; and (3) to suggest that the OFCA should remind all MNOs that the exemption policy had come into effect and to encourage them to apply for the installation of MCFs in new residential buildings (including public and private housing) in Tung Chung as soon as possible, so as to ensure that the new residents could enjoy more comprehensive network services.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat wrote separately to the HD, the DPO and the OFCA regarding the above matters on 10 March 2026, and forwarded their written replies to all Members for perusal on 26 March 2026.)

III. Report on the Services of the Public Libraries in Islands District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department between November 2025 and December 2025  
(DFWC Paper No. 1/2026)

11. The Chairman asked Members to refer to DFWC Paper No. 1/2026, and welcomed Ms CHUNG Chi-yuen, Candy, Senior Librarian (Islands) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to the meeting to present the paper.

12. Ms Candy CHUNG presented the paper.

13. Members said that the LCSD set up a mobile library stop adjacent to Pui O Public Car Park every Friday. However, the Drainage Services Department (DSD) had recently been carrying out maintenance works in the vicinity, with the site located quite close to the mobile library stop, thus posing a safety risk to the public. In fact, Members noted that the LCSD had previously planned to relocate the mobile library stop to a location near the power cubicle. It was therefore suggested that the Department proceed with the relocation as soon as possible.

14. Ms Candy CHUNG responded that the LCSD had previously conducted a site inspection at the location concerned with Members. Regarding the relocation of the mobile library stop, the LCSD had learnt that the Highways Department (HyD) must wait until the DSD completed its works before it could relocate the traffic sign that provided the relevant instruction to a new location, and only by then could the mobile library stop be relocated as planned. To this end, the LCSD would enquire with the DSD about its works progress after the meeting, discuss the feasibility of an earlier relocation with the HyD and report back to Members.

(Post-meeting note: The LCSD had raised the matter of relocating the traffic sign with relevant instruction with the Transport Department and suggested that the Department should arrange the relevant works with the HyD as soon as possible. A reply was also provided to Members regarding the follow-up actions on this matter.)

IV. Report on the management of Leisure and Cultural Services Department's recreational and sports facilities in Islands District (November and December 2025)  
(DFWC Paper No. 2/2026)

15. The Chairman asked Members to refer to DFWC Paper No. 2/2026, and welcomed Ms LAI Kit-ching, Maureen, District Leisure Manager (Islands) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to the meeting to present the paper.

16. Ms Maureen LAI presented the paper.

17. Members said that, prior to organising events on Lamma Island, the LCSD usually uploaded the relevant information to its website only. As such, residents of Lamma Island might not be informed in a timely manner. In this regard, Members

suggested that the Department should notify the local Rural Committees (RCs) in advance of the events, so that RC members could pass on the information to the village representatives, thereby encouraging greater participation from villagers.

18. The Chairman said that the above matter fell within the terms of reference of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee, and he requested a brief response from the LCSD.

19. Ms Maureen LAI noted the views and said that the LCSD would notify Members in a timely manner before organising large-scale events in the district in future.

(Post-meeting note: The LCSD's Islands District Leisure Services Office would continue to arrange the monthly mailing of Recreation and Sports Programmes Schedule of the Islands District of the following month to the ward offices of all Islands District Council Members and the various RCs, in order to publicise and promote activities in the district.)

20. The Chairman agreed that the LCSD should notify Members in advance when organising activities in the district in future, so that they could assist in publicising the activities.

V. Utilisation of Community Halls in Islands District  
(DFWC Paper No. 3/2026)

21. The Chairman asked Members to refer to DFWC Paper No. 3/2026, and welcomed Mr LEE Sun-fu, Joe, Senior Executive Officer (District Management) and Ms HAU Lok-yiu, Cordelia, District Secretary of the Islands District Office (IsDO) to the meeting to present the paper.

22. Mr Joe LEE presented the paper.

23. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) Members were pleased to note that the Cheung Chau Community Hall had been officially commissioned, and enquired about the names of organisations which had applied for the hiring of the hall, the purposes of such bookings and the status of the applications. Furthermore, Members noted that the lift inside the hall was rather noisy when in operation, and therefore suggested that the IsDO should address this issue. Members had also reported to the IsDO that the hall's main doors were heavy and difficult to open. Because of this, one of the doors had to be kept open at all times while the hall was open. In view of the expected increase in the number of users of the community hall in future, Members requested the IsDO to closely monitor the use of the doors.

- (b) As the doors and windows on the west side of the Cheung Chau Community Hall were not fitted with curtains, they could not effectively block out sunlight and this might affect activities such as film screenings. In this regard, Members suggested that the IsDO should install curtains in the hall.

24. Mr Joe LEE responded that the IsDO would convey the views to the Architectural Services Department. As the Cheung Chau Community Hall was still currently within its works warranty period, Members were welcome to raise any comments with the IsDO at any time, and the IsDO would contact the relevant departments (including the Architectural Services Department and the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department) as soon as possible for follow-up actions.

(Post-meeting note: The IsDO had conveyed Members' views to the relevant departments and was currently arranging the improvement works.)

25. Ms Cordelia HAU responded that the IsDO had announced the results of booking applications for the Cheung Chau Community Hall for February to March on 30 January this year. To date, the IsDO had received applications from a total of five organisations wishing to hire the community hall to organise activities (including exercise classes for elderly persons, a Lantern Festival singing evening and day camps for primary school students), and the processing of these applications had on the whole been smooth. If the applicant organisations or Members had any enquiries, they could contact the IsDO's hotline for further information.

26. The Chairman suggested that the IsDO should conduct a questionnaire survey during the initial phase of the Cheung Chau Community Hall's operation to gather feedback from users.

27. Mr Joe LEE responded that the IsDO would prepare leaflets for users of the Cheung Chau Community Hall to provide their feedback.

(Post-meeting note: The IsDO had placed a feedback box at the Cheung Chau Community Hall.)

28. Members enquired if the Cheung Chau Community Hall was available for hire only by organisations based in Cheung Chau.

29. Mr Joe LEE responded that organisations from all districts were eligible to apply for the hiring of the Cheung Chau Community Hall.

30. The Chairman invited Members and users of the Cheung Chau Community Hall to put forward their suggestions for improvements to the IsDO as soon as possible, so that improvement works could be carried out during the works warranty period.



VI. Any Other Business

Question on Electric Vehicle Charging Facilities on Lantau Island

31. The Chairman said that, in order to follow up on the captioned matter, the Secretariat had written to the Transport Department (TD) on 20 January 2026 and had received its written reply on the morning of this meeting. The Secretariat had immediately forwarded the written reply to Members by email and had placed copies on the table for Members' perusal.

32. Members said that some on-street parking spaces equipped with charging facilities were frequently occupied by fuel-propelled vehicles in rural areas, preventing electric vehicles (EVs) from using the charging facilities. Taking Mui Wo as an example, it was not uncommon for EVs with the need to recharge to park in front of the charging spaces occupied by fuel-propelled vehicles, which in turn led to disputes between drivers. In this regard, Members suggested that the TD should follow the practice adopted by some private car parks and clearly designate parking spaces for exclusive use by EVs.

33. The Chairman said that current legislation made it difficult to effectively regulate the misuse of parking spaces for EVs. Therefore, in the long term, the Government should amend the relevant legislation. Furthermore, the Chairman suggested that the TD should clearly designate parking spaces for fuel-propelled vehicles and EVs (e.g. by colour coding) as a short-term mitigation measure, thereby educating drivers on the use of appropriate parking spaces. To this end, the Chairman requested the Secretariat to write to the TD to convey such views.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat wrote to the TD on 10 March 2026 regarding the above matter. The Department's written reply would be forwarded to Members for perusal in due course.)

VII. Date of Next Meeting

34. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m. The next meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 13 April 2026 (Monday).

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