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

Date : 13 April 2026 (Monday)
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

Attendance by Invitation

Ms CHOW Wan-king, Janice	Senior Project Manager 334, Architectural Services Department
Mr TAM Wai-kit, Ricky	Project Manager 372, Architectural Services 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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Absent with Apology

Mr CHEUNG Tsz-him, Ryan

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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 3 February 2026**

2. 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.

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

II. Question on the construction of a fitness corner and addition of recreational and sports facilities in Cheung Chau  
(DFWC Paper No. 9/2026)

4. The Chairman asked Members to refer to DFWC Paper No. 9/2026, and welcomed Ms LAM Shuk-man, Mandy, Senior Executive Officer (Planning)<sup>21</sup> of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to the meeting to respond to the question. The written replies of the LCSD and the District Lands Office, Islands (DLO/Is) had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

5. Ms Mealoha KWOK briefly presented the question and said that the existing fitness facilities on Cheung Chau were insufficient to meet residents' needs. She hoped that the captioned project would give residents (particularly elderly persons) more opportunities to exercise and socialise, thereby promoting their physical and mental well-being.

6. Ms Mandy LAM elaborated on the LCSD's written reply.

7. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) Following consultation with District Council Members of the area, the LCSD installed two recreational and sports facilities (i.e. a "health walker" and a pull-down machine) on Cheung Chau Sai Tai Road last year. These facilities were very well received by residents, but there were no similar facilities elsewhere on Cheung Chau. Members therefore urged the LCSD to install additional recreational and sports facilities on Cheung Chau as soon as possible and consult Members in a timely manner.
- (b) The LCSD's written reply mentioned that the captioned project had been included in the District Minor Works (DMW) Programme. In this regard, Members requested the Department to provide further details of the project (e.g. the date on which the project was included in the aforementioned programme and the estimated duration of the feasibility study) and expressed the hope that the project would be completed as soon as possible.
- (c) Members noted that some children climbed over the fence into the vacant site of the captioned project and played there. In this regard, they urged the relevant department to follow up on the situation.

8. The Chairman suggested that the LCSD should provide the Members concerned with a catalogue of fitness equipment and jointly discuss matters relating to the selection of such equipment.

9. Ms Mandy LAM gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) Preliminary studies for the captioned project were currently underway, and the feasibility study to be launched shortly was expected to take approximately six months to one year. The Department would determine the project schedule based on the study results and following discussions with the Islands District Office (IsDO) regarding the relative priorities of the DMW projects.
- (b) She would provide the date on which the captioned project was included in the DMW Programme after the meeting, and would consult Members on the selection of equipment in a timely manner.

(Post-meeting note: The captioned project was included in the DMW Programme in January 2026.)

- (c) Regarding the situation in which children climbed over the fence to enter the vacant site, as the land concerned was unleased and unallocated government land, the Department would refer the matter to the DLO/Is for follow-up.

(Post-meeting note: The LCSD had conveyed Members' views to the DLO/Is for follow-up.)

10. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) Given the time required for the captioned project, Members suggested that the relevant departments should consider providing additional recreational and sports facilities at the vacant space in the Cheung Chau Community Hall.
- (b) Although the captioned project was a relatively straightforward minor works project, yet its feasibility study took approximately six months to one year, while the works themselves might take as long as three to four years to complete. This level of efficiency was unsatisfactory. In this regard, Members suggested that the LCSD should streamline the relevant procedures and discuss the provision of additional recreational and sports facilities that were easier to install with relevant stakeholders (including Cheung Chau residents and Rural Committee as well as District Council Members).

11. Mr Ip Cheuk-man, Ryerson responded that the IsDO would examine the feasibility of installing recreational and sports facilities at the Cheung Chau Community Hall after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: The IsDO was currently consulting the headquarters' relevant section on the feasibility of installing recreational and sports facilities at the Cheung

Chau Community Hall, and would report its findings to the Committee in a timely manner.)

12. Ms Mandy LAM responded that the LCSD would take the project forward in accordance with the relevant guidelines for the DMW Programme. The process would take some time as it might be necessary for the Department to consult other relevant departments when conducting the feasibility study.

13. The Chairman said that Members could express their views on the DMW Programme through the Committee. As the LCSD indicated that the feasibility study for the captioned project would take approximately six months to one year, he suggested that Members should follow up on the progress concerned with the Department in six months' time.

III. Question on the conversion of a park in Cheung Chau into a pet garden  
(DFWC Paper No. 10/2026)

14. The Chairman asked Members to refer to DFWC Paper No. 10/2026, and welcomed Ms LAI Kit-ching, Maureen, District Leisure Manager (Islands) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to the meeting to respond to the question. The written replies of the LCSD and the District Lands Office, Islands had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

15. Ms Mealoha KWOK briefly presented the question and said that she had conducted questionnaire surveys on the captioned project and submitted her report to the relevant departments. Given the strong demand among Cheung Chau residents for a pet garden and the fact that the proposed site was suitable for conversion into one, Members urged the relevant departments to actively consider taking the captioned project forward.

16. Ms Maureen LAI elaborated on the LCSD's written reply.

17. Members enquired about the administrative procedures required for converting the site in question into a pet garden and the government departments involved, given that the site was not managed by one single government department at present.

18. The Chairman asked the LCSD whether the captioned project could be included in the District Minor Works Programme in the near future.

19. Ms Maureen LAI responded that the LCSD would work with the Islands District Office to examine the feasibility of incorporating the captioned project into the aforementioned programme.

20. The Chairman requested the Secretariat to include this agenda item as a follow-up item for the next meeting, and asked the LCSD to report on the relevant

progress at that time.

IV. Question on the latest progress of the project of the Joint-user Complex in Area 107 in Tung Chung  
(DFWC Paper No. 11/2026)

21. The Chairman asked Members to refer to DFWC Paper No. 11/2026, and welcomed Ms LAM Shuk-man, Mandy, Senior Executive Officer (Planning)<sup>21</sup> of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD); as well as Ms CHOW Wan-king, Janice, Senior Project Manager 334 and Mr TAM Wai-kit, Ricky, Project Manager 372 of the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) to the meeting to respond to the question. The written replies of the LCSD and the ArchSD had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

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

23. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) The Joint-user Complex in Area 107, Tung Chung was one of the projects mentioned in the 2022 Policy Address, and many projects from that period were now nearing completion. Members conducted a site inspection with representatives of the relevant department six months ago and reached a preliminary consensus on the complex's design proposal (including the vehicular access's location). In this regard, Members enquired whether the LCSD and the ArchSD had finalised the relevant design proposal. Furthermore, given that several public housing projects in Tung Chung would be completed and occupied between 2028 and 2029 successively, the relevant departments should expedite the construction of the complex to ensure the timely commissioning of community facilities, preventing residents from waiting for years after moving in before they could use such facilities. To this end, Members suggested that the relevant departments should provide a specific implementation timetable for the complex's construction works (including the timeframe for finalising the design proposal and applying for funding).
- (b) Members previously raised the captioned question in 2024. However, the current progress of the works remained largely unchanged. As the LCSD stated in its written reply that it had "commissioned the relevant department to conduct detailed studies on the proposal", Members requested the Department to provide specific details and the expected completion date of the studies concerned. Given that delays in infrastructure works might ultimately lead to an increase in the total construction cost, and that the public were concerned about the progress of the works, Members urged the Department to finalise the implementation timetable and commence the works as soon as possible.

24. Ms Mandy LAM responded that, following an earlier meeting with Members, the LCSD had immediately commissioned the ArchSD and a consultant to commence design work. As the several preliminary design proposals each involved different issues, multiple revisions were required. The latest design proposal had been submitted to the relevant department for review. The LCSD would further refine the proposal in light of the feedback collected and submit the final proposal to Members for perusal as soon as possible.

25. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) Given that the captioned project was currently still at the design stage, the relevant department should finalise a specific timetable for implementing the design proposal and taking the project forward as soon as possible, so that Members could follow up on the matter in a timely manner.
- (b) Representatives of the Transport Department (TD) and the consultant had previously attended the site inspection, during which all parties had reached a preliminary consensus on the design proposal. Therefore, to avoid delaying the works, the LCSD did not need to seek further advice from the TD and other departments.
- (c) The TD had previously expressed concern about potential traffic safety issues arising from large vehicles (such as tour coaches) entering and leaving the complex. If the TD still had concern about these issues which prevented the implementation of the design proposal, the relevant departments should consider prohibiting large vehicles from entering the complex. Furthermore, as the captioned project had been at the planning stage for many years and that residents were eagerly looking forward to using the facilities at the earliest opportunity, the relevant departments should proceed with the works as soon as possible.

26. Ms Mandy LAM responded that although the preliminary findings of the site inspection indicated that the design proposal was technically feasible, the LCSD would still need to submit formal design drawings to the TD for review. Furthermore, the LCSD would consult the TD on Members' suggestion on prohibiting large vehicles from entering the complex. The Department hoped to seek Members' views on the latest design proposal within this quarter and would finalise the design proposal as soon as possible.

27. The Chairman said that the Joint-user Complex in Area 107, Tung Chung was of great importance to Tung Chung (particularly Tung Chung West). He requested the Secretariat to include this agenda item as a follow-up item for the next meeting, and asked the LCSD to report on the progress at that time.

V. Question on the management of trees along Ying Hei Road in Tung Chung  
(DFWC Paper No. 12/2026)

28. The Chairman asked Members to refer to DFWC Paper No. 12/2026, and welcomed Ms LAI Kit-ching, Maureen, District Leisure Manager (Islands) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) and Mr NG Kin-fung, Vincent, Engineer/Islands (1) of the Highways Department (HyD) to the meeting to respond to the question. The written replies of the LCSD and the HyD had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

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

30. Mr Vincent NG elaborated on the HyD's written reply and said that staff of both the HyD and the LCSD had carried out site inspections. The repair works on the pavement concerned were commenced last week and were expected to be completed by the end of April this year. The HyD and the LCSD would also continue to monitor the growth of the tree roots alongside Ying Hei Road.

31. Ms Maureen LAI said that the LCSD would work closely with the HyD to implement appropriate tree care measures at the captioned location.

32. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) Several incidents used to occur on the captioned pavement where elderly people tripped and sustained injuries due to uneven surfaces. Members were therefore pleased to learn that the repair works concerned would be completed by the end of April this year and hoped that the issues of obstructed street lighting and uneven surfaces on such section of road would be resolved.
- (b) Members asked the relevant departments about specific solutions to the problem of overgrown tree roots on the captioned road section. They considered that unless the tree roots were removed, it would be difficult to resolve the problem thoroughly, and that the problem of uneven paving would reoccur in the near future.
- (c) The HyD should consider using concrete instead of eco-pavers to pave the road, so as to prevent the road surfaces from being damaged by the tree roots.

33. The Chairman asked whether the relevant departments would consider installing root barriers on the captioned road section to thoroughly resolve the problem of uneven surfaces caused by overgrown tree roots.

34. Mr Vincent NG gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) The HyD and the LCSD would first examine whether the underground tree roots had overgrown and caused the road surfaces to bulge, and whether they had extended onto the road surfaces. Subsequently, the two departments would remove the tree roots appropriately on the premise of not affecting the trees' health and carry out road surface repair works accordingly. However, as the root systems of some trees were too extensive, removing the roots might adversely affect the trees' health. In such cases, the HyD would repair the affected road surfaces to restore them to a level condition.
- (b) During their site inspection last week, staff of the HyD and the LCSD removed some paving slabs and found that most of the tree roots could be removed without affecting the trees' health. As such, these roots were removed and the road was resurfaced immediately.
- (c) The HyD needed to excavate further beneath the road section concerned before determining whether root barriers could be installed, by taking into account factors such as the root spread and the available road space.
- (d) Regarding the suggestion on paving the road with concrete, although concrete was more robust, excessive tree root growth could still cause the road surface to bulge. The HyD and the LCSD would regularly deploy staff to inspect the condition of the road surfaces and carry out repair works in a timely manner.

35. The Chairman said that a number of roads in Tung Chung (including Tung Chung Road) were experiencing similar problems. The relevant departments should formulate long-term solutions to avoid placing a burden on public finance due to the need for frequent repair works.

VI. Overview of projects under the District Minor Works Programme of the Islands District Office  
(DFWC Paper No. 8/2026)

36. The Chairman asked Members to refer to DFWC Paper No. 8/2026, and welcomed Mr IP Cheuk-man, Ryerson, Assistant District Officer (Islands)<sup>2</sup> and Mr CHAN Chak-chung, Senior Inspector of Works of the Islands District Office (IsDO) to the meeting to present the paper.

37. Mr Ryerson IP presented the paper.

38. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) The IsDO should set out the specific details and progress of the District Minor Works (DMW) projects in tabular form, in order to facilitate District Council Members in explaining the progress of such projects to

members of the public.

- (b) Members enquired about the commencement date for the repair works for the helipad at Yung Shue Wan, North Lamma.

39. The Chairman supported Members' suggestion on setting out detailed information on the DMW projects in tabular form and having District Council Members to promote the Government's projects that were beneficial to members of the public. Furthermore, he mentioned that he had previously conducted a site inspection at Tai O together with the relevant Members and IsDO staff. Back then, the IsDO indicated that some of the projects could only be considered for commencement in 2026-27 due to resource constraints. In this regard, he enquired whether the projects concerned had been included in the DMW Programme for 2026-27.

40. Mr Ryerson IP noted the views expressed by the Chairman and Members, and indicated that he would provide Members with detailed information on the DMW projects in a timely manner depending on the circumstances. Furthermore, he said that the repair works for the helipad at Yung Shue Wan, North Lamma commenced in December 2025 and were expected to be completed in September this year.

VII. Report on the Services of the Public Libraries in Islands District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department between January 2026 and February 2026  
(DFWC Paper No. 5/2026)

41. The Chairman asked Members to refer to DFWC Paper No. 5/2026, and welcomed Ms CHUNG Chi-yuen, Candy, Senior Librarian (Islands) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department to the meeting to present the paper.

42. Ms Candy CHUNG presented the paper.

43. Members noted the content of the paper.

VIII. Report on the management of Leisure and Cultural Services Department's recreational and sports facilities in Islands District (January and February 2026)  
(DFWC Paper No. 6/2026)

44. The Chairman asked Members to refer to DFWC Paper No. 6/2026, and welcomed Ms LAI Kit-ching, Maureen, District Leisure Manager (Islands) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department to the meeting to present the paper.

45. Ms Maureen LAI presented the paper.

46. Members said that the Tung Chung Man Tung Road Sports Centre was the only sports centre in Tung Chung, with an average utilisation rate of as high as 90%. The population of Tung Chung increased by approximately 30 000 during 2025. In

addition, it was anticipated that the intake of residents of two housing estates would take place between 2028 and 2029 successively, which would further increase the population in the area and residents' demand for sports facilities. In this regard, Members urged the Government to expedite the provision of additional sports facilities in the area to meet residents' needs.

47. Ms Maureen LAI responded that the Department were well aware of Tung Chung residents' keen demand for and concerns about sports facilities, and looked forward to the construction of the recreational and sports facilities in Area 107, Tung Chung.

IX. Utilisation of Community Halls in Islands District  
(DFWC Paper No. 7/2026)

48. The Chairman asked Members to refer to DFWC Paper No. 7/2026, 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 to the meeting to present the paper.

49. Mr Joe LEE presented the paper.

50. Members noted the content of the paper.

X. Any Other Business

51. No further issues were raised by Members.

XI. Date of Next Meeting

52. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m. The next meeting would be held at 10:30 a.m. on 2 June 2026 (Tuesday).

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