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

Date : 15 December 2025 (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 WONG Man-hon, MH
Mr YIP Pui-kei
Mr LAU Chin-pang
Ms LAU Shun-ting

Co-opted Members

Mr CHEUNG Tsz-him, Ryan
Ms ZHANG Wan-hei

Attendance by Invitation

Mr SHEK Hon-yin	Property Service Manager/Service (Hong Kong Island and Islands) 3, Housing Department
Mr WONG Ka-keung	Senior Electrical & Mechanical Engineer (Electric Vehicle)2, Environmental Protection Department
Dr TSUI Wing-shum, Dora	Environmental Protection Officer (Electric Vehicle)32, Environmental Protection 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
Mr KWOK Ka-ho	Manager (New Territories South) Marketing & District Activities, 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 WAN Yeung-kin

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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 Mr WAN Yeung-kin in accordance with the Islands District Council Standing Orders.

I. **Confirmation of minutes of the meeting held on 21 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.

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

II. Question on the trial implementation of year-round lifesaving services at the Cheung Chau Tung Wan Beach  
(DFWC Paper No. 31/2025)

5. The Chairman asked Members to refer to DFWC Paper No. 31/2025, 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 LCSD's written reply had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

6. Mr NG Man-kit briefly presented the question.

7. Members said that they had relayed residents' views on the captioned matter to the LCSD earlier, and urged the Department to implement year-round lifesaving services at the Cheung Chau Tung Wan Beach on a trial basis as soon as possible.

8. The Chairman understood that the LCSD was facing a shortage of lifeguards. In this regard, he asked the Department to brief Members on the recent recruitment of lifeguards.

9. Ms Maureen LAI gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) The LCSD had adopted various measures to attract more suitable candidates to serve as lifeguards, including enhancing the flexibility of recruitment procedures and the remuneration package of lifeguards.
- (b) If lifesaving services were maintained at the Cheung Chau Tung Wan Beach in winter, additional lifeguard manpower and operating costs, including the expenditure on the remuneration of lifeguards and cleansing service fees, would be involved. The Department would continue to review the manpower arrangements, optimise the use of resources and consider Members' suggestions in a timely manner.

10. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) Members understood that the LCSD needed to consider resource allocation arrangements, yet many members of the public would swim at the Cheung Chau Tung Wan Beach in winter and drowning cases were reported from time to time. In addition, as there were more lifeguards in Cheung Chau than in other places in the Islands District, the Department should have sufficient manpower to provide lifesaving services in winter. In this regard, Members urged the Department to deploy resources flexibly for the smooth provision of the captioned services.
- (b) Members asked if the LCSD had recruited part-time lifeguards and if it

could adjust the deployment of lifeguard manpower to provide lifesaving services in winter.

11. Ms Maureen LAI responded that the LCSD would recruit additional seasonal lifeguards during the swimming season to supplement its manpower. In general, lifeguards would arrange to take leave (including annual leave and time off accumulated as a result of working overtime) and participate in the training arranged by the Department in winter. In addition, they would be deployed to other swimming pools (including the Tung Chung Swimming Pool) to provide services in winter. In view of the above situations, the Department was unable to implement the captioned services at this stage, but would review the feasibility of the suggestion concerned subject to the availability of manpower and resources.

12. The Chairman asked the LCSD to allocate resources appropriately and consider the captioned suggestion actively.

III. Question on the addition of recreation and sports facilities in Tung Chung  
(DFWC Paper No. 32/2025)

13. The Chairman asked Members to refer to DFWC Paper No. 32/2025, and welcomed Mr SHEK Hon-yin, Property Service Manager/Service (Hong Kong Island and Islands) 3 of the Housing Department (HD) and 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 LCSD's written reply had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

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

15. Mr SHEK Hon-yin responded that the HD had been closely monitoring the conditions of the play equipment for children and elderly fitness facilities in housing estates, formulating maintenance plans based on regular inspection results and replacing facilities when necessary. Currently, a total of three sets of large-scale play equipment for children at Yat Tung Estate and Mun Tung Estate had to be replaced. The replacement of the two sets located at Yat Tung Estate and Mun Tung Estate respectively would be completed by the second quarter of 2026, while another set at Yat Tung Estate would be replaced by the fourth quarter of 2026. The Department would continue to review the conditions of the remaining facilities and take follow-up actions in a timely manner. To meet the residents' needs, the HD would also actively consider Members' suggestion on adding such facilities in the housing estates, discuss it with other stakeholders of the housing estates, as well as carry out assessments and conduct feasibility studies in the light of the available public spaces in the housing estates.

16. Ms Maureen LAI elaborated on the written reply of the LCSD.

17. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) Members were pleased to know that the HD had planned to renovate the play equipment for children at Yat Tung Estate and Mun Tung Estate. In addition, Members suggested that the Department should add one to two sets of elderly fitness facilities or play equipment for children next to the walkway of Fu Tung Estate, and the exact locations concerned would be provided after the meeting for the Department's consideration.
- (b) As the population in Tung Chung continued to grow, the play equipment for children and elderly fitness facilities in the area were insufficient to meet the demand and residents often had to wait for a long time to use the facilities. In this regard, Members suggested that the LCSD should provide additional recreation and sports facilities in the area to meet the demand. In addition, the open space underneath the footbridge near the Tung Chung Development Pier was a popular rest area during holidays, but only a few seats were available there without other ancillary facilities. In this regard, Members suggested that the LCSD should provide additional recreation and sports facilities there.
- (c) Members recognised the HD's efforts in the renovation or provision of additional estate facilities, including the replacement of the two sets of play equipment for children posing safety hazards in Yat Tung Estate in 2026, as well as the additional provision of elderly fitness facilities in the housing estates (such as Fu Tung Estate) in the past, to which residents had responded positively. In addition, the Department would share the relevant information with District Council Members in a timely manner and solicit residents' views on the additional provision of recreation and sports facilities through the District Council Members. However, given that some ancillary facilities in Fu Tung Estate and Yat Tung Estate, etc. were managed by the Link Asset Management Limited (Link), the Link might not agree with the HD's renovation or addition of recreation and sports facilities in the estates, and this would result in the disruption to the relevant plans. In this regard, Members urged the HD to enhance communication with the Link and reminded the company that it should bear the social responsibility of providing a comprehensive open space to residents as a stakeholder of public housing estates. Taking Yat Tung Estate as an example, as the elderly fitness facilities there still could not fully meet the residents' demand, the HD should discuss the feasibility of providing additional facilities of this kind with the Link.
- (d) Members were pleased to know that the utilisation rate of the new pickleball court in Tung Chung recently provided by the HD was high. However, there was still a shortage of elderly fitness facilities in Fu Tung Estate despite the fact that there was still ample space in the estate for the provision of recreation and sports facilities. In view of this, Members suggested that the Department should provide more elderly

fitness facilities in Fu Tung Estate to meet the residents' demand.

- (e) Members commended the HD for its regular removal of moss from the safety mats of the play equipment for children, and considered that this would reduce the risks of slipping and falling. Nonetheless, given that many recreation and sports facilities were ageing, Members urged the Department to set a schedule for the gradual replacement of the facilities.
- (f) The tennis court at the rooftop of the car park at Fu Tung Estate was a property under the Link which was open solely to the residents of Fu Tung Estate as bound by the relevant provisions. However, it had been left idle for a long time. In addition, the surface of the basketball court at the rooftop of the car park at Yat Tung Estate, which was also a property under the Link, was damaged, posing safety hazards. In this regard, Members hoped to jointly discuss the improvement proposals with the HD and the Link.

18. Mr SHEK Hon-yin noted Members' views and would forward the relevant suggestions (including the additional provision of recreation and sports facilities at Fu Tung Estate) to the relevant section for follow-up. In addition, the HD had been liaising with the Link on matters relating to recreation and sports facilities, and the company had co-operated actively. Taking Yat Tung Estate as an example, the Department had reached a consensus with the Link and planned the replacement of facilities with safety hazards first, followed by the progressive addition of elderly fitness facilities. The Department would also gradually provide additional and renovate the existing recreation and sports facilities in other housing estates (including Ying Tung Estate and Cheung Tung Estate). If necessary, the Department would invite Members and the Link to hold a meeting to discuss the matters.

19. Ms Maureen LAI responded that the open space underneath the footbridge near the Tung Chung Development Pier was not managed by the LCSD, and that the suggestion on additional provision of recreation and sports facilities should be thoroughly studied by the department responsible for the management of the site.

20. The Chairman asked the HD to arrange for the Link and Members to convene a follow-up meeting on the captioned matter to take forward the proposals of enhancing the recreation and sports facilities in public housing estates.

(Post-meeting note: The HD convened a follow-up meeting with the Link's representatives and the relevant Members regarding the enhancement of recreation and sports facilities in public housing estates on 15 January 2026. The Link noted Members' views and would conduct relevant studies and follow-up work.)

IV. Question on the electric vehicle charging facilities on Lantau Island  
(DFWC Paper No. 33/2025)

21. The Chairman asked Members to refer to DFWC Paper No. 33/2025, and welcomed Mr WONG Ka-keung, Senior Electrical & Mechanical Engineer (Electric Vehicle)<sup>2</sup> and Dr TSUI Wing-shum, Dora, Environmental Protection Officer (Electric Vehicle)<sup>32</sup> of the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) to the meeting to respond to the question. The written replies of the EPD and the Transport Department (TD) had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

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

23. Mr WONG Ka-keung elaborated on the EPD's written reply.

24. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) With the rising prevalence of electric vehicles (EVs), it was vital to enhance the EV charging facilities in the district. Some taxi owners intended to switch to electric taxis (e-taxis), but were concerned that the existing dedicated chargers were unable to meet the demand arising from the increased number of e-taxis in the future. Apart from Lantau e-taxis, urban e-taxis could also use the chargers located at the Tung Chung town centre, resulting in a shortage of the relevant facilities. Therefore, some Lantau e-taxis had to use the chargers in Ngong Ping or Mui Wo. In this regard, Members urged the relevant departments to find ways to improve the above situation at the time of the installation of dedicated chargers for e-taxis in future.
- (b) The EPD stated in its written reply that a total of 18 medium chargers were installed at the public car parks in Mui Wo and Tai O for use. However, Members opined that due to the poor management of the TD, some parking spaces equipped with chargers were often occupied by fuel-propelled vehicles, leading to disputes among vehicle owners. In this regard, Members urged the TD to strengthen the management of EV-charging parking spaces in the car parks concerned.
- (c) The higher utilisation rate of the dedicated chargers for e-taxis at Tung Chung's Yat Tung Estate and the extra charging time for new models of e-taxis because of their larger battery capacity had contributed to the longer waiting time for using the chargers, thereby affecting the operation of taxis and discouraging taxi owners from switching to e-taxis. In this regard, the taxi trade suggested that additional dedicated fast chargers for e-taxis should be installed at the Tung Chung town centre.
- (d) Members learnt that the public car park near Yat Tung Estate would be commissioned soon, and that all of the parking spaces there were

equipped with medium chargers. Members suggested that the TD and the EPD should study the feasibility of installing fast chargers there to increase the turnover of the EV-charging parking spaces. In addition, given that there were cases of fuel-propelled vehicles occupying the parking spaces equipped with EV charging facilities which hindered the EVs from charging their batteries, Members suggested that the TD and the EPD should consider designating some parking spaces for the exclusive use of EVs.

- (e) The car park near the roundabout at South Lantau was not equipped with EV chargers, and was thus unable to cope with the demand of residents and visitors. Some residents adopted a dangerous means to charge their EVs by running electrical wires from the interior of their homes. The TD had proposed the provision of public metered parking spaces at the above location. In this regard, Members had suggested that charging facilities should be provided near the metered parking spaces, but the TD responded that matters related to EV charging facilities fell outside its purview. Members urged the TD and the EPD to enhance communication and co-ordination and actively consider the above suggestion.
- (f) With technological advancement, the capacity of EV batteries was expected to increase continuously, so was EV owners' demand for fast chargers. In this regard, the relevant departments should adjust the ratio of medium chargers to fast chargers in car parks as needed to cope with the demands of different vehicle owners, thereby making more effective use of resources.

25. Mr WONG Ka-keung gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) The EPD had been discussing matters concerning the provision of dedicated EV parking spaces in public car parks with the TD. For example, more than 20 parking spaces had been dedicated for EVs at the Rumsey Street Car Park managed by the TD. If non-EVs occupied the parking spaces concerned, the management of the car park could impose penalties on the offending vehicle owners and impound the vehicles.
- (b) The TD and the Government Property Agency were responsible for the management of various public car parks, including the public car park in Tung Chung which would be commissioned soon. All of the parking spaces for private cars, motor cycles and light goods vehicles in the subject car park would be equipped with medium chargers in accordance with the circular on Green Government Buildings updated in March 2023. At present, the charging power of medium chargers was about 7 kW while that of fast chargers was about 100 kW, equivalent to about 14 to 15 medium chargers. Therefore, whether it was technically feasible to install fast chargers in car parks or not would depend on the



power supply capacity of the buildings concerned.

- (c) Since the Government had subsidised the taxi trade to switch to EVs through the New Energy Transport Fund, the number of e-taxis had increased from about 100 to about 700 within one year. In view of this, the Environment and Ecology Bureau had put forward its plan for citywide installation of a total of 50 dedicated chargers for e-taxis by the end of 2027 (12 of which had already commenced operation on Lantau Island and in the Sai Kung district) to the Panel on Environmental Affairs of the Legislative Council in September 2025. In addition, the Government had introduced the Fast Charger Incentive Scheme in July 2025 to encourage the private sector to install a total of 3 000 fast chargers by the end of 2028.
- (d) There were currently seven dedicated fast chargers for e-taxis on Lantau Island. The utilisation rates of four of these chargers, which were located at Yat Tung Estate and the Tung Chung Development Pier, were relatively higher as they were available for use by Lantau e-taxis and urban e-taxis. As for the three chargers at Mui Wo and Ngong Ping, they mainly served for the Lantau e-taxis. The EPD expected that all of the dedicated e-taxi chargers on Lantau Island would be used effectively as more Lantau taxis would convert to e-taxis.

26. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) To promote the wider use of EVs, the EPD and the relevant departments should enhance the EV charging facilities (including the installation of fast chargers) to cope with the growing demand.
- (b) At present, Yat Tung Car Park 2 & 3 shared the same meter room with the Yat Tung Shopping Centre, rendering the power supply insufficient to equip all the parking spaces in the car park with chargers. Given that many tenants of the shopping centre were EV users, Members suggested that the Link should consider increasing the power supply there to facilitate the provision of chargers for more parking spaces.

27. Mr WONG Ka-keung responded that the EPD would provide technical support to the relevant departments on the provision of EV charging facilities in government premises under their purview. Moreover, the EPD had all along been encouraging the Hong Kong Housing Authority and the Housing Department (HD) to provide charging facilities in the car parks of housing estates.

28. The Chairman suggested discussing matters concerning the EV charging facilities in the housing estates on Lantau Island further with the HD and the Link at the follow-up meeting mentioned in agenda item III. If necessary, technical advice could be sought from the EPD. In addition, as the TD had not sent any representatives to the meeting, he asked the Secretariat to write to the TD to relay Members' views, which

included the installation of dedicated e-taxi chargers, the provision of charging facilities near the public metered parking spaces and the improvement of the management of charging spaces in car parks (including the public car parks in Mui Wo and Tai O) to prevent fuel-propelled vehicles from occupying the parking spaces concerned and hindering the charging of EVs. The TD would also be requested to provide a written reply.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat wrote to the TD about the aforementioned matters on 20 January 2026, and the Department's written reply was forwarded to Members for perusal on 3 February 2026.

The HD discussed matters concerning EV charging facilities with the Link's representatives and the relevant Members at the follow-up meeting on 15 January 2026.)

V. Report on the Services of the Public Libraries in Islands District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department between September 2025 and October 2025

(DFWC Paper No. 28/2025)

29. The Chairman asked Members to refer to DFWC Paper No. 28/2025, and welcomed Ms CHUNG Chi-yuen, Candy, Senior Librarian (Islands) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department to the meeting to present the paper.

30. Ms Candy CHUNG presented the paper.

31. Members noted the content of the paper.

VI. Report on the management of Leisure and Cultural Services Department's recreational and sports facilities in Islands District (September and October 2025)

(DFWC Paper No. 29/2025)

32. The Chairman asked Members to refer to DFWC Paper No. 29/2025, 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.

33. Ms Maureen LAI presented the paper.

34. Members noted the content of the paper.

VII. Utilisation of Community Halls in Islands District

(DFWC Paper No. 30/2025)

35. The Chairman asked Members to refer to DFWC Paper No. 30/2025, 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.

36. Mr Joe LEE presented the paper.

37. Members noted the content of the paper.

VIII. Any Other Business

38. The Chairman said that in respect of the matters on the recreational and sports facilities in the Islands District (including the construction of a new sports ground) discussed at the last meeting, the Committee learnt that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department had followed up on the matters with the relevant departments after the meeting. The Committee would enquire with the Department about the latest progress in due course.

IX. Date of Next Meeting

39. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m. The next meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 3 February 2026 (Tuesday).

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