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

Date : 18 August 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

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 Member

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

Attendance by Invitation

Mr LEE Sun-fu, Joe	Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Islands District Office
Mr CHAN Chak-chung	Senior Inspector of Works, Islands District Office

In Attendance

Ms AU YEUNG Wing-sum, Livia	Assistant District Officer (Islands)2, Islands District Office
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 and 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 HO Chun-fai
Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, SBS, MH



Welcoming Remarks

The Chairman welcomed representatives of government departments and Members to the meeting and introduced Mr NG Kin-fung, Vincent, Engineer/Islands (1) of the Highways Department (HyD), who succeeded Mr WONG Chi-hung, Philix.

2. The Committee accepted the application for absence from the meeting submitted by Mr HO Chun-fai and Mr CHOW Yuk-tong in accordance with the Islands District Council Standing Orders.

I. **Confirmation of minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2025**

3. The Chairman said that the captioned minutes had incorporated the amendments proposed by Members and 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. **Overview of projects under the District Minor Works Programme of the Islands District Office**
(DFWC Paper No. 22/2025)

5. The Chairman asked Members to refer to DFWC Paper No. 22/2025, and

welcomed Ms AU YEUNG Wing-sum, Livia, Assistant District Officer (Islands)² and Mr CHAN Chak-chung, Senior Inspector of Works of the Islands District Office (IsDO) to the meeting to present the paper.

6. Ms Livia AU YEUNG presented the paper.

7. Members said that several villages on Lamma Island had recently experienced widespread flooding due to heavy rain. To address the flooding problem in the long term, Members had previously suggested that the Drainage Services Department (DSD) resume private land at the relevant locations for the construction of drainage channels, but the suggestion had not been not accepted by the DSD. In this regard, Members enquired whether the terms of reference of the Committee included advancing the construction of drainage channels.

8. The Chairman considered that the above suggestion raised by Members fell within the terms of reference of the Committee. He therefore said that it could be discussed and invited the IsDO to give a preliminary response.

9. Ms Livia AU YEUNG said that, in taking forward District Minor Works projects, the IsDO had always taken Members' views into consideration, and that the District Minor Works projects to be implemented in the 2025–26 financial year also included a number of drainage improvement works. However, if a project involved private land, coordination with relevant departments such as the DSD and the Lands Department might be required. She would relay Members' views to the relevant departments for consideration.

10. The Chairman said that some drainage channels in Mui Wo located on private land were blocked, resulting in flooding in nearby areas. In this regard, the IsDO advised that it would discuss improvement measures with the Lands Department. The Chairman understood that the existing drainage system might have difficulties coping with extreme weather. However, he emphasised that the relevant departments should ensure that drainage channels remain clear to expedite water discharge.

11. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) The existing drainage system was inadequate. For example, recent heavy rain had caused flooding at Fu Tung Estate in Tung Chung. Members questioned whether this was due to insufficient drainage capacity of the main drainage channel or blockage of the drains, and had requested the relevant estate office to clear the drains. Members asked the DSD to explain the cause of the flooding so that they could provide an explanation to residents.
- (b) Members were pleased to note that the IsDO had carried out refurbishment works on the rain shelter at Ying Tung Road in Tung Chung, and that residents in the area were satisfied with the rain shelter and pavilion minor works projects implemented by the Department in

the 2024–25 financial year. In view of the planned addition of a number of bus stops in Tung Chung East and the lack of covered walkways nearby, Members enquired whether the IsDO would consider constructing additional rain shelters at suitable locations.

- (c) Members thanked the IsDO for its prompt site inspections and follow-up actions in response to emergencies arising from several recent heavy rainstorms, including the bridge collapse incident on Po Toi Island and the flooding incident at Sok Kwu Wan and Yung Shue Wan on Lamma Island.
- (d) Members thanked the IsDO, the DSD and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department for their preparatory work in response to the recent heavy rain, which helped prevent flooding on Cheung Chau and Tai O. Many drainage channels on Cheung Chau were ageing. This, coupled with the accumulation of refuse, the channels were prone to blockage and flooding could easily occur (particularly those located at Chung Hing Street and Tai Choi Yuen). Prior to the heavy rainstorms, the IsDO had proactively consulted Members on flooding black spots in the district and had, together with relevant departments including the DSD and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, cleared the drainage channels and improperly disposed refuse at nearby refuse collection points, effectively preventing drainage channel blockage and flooding. Members therefore suggested that the relevant departments carry out regular clearance of drainage channels. In addition, a drainage channel near the pavilion Hoi Bun Ting on Cheung Chau had previously been damaged during cable-laying works and was prone to blockage and flooding. Since the replacement of the drainage channel by the DSD last year, there had been no further incidents of blockage or flooding. Members expressed their appreciation to the Department for its active follow-up.

12. The Chairman commended the IsDO, the DSD, the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) and the HyD for their recent efforts in responding to extreme weather. In view of the increasing frequency of extreme weather events and the fact that existing drainage designs had difficulties discharging heavy rain within a short period of time, the Chairman invited the DSD to propose response measures. In addition, the Chairman invited the IsDO to respond to Members' suggestion on constructing additional rain shelters in Tung Chung East.

13. Ms Livia AU YEUNG responded that, as many rain shelters and pavilions in the Tung Chung urban area were of outdated design, the IsDO had carried out refurbishment and maintenance works on such facilities. Public satisfaction with these improvement works had been high. The Department therefore planned to proceed as soon as possible with improvement works for more rain shelters and pavilions.

14. Mr Vincent WAN responded that the DSD would inspect drainage facilities

and carry out desilting works before and during the rainy seasons and ahead of heavy rainstorms, and would coordinate with relevant departments to clear drainage systems under their respective management. During heavy rainstorms, a large amount of debris such as plastic bags and fallen leaves might be washed by surface runoff into road gullies, potentially causing blockage and flooding. If such situations arose, the DSD would deploy emergency response teams to deal with the problem at flooding locations. Members might contact the DSD regarding individual flooding black spots so that investigations into the causes of flooding could be conducted and solutions explored.

15. The Chairman enquired whether the DSD and the Development Bureau would consider enhancing the flood resilience of the existing drainage system in response to the increase in rainfall in recent years, such as by increasing the capacity of drainage channels.

16. Mr Vincent WAN responded that he did not yet have detailed information at this stage. The DSD would proactively adopt a comprehensive approach to strengthening flood resilience.

17. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) Some low-lying areas in the Islands District experienced serious flooding during heavy rainstorms. The planning and design of the drainage improvement works in Mui Wo had largely been completed, and the project was currently awaiting funding approval from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council.
- (b) On Lamma Island (especially in Sha Po Old Village, Wang Long Village and Tai Wan To), there had been severe flooding caused by recent heavy rainstorms, mainly due to the design of the drainage system. Members therefore suggested that the DSD discuss with the Lamma Island Rural Committees the feasible options for improving the drainage system, such as constructing or widening drainage channels. The DSD had previously resumed private land in Yung Shue Long New Village on Lamma Island to construct drainage channels, which had effectively resolved flooding at that location. Members had conducted a site inspection on Lamma Island with engineers from the DSD last week to explore the feasibility of resuming private land for the construction of drainage channels. However, as such works would take a relatively long time to implement, the DSD should adopt short-term measures at flooding black spots to reduce the risk of flooding, such as installing pumping facilities to remove accumulated water.

18. The Chairman said that in flooding black spots such as Tai Ping Street and Kat Hing Street in Tai O, many houses had already installed flood barriers for flood prevention. In view of the recent flooding in Ham Tin in South Lantau caused by heavy rain, the DSD and the CEDD should consider installing flood barriers for the relevant houses.

19. Mr Vincent WAN gave a consolidated response, stating that after the meeting he would relay Members' views to the relevant section regarding the advancement of the Mui Wo drainage improvement works and the improvement of the drainage system on Lamma Island. The DSD would provide technical support on the installation of flood barriers in South Lantau, and would consult the IsDO as well as relevant stakeholders in the Ham Tin and Shap Long areas.

20. The Chairman suggested that Members provide information on flooding black spots in the Islands District, together with relevant photos and recommendations on improving drainage facilities to cope with inclement weather. He also requested the Secretariat to compile a list of such views so that relevant departments, including the IsDO and the DSD, could follow up accordingly.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat compiled a list of the relevant views for follow-up by the relevant departments. The IsDO, together with the DSD, the HyD, the CEDD and the District Lands Office, Islands, held an interdepartmental joint meeting on the above matters on 9 October 2025.)

III. Report on the Services of the Public Libraries in Islands District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department between May 2025 and June 2025
(DFWC Paper No. 19/2025)

21. The Chairman asked Members to refer to DFWC Paper No. 19/2025, and welcomed Ms CHUNG Chi-yuen, Candy, Senior Librarian (Islands) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department to the meeting to present the paper.

22. Ms Candy CHUNG presented the paper.

23. Members noted the content of the paper.

IV. Report on the management of Leisure and Cultural Services Department's recreational and sports facilities in Islands District (May and June 2025)
(DFWC Paper No. 20/2025)

24. The Chairman asked Members to refer to DFWC Paper No. 20/2025, 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.

25. Ms Maureen LAI presented the paper.

26. Members noted the content of the paper.

V. Utilisation of Community Halls in Islands District

(DFWC Paper No. 21/2025)

27. The Chairman asked Members to refer to DFWC Paper No. 21/2025, and welcomed Mr LEE Sun-fu, Joe, Senior Executive Officer (District Management) of the IsDO to the meeting to present the paper.

28. Mr Joe LEE presented the paper.

29. Members noted the content of the paper.

IV. Any Other Business

Progress of the Cheung Chau Community Hall project

30. Members enquired about the opening date of the Cheung Chau Community Hall so that appropriate venue bookings could be made in advance for the community activities being planned.

31. Ms Livia AU YEUNG responded that the construction works of the Cheung Chau Community Hall had been largely completed and the final finishing works were currently underway. The hall was expected to be opened in the second half of 2025. The IsDO would proceed with the relevant inspection and acceptance procedures with the Architectural Services Department as soon as possible and would report the latest progress to Members in a timely manner.

32. The Chairman requested the IsDO to inform Members of the confirmed opening date of the Cheung Chau Community Hall as soon as possible to facilitate early venue booking arrangements.

VII. Date of Next Meeting

33. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:06 p.m. The next meeting would be held at 10:00 a.m. on 21 October 2025 (Tuesday).

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