

(Translation)

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

Date : 20 August 2024 (Tuesday)
Time : 10:00 a.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
Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, SBS, 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

Ms ZHANG Wan-hei

Attendance by Invitation

Mr TAM Wai-kit, Ricky

Ms WONG Kiu-yan, Jaclyn
Mr CHU Andrew Chien-chin
Mr LEE Sun-fu, Joe

Ms HAU Lok-yiu, Cordelia
Mr CHAN Chak-chung

Acting Senior Project Manager 334,
Architectural Services Department
Architect/208, Architectural Services Department
Engineer 3-1/Works, Highways Department
Senior Executive Officer (District Management),
Islands District Office
District Secretary, Islands District Office
Senior Inspector of Works, Islands District Office

In Attendance

Ms AU YEUNG Wing-sum, Livia	Assistant District Officer (Islands)2, Islands District Office
Ms LIM Ting-ting, Sylvia	Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories West), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms HA Chung-wan, Joanne	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 LEUNG So-ping, Selina	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/1 (Lantau), Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr CHAN Kwok-fai, Raymond	Senior Engineer/Lantau, Drainage Services Department
Mr WONG Chi-hung, Philix	Engineer/Islands(3), Highways Department

Secretary

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

~~~~~

### **Welcoming Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed representatives of government departments and Members to the meeting and introduced Ms ZHANG Wan-hei, a co-opted Member, and the following representatives of departments in attendance:

- (a) Mr WONG Chi-hung, Philix, Engineer/Islands (3) of the Highways Department (HyD), who succeeded Mr CHAN Kam-hung;
- (b) Ms AU YEUNG Wing-sum, Livia, Assistant District Officer (Islands)2 of the Islands District Office (IsDO), who succeeded Ms TSE Yik-ting, Ellie; and
- (c) Mr CHAN Kwok-fai, Raymond, Senior Engineer/Lantau of the Drainage Services Department (DSD), who stood in for Mr WAN Chi-kin, Vincent.

I. Confirmation of minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2024

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 construction of a footbridge or pedestrian walkway connecting the Reclining Rock and Po Yue Wan in Cheung Chau  
(DFWC Paper No. 27/2024)

4. The Chairman welcomed Mr YEUNG Che-yuen, Patrick, Senior Engineer/1 (Lantau) of the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) to the meeting to respond to the question. The written reply of the CEDD had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

5. Mr NG Man-kit briefly presented the question and added that as the construction of the captioned pedestrian walkway involved the land of Saiyuen Camping Adventure Park (Saiyuen), it would be necessary to obtain the consent of the owner and to clarify the future maintenance and management responsibilities of the pedestrian walkway before the works were carried out.

6. Mr Patrick YEUNG elaborated on the CEDD's written reply and said that studies and works would normally be carried out by the CEDD as commissioned by bureaux. He therefore suggested that Members should first explore the feasibility of the works with the department responsible for the management of the existing hiking trail.

7. Members said that at present, if visitors wished to travel from Po Yue Wan to the Reclining Rock on the other side of the coast, they had to turn back to Sai Wan on the same route or walk on the slippery submerged rocks at low tide for such a crossing, resulting in frequent accidents. Members therefore hoped that a pedestrian walkway could be constructed to connect the captioned sites to ensure the safety of visitors.

8. The Chairman asked Members which department was responsible for the management of the existing hiking trail at the captioned sites.

9. Members responded that the IsDO was responsible for the management of the hiking trail concerned, but could not undertake the design and construction of the captioned pedestrian walkway as its staff did not have the relevant professional qualifications.

10. Mr CHAN Chak-chung gave a consolidated response that the IsDO was only

responsible for the maintenance of the hiking trail concerned. The IsDO had conducted an on-site inspection earlier and was positive about the relevant works. However, it might not be possible to complete the works within a short period of time given the significant scale of the works. He suggested that an on-site inspection should be conducted with Members first to work out a feasible route.

11. The Chairman requested the IsDO to examine the feasibility of constructing the captioned pedestrian walkway and arrange an on-site inspection with Members.

(Post-meeting note: The IsDO had sent its staff to visit the site on 2 September this year and would further explore the feasibility of constructing the relevant pedestrian walkway after obtaining the consent of Saiyuen for the implementation of the captioned works and clarifying the future maintenance and management responsibilities of the walkway. To ensure the safety of visitors, the IsDO had also arranged to install additional signboards at the relevant road section to remind visitors to avoid walking on the slippery submerged rocks to the other side of the coast.)

III. Question on the construction of a hiking trail connecting Sin Kung Tung and South Lookout Pavilion in Cheung Chau  
(DFWC Paper No. 28/2024)

12. The Chairman welcomed Mr Patrick YEUNG, Senior Engineer/1 (Lantau) of the CEDD to the meeting to respond to the question. The written reply of the CEDD had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

13. Mr NG Man-kit briefly presented the question and pointed out that the IsDO had advised that the captioned trail was steep and therefore would need to be constructed in the form of a bridge or a plank path. In this connection, Members hoped that the CEDD would study the feasibility of the relevant works.

14. The Chairman enquired whether the CEDD could be commissioned by the Committee to conduct the relevant study.

15. Mr Patrick YEUNG reiterated that the CEDD would normally carry out studies and works as commissioned by bureaux, but the Committee could still submit a written application to the Department, which would then refer the application to the relevant section for follow-up.

16. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to submit a written application to the CEDD for the captioned works proposal.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat had written to the CEDD on 4 October 2024 on the above matters.)

IV. Question on the pedestrian connectivity facilities for the MTR Tung Chung East Station and the nearby housing estates

(DFWC Paper No. 29/2024)

17. The Chairman welcomed Mr Patrick YEUNG, Senior Engineer/1 (Lantau) of the CEDD to the meeting to respond to the question. The written replies of the Transport Department (TD) and the CEDD had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

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

19. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) Members enquired whether the CEDD would construct covered footbridges at locations other than those mentioned in the written reply in the future. Members also suggested linking up the footbridges in the vicinity of Tung Chung Waterfront Road for the convenience of the public.
- (b) To ascertain whether the pedestrian flow of the walkway connecting the housing estates to MTR Tung Chung East Station met the threshold required by the TD for the provision of cover to walkway, Members suggested that the Department should carry out a pedestrian flow estimation at that walkway. Members also hoped that the Department would plan the pedestrian connectivity facilities in the area accordingly, taking into account the population growth in Tung Chung.

20. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to convey to the TD in writing Members' suggestion on estimating the pedestrian flow at the walkway to examine the feasibility of providing a cover to it.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat had written to the CEDD on 4 October 2024 on the above matters.)

V. Question on the Progress Report of Major Projects in Islands District  
(DFWC Paper No. 30/2024)

21. The Chairman welcomed Mr TAM Wai-kit, Ricky, Acting Senior Project Manager 334 and Ms WONG Kiu-yan, Jaclyn, Architect/208 of the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD), Mr CHU Andrew Chien-chin, Engineer 3-1/Works of the HyD, and Mr Patrick YEUNG, Senior Engineer/1 (Lantau) of the CEDD to the meeting to respond to the question. The written replies of the ArchSD, the HyD and the CEDD had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

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

23. Mr Ricky TAM elaborated on the ArchSD's written reply.

24. Mr Andrew CHU elaborated on the HyD's written reply and added that the

Department expected to complete the remaining works of the footbridge part of the New Wang Tong River Bridge in the fourth quarter this year and open it for public use.

25. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) Members said that there had been a long delay in the works of the Community Hall-cum-Home Affairs Enquiry Centre in Cheung Chau and hence requested the ArchSD to urge the contractor concerned to complete the works as soon as possible.
- (b) Members enquired about the reasons why “CE 8/2017 (CE) - Study on Traffic, Transport and Capacity to Receive Visitors for Lantau – Feasibility Study” was not included in the progress report of projects of the CEDD.

26. The Chairman requested the relevant departments to update the progress report of projects in a timely manner and asked the CEDD to provide the progress of the feasibility study report on the “two tunnels and one viaduct” project.

(Post-meeting note: The CEDD said that the “Feasibility Study on Road Network Enhancement to South Lantau” had commenced in March 2023 and was expected to be completed by mid-2025.)

27. Mr Patrick YEUNG said that Members’ views would be relayed to the relevant section after the meeting.

VI. Question on the paving slabs on Tung Wan Road and Tung Wan Road Plaza in Cheung Chau

(DFWC Paper No. 31/2024)

28. The Chairman welcomed Mr Philix WONG, Engineer/Islands (3) of the HyD and Ms Livia AU YEUNG, Assistant District Officer (Islands)2 of the IsDO to the meeting to respond to the question. The written reply of the HyD had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

29. Ms Mealoha KWOK briefly presented the question.

30. Mr Philix WONG elaborated on the HyD’s written reply and added that the HyD had completed the relevant repair works on 16 August 2024. The Department would continue to monitor the problem of slippery road surface caused by accumulation of stagnant water and take timely follow-up actions to prevent stagnant water accumulation.

31. Ms Livia AU YEUNG said that the IsDO staff had conducted an on-site inspection on 9 August 2024 and planned to commence the repair works for the pavement sections under the IsDO’s management in September this year. Given that anti-skid paving slabs had been adopted for the pavements concerned, the IsDO

considered that the problem of slippery ground might be caused by accumulation of stagnant water or unevenness of pavement surface. It was believed that the situation would improve upon completion of the repair works.

32. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) Whilst appreciating the follow-up actions taken by the HyD and the IsDO, Members pointed out that the problem of damaged paving slabs still occurred from time to time even after repeated repairs of the pavements concerned, which necessitated further improvement. In this connection, Members suggested that the road base should be paved with concrete instead to reinforce the pavement surface, preventing the paving slabs from being damaged under pressure. Members also suggested that the relevant departments should test whether the anti-slip rating of the paving slabs concerned was up to R11 and consider replacing the pavement surface with bush hammered granites, which had a higher anti-skid rating.
- (b) Members understood that it took time to repair the pavements and therefore suggested that the departments concerned should first temporarily lay iron plates at the locations with damaged paving slabs for the safety of residents. Members would also like to conduct an on-site inspection with the departments concerned at other locations with damaged paving slabs.

33. The Chairman thanked the HyD for removing the raised metal bars from the pavements and suggested that all the remaining metal bars should be removed.

34. Mr Philix WONG gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) The HyD noted Members' views and would consider reinforcing the frequently affected pavements in accordance with the Department's prevailing standards and arrange for the removal of the remaining metal bars in a timely manner as necessary.
- (b) Members could contact the HyD on individual pavement deterioration problems. The Department would arrange site visits as necessary, step up inspections and carry out timely repairs in accordance with the relevant guidelines.

35. Mr CHAN Chak-chung gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) As for damaged granite pavements, the IsDO would usually repave the road base with concrete, followed by resurfacing with granites, and fill up the gaps between the granites with cement mortar.
- (b) Materials such as asphalt, concrete and eco-pavers, which were currently mainly used for public roads, had anti-skid features but could easily be

smoothed out and become slippery due to high usage. He therefore considered that the anti-slip rating of paving slabs did not apply to outdoor public roads. He also pointed out that as the skid resistance of paving slabs would deteriorate due to wear and tear, it was not very cost-effective to repave the pavements with slabs. In addition, the findings of the IsDO's on-site inspection indicated that the current anti-skid condition of the pavements concerned was normal. The IsDO would actively monitor the situation and repave the road base for damaged pavements in a timely manner.

36. The Chairman consolidated the views of Members and the departments and proposed to repave the road base for the captioned pavements with concrete.

VII. Report on the Services of the Public Libraries in Islands District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department between May 2024 and June 2024  
(DFWC Paper No. 24/2024)

37. The Chairman welcomed Ms CHUNG Chi-yuen, Candy, Senior Librarian (Islands) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to the meeting to present the paper.

38. Ms Candy CHUNG presented the paper.

39. 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 (May to June 2024)  
(DFWC Paper No. 25/2024)

40. The Chairman welcomed Ms HA Chung-wan, Joanne, District Leisure Manager (Islands) of the LCSD to the meeting to present the paper.

41. Ms Joanne HA presented the paper.

42. Members noted the content of the paper.

XI. Utilisation of Community Halls in Islands District  
(DFWC Paper No. 26/2024)

43. The Chairman welcomed Mr LEE Sun-fu, Joe, Senior Executive Officer (District Management) and Ms HAU Lok-yiu, Cordelia, District Secretary of the IsDO to the meeting to present the paper.

44. Mr Joe LEE presented the paper.



45. Members noted the content of the paper.

46. Mr Joe LEE responded to Members' views and said that the staff concerned would be reminded to put up suitable banners when opening Tung Chung Community Hall for use as a temporary cold/heat shelter.

X. Any Other Business

47. No further business was raised by Members.

XI. Date of Next Meeting

48. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m. The next meeting was scheduled for 22 October 2024 (Tuesday) at 2:30 p.m.

-END-