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

Date : 21 October 2025 (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, 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 HAU Lok-yiu, Cordelia	Senior Executive Officer (District Management) (Acting), 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
Mr IP Cheuk-man, Ryerson	Assistant District Officer (Islands)2 (Designate), 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
Ms ZHANG Wan-hei

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**Welcoming Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed representatives of government departments and Members to the meeting and introduced Mr IP Cheuk-man, Ryerson, Assistant District Officer (Islands)2 (Designate) of the Islands District Office (IsDO), who would succeed Ms AU YEUNG Wing-sum, Livia.

2. The Committee agreed to accept the application for absence from the meeting submitted by Mr CHEUNG Tsz-him, Ryan and Ms ZHANG Wan-hei in accordance with the Islands District Council Standing Orders.

I. **Confirmation of minutes of the meeting held on 18 August 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 provision of a pavilion on Tai Hing Tai Road on Cheung Chau (DFWC Paper No. 26/2025)**

5. The Chairman asked Members to refer to DFWC Paper No. 26/2025, and

welcomed Ms AU YEUNG Wing-sum, Livia, Assistant District Officer (Islands)2 of the IsDO to the meeting to respond to the question.

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

7. Ms Livia AU YEUNG responded that the IsDO had, through the District Lands Office, Islands (DLO/Is), posted a notice at the location concerned in October 2024 to collect public views on the captioned works. After receiving a number of written objections, the IsDO had immediately worked together with the Cheung Chau Rural Committee to maintain ongoing coordination and communication with the objectors, but no consensus had been reached. The IsDO understood the needs of local residents, particularly the elderly, for leisure facilities at the site. As such, on 8 October 2025, the IsDO had conducted a site inspection at the location concerned with Mr NG Man-kit and proposed revising the original design proposal from constructing a pavilion to adding a shelter to the two existing benches at the site, so as to reduce the impact on the surrounding environment and nearby shops, while taking into account the views of different parties. After finalising the design proposal, the IsDO would post a notice at the location again through the DLO/Is to collect public views.

8. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) Cheung Chau residents frequently gathered at the captioned site for leisure and had repeatedly reported that the location lacked shading facilities. The existing temporary tent had been erected by residents themselves; its structure was rudimentary and easily damaged. Members therefore supported the IsDO's revised design and would assist in communicating with relevant stakeholders with a view to reaching a consensus with the objectors as soon as possible. Members urged the IsDO to expedite the implementation of the captioned works to provide residents with improved leisure facilities.
- (b) The temporary tent at the site had been initially erected by the objectors mentioned above. Many of them were members of the same family. They had first raised objections on the grounds of environmental hygiene and noise nuisance, and subsequently cited feng shui concerns as reasons for opposition. Members therefore considered that the IsDO should not accept these minority objections, which lacked objective justification, so as to avoid undermining the public interest.
- (c) In recent years, an increasing number of works projects had been delayed due to objections from a minority. Members were concerned that if this situation became the norm, it would place pressure on government administration. Members therefore considered that in advancing works projects, the Government should prioritise the public interest and, where necessary, adopt a firm stance. If, after considering views from all parties, the IsDO concluded that the works would benefit the majority of the public, it should not suspend the implementation due

to a small number of objections.

- (d) Environmental hygiene and noise issues were not insurmountable, and the proposed works site was government land that did not involve any ancestral graves. Therefore, opposing the works on the grounds of feng shui was unreasonable. Given that the captioned works would benefit the public, Members considered that all stakeholders should work together to carefully examine the objections received and explore appropriate solutions.

9. The Chairman considered that constructing a pavilion would provide residents with a space for leisure and gatherings, whereas adding a shelter to the existing benches would serve only the purpose of providing shade.

10. Ms Livia AU YEUNG gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) In handling objections, government departments consistently adhered to the principles of fairness and impartiality. Decisions were not based on the identity of the objectors or the number of objections received; more importantly, the specific content of each objection should be taken into account.
- (b) After receiving the objections in November 2024, the IsDO had maintained communication and coordination with the objectors, but no consensus had been reached. During the site inspection conducted on 8 October this year, the IsDO had noted that there were already two benches at the location arranged in an “L” shape. After discussion with the Cheung Chau Rural Committee, it was decided to install a shelter over the existing benches and moderately expand the coverage area to provide a larger shaded space. The works were currently still at the design stage. Once the design proposal was finalised, the IsDO would again post a notice at the location through the DLO/Is to collect public views. The IsDO hoped to implement the project as soon as possible to provide residents with suitable leisure facilities.

11. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) The primary objective of the proposed works was to provide residents with sturdy and safe shading facilities, which did not necessarily have to be a pavilion. In this regard, Members thanked the IsDO for revising the original design to ensure the smooth implementation of the project.
- (b) Members enquired whether the IsDO had communicated with the objectors regarding the new design proposal, whether the proposal had been accepted, and, if it had not been accepted, how the IsDO would proceed.

12. Ms Livia AU YEUNG thanked Members for their support for the new design proposal. If the proposal continued to face opposition and no consensus could be reached with the objectors after further coordination, the IsDO would consider installing a shelter over the benches at a nearby waterfront location as an alternative.

13. The Chairman hoped that the works could be completed as soon as possible to provide residents with improved leisure facilities.

III. Question on the flooding problem of the North Lantau Highway  
(DFWC Paper No. 27/2025)

14. The Chairman asked Members to refer to DFWC Paper No. 27/2025, and welcomed Mr NG Kin-fung, Vincent, Engineer/Islands (1) of the Highways Department (HyD) and Mr WAN Chi-kin, Vincent, Engineer/Lantau 5 of the Drainage Services Department (DSD) to the meeting to respond to the question. The written replies of the HyD and the DSD had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

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

16. Mr Vincent NG elaborated on the written reply of the HyD.

17. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) A large amount of debris, including mud and silt, leaves and rubbish, had been blocking the road gullies along the North Lantau Highway, causing flooding from time to time, particularly at roundabouts and on uneven road sections. In this regard, Members requested the HyD to strengthen inspections and clearance of the road gullies along the North Lantau Highway to ensure proper drainage and road safety.
- (b) Members thanked the HyD and the DSD for their efforts in recent years to alleviate flooding at the Tung Chung Eastern Interchange, noting that these works had yielded significant results. However, due to extreme weather, flooding on the North Lantau Highway had become more frequent than before, especially at low-lying sections, affecting traffic between Lantau Island and the urban areas. Members noted that the highway carried heavy traffic and vehicles generally travelled at high speeds, making maintenance works difficult. Nevertheless, Members observed that roadside drains were overgrown with weeds and urged the relevant departments to step up clearance work.
- (c) As Cheung Tung Road was located near the hillside, the drainage system was unable to cope with the large volume of rainwater flowing down from the slopes during heavy rain, causing runoff to surge towards the Tung Chung Eastern Interchange connecting to the North Lantau

Highway. As a result, this location was more prone to flooding. Members therefore urged the HyD to work closely with the DSD to step up inspections and clearance of the drainage system at the location concerned.

18. Mr Vincent NG responded that after receiving reports of flooding at the downhill section near the roundabout on the North Lantau Highway, the HyD had immediately arranged clearance of the gullies there. The Department had been closely monitoring the drainage conditions along the North Lantau Highway, particularly during typhoon and heavy rain periods. Generally, under the coordination of the Hong Kong Police Force and the Transport Department (TD), inspections and gully clearance were carried out at night. Two months ago, when the Hong Kong Observatory (HKO) issued the Black Rainstorm Warning Signal, the Department noted rainwater flowing from the hillside near Cheung Tung Road onto Cheung Tung Road and the North Lantau Highway. The Department would strengthen inspections and clearance of the drainage systems along the North Lantau Highway, Cheung Tung Road and nearby roadside slopes under its purview.

19. Mr Vincent WAN responded that the DSD would continue to work closely with the HyD and provide technical advice as necessary to improve drainage conditions in the vicinity of the North Lantau Highway and Cheung Tung Road.

20. The Chairman acknowledged the work of the HyD and the DSD, and agreed that flooding at the Tung Chung Eastern Interchange had improved. He also noted that the question mentioned uneven road surfaces on certain sections of the North Lantau Highway, resulting in poor drainage. In this regard, he invited Members to provide relevant information to the HyD so that it could closely monitor the road surface conditions and arrange necessary maintenance works in a timely manner having regard to the road conditions, so as to ensure road safety.

(Post-meeting note: Members provided the relevant information to the HyD for follow-up.)

IV. Report on the Services of the Public Libraries in Islands District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department between July 2025 and August 2025  
(DFWC Paper No. 23/2025)

21. The Chairman asked Members to refer to DFWC Paper No. 23/2025, 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.

22. Ms Candy CHUNG presented the paper.

23. Members noted the content of the paper.

V. Report on the management of Leisure and Cultural Services Department's recreational and sports facilities in Islands District (July and August 2025)  
(DFWC Paper No. 24/2025)

24. The Chairman asked Members to refer to DFWC Paper No. 24/2025, and welcomed Ms LAI Kit-ching, Maureen, District Leisure Manager (Islands) of the LCSD to the meeting to present the paper.

25. Ms Maureen LAI presented the paper.

26. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) Members had earlier reported to the LCSD that multiple spot lights at the soccer pitch of Yung Shue Wan Playground on Lamma Island and the Yung Shue Wan Basketball Court in North Lamma malfunctioned. Although the Department was carrying out repair works, progress had been slow and the spot lights had yet to be restored, affecting residents' use of the facilities. Members therefore urged the Department to complete the repair works as soon as possible.
- (b) Members enquired about the specific details of the Transformation of Public Play Spaces so that they could explain the relevant information to the public. In addition, given the relatively high utilisation rates of Tung Chung North Park and Man Tung Road Park, Members asked how long the transformation works would take.
- (c) The utilisation rates of sports centres in the Islands District were generally high, with most reaching 90% or above. As the population of Tung Chung continued to grow, the LCSD should coordinate with relevant departments to expedite the provision of additional sports facilities in the district to meet residents' needs.
- (d) Members considered that the attendance figures for Kwun Yam Beach on Cheung Chau stated in the captioned paper were lower than the actual numbers. They therefore requested the LCSD to explain the method for calculating attendance (e.g. whether the statistics included users of the beach's water sports centre).
- (e) Over the past two years, Members had had multiple discussions with the LCSD on matters relating to the enhancement of the Shap Long Sitting-out Area. The Department had conducted a site inspection and indicated that it would consider expanding the sitting-out area, but works had yet to commence. Members therefore urged the Department to follow up on the matter.

27. The Chairman said that the Shap Long Sitting-out Area was managed by the LCSD and was equipped with several tables and benches. Members had suggested to

the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) to raise and reinforce the wave wall near the waterfront of the sitting-out area to reduce the risk of waves surging into the venue. In this regard, the Chairman suggested that the LCSD arrange a site inspection with Members after the meeting to understand the situation.

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

- (a) The LCSD would follow up after the meeting on the repair works for the spot lights at the soccer pitch of Yung Shue Wan Playground and the Yung Shue Wan Basketball Court in North Lamma.

(Post-meeting note: The repair works for spot lights at the Yung Shue Wan Playground soccer pitch and the Yung Shue Wan Basketball Court in North Lamma were completed on 25 October 2025.)

- (b) Regarding the Transformation of Public Play Spaces, the LCSD had conducted a series of public consultation activities in the Islands District to collect views from the public on concepts and themes for public play spaces in the district, as well as suggestions on the priority for district venue transformation. With reference to the consultation results, the LCSD had formulated the priority list for venue transformation and would roll out the projects accordingly.
- (c) The LCSD noted Members' suggestion to provide more sports facilities in the district and would continue to follow up on the matter closely.
- (d) The LCSD would conduct a site inspection at the Shap Long Sitting-out Area in due course together with stakeholders and relevant works departments to explore the feasibility of improvement plans.

(Post-meeting note: On the afternoon of 4 November 2025, the LCSD, together with the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD), Mr HO Chun-fai and representatives of Shap Long Tsuen, conducted a site inspection at the Shap Long Sitting-out Area and discussed plans for facility enhancement and improvement works. The ArchSD would draft a specific improvement plan. Upon completion, the LCSD would liaise with relevant stakeholders to implement the improvement plan.)

- (e) Regarding the method for calculating beach attendance, staff of the LCSD divided the entire beach area (including both the sandy beach and the water area) into different zones, and estimated the number of people in each zone by visual count, thereby deriving the overall attendance figure of the beach. In addition, the water sports centre at Kwun Yam Wan Beach on Cheung Chau was not under the purview of the LCSD. As such, users of the centre were not included in the beach attendance statistics.

29. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) Lantau Island lacked recreational and sports facilities and did not have a standard sports ground. Given the continuous growth in Tung Chung's population, residents had a strong demand for a standard sports ground. The LCSD should therefore expedite the provision of such recreational and sports facilities.
- (b) Two months ago, the HKO had issued the Black Rainstorm Warning Signal twice. During that period, an earth embankment near Pui O Playground on Lantau Island had been washed away, allowing a large volume of rainwater to surge in and causing serious flooding. Members had reported the situation to the LCSD but had not received a reply. In this regard, Members requested the LCSD to explain the issues of the drainage system at the venue and the causes of the flooding.

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

- (a) At present, Cheung Chau had a non-standard sports ground. The LCSD was also planning to construct a sports ground and/or a sports centre in Tung Chung. However, further planning would be subject to factors such as the allocation of financial resources.
- (b) The earth embankment near Pui O Playground on Lantau Island mentioned by Members was not under the purview of the LCSD, and the flooding situation concerned had not recurred. The Department would continue to closely monitor the situation and liaise with the relevant works departments to explore feasible improvement measures for the drainage system where necessary.

31. The Chairman emphasised that Tung Chung's population would increase substantially in the future. He estimated that constructing a sports ground (including procedures such as funding application, design and construction) would take about eight years. He therefore requested the LCSD to consider Members' views and commence preparatory work for the construction of a sports ground as soon as possible to meet residents' urgent demand for sports facilities.

32. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) The Tung Chung Swimming Pool had recorded close to 40 000 admissions in August 2025. However, the pool had long operated with only the main pool open, struggling to meet residents' needs. In this regard, Members requested the LCSD to consider adjusting lifeguard staffing levels and expanding the swimming pool to cope with Tung Chung's population growth.

(Post-meeting note: Due to the current shortage of lifeguards at the Tung

Chung Swimming Pool, the LCSD could only open the main pool to the public during the non-peak swimming season. During the peak swimming season from June to August, both the main pool and the training pool (during certain hours) were open to the public.)

- (b) The LCSD should commence planning work in advance, including the design and district consultation procedures, for the construction of a new sports ground in the Islands District, so that the works could proceed smoothly in the future. Citing the construction delays of the Joint-user Complex in Area 107, Tung Chung due to design issues, Members stressed the importance of early planning.

33. The Chairman requested the LCSD to follow up on the matter of constructing a new sports ground in the Islands District after the meeting and to report on the progress at the next meeting.

34. Ms Maureen LAI said that the LCSD had reserved land for the construction of a sports ground, and the project was currently at a preliminary planning stage. The Department noted Members' views and would report the latest developments to the Chairman and Members in due course.

#### VI. Utilisation of Community Halls in Islands District (DFWC Paper No. 25/2025)

35. The Chairman asked Members to refer to DFWC Paper No. 25/2025, and welcomed Ms HAU Lok-yiu, Cordelia, Senior Executive Officer (District Management) (Acting) of the IsDO to the meeting to present the paper.

36. Ms Cordelia HAU presented the paper.

37. Members noted the content of the paper.

#### VII. Any Other Business

38. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) The drawbridge at the Mui Wo Ferry Pier had earlier been damaged by Typhoon Ragasa, causing inconvenience for residents in boarding and alighting from ferries. In particular, kaito ferry services travelling to and from Cheung Chau had been delayed by 10 to 30 minutes. Sun Ferry Services Company Limited indicated last week that the ArchSD had not yet commenced repair works. In this regard, Members urged the relevant departments to expedite the repair of the drawbridge concerned.

- (b) Many Cheung Chau residents had expressed the hope of visiting and

applying to use the Cheung Chau Community Hall as soon as possible. In this connection, Members enquired about the commissioning date of the venue and whether arrangements could be made for residents to visit the facility in advance.

39. The Chairman considered that matters relating to the drawbridge facilities at the Mui Wo Ferry Pier might not fall within the purview of the ArchSD, and that the Department was not represented at the meeting. In this connection, the Chairman enquired whether the matter fell within the purview of the Port Works Division of the CEDD, and requested the responsible department to carry out repair works as soon as possible to avoid affecting ferry operations.

40. Mr Patrick YEUNG responded that he would follow up with the relevant division after the meeting and revert to the Member concerned.

(Post-meeting note: After the meeting, the CEDD replied to the Members concerned that matters relating to the drawbridge facilities at the Mui Wo Ferry Pier fell within the purview of the TD.)

41. Ms Livia AU YEUNG responded that the IsDO, together with the ArchSD, had conducted the relevant inspection and acceptance procedures in early October this year. The Cheung Chau Community Hall was expected to commence operation by the end of the year. As for the opening ceremony and the exact commissioning date, the IsDO would report the latest progress to the Members concerned upon completion of the finishing works.

#### VIII. Date of Next Meeting

42. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m. The next meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 15 December 2025 (Monday).

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