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

Date : 22 April 2025 (Tuesday)
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

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

Mr CHEUNG Tsz-him, Ryan

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 MAN Yuen-ling, Rachel	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 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/1 (Lantau), Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr WAN Chi-kin, Vincent	Engineer/Lantau5, 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
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Absent with Apology

Ms ZHANG Wan-hei

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### **Welcoming Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed representatives of government departments and Members to the meeting and introduced Ms MAN Yuen-ling, Rachel, Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories West) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), who succeeded Ms LIM Ting-ting, Sylvia.

2. The Committee did not accept the application for absence from the meeting submitted by Ms ZHANG Wan-hei in accordance with the Islands District Council Standing Orders.

### **I. Confirmation of minutes of the meeting held on 25 February 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 an automatic shipping water selling machine in Cheung Chau  
(DFWC Paper No. 9/2025)

5. The Chairman asked Members to refer to DFWC Paper No. 9/2025. The written reply of the Water Supplies Department (WSD) had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting. The Chairman said that the question had been jointly raised by Mr NG Man-kit and Ms Mealoha KWOK. He then invited Mr NG Man-kit to briefly present the question.

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

7. The Chairman said that although the WSD had not sent a representative to attend the meeting, the Department had indicated in its written reply that it planned to install a shipping water selling machine in Cheung Chau, and intended to put the facility into use by the end of 2026 or earlier. In this regard, he enquired whether the private water boats in Cheung Chau would continue to supply fresh water to vessels before the aforementioned date.

8. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) Given the strong demand for fresh water among marine workers in Cheung Chau, Members were pleased to note that the WSD would install a shipping water selling machine in Cheung Chau by the end of 2026 or earlier. Members added that, in addition to vessels berthed in Cheung Chau requiring fresh water supply, some non-local fishing vessels also went to Cheung Chau to fetch water during inclement weather. Therefore, the installation of the facility in Cheung Chau would benefit both local and non-local vessels.
- (b) The operator of a private water boat had indicated that he would continue to provide fresh water to vessels on a reservation basis for the time being. However, as the operator was old, the service might cease the business at any time due to health concerns. In addition, the water source for the aforementioned private water boat originated from a reservoir on a hill of Cheung Chau. The operator used pumps to transfer the water from the reservoir to the water boat, but the water from the reservoir was unfiltered, posing a hygiene risk.

(c) Currently, there were two public standpipes in Cheung Chau that provided free fresh water for vessels. However, the water pipes connected to the standpipes were narrow, resulting in a slow flow rate, and it took the vessels approximately two to three hours to collect the water. When several vessels needed water at the same time, disputes could arise. In this regard, Members urged the WSD to consider expediting the installation of the shipping water selling machine in Cheung Chau.

9. The Chairman requested the Secretariat to write to the WSD, expressing gratitude to the Department for its plan to install an automatic water selling machine for vessels in Cheung Chau. He further suggested the WSD to consider expediting the installation of the facility to alleviate the shortage of fresh water supply facilities for vessels in Cheung Chau.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat wrote to the WSD on 28 May 2025 to convey Members' views. The written reply of the WSD was distributed to Members for perusal on 9 June.)

III. Question on the progress of the major projects in the Islands District  
(DFWC Paper No. 10/2025)

10. The Chairman asked Members to refer to DFWC Paper No. 10/2025, and 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 replies of the CEDD, the Transport Department and the Housing Department had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

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

12. Members expressed their views as follows:

(a) Members requested the CEDD to provide a detailed timetable for the “Engineering Study on Road P1 (Tai Ho – Sunny Bay Section)”, including the anticipated completion date of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and the expected commencement date of the works. Members emphasised that, with the Government advancing the Tung Chung New Town Extension project, the population in Tung Chung would increase, and residents' demand for public transport services would continue to grow. As Road P1 would serve as a key transport hub connecting to the North Lantau Highway and play a critical role in optimising the public transport services in the area, the CEDD should proceed with the relevant transport planning as early as possible.

(b) Members asked the CEDD why the progress report on the major projects in the Islands District only included the “Engineering Study on Road P1

(Tai Ho – Sunny Bay Section)”, but made no mention of the study on the “two tunnels and one viaduct.” Members noted that a traffic accident had occurred near Pak Kung Au on the day of the meeting, causing disruption to traffic on Lantau Island, which highlighted the urgency of the implementation of the “two tunnels and one viaduct” project. In addition, the project would also help promote the economic and tourism development of the Islands District. Members therefore hoped that the CEDD would expedite the implementation of the project, and enquired in which quarter of 2025 would the study results be released.

(c) Although a temporary car park had been added near Ying Tung Estate in Tung Chung, it was only designated for private cars and motorcycles, with no parking spaces provided for light goods vehicles. Many light goods vehicle drivers also expressed concerns about the shortage of parking spaces in the area. In this regard, Members hoped that the relevant departments would address the needs of all parties.

13. The Chairman asked the CEDD about the expected completion and commissioning dates of individual sections of Road P1, such as the Tung Chung to Siu Ho Wan section, if Road P1 was to be constructed in phases. He also asked the CEDD to confirm in which quarter of 2025 would the study results on the “two tunnels and one viaduct” be released. In addition, he suggested that the Member concerned should provide the Secretariat, within two weeks, with relevant information on the serious traffic accidents that had occurred on roads in Lantau in the past, so that the Secretariat could write to the CEDD to follow up on the progress of the “two tunnels and one viaduct” study.

14. Members acknowledged the importance of the “two tunnels and one viaduct” project and noted that the Traffic and Transport Committee had conducted in-depth discussions on the matter. Relevant details had been documented in the related meeting papers.

15. The Chairman wished that Members’ views regarding the “two tunnels and one viaduct” project could be conveyed to the CEDD once again in the name of the DFWC. He further said that he would work with the Members concerned to provide the Secretariat with information on serious traffic accidents that had previously occurred on the Lantau roads. Members agreed to the proposal of the Chairman.

16. Mr Patrick YEUNG noted Members’ views and would relay the views to the works sections for follow-up after the meeting, and provide a reply to Members in due course.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat wrote to the CEDD on 28 May 2025 to convey Members’ views. The written reply of the CEDD was distributed to Members for perusal on 4 June.)

IV. Question on the road surface damage on the Pui O section of South Lantau Road on Lantau Island  
(DFWC Paper No. 11/2025)

17. The Chairman asked Members to refer to DFWC Paper No. 11/2025, and welcomed Mr WAN Chi-kin, Vincent, Engineer/Lantau 5 of the Drainage Services Department (DSD) to the meeting to respond to the question.

18. Mr HO Chun-fai briefly presented the question.

19. Mr Vincent WAN provided a consolidated response, stating that the DSD had carried out effluent pipeline laying works in late 2023 at the South Lantau Road Pui O Section near Lamp Post No. AC0278. Upon learning that cracks had appeared on the road surface, the Department immediately instructed the contractor to cordon off the affected section on 1 April 2025 and carry out repair works. The road section had been reopened to the public on 3 April. The Department had urged the contractor that, upon completion of drainage works, proper backfilling of trenches and road surface reinstatement had to be carried out in accordance with the contract requirements to ensure the structural integrity of the road. The Department would also step up inspections of roads where drainage works had been completed to ensure that the reinstated road surfaces met the relevant standards.

20. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) Road surface subsidence generally would not occur unless underground sewers were damaged and caused soil erosion. The cracks and subsidence that appeared on the road surface after the completion of drainage works were attributed to the substandard quality of the road reinstatement works. To prevent such occurrences, contractors had to use appropriate backfill materials to layer and compact the excavated road surface after the drainage works. In addition, contractors had to ensure that the compaction level of each layer met the required standards before proceeding with the next layer of backfilling. In this regard, Members requested that the Department closely monitor the quality of road reinstatement works carried out by contractors and ensure that the compaction of backfilling materials met the required specifications, so as to avoid future damage to the road surface.
- (b) Members had conducted a site visit to the captioned location and observed that the road surface there had been severely damaged. In this regard, Members commended the DSD for completing the road reinstatement works within two days. In addition, Members noted that as most sections of South Lantau Road were built along hillsides, carrying out drainage works on such road sections might loosen the soil near the slopes, making the road surface more prone to subsidence and increasing the risk of traffic accidents. Instances of road subsidence had also previously occurred near the captioned location. In this regard,

Members urged the DSD to strengthen its supervision of road reinstatement works and increase the thickness of the concrete layer to prevent road subsidence.

- (c) Currently, the scope of road reinstatement to be carried out by the DSD was confined to the width of the trench excavated. This might lead to unevenness between the backfilled road surface and the original road surface, making the road susceptible to re-compression and damage. To solve the above problem in the long term, Members suggested that the Department should carry out the relevant road reinstatement works by resurfacing the entire width of the carriageway, instead of partially repairing the cracked road surface area.
- (d) Taking the drainage works carried out by the DSD on Lamma Island in the past as an example, Members said the Department had stipulated that if the width of the original road surface after excavation was less than 600 mm, the contractor concerned had to resurface the entire width of the carriageway.

21. Mr Vincent WAN gave a consolidated response, stating that the DSD would strengthen the supervision of the quality of the drainage works and related road reinstatement works carried out by the contractors. He also mentioned that he would relay Members' suggestions to the works sections for follow-up.

22. The Chairman said that, as most of the roads on Lamma Island were rural paths, the requirements for resurfacing the entire width of the carriageway might differ from those for South Lantau Road. In this regard, he asked the DSD to establish a resurfacing width standard for the road reinstatement works carried out on South Lantau Road.

(Post-meeting note: The DSD has forwarded the above-mentioned comments to the relevant sections for follow-up after the meeting.)

V. Report on the Services of the Public Libraries in Islands District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department between January 2025 and February 2025  
(DFWC Paper No. 6/2025)

23. The Chairman asked Members to refer to DFWC Paper No. 6/2025, and welcomed Ms CHUNG Chi-yuen, Candy, Senior Librarian(Islands) of the LCSD to the meeting to present the paper.

24. Ms Candy CHUNG presented the paper.

25. 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 (January to February 2025)  
(DFWC Paper No. 7/2025)

26. The Chairman asked Members to refer to DFWC Paper No. 7/2025, and welcomed Ms HA Chung-wan, Joanne, District Leisure Manager (Islands) of the LCSD to the meeting to present the paper.

27. Ms Joanne HA presented the paper.

28. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) According to report on the management of LCSD's recreational and sports facilities in Islands District for the years 2024 and 2025, the service standards of the horticultural maintenance contractor was deemed average. Members had also received numerous public feedback indicating that the quality of horticultural maintenance services was below average. The LCSD stated in the paper that it had instructed the contractor to immediately implement improvement measures for the horticultural maintenance and would closely monitor the contractor's performance to enhance the service quality. Members considered that re-greening works necessitated due to plant withering caused by substandard horticultural maintenance constituted a waste of public funds. In this regard, Members requested the Department to look into the situation, and enquired about the reasons for the long-term unsatisfactory service level of the horticultural maintenance contractor (e.g. insufficient manpower), and whether the Department would consider the past service performance of tenderers when tendering for the relevant services in the future.
- (b) If the LCSD found that the performance of the horticultural maintenance contractor was substandard, it should require the contractor to immediately implement improvement measures. In this regard, Members enquired whether the Department had instructed the contractor concerned to take immediate action to improve the horticultural maintenance.

29. Ms Joanne HA gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) The horticultural maintenance services under the LCSD were outsourced to service contractors. The contractors were required to complete tasks such as watering plants, pruning branches and removing weeds on time in accordance with the contract terms. The Department would dispatch personnel to inspect the relevant sites. If the contractor's service performance was found to be substandard, the contractor would be required to implement immediate improvement measures. The Department would also send personnel to follow up on-site. If the

contractor failed to improve after receiving the reminder, the Department would issue a formal notice and continue to closely monitor the contractor's performance. The Department attached great importance to greening projects across all districts and would continue to closely monitor the service performance of the horticultural maintenance contractor.

(b) When the LCSD invited tenders for horticultural maintenance services, the past performance of bidding organisations would also be included as a tender evaluation criterion.

30. Members mentioned that recently, a large number dead bodies of marine had been washed ashore at Lower Cheung Sha Beach, generating odours that affected swimmers. Similar incidents had been reported occasionally in recent years. Although such dead bodies might be temporarily washed away during high tide, they could be deposited on the shore again when the tide receded. Members therefore requested the LCSD to take immediate action to address the issue.

31. Ms Joanne HA responded that in similar situations encountered previously, the LCSD would not only undertake cleaning operations but also collect seawater samples for testing by the Environmental Protection Department. She assured Members that the Department would closely monitor the situation and follow up accordingly.

(Post-meeting note: The LCSD had investigated the matter of concern raised by Members and had not found any evidence of the reported situation. The Department would continue to monitor the situation and follow up as necessary.)

VII. Utilisation of Community Halls in Islands District  
(DFWC Paper No. 8/2025)

32. The Chairman asked Members to refer to DFWC Paper No. 8/2025, and welcomed Mr LEE Sun-fu, Joe, Senior Executive Officer (District Management) of the Island District Office (IsDO) to the meeting to present the paper.

33. Mr Joe LEE presented the paper.

34. Members noted the content of the paper.

VIII. Any Other Business

Progress of the Cheung Chau Community Hall project

35. Members pointed out that the residents of Cheung Chau were very concerned about the progress of the Cheung Chau Community Hall project, and enquired about the expected opening date of the hall. As most local activities were currently held at

the Cheung Chau Sports Centre and the venue booking times from different organisations often overlapped. Members hoped that the Cheung Chau Community Hall could be opened as soon as possible to alleviate the shortage of activity venues in the area.

36. Ms Livia AU YEUNG responded that the Chairman of the District Council had mentioned at the District Council meeting held in March this year that the renovation works for the Cheung Chau Community Hall was expected to be completed in the second quarter of this year. The IsDO had been maintaining communication with the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) on the matter, and preparations were currently underway for the handover with ArchSD. The ArchSD would urge the contractor to commence the follow-up rectification works as soon as possible after the handover, so that the Cheung Chau Community Hall could be opened for residents' use as soon as possible.

37. The Chairman was pleased to note that the Cheung Chau Community Hall would soon to be opened, providing an additional venue for hosting community activities in the area.

IX. Date of next meeting

38. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m. The next meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 16 June 2025 (Monday).

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