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

Date : 25 February 2025 (Tuesday)
Time : 10:30 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

Mr CHEUNG Tsz-him, Ryan

Attendance by Invitation

Mr LEE Sun-fu, Joe

Ms HAU Lok-yiu, Cordelia
Mr TANG Wing-yan

Senior Executive Officer (District Management),
Islands District Office
District Secretary, Islands District Office
Inspector of Works(2), 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 LAM Shuk-man, Mandy	Senior Executive Officer (Planning)21, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr HAU Sum-ming, Sam	Architect (Works)6, 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 the following representatives of departments in attendance:

- (a) Mr TANG Wing-yan, Inspector of Works (2) of the Islands District Office (IsDO), who stood in for Mr CHAN Chak-chung; and
- (b) Mr HAU Sum-ming, Sam, Architect (Works)6 of the Home Affairs Department, who stood in for Ms WONG Hoi-ming, Helen.

2. The Committee agreed to 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 the minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2024

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 stage and sound equipment at the Tung Chung Man Tung Road Sports Centre  
(DFWC Paper No. 5/2025)

5. The Chairman asked Members to refer to DFWC Paper No. 5/2025, and welcomed Ms HA Chung-wan, Joanne, District Leisure Manager (Islands) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to the meeting to respond to the question. The written reply of the LCSD had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

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

7. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) Given the currently high utilisation rates of the Tung Chung Community Hall and the Tung Chung Man Tung Road Sports Centre, coupled with the expected continued population growth in Tung Chung in the future, Members urged the Department to enhance the recreational and sports facilities in the district.
- (b) The seating capacity and stage area of the Tung Chung Community Hall were limited, while the captioned sports centre was one of the larger indoor recreational and sports facilities in the district, featuring a multi-purpose arena that could be used as two basketball courts and for large-scale events. However, due to the lack of a stage at the captioned sports centre, the performances of the “Islands District National Security Variety Show 2024” held at the venue last year could only be performed on the floor. In this regard, Members suggested that the LCSD should provide a mobile stage at the captioned sports centre for holding events.
- (c) The LCSD stated in its written reply that the storage space at the captioned sports centre was insufficient to store stage equipment. In this regard, Members enquired about the space required for storing the stage equipment and whether such equipment could be stored in a place other than the sports centre.

- (d) As far as Members understood, currently, organisations hiring the multi-purpose arena at the captioned sports centre were generally only allowed to hire half of the venue, while the other half was reserved for individual hirers. In this regard, Members suggested that the LCSD should adopt a more flexible approach in handling venue booking applications.

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

- (a) The arena of the Tung Chung Man Tung Road Sports Centre was primarily used for sports purposes. In the light of the high public demand for the venue and to balance the needs of organisations and individuals in hiring the venue, the LCSD would reserve the arena for public use in accordance with the established guidelines. Applications from organisations for booking of the arena for large-scale events would also be considered.
- (b) Taking into account the difficulties encountered by hiring organisations in transporting equipment such as mobile stages and sound and lighting equipment when holding large-scale events at sports centres located on outlying islands, such as the Cheung Chau Sports Centre, the LCSD had provided stage equipment at such sports centres for organisations to hire. However, considering that transportation in Tung Chung was relatively more convenient, the storage of stage equipment would occupy the storage space currently used for sports equipment at the captioned sports centre, and additional costs would be incurred for setting up and dismantling the stage, the Department had no plans to provide a mobile stage at the captioned sports centre for the time being. Furthermore, she added that the arena of the captioned sports centre was equipped with sound equipment for use by hiring organisations.

9. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) Members said that the LCSD had rejected an application for hiring the entire arena of the captioned sports centre for a large-scale basketball competition. In this regard, Members considered that if an applicant organisation had reasonable grounds for hiring the entire arena, the Department should give due consideration to its application.
- (b) Members enquired about the criteria for the LCSD to approve the applications for hiring the entire arena, such as when to submit the application and the scale requirements for the event. Additionally, given that residents from other districts might also use the recreational and sports facilities in the Islands District, Members enquired the LCSD about the percentage of Islands District residents among the users of the recreational and sports facilities in the Islands District. Members also urged the Department to balance the needs of residents from all districts.

- (c) Since some hiring organisations were willing to bear the costs of setting up and dismantling the stage themselves, Members suggested that the LCSD should re-organise the items currently stored in the captioned sports centre to free up space for the storage of stage equipment for hire by organisations.
- (d) Members enquired whether the LCSD could store the stage equipment in a place other than the captioned sports centre and transport it to the sports centre for use when needed.
- (e) Members acknowledged that the existing recreational and sports facilities were insufficient to meet the needs of residents of various districts, but believed that the LCSD should consider giving priority to organisations in the Islands District to book venues within the district for community activities.

10. The Chairman agreed that the hiring organisations could bear the costs of setting up and dismantling the stage themselves, and requested the LCSD to explore whether the storage space in the captioned sports centre could be re-organised to store stage equipment. He also asked the Department to consider installing a smaller stage to save space.

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

- (a) Members could contact the LCSD for enquiries about the booking of recreational and sports facilities. She emphasised that many organisations had applied to hire the entire arena of the captioned sports centre. The Department would negotiate with the applicant organisations regarding their booking applications, with a view to balancing the needs of both organisations and individuals.
- (b) She said that she had visited the captioned sports centre for inspection and noted that the storage space currently used for sports equipment was already full, making it difficult to store stage equipment. In addition, given the high pedestrian flow at the Tung Chung Municipal Services Building where the captioned sports centre was located, the LCSD did not recommend the use of other areas within the building to store stage equipment. As for storing stage equipment at a place outside the sports centre, additional manpower and resources would be required. She said that the Department had taken note of Members' views and would review the situation and explore other feasible options after the meeting, and report to Members in due course.
- (c) The LCSD currently did not impose any quota restrictions on venue bookings by organisations and members of the public from other districts. She said that if an activity organised by an applicant organisation was supported by the District Council, the organisation

could make priority booking of recreational and sports facilities up to twelve months in advance. In addition, if the activity schedules of different applicant organisations overlapped, the Department would negotiate with the relevant organisations.

12. The Chairman believed that if local organisations booked venues with the LCSD in advance, their chances of successfully hiring the venues would be higher. However, he considered that it was difficult to give priority to organisations in the Islands District for booking venues within the district. He requested the LCSD to consider Members' suggestions regarding the storage location for stage equipment, including nearby locations outside the sports centre, and to report the results to Members at the next meeting.

(Post-meeting note: The LCSD had reviewed the storage facilities at venues in the district, but none of them had sufficient space to store the mobile stage facilities. Furthermore, the Tung Chung Municipal Building did not have any relevant storage space available for use by the LCSD. Therefore, the LCSD was unable to consider Members' suggestions at this stage. The Department would conduct a further review if additional storage space was available in its venues.)

III. Report on the Services of the Public Libraries in Islands District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department between November 2024 and December 2024  
(DFWC Paper No. 2/2025)

13. The Chairman asked Members to refer to DFWC Paper No. 2/2025, and welcomed Ms CHUNG Chi-yuen, Candy, Senior Librarian (Islands) of the LCSD to the meeting to present the paper.

14. Ms Candy CHUNG presented the paper.

15. 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 (November to December 2024)  
(DFWC Paper No. 3/2025)

16. The Chairman asked Members to refer to DFWC Paper No. 3/2025, and welcomed Ms HA Chung-wan, Joanne, District Leisure Manager (Islands) of the LCSD to the meeting to present the paper.

17. Ms Joanne HA presented the paper.

18. Members said that according to their understanding, the LCSD had installed bollards at the entrance of the football pitch at the Pui O Playground, Lantau to prevent cattle from entering the venue. However, since no bollards were installed at the location

after the replacement of the gates and one of the gates was often left open, Members suggested that the Department should install removable bollards at the location to prevent cattle from entering the venue, which would cause hygiene and safety issues. Members said that if wheelchair users needed to access the said venue, the Department could temporarily remove the bollards.

19. Ms Joanne HA noted Member's views and would follow up on the matter after the meeting, and update Members on the progress.

20. The Chairman agreed to the installation of removable bollards at the aforementioned location to prevent cattle from entering the venue and to minimise the impact on wheelchair users.

(Post-meeting note: After conducting an on-site inspection, the LCSD noted that only one gate at the entrance was open for public use, and the width of the gate was only 80 centimetres, which was relatively narrow and could help prevent cattle from entering the venue. Therefore, there was currently no need to install bollards at the entrance. The LCSD would continue to monitor the situation and explore improvement measures with the works departments in the light of actual needs.)

V. Utilisation of Community Halls in Islands District  
(DFWC Paper No. 4/2025)

21. The Chairman asked Members to refer to DFWC Paper No. 4/2025, and 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.

22. Mr Joe LEE presented the paper.

23. Members noted the content of the paper.

VI. Any Other Business

24. Members said that many residents in Cheung Chau were concerned about the progress of the Cheung Chau Community Hall project. In this regard, Members asked the IsDO about the progress of the project, and requested the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) to provide the works schedule.

25. Ms Livia AU YEUNG was aware of the concerns of Cheung Chau residents regarding the aforementioned project. The IsDO had been maintaining close communication with the ArchSD to follow up on the matter. The ArchSD also briefed Members on the progress of the project at the previous meeting. Regarding Members' requests for the ArchSD to provide the works schedule, the Department would liaise

with the ArchSD for follow-up after the meeting and update the progress of the project to Members in a timely manner.

26. The Chairman said that residents of other outlying islands were also concerned about the aforementioned project. He therefore asked the IsDO to update the progress of the project to all Members in a timely manner after liaising with the ArchSD.

(Post-meeting note: The IsDO had liaised with the ArchSD after the meeting to follow up on the issue. The ArchSD replied that the renovation works at the Cheung Chau Community Hall would be largely completed by May this year, while some follow-up rectification works might need to continue after the official opening of the community hall. The ArchSD emphasised that it would coordinate the works to minimise the impact on the operation of the community hall at that time.)

## VII. Date of Next Meeting

27. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m. The next meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 22 April 2025 (Tuesday).

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