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

Date : 26 February 2024 (Monday)
Time : 3:00 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 WONG Man-hon, MH
Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, SBS, MH
Mr HO Siu-kei
Mr WAN Yeung-kin
Mr NG Man-kit
Ms KWOK Wai-man, Mealoha
Mr NG Choi-wah
Mr LAU Chin-pang
Mr YIP Pui-kei

Attendance by Invitation

Mrs RADFORD Kit-ye, Kitty	Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Islands), Lands Department
Mr HO Wai-ming	Senior Engineer/HK 3, Water Supplies Department
Ms TSANG Hiu-sum	Engineer/HK (Distribution 6), Water Supplies Department
Mr CHAN Kwun-sing, Silas	Senior Engineer/Special Duty 3, Drainage Services Department
Mr CHAN Ka-keung	Engineer/Special Duty 8, Drainage Services Department
Mr WONG Wan, Harris	Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Sewerage Infrastructure)3, Environmental Protection Department
Mr CHEUNG Shun-yeung, Thomas	Chief Residence Engineer, Binnies Hong Kong Limited
Mr CHEUNG Chun-pong, Raymond	Senior Inspector of Works, Binnies Hong Kong Limited
Mr LEE Sun-fu, Joe	Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Islands District Office

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

District Secretary, Islands District Office
Senior Inspector of Works, Islands District Office
Design Manager,
Ho & Partners Architects Engineers & Development
Consultants Limited

In Attendance

Ms TSE Yik-ting, Ellie

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

Mr KWOK Ka-ho

Manager (New Territories South) Marketing and District
Activities, 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 LAM Wai-chuen, Eddie

Senior Engineer/17 (Lantau),

Mr WAN Chi-kin, Vincent

Civil Engineering and Development Department

Mr CHAN Kam-hung

Engineer/Lantau 5, Drainage Services Department
Engineer/Islands(3), Highways Department

Secretary

Ms KWONG Tsz-wing, Wing

Executive Officer (District Council)2,
Islands District Office

Absent with Apology

Ms LAU Shun-ting

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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) Ms Sylvia LIM, Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories West), Ms Joanne HA, District Leisure Manager (Islands), Ms Candy CHUNG, Senior Librarian (Islands), Mr KWOK Ka-ho, Manager (New Territories South) Marketing and District Activities and Ms Selina LEUNG, Senior Executive Officer (Planning)21 of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD);

- (b) Ms Helen WONG, Architect (Works)<sup>4</sup> of the Home Affairs Department (HAD);
- (c) Mr CHAN Kam-hung, Engineer/Islands<sup>(3)</sup> of the Highways Department (HyD);
- (d) Mr Vincent WAN, Engineer/Lantau 5 of the Drainage Services Department (DSD); and
- (e) Mr Eddie LAM, Senior Engineer/17 (Lantau) of the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD).

2. The Committee agreed to accept Ms LAU Shun-ting's application for absence from the meeting.

I. Question on the development of recreation and sports facilities in Tung Chung  
(DFWC Paper No. 5/2024)

3. The Chairman said that the written replies by the LCSD and the CEDD had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

4. Mr YIP Pui-kei briefly presented the enquiry.

5. Ms Selina LEUNG elaborated on the written reply.

6. Mr Eddie LAM elaborated on the written reply.

7. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) As many citizens were concerned about the progress of the project in question, the departments concerned should disseminate information through a greater number of channels. Besides, Members also asked the LCSD and the CEDD to provide details of various works, including the anticipated commencement date, completion date and commissioning date, such that they could give an account of the information to the public.
- (b) At present, the pace of construction of facilities failed to catch up with population growth. In view of a continuous increase in population in the district, Members enquired whether the departments concerned had any plans to construct some small-scale recreational and sports facilities in the near future.
- (c) The Tung Chung East Promenade was a beautiful place where various activities were held from time to time. However, some residents had commented that there were not enough seats and no restaurants at the

Promenade, thus discouraging them from visiting it. Members considered that the departments concerned should explore the provision of more facilities at the promenade to enhance its attractiveness.

- (d) Members noted that the CEDD would extend the Tung Chung East Promenade to the Tung Chung East Extension in phases and asked whether the Department would first open part of the completed promenade for public use.
- (e) Members asked whether sewage facilities would be provided in the Tung Chung East Promenade to facilitate organisations to hold activities there.
- (f) Pointing out that there were footbridges, nullahs and bus terminus in the vicinity of Yu Tung Road, Members considered that it might be difficult to relocate the vehicular entrance/exit of a joint-user complex in Area 107, Tung Chung to Yu Tung Road. Members also asked about the latest progress of the relevant study conducted by the LCSD.

8. Ms Selina LEUNG said that the LCSD was now examining the feasibility of relocating the vehicular entrance/exit of the joint-user complex in Area 107, Tung Chung to Yu Tung Road with the departments concerned, including the Transport Department (TD) and the Architectural Services Department. As there were various facilities such as pavements, cycling tracks and footbridges in the vicinity of Yu Tung Road, the departments concerned had to assess and review the impact on the relevant design and the works programme of the joint-user complex. She said that it would take time to complete the above work, and that the Department would report the latest progress to Members in a timely manner.

9. Mr Eddie LAM gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) The CEDD would take forward the works of Tung Chung East Promenade in accordance with the established procedures. At present, the Department was reviewing the design of the promenade in detail and would invite tenders as soon as possible. It was anticipated that the relevant tasks relating to the tendering exercise and the funding application could be completed within this year, in the hope that construction works could be commenced by the end of this year or early next year. As the project was still at the design stage, the Department was unable to provide any details at the moment. Besides, the Department was planning to open the promenade to the public in phases once the construction works there were completed.
- (b) The CEDD would provide various facilities, such as refreshment kiosks and toilets, at Tung Chung East Promenade, which was currently at design stage, and would refine the details as the project progressed.

10. The Chairman said that as the population in Tung Chung New Town had been

on the rise, the demand for community facilities also increased accordingly. He asked the LCSD and the CEDD to provide details of the proposed recreational and sports facilities in Tung Chung, including the scale, the location and the specific timetable concerned. He considered that it would be undesirable if the recreational and sports facilities in question would not be completed upon commissioning of Tung Chung East Station and population intake.

11. Mr Eddie LAM said that detailed information on the Tung Chung East Promenade project would be provided after the meeting.

12. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) Owing to structural considerations, shading covers were usually not provided when the Department constructed the local facilities, resulting in users having to suffer from the sun and rain. Members asked the CEDD to take note of the problem and provide additional shading facilities in Tung Chung East Promenade.
- (b) Members enquired about the proposed facilities in the multi-purpose activity area located at the open space in Area 29A, Tung Chung.
- (c) Due to a lack of cultural and recreational facilities in Tung Chung West, residents were very concerned about the progress of the joint-user complex in Area 107, Tung Chung. Members asked the LCSD to provide a timetable for the project.
- (d) Members pointed out that at present, the public had to take a detour of around ten minutes to travel from Tung Chung East Promenade to the Sheraton Hong Kong Tung Chung Hotel. They suggested that the promenade should be extended to connect with the hotel, such that the public could reach the hotel restaurants conveniently. It was hoped that the CEDD would consider the suggestion.

13. Mr Eddie LAM gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) The public could participate in various activities in the multi-purpose activity area located at the open space in Area 29A, Tung Chung. The Department would provide detailed information about the multi-purpose activity area after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: The multi-purpose activity area in the open space in Area 29A, Tung Chung would provide space for the public to carry out different activities, and facilities such as benches, rain shelters and water dispensers would also be provided for public enjoyment.)

- (b) As the current vacant site near the Tung Chung East Promenade was used by the MTR Corporation (MTR) as a construction site, the accessibility of the promenade had been affected. To facilitate public

access, the Department would liaise with the MTR to improve the situation concerned.

- (c) As the design of Tung Chung East Promenade had to tie in with the natural environment, the Department would avoid constructing a superstructure, and consider planting trees for shading purposes. However, it was expected that it would take some time before the results could be seen.

14. Ms Selina LEUNG said that the LCSD and the relevant departments were now focusing on the feasibility of building a carriageway from Yu Tung Road. If a vehicular entrance/exit was to be provided at Yu Tung Road, significant alterations to the layout and design of the complex would be required, hence the Department was not able to provide a concrete timetable for the construction project at the present stage.

15. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) According to their understanding, the above construction site was mainly used by the MTR for barge parking and placing of construction materials. In practice, it was not frequent for the MTR to deliver materials by barges. Members therefore suggested that some space at the relevant construction site should be released to build an access connecting the promenade and the Sheraton Hong Kong Tung Chung Hotel. Members hoped that they could have a site visit with the departments concerned before further discussion.
- (b) Members considered that sunlight and rainwater could be blocked by the shading facilities, but planting trees might not be able to achieve the above effect. They hoped that the CEDD would reconsider the suggestion.

16. Mr Eddie LAM said that the CEDD would explore ways to enhance shading facilities in Tung Chung East Promenade with the departments concerned after the meeting. Besides, the Department would negotiate with the MTR on the proposal of the release of space to build a passage connecting the promenade and the Sheraton Hong Kong Tung Chung Hotel.

17. The Chairman concluded as follows:

- (a) He considered that connecting Tung Chung East Promenade and the Sheraton Hong Kong Tung Chung Hotel would benefit the public and asked the Secretariat to arrange a site visit for the CEDD, the MTR and Members after the meeting, with a view to examining the feasibility of the above proposal.

(Post-meeting note: As regards the proposed connection between the Tung Chung East Promenade and the Sheraton Hong Kong Tung Chung Hotel, the Secretariat arranged a site visit for Members, the CEDD and

the MTR on 28 March 2024.)

- (b) Members noted that the LCSD had put in enormous efforts in the joint-user complex in Area 107, Tung Chung, and that the design of the complex was currently revised in the light of Members' views. They would continue to support the Department's work.
- (c) He asked the CEDD and the LCSD to examine in detail the facilities to be commissioned in Tung Chung East and Tung Chung West between 2024 and 2030 after the meeting. While the works progress might vary, it was still necessary for the departments to furnish Members with the information, such as the expected completion dates of the facilities, such that Members could respond to the enquiries of residents.

(Post-meeting note: On 26 March, the relevant departments briefed Members on the latest position of the Tung Chung New Town Extension at a briefing session.)

## II. Question on the conversion of a park in Cheung Chau into a pet garden (DFWC Paper No. 6/2024)

18. The Chairman said that the written replies by the LCSD and the District Lands Office, Islands had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

19. Ms Mealoha KWOK briefly presented the enquiry.

20. Ms Joanne HA elaborated on the written reply.

21. Mrs Kitty RADFORD elaborated on the written reply.

22. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) Located on the hill, the two existing pet gardens in Cheung Chau were not easily accessible as it would take about 45 minutes for residents to travel from the waterfront to the pet gardens. Members noticed that many residents would walk their pets along the waterfront, yet there were no pet gardens nearby. Therefore, they suggested that the sitting-out park near Tai Hing Tai Road should be converted into a pet garden. As the proposed location was far away from the residential areas and schools, Members considered it suitable to build a pet garden at the location.
- (b) As bird faeces were found everywhere in the pet garden in the Mui Wo River Silver Garden (Area 2), Members asked the LCSD and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department to follow up on the situation and considered that it was necessary for the LCSD to deploy more resources and staff to improve the environmental hygiene of the park.

(Post-meeting note: After the meeting, the LCSD deployed its cleansing service contractor to step up the clearance of bird faeces in the inclusive park for pets in the Mui Wo River Silver Garden. The Department would continue to keep in view the situation.)

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

- (a) The LCSD held a positive view towards Members' suggestion. If the suggestion was supported by residents in Cheung Chau, the Department would take forward the feasibility study on it subject to sufficient cash flow.
- (b) As it was necessary to deploy static cleansing workers in a pet garden on a permanent basis, the day-to-day operating resources required for the pet gardens were relatively more than those for other parks. Even if the proposal for the pet garden was taken forward, it would still be subject to the cash flow situation of the recurrent expenditure.

24. Members expressed their gratitude to the positive response from the LCSD.

25. The Chairman asked Member concerned to consult residents in the neighbourhood and relay the results of the consultation to the LCSD afterwards, so that the Department could expedite the implementation of the above proposal.

26. Members noted the views of the Chairman and would launch a consultation on the captioned proposal.

III. Question on the frequent bursts of fresh water mains in Yung Shue Wan, Lamma Island (DFWC Paper No. 7/2024)

27. As Ms LAU Shun-ting was absent from the meeting, the Chairman invited Mr YIP Pui-kei to briefly present the enquiry on her behalf.

28. Mr YIP Pui-kei briefly presented the enquiry.

29. Mr HO Wai-ming gave his response as follows:

- (a) The freshwater pipes burst incidents on Lamma Island were generally leakage problems involving galvanised iron pipes of relatively smaller diameters. The main causes were ageing and wear and tear of water pipes. Upon receipt of each report of water mains leakage, the Water Supplies Department (WSD) would deploy its staff immediately to carry out emergency repairs. The duration of suspension of water supply in the freshwater pipes leakage incident in question was generally less than three hours, which was much shorter than the seven hours pledged by the Department, and the number of consumers affected was relatively

small. The Department apologised for the inconvenience caused to customers.

- (b) Replacement works of water pipes were now carried out by the WSD in Sha Po Old Village and Tai Yuen Village where leakage incidents of freshwater pipes were more frequent over the past two years. It was anticipated that the relevant works would be completed in the second quarter of this year. As the works involved the replacement of galvanised iron pipes in private sites, it would take some time for the Department to negotiate with the villagers concerned.
- (c) Adopting a “Risk-based Water Main Asset Management Strategy”, the WSD would assess the risks of bursts and leakages of water pipes based on various factors, such as the service life of water pipes, the materials used, past records of bursts or leakages, the surrounding environment, as well as the consequences arising from bursts or leakages. Priority would be given to repair or replace the water pipes with a higher risk to minimise the risks of bursts and leakages.
- (d) The WSD would conduct a risk assessment for the remaining water pipes on Lamma Island to formulate a new phase of the Improvement Programme of Water Mains.

30. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) Members advised that earlier on during the sewage works on Lamma Island, the main pipe was damaged when the site was excavated, resulting in a burst of the main water pipe and the need to lay temporary water pipes. When the water mains were turned on, water would splash from the temporary water pipes concerned. Members considered that the situation might be related to the change in water pressure upon the replacement of the water pipes, hence they asked the WSD to follow up on the situation and stressed that if the main pipe burst again, it would result in a serious impact.
- (b) Members said that water pipes in many villages were old. Instead of repairing the water pipes after an incident involving leakages occurred, they considered the WSD should draw up a timetable for replacing all the old water pipes in Lamma Island in a gradual manner.
- (c) As the captioned incidents occurred in scattered locations, Members said that the extent of their impact was significant, causing inconvenience to residents.
- (d) Members commented that the content of the existing WSD circular was unclear and difficult to understand. They asked the Department to simplify their content and concise the key messages for residents’ clear understanding.

31. Mr HO Wai-ming gave a consolidated response as follows:
- (a) As the WSD had a service reservoir on Lamma Island, water could be supplied to the area under steady pressure.
  - (b) As galvanised iron pipes were more prone to leakages, the WSD was planning to replace the existing galvanised iron pipes in phases.
  - (c) The WSD would relay Members' suggestions on the content in the circular to its contractors. In the event of future water pipes burst incidents, the Department would inform the affected residents as soon as possible.
32. Members considered that the problem was related to water pressure as the temporary water pipes in question would not splash if the water tap was turned off.
33. Mr HO Wai-ming said that the contractors and the WSD staff would be asked to pay attention to the change in water pressure when the water pipes were turned on and off. They would also be reminded not to adjust the water supply valve to a significant degree or at a striking speed.
34. The Chairman asked the WSD to provide guidelines on the operation of the temporary water pipes to facilitate users to follow. Meanwhile, the current wording of the circular should be reviewed, so that the key points could be set out in a clear and concise manner. Furthermore, the WSD should draw up a detailed plan and a timetable for the replacement of all old water pipes in Lamma Island and provide Members with the relevant information.
35. Mr HO Wai-ming said that the water pipes replacement programme was the responsibility of another section. He would discuss with the section concerned on the timetable for replacement of the water pipes.
36. The Chairman asked the WSD to reply to Members after discussion.

(Post-meeting note: The WSD would continue to implement the Risk-based Improvement Programme of Water Mains in the Islands District, with the target of replacing all galvanised iron pipes in Lamma Island by 2028 to reduce the risks of water pipes leakage.)

IV. Question on the sewage pipe laying works in South Lantau  
(DFWC Paper No. 8/2024)

37. The Chairman said that the written reply by the TD had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.
38. Mr WONG Man-hon briefly presented the enquiry.

39. Mr Thomas CHEUNG gave his response as follows:

- (a) Currently, the DSD was working on the “Construction of San Shek Wan Sewage Treatment Works, Associated Submarine Outfall and Pui O Sewage Works” in South Lantau under Contract No. DC/2020/02. The Department would construct about 4.1 kilometres of gravity sewage along South Lantau Road, Chi Ma Wan Road and Law Uk Tsuen, Pui O, and about 1.2 kilometres of twin-pipe sewage along South Lantau Road and Chi Ma Wan Road. As the sewage laying works in South Lantau Road commenced in October 2022, the Department would temporarily close some sections of the road in phases to facilitate the works. Meanwhile, the sewage laying works in the vicinity of Law Uk Tsuen near South Lantau Road were commenced in January 2023 in phases, during which the Department would implement temporary traffic arrangements approved by the Traffic Management Liaison Group comprising the relevant departments, such as the Police and the TD, with a view to ensuring the safety of road users.
- (b) As at January 2024, the DSD had completed five construction stages on South Lantau Road, and the sixth construction stage would soon be commenced. In November last year, an additional temporary traffic arrangement was implemented at the section of South Lantau Road near Ngau Au Yuen by the Department to expedite the works progress and minimise the impact on nearby residents and road users. During construction, the contractors also arranged to control the signals of the traffic lights of the above section manually at peak hours, so as to shorten the waiting time of vehicles and minimise the impact on road users. Furthermore, the Department would continue to monitor the construction work of the contractors, with a view to completing the works as soon as possible.

40. Mr Silas CHAN said that as the road designs were involved in the proposal on road upgrading works in conjunction with the laying of new sewage pipes, it had to be referred to the TD for consideration. The DSD would maintain close liaison with the TD. Where necessary, the Department would be pleased to coordinate with the TD on the works. The Department would also liaise with the HyD upon completion of the works for some of the road sections so that the HyD could reinstate the relevant pavements as soon as possible.

41. Mr CHAN Kam-hung said that the HyD would coordinate with the DSD and carry out timely maintenance works for pavements which had been worn out due to daily use. As the road sections mentioned in the enquiry were close to residential areas, the Department would coordinate with the DSD and consult the residents in the neighbourhood on the maintenance works of the relevant road sections, thereby minimising the impact on their travel. The works would be commenced as soon as possible after obtaining their consent.

42. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) Members were pleased to learn about the DSD's arrangement on the manual control of traffic lights.
- (b) As sewage laying works would take place in the main roads of South Lantau, road closures or temporary traffic arrangements implemented by the DSD during construction would affect the travel of residents. Members hoped that the Department would strengthen its manpower resources to shorten the construction period as far as possible.
- (c) As part of the carriageway was closed during DSD's works and the carriageways in the vicinity of the construction sites were non-standard roads, large vehicles passing through the relevant sections had to drive onto the pavements, resulting in damages there. Members considered that the Department had the responsibility to follow up on the above problem and said that the pavements between Law Uk Tsuen and Lo Wai Tsuen were damaged, posing a safety hazard to pedestrians. They requested the departments concerned to pay attention to the above situation.
- (d) Upon completion of the DSD's works, some pavements and carriageways would still be affected by the HyD's road maintenance works. As South Lantau Road was located beside a cliff, vehicles passing through the relevant sections during the works might run over some big rocks on the edge of the cliff, resulting in landslides. Members considered that the DSD, the HyD and the TD should coordinate with each other to work out a joint programme, such as completing all the works by one single department, so as to shorten the construction period.
- (e) South Lantau Road had been built for more than 40 years and the design of its bends was outdated already. Moreover, as the South Lantau Road was narrow, it was necessary for buses to occupy the opposite lane when they passed through the bends, hence vehicles coming from the opposite direction had to stop and wait. Members were of the view that if the sewage laying and road enhancement works could be carried out at the same time, the departments concerned would avoid wasting resources by carrying out the works again in the future. Members hoped that the departments concerned could consider the proposal.
- (f) In the past, Members had also pointed out that there were many bends in the section of South Lantau Road between Mui Wo and Tung Chung, and that the road was not wide enough, jeopardising traffic safety. While the CEDD had been reviewing the traffic network in South Lantau for some time, the bends in South Lantau had not been widened so far. Besides, there were no passing places in the section of South Lantau Road between Pui O and Nam Shan. Members hoped that the

departments concerned would attach importance to the above issue.

- (g) Members asked whether the HyD could exercise flexibility in the application for an excavation permit. For example, if two projects were to be undertaken by the same contractor, whether only one permit could be applied for in order to enhance efficiency.
- (h) Although the road widening works in Keung Shan Road, Tai O were completed, there were still instances where buses passing through would affect the adjacent traffic lane. Furthermore, if a traffic accident occurred, the road would be prone to traffic paralysis.
- (i) As the above problems had been discussed for a long time but no signs of improvement had been made so far, Members were of the view that the departments concerned should actively follow up on the problem and come up with solutions within the current-term District Council.

43. Mr Silas CHAN said that the DSD would closely monitor the situation and ensure that there would be sufficient manpower during construction to complete the works as soon as possible. He reiterated that matters relating to road enhancement had to be decided by the TD.

44. Mr CHAN Kam-hung said that he would forward Members' views to the TD and discuss with TD after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: After the meeting, the HyD relayed Members' views to the TD for follow-up.)

45. The Chairman said that according to the TD's written reply, the Department held a positive view towards the suggestion of carrying out sewage laying in conjunction with road enhancement works. Members requested the Secretariat to write to the TD after the meeting and ask the Department to proceed with the design on the road enhancement works upon completion of the DSD's works before handing over the roads to the HyD for management. The Chairman said that a copy of the letter would be circulated to the Chairman of the Traffic and Transport Committee, the DSD and the HyD. If further follow-up actions were required, the departments concerned could conduct site inspections with Members again.

(Post-meeting note: A letter was sent to TD on 5 April 2024 on the above issue.)

V. Report on the Services of the Public Libraries in Islands District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department between November 2023 and December 2023  
(DFWC Paper No. 1/2024)

46. The Chairman asked representatives of the LCSD to briefly present the paper.

47. Ms Candy CHUNG briefly presented the paper.

48. Members noted the contents of the paper.

VI. Report on the management of Leisure and Cultural Services Department's recreational and sports facilities in Islands District (November to December 2023)  
(DFWC Paper No. 2/2024)

49. The Chairman asked representatives of the LCSD to briefly present the paper.

50. Ms Joanne HA briefly presented the paper.

51. Members said that the lighting for the fitness corner in Area 52, Tung Chung was insufficient, resulting in safety hazards and possible security problems. Members asked the LCSD to consider providing more lighting facilities.

52. Ms Joanne HA said that the LCSD would examine the situation after the meeting and liaise with relevant Members to follow-up.

(Post-meeting note: The LCSD had completed the pruning of the trees at the location after the meeting to minimize the impact on lighting due to dense growth of trees. Meanwhile, the LCSD and the works department concerned reviewed the operation of the lighting system at the location. Afterwards, improvement works on the lighting system at the location were completed by the end of March.)

53. Members noted the contents of the paper.

VII. Utilisation of Community Halls in Islands District  
(DFWC Paper No. 3/2024)

54. The Chairman asked representatives of the Islands District Office (IsDO) to briefly present the paper.

55. Mr Joe LEE briefly presented the paper.

56. Members noted the contents of the paper.

VIII. Brief Introduction to the District Minor Works Programme  
(DFWC Paper No. 4/2024)

57. The Chairman invited the representatives of the IsDO, the LCSD, the HAD and Ho & Partners Architects Engineers & Development Consultants Limited to briefly present the paper.

58. Ms Ellie TSE briefly presented the paper.

59. Ms Ellie TSE said that in view of the revised administrative arrangements under the District Minor Works Programme, the IsDO would not continue to report the progress of district minor works previously funded by the District Council in the future. She pointed out that works schedules had been set out in most district minor works. Priority would be given by the office to the implementation of urgent minor works, whereas larger-scale works would be taken forward in a timely manner having regard to the district and financial circumstances.

60. The Chairman enquired if Members who wished to make suggestions on minor works of the district could do so at this Committee.

61. Ms Ellie TSE said that Members could make suggestions on minor works of the district at the Committee or through the IsDO. For larger-scale projects costing over \$8 million, the processing time would be longer. In line with the past practice, the office would liaise with Members concerned on matters such as the project design before the commencement of the works.

62. Members enquired whether minor works under \$8 million would commence after the proposal was considered feasible by the IsDO.

63. Ms Ellie TSE clarified that minor works under \$7 million would be undertaken by the IsDO, while the works over \$7 million had to be taken forward through the HAD.

64. Mr CHAN Chak-chung supplemented that although minor works under \$7 million would be undertaken by the IsDO, the IsDO would still have to consider whether the works teams could cope with the technical requirements of the works concerned.

65. Members enquired whether \$7 million was the budget of a single project or for the works of a whole year. They would also like to know whether the funding would be allocated on a district basis or other criteria.

66. Ms Ellie TSE said that \$7 million was the budget of a single project. Besides, the HAD would allocate funds to District Offices on the basis of population and area of the districts, and the IsDO would evenly allocate funds to each of its small districts as far as practicable.

67. Mr CHAN Chak-chung said that the IsDO would endeavour to take forward district minor works. As construction costs were relatively higher due to the remote locations of the Islands District, the project costs for 2023-24 borne by the office had already exceeded the budget by two times.

68. The Chairman expressed his understanding on the difficulties encountered by the IsDO. He believed that the office would endeavour to take forward district minor works, and considered that there was no cause for Members to worry.

IX. Date of Next Meeting

69. There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m. The next meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 23 April 2024 (Tuesday).

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