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Islands District Council Minutes of Meeting of District Infrastructure and Development Planning Committee

Date : 25 June 2024 (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 CHOW Yuk-tong, SBS, MH

Vice-Chairman

Mr CHOW Yuen-kuk, Jonathan

Members

Mr NG Man-kit

Mr HO Siu-kei

Mr NG Choi-wah

Mr HO Chun-fai

Mr YU Hon-kwan, MH, JP

Ms KWOK Wai-man, Mealoha

Mr HUI Chun-lung, MH

Mr WONG Man-hon, MH

Ms WONG Chau-ping, MH

Mr WONG Hon-kuen, Ken

Mr YIP Pui-kei

Mr LAU Chin-pang

Ms LAU Suk-han

Ms LAU Shun-ting

In Attendance

Mr MOK Mong-chan Assistant District Officer (Islands)1, Islands District Office

Mr LAM Wai-chuen, Eddie Senior Engineer/17 (Lantau),

Civil Engineering and Development Department

Mr KWONG Wang-ngai, Walter District Planning Officer/Sai Kung & Islands,

Planning Department

Ms WONG Shuk-man, Suman Engineer/Lantau Development, Transport Department

Secretary

Mr LEE Cher-hin, Vincent Executive Officer I (District Council), Islands District Office

Welcoming remarks

<u>The Chairman</u> welcomed Members and representatives of the government departments to the meeting.

I. Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 30 April 2024

2. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the captioned minutes had incorporated the amendments proposed by the government departments, and had been distributed to Members for perusal prior to the meeting. Members had no amendment proposals and the minutes were confirmed unanimously.

II. Question on the optimisation of land resources in Tung Chung (DIDPC Paper No. 7/2024)

- 3. <u>The Chairman</u> welcomed the guests to the meeting to respond to the question. The written replies of the Planning Department (PlanD) and the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) had been distributed to Members for perusal prior to the meeting.
- 4. <u>Mr YIP Pui-kei</u> briefly presented the question.
- 5. Mr Eddie LAM said that the planning for the various sites within the Tung Chung New Town Extension (TCNTE) area (Extension Area) had been completed, and they would be handed over to the government departments concerned in due course to take forward and implement the planned uses. At present, some of the sites within the Extension Area would be used as temporary construction sites to support the infrastructure projects in the vicinity.
- 6. <u>Ms Suman WONG</u> said that the Transport Department had been keeping in view the demand for car parking spaces in Tung Chung and was constantly looking for suitable sites for the provision of temporary short-term tenancy carparks. The Department would continue to maintain liaison with the Lands Department (LandsD) to enhance the supporting traffic facilities in the area.
- 7. Mr Walter KWONG said the planning intentions and planned uses of the various sites in the Tung Chung New Town had been reflected in the approved Tung Chung Town Centre Area Outline Zoning Plan, the approved Tung Chung Extension Area Outline Zoning Plan and the approved Tung Chung Valley Outline Zoning Plan. The relevant bureaux and departments would take forward and implement the planned uses based on the actual needs of the area concerned. If any other departments needed to use some suitable sites for short-term purposes, such as temporary carparks or temporary construction sites, before the planned uses were taken forward, the PlanD would provide assistance at the planning level.

- 8. <u>Members</u> expressed their views as follows:
 - (a) Members asked the CEDD about the completion date of the promenade improvement works in the Extension Area and whether priority would be accorded to the above works so that Tung Chung residents could enjoy the sitting-out facilities there as early as possible.
 - (b) Citing the site in Tung Chung Area 89 as an example, Members pointed out that although the site had been designated for school development, it remained idle since the temporary construction site was cleared. Members suggested that relevant government departments should pay attention to and make good use of those sites with planned uses but pending development details for the time being for use as temporary carparks etc., with a view to enhancing the transport and community facilities in the short and medium term.
 - (c) Members requested the PlanD and the CEDD to provide the planning blueprint and development timetable of the Extension Area, so that Members could disseminate the relevant information to residents.
- 9. <u>Mr Eddie LAM</u> said the construction works for the open space development in the TCNTE (East) were expected to complete in phases in early 2028.
- 10. Mr Walter KWONG said that since the PlanD and the CEDD briefed members of the Islands District Council on the planned uses of the various sites in the Extension Area at the Briefing Session on the Tung Chung New Town Extension Area held on 26 March this year, there had been little change in the long-term uses of the relevant sites. In addition, some of the sites for which the long-term uses had not been finalised in the near future were under the management of the LandsD or other relevant departments. If any departments needed to use the sites concerned for short-term purposes, they could liaise with the LandsD.
- 11. Mr Eddie LAM said the construction works for the open space development in the TCNTE (East) would be carried out in phases to tie in with the development of the Extension Area. The sitting-out facilities in the first phase development mainly included part of the promenade and park network in the west of the Extension Area and the cycle park cum skatepark in Area 147. The CEDD planned to apply to the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council for project funding, with a view to starting the works in the first half of 2025. In addition, the Department had handed over the sites in Tung Chung Area 89 to the Education Bureau for development. If any other departments needed to use the sites for short-term purposes, they could discuss with the Education Bureau and the LandsD.
- 12. <u>Members</u> expressed their views as follows:
 - (a) Members requested the LandsD to provide information on the rights to

use of the sites in the Extension Area (i.e. which government department was currently responsible for the development of the site) and the timetable of the relevant works projects after the meeting, so that Members could discuss with the relevant departments on the use of suitable sites for short-term purposes rather than leaving them idle.

(<u>Post-meeting note</u>: The Secretariat wrote to the District Lands Office, Islands on 19 July 2024. The reply of the District Lands Office, Islands was forwarded to Members for information on 14 August this year.)

- (b) Members suggested that the relevant departments should make optimal use of land to enhance the supporting facilities in the community.
- (c) Members hoped that the District Infrastructure and Development Planning Committee could, within its terms of reference, coordinate with the LandsD and the relevant departments to identify sites for which planning had been made but the development details would not be available for the next few years, and discuss with the above departments whether and how the sites could be used for short-term purposes, so as to enhance the supporting facilities in the Extension Area appropriately.

III. <u>Any Other Business</u>

13. No other business was raised by Members.

IV. Date of Next Meeting

14. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m. The next meeting would be held on 27 August 2024 at 2:30 p.m.

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