

**Minutes of the 11th Meeting of
the District Facilities and Works Committee of
the Kowloon City District Council**

Date: 11 September 2025 (Thursday)
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Venue: Conference Room, Kowloon City District Office

Present:

Chairman: Mr PUN Kwok-wah, JP
Vice-chairman: Mr LAM Pok
Members: Mr CHO Wui-hung, MH
Mr LEE Chiu-yu
Mr NG Fan-kam, MH
Mr NG Po-keung, MH
Mr HE Huahan, MH
Mr LAM Tak-shing, MH
Ms LEUNG Yuen-ting
Mr CHAN Chi-wah
Mr CHEUNG King-fan
Mr WONG Man-kong
Mr WONG Chi
Ms FUNG Mo-kwan
Ms LAU Yuen-yin
Mr LAI Yin-chung
Mr KWAN Ho-yeung, MH
Co-opted Member: Ms MAK Lai-kuen

Secretary: Mr FUNG Chi-nang, Ryan Assistant Executive Manager
(District Council) (4), Kowloon City
District Office

Absent:

Co-opted Member: Mr KO Chung-kit, Jacky

In Attendance: Mr LEE Chi-leung, Senior Executive Officer (District
Humphrey Management), Kowloon City
District Office

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| Mr LI Chi-him, Samson | Executive Officer I (District Management), Kowloon City District Office |
| Ms CHIU Shui-man, Tabitha | District Leisure Manager, Kowloon City, Leisure and Cultural Services Department |
| Mr LEUNG Siu-hang, Rex | Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Kowloon City, Leisure and Cultural Services Department |
| Miss LUI Miu-ling, Prudence | Senior Executive Officer (Planning) 12, Leisure and Cultural Services Department |
| Ms TSE Shuk-fan, Fanny | Senior Librarian (Kowloon City), Leisure and Cultural Services Department |
| Mr LEE Kit-wai | Senior Inspector of Works (Kowloon), Home Affairs Department |
| Ms AU Yue-yan, Vicki | Senior Town Planner / Kowloon 2, Planning Department |
| Mr HUNG Chan-coung | Engineer / Kowloon 9, Drainage Services Department |
| Mr CHAN Hoi-ki, Francis | Senior Engineer / 12 (East), Civil Engineering and Development Department |
| Miss LI Hok-ye, Jenny | District Engineer / Hung Hom, Highways Department |

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Opening Remarks by the Chairman

1. **The Chairman of the District Facilities and Works Committee (DFWC)** welcomed all Members and representatives of departments to the eleventh meeting of the DFWC. The Chairman stated that due to his sickness, the meeting would be chaired by the Vice-chairman.
2. **The Vice-chairman** reminded Members to register their interests in accordance with the stipulation of Order 22 of the Kowloon City District Council Standing Orders (the Standing Orders). If the matters to be discussed had any

connection or potential conflict of interests with Members' personal interests such as property rights, profession or investment, Members should make a declaration proactively at the meeting so that he could make a decision in accordance with the Standing Orders.

3. **The Vice-chairman** stated that in accordance with the Standing Orders, the quorum at any meeting of a committee shall be half of the total number of members of the committee. If the quorum was not present at the commencement of the meeting or in the course of the meeting, he would direct the Secretary to summon the absentees. If the quorum was still not present 15 minutes thereafter, he would adjourn the meeting. According to the stipulation of Order 13 of the Standing Orders, he then set out that each attendee was allowed to make a maximum of three speeches during a discussion on the same agenda item and the time limit for each speech was two minutes. He also reminded the attendees to turn off their mobile phones or to turn the ringers to vibration notification to avoid causing disturbances to the meeting.

4. **The Vice-chairman** stated that before the commencement of the meeting, the Secretariat received a notification of absence from meeting from co-opted Member Mr KO Chung-kit, Jacky due to personal reasons. Since the grounds for his absence was not among the circumstances specified in Order 64(5) of the Standing Orders, the Vice-chairman announced that Mr KO's application for absence was not accepted by the committee.

Item 1

Confirmation of Minutes of the 10th Meeting

5. **The Vice-chairman** declared that the minutes of the tenth meeting were unanimously endorsed by the committee without amendments.

Item 2

Matter regarding Studying the Extension of Covered Facilities on the Section of Walkway from Kai Yan Court to Exit D of MTR Kai Tak Station

(DFWC Paper No. 39/2025)

6. **A Member** introduced the Paper.

7. **The Vice-chairman** invited Members to refer to the written replies furnished by the Transport Department and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) respectively, i.e. Documents No. 1 and 2 tabled.

8. **The Member** stated that he would like the Department to extend the cover at Exit D of MTR Kai Tak Station to the edge of the emergency vehicular access as much as possible so as to facilitate pedestrians. In addition, to prevent the public and road users from obstructing the emergency vehicular access, the LCSD could consider marking more clearly the location of the access.

9. **The representative of the LCSD** stated that Members' views had been noted. Methods to indicate that the relevant road section was an emergency vehicular access for greater clarity would be studied so as to facilitate the understanding of nearby residents.

10. **The Vice-chairman** concluded and stated that the construction of a covered walkway could ensure smooth access for residents. He requested the Department to study feasible proposals. Moreover, since this issue involved the arrangement of the cover connecting to a mode of transport, he suggested the Traffic and Transport Committee under the District Council to follow up the issue when necessary in the future.

Item 3

Concern over the Works Progress in Hung Hom Area and Call for Expediting the Progress

(DFWC Paper No. 40/2025)

11. **A Member** introduced the Paper and raised the following views:

- (i) the slope works at Ping Chi Street had been conducted for years. Some of the fences within the works area were loose after the storms, affecting the safety of road users. He would like the Department to strengthen monitoring so as to ensure the works could be completed as scheduled; and
- (ii) during the construction period of Fat Kwong Street Garden No. 1, the Department should ensure the safety of users and strengthen noise management to minimise the impact on nearby residents.

12. **The Vice-chairman** invited Members to refer to the written replies furnished by the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) and the LCSD, i.e. Documents No. 3 and 4 tabled.

13. **The representative of the CEDD** replied with the main points as follows:
- (i) the Geotechnical Engineering Office under the Department's purview was currently conducting landslip prevention and mitigation works on the slope located at Ping Chi Street. These works included the installation of soil nails and the upgrading of retaining walls, which were expected to be completed by the end of this year; and
 - (ii) the Department noted the situation raised by the Member regarding loose fences and would convey it to the project team.
14. **The representative of the LCSD** replied with the main points as follows:
- (i) the Transformation of Public Play Spaces at Fat Kwong Street Garden No. 1 was underway as planned. Detailed design and production of playground facilities were underway at the current stage; and
 - (ii) to minimise the impact of the works on the public, the Department would only enclose the relevant venue to carry out the works, including dismantling the existing play equipment, conducting foundation works and installing new play equipment, after the components of play equipment had been delivered to Hong Kong. The works were expected to commence in the fourth quarter of this year and complete in the third quarter of 2026.
15. **The Vice-chairman** concluded and stated that he would like the Department to deploy additional manpower to ensure the works could be completed as scheduled, as well as to minimise the enclosed works area as much as possible so that the public could still use the facilities during the works period.

Item 4

Expansion of the Fitness Corner in Hoi Sham Park to Meet Residents' Expectations

(DFWC Paper No. 41/2025)

16. **A Member** introduced the Paper.
17. **The Vice-chairman** invited Members to refer to the written reply furnished by the LCSD, i.e. Document No. 5 tabled.

18. **The representative of the LCSD** replied and stated that the Department had deployed staff to conduct an on-site inspection with Members at Hoi Sham Park. Given the limited space available for the provision of additional fitness equipment at the existing fitness corner, the Department would study the feasibility of relocating existing equipment with the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) and the Technical Unit to make room for the provision of additional elderly fitness equipment.

19. **The Vice-chairman** concluded and stated that Hoi Sham Park was a popular spot for the elders in the area. He requested the Department to make good use of the space as far as possible to provide additional elderly fitness equipment. In addition, he would like the Department to consider using alternative materials when the equipment was damaged so that the works could be completed as soon as possible, enabling the early opening of the equipment for public use.

Item 5

Concern over the Matters of Blocked Drainage Channels, Persistent Water Ponding on Road Surfaces in Hung Hom Area and Drainage Odour at Baker Street near Gillies Avenue South

(DFWC Paper No. 42/2025)

Item 6

Problems regarding the Drainage Channel Overflow at the Vicinity between To Kwa Wan Road and Shing Kai Road

(DFWC Paper No. 43/2025)

20. **The Vice-chairman** stated that since Items 5 and 6 were both related to the drainage matters in the district, he announced that the two items would be discussed together. He invited Members to refer to the written replies furnished by the Highways Department (HyD) and the Drainage Services Department (DSD), i.e. Documents No. 6 to 8 tabled.

21. **A Member** introduced the Paper and raised the following views:

- (i) there was frequent overflow of sewage from the manhole covers between To Kwa Wan Road and part of Shing Kai Road during rainstorm, affecting environmental hygiene. The Department was urged to solve the problem as soon as possible. The content and progress of the works recently conducted by the Department at the said location were also enquired; and

- (ii) the road surfaces in Hung Hom area were frequently damaged. It was suggested that the Department should study improvement proposals and opt for more durable materials for road paving to solve the problem in the long term.

22. **The representative of the DSD** replied with the main points as follows:

- (i) the Department had earlier learnt about the problem of underground pipes in the vicinity between To Kwa Wan Road and Shing Kai Road. To study suitable mitigating measures, the Department immediately conducted a comprehensive review of the related drainage system. During the review, the Department would arrange for work such as desilting, inspection and observation, as well as strengthen the monitoring and clearing of stagnant water; and
- (ii) the Department would continue to closely monitor the drainage systems under its purview to ensure the drains were free from blockage. If blocked drains were found, pipe cleaning would be immediately arranged to minimise the impact on the public.

23. **The representative of the HyD** replied with the main points as follows:

- (i) the Department had deployed staff to inspect the related road sections and immediately arranged for the contractor to commence the clearing works on road drainage. The works were expected to be completed in mid-September this year. The Department had also requested the contractor to step up the inspection and clearing of road drainage in the area to ensure that the drains were free from blockage; and
- (ii) regarding the matter of uneven road surface on Wuhu Street, the Department had deployed staff for inspection and arranged for the contractor to carry out temporary repair works. The relevant works were completed on 1 September this year. In addition, the Department would also carry out road resurfacing works at the repaired locations, which were expected to commence in phases in the fourth quarter of this year. During the works, the Department would closely monitor the conditions of the road sections. If damage or unevenness was found, temporary road repair works

would be arranged in a timely manner.

24. **The Vice-chairman** made a conclusion and stated that the problems at the locations listed in the Paper were serious. He urged the Department to identify the crux of the problems as soon as possible, as well as adopt new technologies or more comprehensive inspection methods to completely resolve the problems. He also suggested the Department to report the inspection results and works progress to the committee in a timely manner.

Item 7

Concern over the Operating Condition of the Public Telephone Booths in Kowloon City District and the Enhancement Proposal

(DFWC Paper No. 44/2025)

25. **A Member** introduced the Paper and proposed converting the telephone booths with low utilisation rates into spaces for artistic creation to beautify the environment in the district.

26. **The Vice-chairman** invited Members to refer to the written reply furnished by the Office of the Communications Authority (OFCA), i.e. Document No. 9 tabled.

27. **The Vice-chairman** concluded and stated that the OFCA was suggested to request operators to enhance the cleaning of telephone booths. Organising activities to beautify telephone booths with district organisations or schools should also be considered so that the public would treasure telephone booth facilities more.

Item 8

Report on the Management of Facilities in Kowloon City District in 2025-26

(DFWC Paper No. 45/2025)

28. **The representative of the LCSD** reported on the Paper with the main points as follows:

- (i) the trial scheme of “Inclusive Park for Pets” at Kai Tak Promenade commenced on 10 March this year and ended on 9 September. As the scheme was well-received, the Department proposed to officially open Kai Tak Promenade as an “Inclusive Park for Pets” and sought Members’ views on it; and

- (ii) the indoor main pool of Kowloon Tsai Swimming Pool was officially opened for public use on 11 September this year.

29. **Members** raised the following views and enquiries:

- (i) the utilisation rates of some recreational and sports facilities in the district reached one hundred per cent, indicating that the related facilities in the district were insufficient. Therefore, the LCSD was urged to expedite the completion of the improvement and repair works of the relevant facilities so as to minimise the impact on residents as far as possible;
- (ii) the utilisation rates of some facilities during non-peak hours were relatively low. For example, the utilisation rate of the tennis court at Ma Tau Wai Service Reservoir Playground was only approximately 25 per cent. To make good use of resources, the Department was suggested to offer discounts so as to encourage the public use of facilities during non-peak hours;
- (iii) the utilisation rates of the multi-purpose main arena of To Kwa Wan Sports Centre in June and July this year were close to full capacity. Enquiries were made on the completion date of the works on the provision of additional training facilities for fencing at the said centre, the hiring arrangements upon the opening of training facilities for fencing, and how the Department would balance the needs of different users;
- (iv) enquired about the completion date of the improvement works at Kowloon Tsai Swimming Pool; and
- (v) enquired about the criteria of recording the works project in the reported Paper. For example, why some projects such as the refurbishment and conversion works of the children's playground at Ko Shan Road Park were not listed in the Paper.

30. **The representative of the LCSD** replied with the main points as follows:

- (i) additional training and competition facilities for fencing would be provided at To Kwa Wan Sports Centre. It would not be converted

into a fencing hall. The newly added facilities were only available for group hiring. The Department would process the hiring applications in accordance with the prevailing booking procedures for recreational and sports facilities. The public could still use various facilities in the sports centre in accordance with the prevailing booking procedures. In addition, the improvement works of the multi-purpose main arena of To Kwa Wan Sports Centre commenced in September this year. The works primarily improved the floodlight system and provided additional power sockets, which was expected to be completed by the end of December this year;

- (ii) the indoor main pool of Kowloon Tsai Swimming Pool was officially opened for public use on 11 September this year, while the improvement works for outdoor facilities were still underway. The Department was maintaining close liaison with the ArchSD to ensure that the facilities would be opened for public use as soon as they met safety and hygiene standards;
- (iii) due to numerous improvement and repair works for recreational facilities in the district, the reported Paper mainly listed works projects that were larger in scale and with longer construction periods; and
- (iv) regarding the usage situation of the tennis court at Ma Tau Wai Service Reservoir Playground, the Department had stepped up publicity work among residents and schools in the district to improve the utilisation rate of the venue. At present, the utilisation rate of the said facility during non-peak hours had significantly increased when compared to the same period last year.

31. **The Vice-chairman** announced that the DFWC supported the LCSD's proposal to officially open Kai Tak Promenade as an "Inclusive Park for Pets".

Item 9

Concern over the Matters of Works Safety in Construction Sites and Road Repairs in To Kwa Wan Area

(DFWC Paper No. 46/2025)

32. **A Member** introduced the Paper.

33. **The Vice-chairman** invited Members to refer to the written replies furnished by the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) and the Buildings Department (BD) respectively, i.e. Documents No. 10 and 11 tabled.

34. No enquiries were raised by Members. **The Vice-chairman** concluded and stated that the URA and the BD did not send representatives to attend this meeting. To understand the effectiveness of the mitigating measures, Members could arrange for on-site inspections with the related departments when necessary.

Item 10

Any Other Business

35. No further items were raised by **Members**.

Item 11

Date of Next Meeting

36. **The Vice-chairman** announced that the next meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 6 November 2025 and the closing date for submission of papers would be 21 October 2025.

37. **The Vice-chairman** announced the adjournment of the meeting at 3:29 p.m.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed on 6 November 2025.

The Chairman

The Secretary

KCDC Secretariat
November 2025