

**Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of
the District Facilities and Works Committee of
the Kowloon City District Council**

Date: 9 May 2024 (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 LAM Tak-shing, MH

Mr WONG Man-kong

Mr TING Kin-wa

Mr CHO Wui-hung, MH

Mr LEE Chiu-yu

Mr NG Fan-kam, MH

Mr NG Po-keung, MH

Mr HE Huahan

Ms LEUNG Yuen-ting

Mr CHAN Chi-wah

Mr CHEUNG King-fan

Mr WONG Chi

Ms FUNG Mo-kwan

Ms LAU Yuen-yin

Mr LAI Yin-chung

Mr KWAN Ho-yeung

Secretary: Mr NG Yue-hin, Brian Assistant Executive Manager
(District Council) (4), Kowloon City
District Office

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

Ms CHEUNG Yee-mei, May	Chief Leisure Manager (Kowloon), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms CHIU Shui-man, Tabitha	District Leisure Manager (Kowloon City), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LEUNG Tsz-kit, Joyce	Assistant District Leisure Manager (District Support) Kowloon City, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Miss FOK Ching-man, Ann	Senior Executive Officer (Planning) 12, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms TSE Shuk-fan, Fanny	Senior Librarian (Kowloon City), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Miss LI Hok-ye, Jenny	District Engineer / Hung Hom, Highways 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
Ms KWOK Sui-ki, Suki	Senior Engineer / 5 (East), Civil Engineering and Development Department

Attendance by Invitation:

Item 2	Mr WONG Yin-pok, Arthur	Engineer 15 / Central Kowloon Route, Highways Department
	Ms Label LEE	Representative of Engineering Consultant
	Ms Rebekka POON	Representative of Engineering Consultant
Item 6	Mr CHAN Wai-kit, Ricky	Senior Engineer / 11 (East), Civil Engineering and Development Department

Opening Remarks

1. **The Chairman of the District Facilities and Works Committee (DFWC)** welcomed all Members and representatives of government departments to the third meeting of the DFWC.
2. **The Chairman** reminded Members to register their interests in accordance with Order 19 of the Kowloon City District Council Standing Orders (the Standing Orders) and stated that if the matters to be discussed had any connection or potential conflict of interests with their personal interests such as property rights, profession or investment, they should make a declaration at the meeting so that he could make a decision in accordance with the Standing Orders.
3. **The Chairman** stated that in accordance with Order 80 of 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 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 an 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 mode to avoid causing disturbances.

Item 1

Confirmation of Minutes of the 2nd Meeting

4. **The Chairman** declared that the minutes of the second meeting were unanimously endorsed by the committee without amendments.

Item 2

Enquiry about the Reprovisioning of Kowloon City Ferry Pier after the Completion of Central Kowloon Route

(DFWC Paper No. 17/2024)

5. **A Member** introduced the Paper.

6. **The representative of the Highways Department (HyD)** gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (i) the works for “Central Kowloon Route - Kai Tak East” were expected to be completed in the first half of 2025 while the works for “Central Kowloon Route - Kai Tak West” were expected to be completed in the second half of 2025;
- (ii) the construction works for Ma Tau Kok Landscape Deck would be handed over to the contractor who undertook the construction of “Central Kowloon Route - Remaining Works”. The works were expected to commence in the second half of 2025 and be completed in 2027; and
- (iii) the HyD would maintain close communication with the Transport Department (TD) and the bus companies to render support in formulating the reprovisioning arrangements for Kowloon City Ferry Pier and would timely announce the latest information to the Kowloon City District Council (KCDC) and the public.

7. **The Chairman** raised the enquiries as follows:

- (i) the construction timetable of Ma Tau Kok Landscape Deck, its public consultation arrangements and the time required for inviting tenders; and
- (ii) the reprovisioning arrangements for the landing steps at King Wan Street Leisure Path at Kowloon City Ferry Pier.

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

- (i) the HyD would consult the public on the design proposal for Ma Tau Kok Landscape Deck in the second half of 2024. The Department expected to carry out tendering work in the second quarter of 2025 and commence the detailed design and construction work in the second half of 2025; and
- (ii) for the time being, the Department had no arrangements for the reprovisioning of the temporary landing steps off King Wan Street

Leisure Path. However, the Department would listen to the views of various parties through different channels and negotiate with the Development Bureau on the relevant arrangements for the landing steps. The Department would timely announce the latest information to the KCDC and the public.

9. **The Chairman** made a conclusion and asked the relevant departments to complete the works for Ma Tau Kok Landscape Deck on schedule and implement the arrangements for the landing steps at Kowloon City Ferry Pier at the soonest.

Item 3

Matters Regarding the Extension of the Cover at the Walkway Connecting Ho Man Tin MTR Station to Oi Man Estate and Chun Man Court

(DFWC Paper No. 18/2024)

10. **A Member** introduce the Paper.
11. **The representative of the Kowloon City District Office (KCDO)** replied with the main points as follows:
 - (i) the KCDO and the Works Section of the Home Affairs Department were planning to install a cover for the walkway outside Exit D of To Kwa Wan MTR Station. The relevant works were expected to commence in late 2024. Since the construction of the walkway cover would require substantial resources, given the limited resources under the District Minor Works (DMW) Programme, the Office had decided not to commence construction works for other walkway covers for the time being after taking into account the needs of the district and the priorities of the various works; and
 - (ii) the Office noted Members' suggestions and would review comprehensively the demand for walkway covers and other works in the district, subject to the abundance of resources.
12. **Members** raised the enquiries as follows:
 - (i) whether Members could only put forward new works suggestions to the Office after the KCDO had completed the works outside To Kwa Wan Station;

- (ii) whether the KCDO would propose to the HyD to accord priority to the construction works of the walkway cover at Ho Man Tin MTR Station under the Universal Accessibility Programme; and
- (iii) enquire about the total allocation of the KCDO to conduct DMW each year.

13. **The representative of the KCDO** replied with the main points as follows:

- (i) Members could propose new works to the KCDO at any time. However, due to limited resources, it was more difficult at present to commence works with high construction costs, such as construction works of walkway covers;
- (ii) the Office could convey Members' views to the HyD; and
- (iii) Kowloon City District had obtained an allocation of about \$15 million to conduct DMW each financial year for the past few years.

14. **The Chairman** made a conclusion and stated that Members could continue to put forward suitable DMW suggestions for consideration by the Office.

[Post-meeting note: The KCDO conveyed Members' views in writing to the HyD on 29 May.]

Item 4

Request for Relocating the Rain Shelter at the Minibus Stop on Sheung Foo Street in Ho Man Tin

(DFWC Paper No. 19/2024)

15. **A Member** introduced the Paper.

16. **The Chairman** stated that the TD did not send representatives to attend this meeting. He invited Members to refer to the written reply furnished by the TD.

17. There being no further follow-up enquiries from **Members**, the Chairman declared that this item be concluded.

Item 5

Concern over the Progress of Works on Hung Lok Road, the Underground Car Park and the Open Space on Hung Luen Road in Hung Hom

(DFWC Paper No. 20/2024)

18. **A Member** introduced the Paper.

19. **The Chairman** stated that the TD did not sent representatives to attend this meeting. He invited Members to refer to the written reply submitted jointly by the TD and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD).

20. **The representative of the LCSD** replied that the works concerned were led by the TD. The LCSD was unable to provide the latest information on the works at present. The Department would convey Members' views to the TD for its information.

21. **Members** hoped that the departments would regularly announce the latest progress of works to the public through means such as websites or posters and banners. Members proposed to continue the discussion on this agenda item and to invite representatives of the TD to attend the next meeting to answer Members' enquiries.

22. **The Chairman** made a conclusion and suggested the departments to display the progress of works on their websites or next to the construction sites and provide contact numbers for the public to enquire about the information on the works. He announced that the discussion on this agenda item would be continued at the next meeting.

[Post-meeting note: The Secretariat already conveyed Members' views in writing to the TD on 4 June.]

Item 6

Enquiry about the Time of Opening the Walkway Connecting Phase II of Kai Tak Station Square to Sung Wong Toi/ Kai Yuet Court and Proposal of Providing a Temporary Pedestrian Walkway

(DFWC Paper No. 21/2024)

23. **A Member** introduced the Paper.

24. **The representative of the LCSD** gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (i) Kai Tak Station Square (KTSS) was fully opened for public use in December 2023. However, large-scale infrastructure works were still being conducted by other works departments at the location of the KTSS near Kai Yuet Court leading to Sung Wong Toi MTR Station and the entrance locations of the KTSS. Works vehicles frequently drove in and out of the KTSS while the Housing Department (HD) was also required to lend part of the entrance locations of the KTSS for placing hoardings of the works and water-filled barriers. Taking into consideration the pedestrian safety and the needs for the rectification works of the KTSS, the Department must temporarily close the relevant locations as well as store the construction materials and tools for the rectification works; and
- (ii) the related works above were mostly completed in April 2024. Yet, some floor tiles were damaged during the works and awaiting for replacement by the HD at present. It was anticipated that the closed area would gradually open to public use in June 2024.

25. **The representative of the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD)** gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (i) the construction access between Sung Wong Toi MTR Station and the KTSS mainly led to nearby construction sites for the entry and exit of works vehicles. Therefore, no temporary walkway was provided at the relevant access for public use; and
- (ii) the Department had coordinated with relevant departments. Upon the partial closure of the construction access at the end of June 2024, the Department would arrange the provision of a temporary walkway which was completely separated from the works vehicles to ensure pedestrian safety. It was expected to be completed within July 2024.

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

- (i) Members suggested the Department to use means such as notice boards near the construction sites to explain the works progress to the public;

- (ii) enquired about the opening schedule of the closed area and the temporary walkway, as well as if the closed area would be opened in phases; and
- (iii) proposed to arrange “Caring Ambassadors” at the entrances of the temporary walkway upon its opening to remind pedestrians to safely use the walkway. Moreover, since the temporary walkway was in close proximity to the construction sites, it was expected that there would be serious mosquito infestation. Hence, Members suggested the installation of mosquito trapping devices nearby.

27. **The representative of the LCSD** responded that the Department were required to determine the extent of opening the closed area and the opening date according to the actual situations of the works. The Department would display the latest information such as the opening time by banners at conspicuous places.

28. **The representative of the CEDD** replied with the main points as follows:

- (i) it was anticipated that the temporary walkway would be completed in July 2024 and opened simultaneously for public use. This walkway was completely separated from vehicles to ensure pedestrian safety; and
- (ii) the contractor of the CEDD would implement appropriate anti-mosquito measures. The Department would also liaise with the related departments responsible for other construction sites near the temporary walkway to implement appropriate anti-mosquito measures.

29. There being no further follow-up enquiries from **Members**, the Chairman declared that this item be concluded.

Item 7

Proposal for the Installation of Handrails at the Staircase at the Entrance/ Exit of Fat Kwong Street Garden No.1

(DFWC Paper No. 22/2024)

30. **A Member** introduced the Paper.

31. **The representative of the LCSD** gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (i) Fat Kwong Street Garden No.1 had three main entrances, among which there was no staircase facilities at the entrance leading to Fat Kwong Street. As for the other two entrances of the garden leading to Chatham Road North and Wo Chung Street respectively, staircases were available with handrails installed on both sides for public use;
- (ii) the Department was discussing with the Architectural Services Department and would study the feasibility of the installation of handrails at the entrance leading to Fat Kwong Street taking into account the factors such as spaces of staircase, design and environment; and
- (iii) the Department conducted an inspection at the venues concerned with Members and works departments earlier. The Department would repaint the staircases and surface them with anti-skid material.

32. **Members** suggested the Department to surface the staircases at the entrances leading to Fat Kwong Street Garden No.1 with anti-skid dressing and install lighting facilities on both sides of the staircases to safeguard the safety of pedestrians.

33. **The representative of the LCSD** responded that the Department would relay Members' suggestions regarding the staircase facilities at the entrances of Fat Kwong Street Garden No.1 to the works departments for follow-up.

34. **The Chairman** made a conclusion and asked the Secretary to relay the suggestion on the installation of lighting facilities on both sides of the staircases at the entrances of Fat Kwong Street Garden No.1 to the relevant department.

[Post-meeting note: The Lighting Division of the HyD was conducting a study at present regarding the matter on the installation of lighting facilities on both sides of the staircases at Fat Kwong Street Garden No.1, including carrying out investigation with trench pit to formulate a feasible proposal for adding lighting facilities to improve the lighting conditions of the relevant staircases and the adjoining locations.]

Item 8**Report on the Management of Facilities in Kowloon City District in 2024-25**

(DFWC Paper No. 23/2024)

35. **The representative of the LCSD** introduced the Paper and invited Members to provide their views on the relevant suggestions regarding the naming, renaming and smoking ban arrangement for leisure venues.

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

- (i) praised the LCSD for its facilities management and improvement works had significantly enhanced the facilities in the district, such as the noise management at Hoi Sham Park and the improvement works of part of Site 1F3 connecting to the KTSS;
- (ii) suggested requesting the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau (CSTB) to allocate additional resources on behalf of the DFWC to open the whole Site 1F3 for temporary recreational use, thereby enhancing the coherence of the area;
- (iii) enquired about the estimated construction costs of the improvement works of part of Site 1F3 and the anticipated duration of use for the temporary open space;
- (iv) enquired if the Department would consult the nearby residents regarding their needs on the types of facilities at the temporary open space such as pet garden; and
- (v) enquired about the progress of maintenance works and the opening time of Tai Wan Shan Swimming Pool, the basketball courts of Tai Wan Shan Park and Kowloon Tsai Swimming Pool.

37. **The representative of the LCSD** gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (i) the estimated costs of the improvement works of part of Site 1F3 connecting to the KTSS were about \$5 million to \$6 million. The Department had applied for a five-year duration of use to the Lands Department (LandsD);

- (ii) Site 1F3 belonged to “Railway Station with Commercial Facilities” under other specified uses. The usage of the land was determined by the LandsD. The LCSD had to depend on the utilisation plans of other departments for further cooperation;
- (iii) the works of Kowloon Tsai Swimming Pool were anticipated to be completed in the third quarter of 2024 and it would be opened for public use in the first half of 2025;
- (iv) Tai Wan Shan Swimming Pool would be temporarily closed in winter every year to conduct annual maintenance and would be reopened upon the completion of maintenance works; and
- (v) the refurbishment works of the floor of the basketball courts at Tai Wan Shan Park were expected to be completed on 31 May 2024. The Department would give a report to Members by then.

38. **The Chairman** made a conclusion:

- (i) he asked the Secretary to convey Members’ suggestion on requesting the allocation of additional resources to open the whole Site 1F3 for temporary recreational use to the CSTB; and
- (ii) he stated that all Members had no further comments on the naming, renaming and smoking ban arrangements for the aforementioned leisure venues and asked the LCSD to take note of that.

[Post-meeting note: The Secretariat had relayed Members’ views in writing to the CSTB on 14 June.]

Item 9

Overview of the District Minor Works of the Kowloon City District Office

(DFWC Paper No. 24/2024)

39. **The representative of the KCDO** introduced Paper No. 24/2024.

40. **Members'** views were consolidated as follows:

- (i) Members supported the installation works of the walkway cover outside Exit D of To Kwa Wan MTR Station and enquired about where would the walkway cover from To Kwa Wan MTR Station extend to; and
- (ii) Members enquired about how to put forward suggestions on the DMW Programme to the KCDO.

41. **The representative of the KCDO** gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (i) the installation works of the walkway cover would be carried out in two phases. The first phase would be extended from Exit D of To Kwa Wan Station to the bus stop next to the triangular flower bed and was anticipated to commence in the fourth quarter of 2024. The second phase was planned to extend from the aforementioned bus stop to Chat Ma Building and was undergoing feasibility study at present; and
- (ii) Members could submit the suggestions on the DMW Programme to the Office by any means at any time.

42. **The Chairman** made a conclusion and encouraged Members to put forward suggestions on the DMW to the KCDO.

Item 10

Any Other Business

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

Item 11

Date of Next Meeting

44. **The Chairman** announced that the next meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 4 July 2024 and the closing date for submission of papers would be 18 June 2024.

45. **The Chairman** announced the adjournment of the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed on 4 July 2024.

The Chairman

The Secretary

KCDC Secretariat
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