

**Minutes of the 4th Meeting of
the District Facilities and Works Committee of
the Kowloon City District Council**

Date: 4 July 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 TING Kin-wa, MH
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

Secretary: Mr FUNG Chi-nang, Ryan 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 WONG Chung-tai, Ann	Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) 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
Mr CHAN Hung-shing	Inspector of Works (Kowloon)2, 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 MAN Ka-ming, Alex	Senior Engineer / Parking Project 2, Transport Department
Item 3	Mr LO Chi-cheung, Stephen	Chief Engineer / East 5, Civil Engineering and Development Department
	Mr LAU Man-kuen, Ephes	Senior Architect / 1 (East), Civil Engineering and Development Department

Item 9	Mr LU Wing-chi, Kenny	Senior Estate Surveyor / Kowloon South (District Lands Office, Kowloon West), Lands Department
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Opening Remarks

1. **The Chairman of the District Facilities and Works Committee (DFWC)** welcomed all Members and representatives of government departments to the fourth meeting of the DFWC.

2. **The Chairman** reminded Members to register their interests in accordance with Order 22 of the Kowloon City District Council Standing Orders (the Standing Orders) and 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 proactively 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 provided that District Council members must constitute half or more of the members attending the meeting. 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 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.

Item 1

Confirmation of Minutes of the 3rd Meeting

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

Item 2

Matter Arising: 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)

5. **The representative of the Transport Department (TD)** made a report with the main points as follows:

- (i) in accordance with the principle of the “single site, multiple use” policy, a public vehicle park would be additionally provided to the public open space project under the “Open Space with Public Vehicle Park at Hung Lok Road and Hung Luen Road, Hung Hom” project. It would not only satisfy the public’s needs for leisure facilities, but also increase the supply of parking spaces in the area;
- (ii) the public vehicle park proposed by the Department would provide approximately 290 public parking spaces for various types of vehicles. The exact number would depend on the technical feasibility study and detailed design; and
- (iii) the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) was currently reviewing different proposals for the project to formulate the most cost-effective design. Results of the preliminary review were expected to be available in the third quarter of 2024. The TD, the ArchSD and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) would commence the next stage of work based on the results of the review and report to the Kowloon City District Council (KCDC) in a timely manner.

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

- (i) Members stated that the progress of works was not satisfactory and was unable to satisfy the demand for public parking spaces of nearby residents. They requested the TD to provide a detailed timetable for the works and urged the Department to report to the KCDC immediately after the results of the preliminary review were available;

- (ii) Members stated that the construction cost of the underground car park was high and enquired if the Department had any other proposals; and
- (iii) would like the Department to consult local residents prior to the launch of works so as to minimise the inconvenience and nuisance caused by the works to them.

7. **The representative of the TD** replied with the main points as follows:

- (i) the Department was unable to provide a detailed timetable for the “Open Space with Public Vehicle Park at Hung Lok Road and Hung Luen Road” project at the current stage. The Department would report the latest situation of the works to the KCDC after the ArchSD had reviewed different proposals; and
- (ii) the Department was required to consider cost-effectiveness when designing different proposals. The ArchSD was conducting a study on the location of the vehicle park.

8. **The Chairman** made a conclusion and he would like the Department and related departments to confirm the design proposal as soon as possible, consider the needs of residents when planning and report the results of preliminary review to the KCDC in the third quarter of 2024.

Item 3

Kai Tak Development – Open Space, OS6a, on Both Sides of Kai Tak River

(DFWC Paper No. 25/2024)

9. **The representative of the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD)** introduced the Paper.

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

- (i) if the water quality of Kai Tak River met the standards;
- (ii) the opening time of different entrances of the open space and if there was sufficient manpower to manage the open space;

- (iii) if the height and design of the gate and the guard-rails along the riverside could ensure the safety of users and pets while staying aesthetically pleasing;
- (iv) if first-aid facilities would be available in the open space;
- (v) if the Department would plant mosquito-repelling plants and large trees in the greening zone of the open space;
- (vi) Members were concerned about the operation time of the lighting system and whether green energy would be used. They also suggested the Department to lower the brightness of the relevant lighting system or use sensor lights to minimise the impact on nearby residents;
- (vii) Members also suggested the Department to build a bridge between Muk Ning Street and Muk Tai Street to connect the two streets to facilitate the daily travelling of the public. They also enquired about the timetable for the landscaped deck works; and
- (viii) Members were concerned that the granular roads on the footpaths might cause injuries to pedestrians and suggested the Department to install an additional lighting system in the open space to ensure pedestrian safety.

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

- (i) the Department had sent staff to inspect the Kai Tak River on-site and no odour was detected. The related departments would conduct regular inspections and take appropriate actions if situations of sewer misconnection were found;
- (ii) considering the proximity of the open space to residential buildings, the LCSD initially proposed the opening hours of the open space were tentatively from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.;
- (iii) the Department and the LCSD would consider the aesthetic value and safety when discussing the design of the gate. The height of the gate was relatively short. Shrubs would be complemented as soft

barriers. The height of the guard-rails at the riverside met the general requirements. Lifebuoys were also available near the river;

- (iv) as there were a number of box culverts on both sides of Kai Tak River, the space for planting trees on both sides of the river was restricted. The Department would discuss with the LCSD the planting of trees near the side of Shing Kai Road at the park and suitable plants in the open space;
- (v) pedestrian walkways were provided in the open space to connect different areas of Kai Tak Development Area. The related walkway would connect Kai Tak Station Square, Muk Tai Street, Muk Ning Street, Tin Chai Lane East, Tin Chai Lane West and Shing Kai Road to facilitate residents;
- (vi) to make the open space available for public use as soon as possible, the open space would be developed with an “enhancement after opening” approach through minor works. Hence, the budget would be focused on the installation of basic facilities at the open space. Works of larger scale such as landscaped deck were unable to be commenced simultaneously; and
- (vii) the Department had resurfaced the granular roads of the footpaths to concrete roads and installed a suitable lighting system with reference to open spaces of the same kind. Moreover, the Department would discuss with the LCSD whether it was necessary to install additional ambience lights in the park and reserve electricity for the LCSD to install additional decorative lights in the future.

12. **Members** raised further enquiries as follows:

- (i) if the Department would designate the park area in the open space as an Inclusive Park for Pets and communicate with nearby residents to listen to their views;
- (ii) if the Department would provide additional parking spaces for bicycles in Muk Ning Street and suggest using smart devices to manage the problem of illegal parking of bicycles; and

- (iii) the detailed timetable for the “10-Year Development Blueprint for Sports and Recreation Facilities”.

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

- (i) the Department would meet with the residents nearby the open space to listen to their views with regard to the design of the related open space; and
- (ii) the Department stated that the walkway at the open space near Muk Ning Street was a pedestrian walkway. Thus, the Department did not consider the need to provide parking spaces for bicycles at Muk Ning Street. In addition, the Department indicated that it did not consider the need to use smart devices to manage parking spaces at the current stage. If there was a problem of illegal parking of bicycles, the related departments would arrange for law enforcement.

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

- (i) the Department adopted an open stance regarding allowing the public to bring their dogs to the venues under its purview and would consult the KCDC in a timely manner in accordance with the established practice regarding the usage arrangements upon the completion of the related open space; and
- (ii) the Department would complete the technical feasibility study based on the “10-Year Development Blueprint for Sports and Recreation Facilities” raised in the 2022 Policy Address. After the relevant project was confirmed as technically feasible, the design of the project would be commenced according to the procedures of public works projects. The Department would apply for funding from the Legislative Council for the commencement of works. The scope of the relevant works was yet to confirm. The Department would take into consideration the views of Members and stakeholders in future planning.

15. **The Chairman** made a conclusion and stated that Members unanimously supported the works proposal submitted by the CEDD. He would like the Department to take full account of Members’ views during the planning.

Item 4**Proposal for a Minor Works Project at Ma Tau Wai Road / Ma Hang Chung Road Rest Garden**

(DFWC Paper No. 26/2024)

16. **A Member** introduced the Paper.
17. **The representative of the LCSD** gave a consolidated reply as follows:
- (i) the Department had sent staff to carry out an on-site inspection at the rest garden mentioned in the Paper and discovered that the large trees there limited the usable space of the rest garden. Therefore, the Department did not plan to install arbours and lighting facilities at the current stage; and
 - (ii) the Department had discussed and studied with the ArchSD the conduction of renovation works at the rest garden, including the installation of new railings and replacement of benches so as to enhance the facilities inside the venue.
18. **The Chairman** enquired if the LCSD had conducted a study with respect to the enhancement of the lighting facilities at Ma Tau Wai Road/ Ma Hang Chung Road Rest Garden.
19. **The representative of the LCSD** stated that a related study had been conducted and the Department would invite Members for an on-site inspection if necessary.
20. **The Chairman** made a conclusion and reminded Members to contact the LCSD to inspect on-site together if they have any views to enhance the leisure facilities in the area.

Item 5**Concern over Facilities at Kowloon Tsai Swimming Pool**

(DFWC Paper No. 27/2024)

21. **A Member** introduced the Paper.

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

- (i) the reconstruction works of Kowloon Tsai Swimming Pool had commenced at the end of 2020. It was anticipated that the works would be completed in the third quarter of 2024. It would be opened for public use in the first half of 2025; and
- (ii) at present, the Department had installed two types of artificial intelligence drowning detection systems at the secondary pool of Kwun Tong Swimming Pool and Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Swimming Pool respectively and would evaluate the effectiveness of the trial scheme. The Department would study the installation of suitable drowning alert devices at Kowloon Tsai Swimming Pool in a timely manner to enhance lifesaving services.

23. **Members** stated that there were frequent accidents at public swimming pools recently. They suggested the Department to deploy additional manpower to monitor the blind spots in swimming pools to ensure public safety.

24. **The representative of the LCSD** stated that Members' views were noted.

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

Item 6

Request for Planting Seasonal Flowers in the Area of the Kai Tak Sports Park

(DFWC Paper No. 28/2024)

26. **A Member** introduced the Paper and suggested the Department to regularly review and timely replace the flower species at the parks in Kowloon City District to attract more public to appreciate the flowers at the parks.

27. **The Chairman** stated that the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau (CSTB) did not send representatives to attend the meeting and he invited Members to refer to the written reply furnished by the CSTB, i.e. Document No. 4 tabled.

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

- (i) when the Department planned for the planting of plants at the roadside or in recreational venues, in addition to referring to the greening themes, colour coordination and plant varieties stipulated in the Greening Master Plan, the Department also required to take into account various factors, including the growth conditions of plant species, the required growing space and the supply situation of relevant plant species in the market, and select suitable species for planting in accordance with the “right-species-at-the-right-place” principle; and
- (ii) if trees and plants was required to be planted in the road sections in surrounding areas of Kai Tak Sports Park or in the recreational venues in Kai Tak area, the Department would select suitable species based on the aforementioned principle.

29. **The Chairman** made a conclusion and he would like the Department to consider Members’ suggestions when planning for the parks in the area.

Item 7

Request for Completing the Facilities Upgrading Works at the Pet Garden in Hung Ling Street in Hung Hom at the Soonest

(DFWC Paper No. 29/2024)

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

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

- (i) the Department was following up with the works departments on the preparation work for upgrading the facilities. It expected to commence the works in phases from December 2024 onwards and would regularly report the progress to the DFWC;
- (ii) the Department would study the enhancement of the landscape design of the sitting-out area as well as the planting of trees as barriers to reduce the impact of noises made by pets on nearby residents; and

- (iii) the Department had contacted the works departments earlier to study the feasibility of installing additional wash-hand basins and drinking fountains in the sitting-out area. However, since the works involved the carrying out of large-scale excavation at Hung Ling Street, which would have serious impact on the traffic there, the Department was unable to carry out the related sewage works for the installation of wash-hand basins and drinking fountains. Therefore, additional water tanks were installed in the area of the sitting-out area for the public to do cleaning and washing.

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

- (i) Members suggested the Department to consider providing additional pet gardens in the suitable sites of the area and equipping them with play equipment suitable for the use of pets; and
- (ii) Members suggested the Department to install additional switches and closures for the water tanks to maintain environmental hygiene.

33. **The representative of the LCSD** stated that Members' views were noted.

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

Item 8

Proposal to Develop Sub-districts in Kowloon City District into Cultural and Arts Communities

(DFWC Paper No. 30/2024)

35. A Member introduced the Paper.

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

- (i) the HyD was responsible for the repair and maintenance work of public roads and associated road facilities under its purview; and
- (ii) the Department would offer advice on road and structures maintenance if it received proposals from related departments on the

provision of additional cultural and artistic coloured pattern drawings on highway structures.

37. **Members'** views and enquiries were consolidated as follows:

- (i) suggested writing to the CSTB under the name of the committee in the hope that the Bureau could provide resources and liaise with related government departments to follow up on the views in the Paper; and
- (ii) enquired about the experience of the Kowloon City District Office (KCDO) in the production and management of mural paintings in the district.

38. **The representative of the KCDO** responded and stated that the landscaping works in the district implemented by the KCDO in the past were mainly on local themes. While recognising the importance of promoting Chinese culture and arts, the KCDO lacked the related experience and expertise. Therefore, the KCDO was unable to give advice on this discussion topic.

39. **The Chairman** made a conclusion that he would discuss the follow-up proposals with Members again after the meeting.

[Post-meeting note: After discussion, Members unanimously agreed to write to the CSTB, suggesting the Bureau to consider adding related elements to promote Chinese culture when the LCSD provided additional facilities and carried out renovation works in Kowloon City District. The Secretariat had conveyed Members' views to the CSTB in writing on 18 July.]

Item 9

Request for Following up the Cases on Blockage of Manholes in the Middle of Roads

(DFWC Paper No. 31/2024)

40. **A Member** introduced the Paper.

41. **The Chairman** stated that the Buildings Department (BD) did not send representatives to attend the meeting and he invited Members to refer to the written reply furnished by the BD, i.e. Document No. 8 tabled.

42. **The representative of the Lands Department** gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (i) Heng Ngai Jewelry Centre was located in Kowloon Marine Lot No. 113 Section D. According to the information provided by the Drainage Services Department (DSD), the suspected blocked drains were situated within the stratum of Hok Yuen Street East, which was located in Kowloon Marine Lot No.113 Remaining Portion and belonged to a private lot with fragmented ownership; and
- (ii) according to the records of the Land Registry, Deeds of Mutual Covenant (DMCs) were signed for the properties constructed on the aforementioned two lots. Generally speaking, a DMC would set out the responsibilities of the parties to the relevant land in respect of the management and maintenance of the public areas, including public drains. As DMCs belonged to private contractual agreements and the Government was not a party to the deed, private owners should seek professional advice on the contents of the DMCs.

43. **Members** considered that the problem of manhole blockage at Hok Yuen Street East was possibly caused by the blockage of drains in other lots and would like the DSD to follow up the related issues.

44. **The representative of the DSD** gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (i) the DSD did not have the authority to handle drainage problems in private lots and had referred the case to the BD for follow-up; and
- (ii) private owners were responsible for managing the hygiene problems within the boundary of their properties.

45. **The Chairman** made a conclusion and suggested the KCDO to liaise with related departments and district councillors to jointly resolve the cases of manhole blockages in the middle of roads at Hok Yuen Street East.

[Post-meeting note: The KCDO approached the BD after the meeting to understand the situation and noted that the Department was conducting an investigation into the maintenance and management responsibilities regarding the relevant drains and would follow up in accordance with the results of the investigation.]

Item 10**Call for Resurfacing the Pavements at Bulkeley Street and Dock Street**

(DFWC Paper No. 32/2024)

46. **A Member** introduced the Paper and enquired about the progress of the improvement works carried out by the Water Supplies Department (WSD) for the waterworks installations at the pavements at Bulkeley Street and Dock Street.

47. **The representative of the HyD** gave a consolidated reply as follows:

- (i) the Department had sent staff to conduct on-site inspections at the pavements at Bulkeley Street and Dock Street and completed urgent repairs regarding the issue of uneven road surfaces;
- (ii) the Department would arrange for paving blocks resurface works after the WSD completed the waterworks projects at the aforementioned site and closely monitor the conditions of the road surfaces. It would immediately arrange for repairs if situations of damaged or uneven road surfaces were found; and
- (iii) the Department would enquire with the WSD about the progress of the works after the meeting.

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

[Post-meeting note: The HyD had enquired with the WSD about the progress of the works on 8 July. The relevant waterworks projects were expected to be completed by the end of this year.]

Item 11**Proposal to Provide Additional Toilet Facilities at Kau Pui Lung Road Playground and Ancillary Facilities in its Sitting-out Area**

(DFWC Paper No. 33/2024)

49. **A Member** introduced the Paper and suggested the LCSD to provide additional portable toilets at Kau Pui Lung Road Playground for use by the public in need.

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

- (i) after an on-site inspection, the Department found that the relevant proposal was subject to constraints such as the environment, power supply and space. The Department would conduct a feasibility study on the provision of additional toilets and ancillary facilities with the works departments and would report to the DFWC in a timely manner; and
- (ii) the Department noted Members' views.

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

Item 12

Enquiry on the Progress of the Project on the Joint User Complex on the 1J3 Site in Kai Tak

(DFWC Paper No. 34/2024)

52. **A Member** introduced the Paper.

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

- (i) the 1J3 site in Kai Tak Development Area would be developed into a joint user complex. Apart from the sports, recreation and cultural facilities initially proposed to be constructed by the LCSD, the Social Welfare Department also planned to include an integrated family service centre and a social security field unit, while the TD suggested adding a public vehicle park; and
- (ii) according to preliminary estimate by the ArchSD, the facilities proposed to be constructed would exceed the related development restrictions of the site, such as the maximum height of the building. Therefore, the relevant departments were examining the proposed facilities and their effectiveness from various perspectives with a view to finalising the proposed scope of works at the soonest. The Department would commence a technical feasibility study after consulting the KCDC.

54. **Members** raised the following enquiries and suggestions:

- (i) Members stated that the public had a pressing need for the joint user complex and requested the LCSD to report regularly to the KCDC and the public on the progress of the works;
- (ii) Members enquired about the timetable for the completion and the progress of the works of the joint user complex; and
- (iii) Members suggested the Department to touch base with the residents near the joint user complex to listen to their views, as well as to contact the related departments to exchange views and discuss the planning of the works together.

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

- (i) since the 1J3 site in Kai Tak Development Area was nearby residential buildings, the maximum building height of the site was restricted to 30mPD with a relatively limited building area. Therefore, the Department was actively reviewing the relevant design with the related departments and striking a balance between various considerations so as to strive for selecting a proposal that could not only accommodate the most proposed facilities, but also stand a higher chance of obtaining the support of the Town Planning Board, considering that the maximum building height might be exceeded;
- (ii) the Department currently did not have a definite timetable but would like to finalise the scope of works in early 2025; and
- (iii) the Department welcomed Members to convey residents' views. The Department would actively consider the relevant views together with the related departments.

56. **The Chairman** made a conclusion and stated that the public were concerned about the progress of the works for the joint user complex at the 1J3 site in Kai Tak Development Area. He would like the Department to enhance communication with Members and the public.

Item 13**Request for Resurfacing Paving Blocks at Peace Avenue, Waterloo Road and Perth Street**

(DFWC Paper No. 35/2024)

57. **A Member** introduced the Paper.
58. **The representative of the HyD** gave a consolidated reply as follows:
- (i) the Department had sent staff to inspect the pavement at Peace Avenue and found that the relevant uneven road surfaces were caused by tree roots protruding out of the ground. The Department had referred the related matters to the LCSD for follow-up. Upon the completion of handling the issue on tree roots, the Department would arrange repairs for the road surfaces there;
 - (ii) the Department was repairing the pavement at Perth Street and the related works were expected to commence in August 2024; and
 - (iii) the Department had referred the situation of oil stains of the pavement near Nan Wah Restaurant at Waterloo Road (Kowloon City Section) to the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department for follow-up and would arrange for the replacement of paving blocks affected by oil stains when necessary. The Department did not discover the situation of uneven road surfaces at the aforementioned location. If the Department discovered situations of uneven road surfaces during routine inspections, it would immediately arrange for repairs.
59. There being no further follow-up enquiries from **Members**, the Chairman declared that this item be concluded.

Item 14**Request for Resurfacing Paving Blocks on Pavements at Dyer Street**

(DFWC Paper No. 36/2024)

60. **A Member** introduced the Paper and enquired with the HyD about the standards for block paving works.

61. **The representative of the HyD** gave a consolidated reply as follows:
- (i) the HyD had sent staff to inspect the pavement at Dyer Avenue and would arrange for temporary emergency repairs at the soonest with a view to commencing the resurfacing works for pavements at the relevant road section in September 2024; and
 - (ii) the Department would follow the established departmental standards when repairing the pavement to assure the quality of the repair works.
62. **Members** enquired about the timetable for the resurfacing works for pavements in Hung Hom area and requested the Department to regularly review and step up inspection of the road surface situations.
63. **The representative of the HyD** replied and stated that the Department would regularly inspect the road surfaces of pavements and would arrange repair works to ensure the safety of road users if situations of uneven or damaged road surfaces were found.
64. **The Chairman** made a conclusion and would like the Department to take into account Members' views and examine road improvement works at the relevant locations.

Item 15

Concern over the Opening Hours of Kowloon Tsai Sports Ground

(DFWC Paper No. 37/2024)

65. **A Member** introduced the Paper.
66. **The representative of the LCSD** gave a consolidated reply as follows:
- (i) the sports ground was not equipped with floodlights. Therefore, it would only open during the day and corresponding adjustment would be made according to the length of daylight. To facilitate joggers in using the facilities at night, the Department had constructed a 550-metre-long jogging trail outside the sports ground and installed park lights along the trail, which was opened for public use round-the-clock;

- (ii) the Department had requested the related works departments to study the feasibility of installing additional floodlights in the sports ground to facilitate the opening of the sports ground at night. However, since the existing electricity supply of the sports ground had reached its maximum capacity and could not withstand the electricity capacity of the floodlights, the relevant works could not be carried out; and
- (iii) at the same time, due to the proximity of the sports ground to residential buildings, the provision of additional floodlights might affect the routine of nearby residents. Therefore, the Department was required to consult the nearby residents on the installation of floodlights.

67. **Members** suggested extending the opening hours of Kowloon Tsai Sports Ground to 10:00 p.m. or 11:00 p.m..

68. **The Chairman** made a conclusion and would like the Department to conduct a study on extending the opening hours of Kowloon Tsai Sports Ground after consulting nearby residents.

Item 16

Call for Improving Facilities at the Tennis Courts of Kowloon Tsai Park

(DFWC Paper No. 38/2024)

69. **A Member** introduced the Paper.

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

- (i) the Hong Kong, China Tennis Association (HKCTA) had been awarded the service contract for the tennis training base and was responsible for its planning and management. The major terms of the relevant contract included that the operator should make investment to improve or alter the existing facilities to meet the needs of the training base; and
- (ii) the Department would discuss with the HKCTA on the proposal to build an additional cover for the tennis courts of Kowloon Tsai Park and enhance the office, as well as study the feasibility of the relevant proposal with the ArchSD.

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

Item 17

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

(DFWC Paper No. 39/2024)

72. **The representative of the LCSD** introduced the Paper.

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

Item 18

Any Other Business

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

Item 19

Date of Next Meeting

75. **The Chairman** announced that the next meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 5 September 2024 and the closing date for submission of papers would be 21 August 2024.

76. **The Chairman** announced the adjournment of the meeting at 4:51 p.m.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed on 5 September 2024.

The Chairman

The Secretary