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**Minutes of the 5th Meeting of
District Facilities Management Committee
the 6th Term Kwun Tong District Council**

Date: 12 November 2020 (Thursday)

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Venue: Conference Room, Kwun Tong District Office,
Unit 05-07, 20/F Millennium City 6, 392 Kwun Tong Road,
Kwun Tong, Kowloon

<u>Present</u>	<u>Arrival Time</u>	<u>Leaving Time</u>
Mr WONG Chi-ken (Chairman)	9:30 a.m.	1:23 p.m.
Ms WONG Ka-ying (Vice-chairlady)	9:30 a.m.	1:23 p.m.
Mr BUX Sheik Anthony	9:30 a.m.	10:42 a.m.
Mr CHAN Chris Ka-yin	9:30 a.m.	1:23 p.m.
Mr CHAN Man-kin	9:30 a.m.	10:28 a.m.
Mr CHENG Keng-ieong	10:02 a.m.	1:23 p.m.
Mr CHEUNG Man-fung	9:30 a.m.	1:23 p.m.
Mr CHEUNG Pui-kong	10:06 a.m.	11:56 a.m.
Mr CHOY Chak-hung	9:30 a.m.	1:23 p.m.
Ms FU Pik-chun	9:30 a.m.	1:23 p.m.
Mr FUNG Ka-lung	10:14 a.m.	1:23 p.m.
Mr HSU Yau-wai	9:30 a.m.	1:23 p.m.
Mr HUNG Chun-hin	9:30 a.m.	1:23 p.m.
Mr IP Tsz-kit	9:30 a.m.	1:23 p.m.
Mr KAN Ming-tung, MH	9:30 a.m.	1:23 p.m.
Mr KUNG Chun-ki	10:25 a.m.	1:23 p.m.
Ms LAI Po-kwai	10:00 a.m.	1:23 p.m.
Mr LAM Wai	9:30 a.m.	1:23 p.m.
Mr LEE Kwan-chak	9:30 a.m.	1:23 p.m.
Mr LEUNG Tang-fung	9:59 a.m.	11:56 a.m.
Ms LEUNG Jannelle Rosalynne	9:46 a.m.	1:23 p.m.
Ms LEUNG Yik-ting Edith	9:44 a.m.	1:23 p.m.
Mr LI Ka-tat	9:30 a.m.	1:23 p.m.
Mr LI Wai-lam William	9:30 a.m.	1:23 p.m.
Ms LI Wing-shan	9:30 a.m.	1:23 p.m.
Mr LUI Tung-hai, MH	9:30 a.m.	1:23 p.m.

Mr MOK Kin-shing	9:30 a.m.	1:23 p.m.
Mr NGAN Man-yu	9:30 a.m.	1:23 p.m.
Mr PANG Chi-sang	9:30 a.m.	1:23 p.m.
Mr SO Koon-chung Kevin	9:30 a.m.	1:23 p.m.
Mr TAM Siu-cheuk	9:42 a.m.	12:57 p.m.
Mr TANG Wai-man Raymond	9:42 a.m.	1:23 p.m.
Ms TSE Suk-chun	9:30 a.m.	1:23 p.m.
Mr WAN Ka-him	9:30 a.m.	1:23 p.m.
Mr WANG Wai-lun	9:30 a.m.	1:23 p.m.
Mr WONG Kai-ming	9:30 a.m.	1:23 p.m.

In Attendance

Mr WONG Sing-hung, Hansel	Assistant District Officer (Kwun Tong)2
Mr KO Choar-que, Keith	Acting Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Kwun Tong District Office
Mr CHAN Hoi-ming, Peter	Senior Liaison Officer (3), Kwun Tong District Office
Miss SHUM Tsz-fun, Iris	Liaison Officer-in-charge (District Facilities), Kwun Tong District Office
Miss CHOW Tak-sum, Amy	Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Kwun Tong District Office
Mr CHENG Ngat, Cyrus	Executive Officer I (District Management), Kwun Tong District Office
Ms LUK Bik-ye, Miranda	Executive Officer II (District Management), Kwun Tong District Office
Ms CHEUNG Wai-ying, Olivia	Chief Leisure Manager(Kowloon), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms TANG Wing-sze, Maria	District Leisure Manager (Kwun Tong), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LAW Wai-hing, Rean	Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Kwun Tong, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms WONG Sze-wan	Senior Librarian (Kwun Tong), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms CHAN Lai-ching, Connie	Senior Executive Officer (Planning)31, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr YIM Tsan-man	Senior Inspector of Works (Kowloon), Home Affairs Department

Mr LOK Hin-wai	Assistant Inspector of Works (Kwun Tong), Home Affairs Department
Mr LEE Chun-hung, Roy	Architect (Works)2, Home Affairs Department
Ms CHOY Man-yea, Doris	Senior Engineer 2 (Harbour Area Treatment Scheme), Drainage Services Department
Mr NG Tit-ho, Leo	Engineer/9 (Harbour Area Treatment Scheme), Drainage Services Department
Mr YUEN Hon-cheong, Chris	Head of Play Environment, Playright Children's Play Association
Ms WONG Kin-ho, Kathy	Executive Director, Playright Children's Play Association
Mr SIU Leung-hung, Eric	Chief Resident Engineer, ATKINS
Ms CHING Ka-wai, Elsa	Senior Project Manager 323, Architectural Services Department
Ms CHAN Lok-yin	Project Manager 355, Architectural Services Department
Mr Derek TSANG	Associate, Rocco Design Architects Limited
Mr Ryan LEONG	Associate, Rocco Design Architects Limited
Ms CHAN Pui-ki, Peggy	Senior Manager (East Kowloon Cultural Centre) Commissioning, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr SO Man-hong, William	Manager (East Kowloon Cultural Centre) Commissioning, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr Kevin CHA	Senior Architect, Leigh & Orange Ltd.
Ms Katherine MAK	Project Designer, Leigh & Orange Ltd.
Ms WONG Yuk-man, Mandy (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council)(5), Kwun Tong District Office

Absent

Mr CHAN Yik-shun Eason
Mr CHAN Yiu-hung, Jimmy

Mr OR Chong-shing Wilson, MH
Mrs POON YAM Wai-chun Winnie, BBS, MH

Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed Members of the District Facilities Management Committee (“DFMC”) and government representatives to the meeting.

2. The Chairman remarked that the Secretariat had received a notice of absence from Mrs Winnie POON before the meeting. The Committee noted her notice of absence.

I. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

3. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

II. Enhancement Works for Kwun Tong Sewage Pumping Station (KTDC DFMC Paper No. 29/2020)

4. The Senior Engineer 2 (Harbour Area Treatment Scheme) of the Drainage Services Department (“DSD”) presented the paper.

5. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:

5.1 Mr WONG Kai-ming appreciated the diversified design of the park and hoped DSD could realise the design concept. He enquired about the design of the part facing Victoria Harbour. He pointed out that it would be great if members of the public could enjoy the view of Victoria Harbour in the park. However, he worried that the sea view would be blocked by carriageways or other buildings in front of the park. Also, he pointed out that the rate of wear and tear of wood was fast and the maintenance cost of wood was also high. He suggested drawing reference from the situation of Kwun Tong Promenade when choosing the wood for building the boardwalk in the park. Besides, he pointed out that as the park would be west-facing, it would suffer intense sun exposure. He suggested providing more trees in the park for shading. He also enquired about the construction cost of the park, whether sewage would first receive preliminary treatment before being stored in cisterns, and about the frequency of removing sewage stored in cisterns. He noticed that the exhausts of the ventilation system would be west-facing. He worried that

the odour of sewage would be brought back to the park because of the wind. He hoped that DSD could come up with solutions.

- 5.2 Mr NGAN Man-yu noticed that the park would be managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) upon its completion. He worried that the operation of the park would be limited. He enquired whether DSD had considered outsourcing the operation, construction and repair and maintenance of the park to non-profit-making organisations. He opined that the design of the park emphasised elements of nature and worried that it might be difficult to maintain the design concept under the management of LCSD. In addition, he enquired about the arrangements for linking the park with Kwun Tong Promenade. He pointed out the entrances at both sides of the park had been reserved at the initial period of the project for connecting with Kwun Tong Promenade. He enquired about the current arrangements for linkage and the design of junction points.
- 5.3 Mr William LI thanked DSD for its efforts in preparing the project concerned. However, he worried that the design concept might not be able to be maintained after the park was passed to LCSD for management. He suggested DSD draw reference from the practice of Tsui Ping River Garden and manage the park by itself. Also, he suggested DSD pay more attention to the ventilation system of the cesspools so as to prevent the odour of sewage from affecting the park. Besides, he enquired about the usage of a vacant site outside the park. He pointed out that according to the 2006 Policy Address, that vacant site would be reserved for the provision of a promenade. However, the usage of that vacant site had been rezoned in 2016 for the construction of a new Vocational Training Council campus. He expressed regret over the withdrawal of the plan of constructing a promenade. He opined that Kwun Tong deserved larger and more beautiful parks.
- 5.4 Mr LUI Tung-hai pointed out that it was necessary to conduct enhancement works for Kwun Tong Sewage Pumping Station. He opined that the design of the landscaped deck had been enriched after taking into consideration views raised by Members in 2016. However, he pointed out that there was still room for improving the ancillary transport facilities of the park. He opined that the lack of pick-up and drop-off points for coaches in the park would cause criticism as it might give an impression

that only nearby residents could be benefitted. Therefore, he suggested DSD consider providing additional pick-up and drop-off points for coaches at Wai Yip Street so that members of the public and organisations could travel to the park easily. Moreover, he suggested DSD make plans for connecting the park with Kwun Tong Promenade so as to facilitate members of the public to travel to the park from Kowloon Bay. Furthermore, he agreed with Mr NGAN Man-yu and opined that the future management arrangements of the park were indeed a matter of concern. He hoped the design concept of DSD could be maintained under future management.

5.5 Mr LEE Kwan-chak enquired about the progress of constructing the underground sewage balancing facility with a capacity of 16 000 cubic metres and the expected sewage treatment performance of the facility. He hoped DSD could provide relevant information. Also, he pointed out that as far as he knew, there was only one washroom in the park. He worried that it might not be able to cater for the toileting needs of children. He enquired whether any new washroom had been added in the park. Besides, he suggested DSD consider providing first aid stations in the park so as to provide treatment for children who got hurt when playing in the park. He appreciated the design of the park, opining that the design was lively, new and creative. He suggested DSD provide additional areas for passive activities in the park so that members of the public could read in the park.

5.6 Mr Kevin SO appreciated DSD's efforts. He opined that the project broke away from the traditional design of parks, taking into consideration user safety and including elements of fun and excitement at the same time. He appreciated DSD for listening to stakeholders' views by organising various public consultation activities during the design stage. He pointed out that there were many studies on children play equipment which could be used as reference. He suggested LCSD draw reference from the practice of the project concerned when designing other parks in the future. He pointed out that the park involved many design elements and some pathways and play equipment shown in the video were made of special materials (such as glass or rope courses) which might be difficult to manage. He worried that those pathways and play equipment would be closed because of long-term maintenance under the management of LCSD, just like the jogging track in Kwun Tong Promenade, which was always

under maintenance. He suggested DSD consider outsourcing the management of the park to non-profit-making organisations or private companies, or ask LCSD to set up a task force to manage the park.

5.7 Mr KAN Ming-tung appreciated the new design of the park. However, he opined that it would be very difficult for LCSD to manage such a big park as LCSD might not be able to immediately cordon off damaged facilities and conduct maintenance work after discovering such facilities. He opined that DSD had to consider long-term solutions in regard to the management of the park. Also, he opined that there was a lack of ancillary transport facilities for the park. He pointed out that there were only four bus stops near the park at the moment and there were only limited bus routes passing by. Members of the public might need to travel to the park from Laguna City on foot. Therefore, he suggested DSD consider providing additional parking spaces for coaches. He expressed concern over the odour of sewage and hoped DSD could handle sewage carefully.

5.8 Mr PANG Chi-sang thanked DSD for giving such a detailed introduction on the design of the park. He pointed out that many Members had put forward their views on the project at the briefing session. He understood that DSD could not follow up on all views at the briefing session owing to time constraints. However, he opined that DSD should provide relevant presentation materials before the meeting for Members' reference so that Members who did not attend the briefing session could prepare enquiries and views in advance, thereby facilitating the smooth progress of the meeting. He expressed concern over the traffic problems of the park. He pointed out that many taxis would visit petrol filling stations near the park for petrol filling around 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. every day and that might be a burden to the traffic of the park. He also pointed out that there were no private car parking spaces for public use in the park. In addition, the original design of the park did not include any washroom and DSD had suggested at the briefing session members of the public use the washrooms at Laguna Park opposite the park. He hoped DSD could consider and implement the suggestion related to the provision of washrooms in the park. He also hoped DSD could report the progress and results to DFMC after the meeting.

- 5.9 Mr IP Tsz-kit agreed with other Members. He expressed particular concern over the ancillary transport facilities of the park. He opined that the park should be equipped with a car park for public use in a bid to attract more members of the public to visit the park. He suggested government departments pay more attention to the ancillary transport facilities of parks, including parking spaces for private vehicles and coaches, when designing parks in the future in order to enhance the accessibility to the parks and achieve inter-generational harmony. Also, he enquired whether LCSD had set any safety restrictions on the play equipment of the park. He wondered, for instance, whether the use of the rotatable facilities for wheelchairs mentioned in DSD's presentation just then would be prohibited under LCSD's safety restrictions.
- 5.10 Ms Edith LEUNG suggested DSD draw reference from the design of Tuen Mun Park as the design of Tuen Mun Park was similar to that of the park in question and Tuen Mun Park was an inclusive park with a relatively comprehensive design. She pointed out that the park concerned was in the vicinity of Kwun Tong Promenade and another park and leisure facilities at Kai Tak Development Area. However, besides taking a taxi, there was no other public transportation for members of the public to travel from one park to another. She had written to the Development Bureau and the Energizing Kowloon East Office ("EKEO"), suggesting EKEO to connect Kwun Tong Promenade with the park at Kai Tak Development Area. Besides providing additional parking spaces for coaches and private vehicles in the park, she also suggested connecting the park concerned, Kwun Tong Promenade and the park at Kai Tak Development Area by providing water taxi service or expanding the scope of current ferry service.
- 5.11 Mr FUNG Ka-lung appreciated the diversified design of the park and hoped the design concept could be realised. He enquired about the positioning of the park and whether the targeted beneficiaries were residents of Kwun Tong or residents of Kowloon East. Also, he enquired whether the park would be open for use by pets. Many residents of nearby housing estates, such as Laguna City, were dog owners and the big grass lawn in the park was very suitable for use by dogs. He enquired whether DSD would consider setting up an animal-friendly area in the park. He suggested DSD connect Kwun Tong Promenade and the park with the waterfront promenade by drawing reference from the practice of

Central and Western District Promenade, which fully connected the Sheung Wan Section and Sai Wan Section and connected with nearby waterfront open spaces. In that way, members of the public could choose to walk to the park from Kwun Tong Promenade even if no car park could be provided in the park.

5.12 Mr HUNG Chun-hin thanked DSD and relevant organisations for their efforts in designing the park. He opined that the cooperation of DSD and Playright Children's Play Association ("Playright") was a very good try and the design of the park was very attractive too. He pointed out that he had learnt from the previous meeting with DSD that the design of the park had drawn reference from Tuen Mun Park. He opined that it was LCSD's duty to manage parks. Therefore, LCSD should be granted with the power to manage the park concerned. He pointed out that the management and the repair and maintenance work of Tuen Mun Park had been conducted properly. He hoped that LCSD could also properly manage and provide repair and maintenance to the park concerned in the future.

5.13 Mr CHEUNG Man-fung understood that it would be difficult for LCSD to manage the park concerned under the restrictions of certain provisions or guidelines. As the designs of parks were different from those of the past, he suggested LCSD review relevant provisions or guidelines on managing parks so as to break its traditional image in managing parks. Also, he was concerned about the odour of sewage. He pointed out that the underground sewage balancing facility with a capacity of 16 000 cubic metres mentioned in the paper would be connected to Tsui Ping River and its exhaust would be facing Kwun Tong By-pass, worrying that the odour of sewage would be brought to Kwun Tong Promenade. He enquired how DSD could make the park odour-free and prevent the park and nearby areas from being affected by the odour. He suggested DSD pay attention to the ancillary transport facilities of the park and consider the suggestions raised by Members so as to enhance the accessibility to the park.

5.14 Mr MOK Kin-shing enquired whether the park was positioned as a community park or a tourist spot. He opined that although the park was beautifully designed, it lacked ancillary transport facilities. Therefore, the park might not be able to cope with the large number of members of the public travelling to the park. He hoped DSD could learn from the

experience of Jordan Valley Park so as to avoid causing serious traffic congestion. Also, he enquired about the completion date of the pathway starting from Kwun Tong Promenade to the park. He pointed out that the overall design of the park was appreciated by many Members. Nevertheless, he pointed out that DSD should consider how the future operation and ancillary facilities of the park could cater for public needs.

5.15 Mr TAM Siu-cheuk pointed out that Jordan Valley Park was one of the big parks in the district and was equipped with new play equipment, such as a big grass lawn and a radio-controlled model car circuit. He pointed out that the operation of Jordan Valley Park was remarkable under the management of LCSD. He hoped that Members could stop the prejudice against LCSD. He pointed out that that kind of parks might face a traffic congestion problem as traffic would become very congested during holidays. He opined that the design of the park was diversified and was mainly themed on parent-child relationships and disability inclusion. Therefore, he suggested DSD consider how people flows could be diverted and how traffic congestion could be alleviated. He also hoped that DSD could pay attention to minibus and bus routes passing by the park and see whether those routes were all accessible to persons with disabilities. He reiterated the importance of ancillary transport facilities. He said that if the park was not easily accessible, members of the public could not benefit from it no matter how good the design of the park was. He understood that DSD or LCSD might not be able to handle traffic problems. He suggested DSD reflect to TD Members' views on expanding roads or providing additional parking spaces. Also, he pointed out that he was confident about the modification works for public play spaces reported by LCSD at the last meeting. He hoped LCSD could advance with times, improve public play equipment in the district progressively and replace old play equipment with new play equipment. He also hoped that the facilities of the park concerned could be properly managed and maintained upon its completion as he worried that the parts of damaged facilities might take a long time to procure. Last but not least, he suggested DSD enhance its communication with LCSD to see whether LCSD had the ability to manage the proposed facilities of the park.

5.16 Mr LI Ka-tat pointed out that most parks under LCSD were designed by landscape architects and the park concerned was designed by play therapists. Therefore, the design concept of the park concerned might be

different from other parks. He pointed out that playing exciting play equipment was more acceptable to parents nowadays as times had changed. He noticed that there was a revolution in the designs of LCSD's parks and successful examples included Tuen Mun Park and Jordan Valley Park. Therefore, he believed LCSD could manage the park concerned properly. He pointed out that engaging non-profit-making organisations to manage the park concerned was not a long-term solution. Also, he appreciated the video prepared by DSD as it was very clear and was able to visualise the design concept of the park. He suggested LCSD draw reference from the video when reporting its designs of new parks to Members in the future. He was concerned about the odour of sewage and traffic problems of the park too. He hoped DSD could consider solutions actively. If DSD could not fully solve those problems eventually, he suggested constructing a car park near the exhaust of the sewage balancing facility so as to minimise the impact brought by the odour of sewage and alleviate traffic problems at the same time.

- 5.17 Ms Rosalynne LEUNG thanked DSD for inviting Playright to design the park. She said that Kwun Tong was an old district and most play equipment in the district was dilapidated and out-dated, failing to attract children to use them. She appreciated the design concept of the park, opining that the design was new and was able to take care of the needs of children with special needs and their carers. However, she expressed regret about TD's non-attendance at the present meeting. She said that she had reflected to TD the importance of traffic problems at their previous meetings. As there were only a few new parks in the district, she expected that the park concerned would attract many people upon its completion. Also, she pointed out that the project did not mention any new bus or minibus routes plying to and from the park. Members of the public might need to drive to the park by themselves. That might cause serious traffic congestion. She hoped TD could participate in the design of the ancillary transport facilities of the park as soon as possible. She used the public transport interchange near Grand Central as an example to point out that consulting Members at the later stage of a project was too late. She opined that ancillary transport facilities should be planned in advance before the completion of new facilities.

6. DSD responded to Members' enquiries as follows:
- 6.1 DSD had reserved spaces for the provision of a male washroom, a female washroom, a unisex washroom, an accessible washroom and a baby care room, based on the latest standards when designing the park. There would be eight compartments in the female washroom. As for the male washroom, there would be two compartments and three urinals.
- 6.2 The underground sewage balancing facility located at a depth of ten metres would have a capacity of 16 000 cubic metres and would adopt a sealed design. Sewage would first receive preliminary treatment at Kwun Tong Preliminary Treatment Works to filter out rubbish, sand and stones before being temporarily stored in the balancing tank. When the flow was low, treated sewage effluent would be discharged back to Kwun Tong Preliminary Treatment Works. The interior of the balancing tank would be cleaned with seawater after use. Normal balancing tanks had only one deodourisation facility. Nevertheless, as the park would be provided at the upper cover of the pumping station, there was a need to enhance odour removal work. Therefore, odour generated by the balancing tank would be filtered by three deodourisation facilities. The first deodourisation facility was a biotrickling filter, which could handle a quantity of odour effectively and remove 98% of odour. The second deodourisation facility was a tank of charcoal powder, which could remove 99.8% of odour. The third deodourisation facility was boxes containing charcoal powder in the two chimneys, which could remove the remaining odour. The exhaust of the two chimneys would be facing Victoria Harbour. It was expected that the third deodourisation facility could remove 99.9% of the odour.
- 6.3 DSD remarked that it had been maintaining close communication with LCSD so as to discuss with LCSD about the design in advance. DSD understood that the management mode of the park was closely related to the repair and maintenance of the facilities. Therefore, DSD had discussed with LCSD in advance about solutions in regard to the repair and maintenance of park facilities, including the procurement methods of materials, when conducting the feasibility study earlier. Learning from the experience of Tuen Mun Park, DSD would strive to estimate the rate of wear and tear of materials in advance and adopt materials of better quality. The materials of the boardwalk would adopt materials used in making the same kind of facilities overseas. Other facilities would be made of more

durable materials. DSD would procure parts that would easily wear out as stock in advance.

6.4 The operation mode of the park was still under discussion. For example, the Pop-up Plaza in the park might draw reference from the operation model of parks in Central and Western District and overseas. Under that operation model, organisations would be responsible for providing play equipment and facilities, thereby reducing the difficulties in operating the park. Also, there was an example in Singapore where volunteers were responsible for operating parks. DSD would thoroughly explore the feasibility of various solutions and look into the suggestion of managing the park by itself.

6.5 DSD understood Members' concern on the ancillary transport facilities and connectivity of the park. It pointed out that the footbridge connecting Kwun Tong Promenade and nearby areas had been included under the Revitalisation of Tsui Ping River and was scheduled to be completed in 2024. DSD had also reserved two locations in the park for the construction of slopes, staircases or lifts to connect with Kwun Tong Promenade. At the moment, only three sides of the crossroad at the junction of Wai Yip Street and Kwun Tong By-pass were equipped with pedestrian crossings. DSD would provide an additional pedestrian crossing there. The new pedestrian crossing was scheduled to be completed before the completion of the park. In addition, there was a car park within a walking distance of around ten minutes near the park, providing a number of parking spaces. DSD had been maintaining close communication with TD in regard to the plan. TD had also said that it would cater for the needs of the park and review nearby ancillary transport facilities. The detailed plan was subject to study. Also, members of the public could travel to the park by taking MTR and walk to the park after getting off at Kwun Tong or Lam Tin MTR Stations, or travel to Kwun Tong Promenade by taking minibuses or other public transportation and walk along the footbridge for about five minutes. It was expected the connectivity of the park would be significantly increased upon the completion of the footbridge. DSD had no plans for providing parking spaces for coaches in the park so far. Nevertheless, DSD would actively reflect to TD the suggestion of providing additional pick-up and drop-off points for coaches at nearby areas, such as the two sides of Wai Lok Street, in the future.

- 6.6 According to DSD's understanding, the sea view of the park would not be blocked by other buildings in front of the park.
- 6.7 Limited by the area of the park, the park was positioned as a community park targeting residents in Kwun Tong. DSD believed that the chance of attracting many people to gather in the park was low.
- 6.8 DSD had earmarked a billion as the capital of the park and the sewage pumping station. The detailed prices of materials to be used were not available at the moment.
- 6.9 DSD apologised for not being able to provide more relevant information to Members for their reference before the meeting. It had been improving the plan after listening to Members' views on the plan. If Members had other views or enquiries in regard to the plan after the meeting, they could feel free to contact DSD for follow-up actions.
7. Members raised other views and enquiries as follows:
- 7.1 In regard to the one billion fund earmarked, Ms WONG Ka-ying enquired about the portion for the park. Also, she enquired whether the park would be opened in phases upon the gradual completion of facilities or opened only after the completion of all the facilities.
- 7.2 Mr NGAN Man-yu enquired about the feasibility of outsourcing the management work of the park to non-profit-making organisations or other organisations and the reason why the park must be operated by LCSD. He believed non-profit-making organisations would do better than LCSD in terms of operating the park, managing the facilities in it and repairing those facilities.
- 7.3 Mr LEE Kwan-chak pointed out the main users of the park were children. He noticed that there would be a compartment for the use by parents and children inside a washroom. He enquired whether the washrooms would be equipped with other facilities focusing on children's needs. He mentioned that similar ideas had been taken into consideration when designing Tuen Mun Park. However, relevant facilities were not provided in Tuen Mun Park eventually as there were other washrooms available nearby.

7.4 Mr PANG Chi-sang pointed out that maintenance work conducted by LCSD often delayed for a long period. Simple repair works such as repairing a pump of a building had to take around eight months to complete. He opined that LCSD should solve the problems encountered when repairing facilities. He hoped LCSD could give an account on improvement solutions when reporting the modification works for public play spaces again in the future so as to ensure that facilities in the park would not be closed because of prolonged maintenance, wasting DSD's efforts in making such a good design.

8. DSD responded to other enquiries and views as follows:

8.1 Although the detailed information on the construction cost of the park was not available, Members could draw reference from the construction cost of Tuen Mun Park. The cost per square metre of Tuen Mun Park was over \$4,000. It was expected that the construction cost of the park concerned would be similar to that of Tuen Mun Park. DSD had planned to open the park upon the completion of all facilities. Nevertheless, DSD could also consider opening the park progressively based on the construction progress.

8.2 DSD had not considered outsourcing the management work of the park to non-profit-making organisations. Nevertheless, it would explore in detail the feasibility of that with its management after the meeting.

8.3 The washrooms in the park would be equipped with compartments specifically provided for children. However, the actual number of those compartments was yet to be confirmed. Also, there would be a number of handwashing facilities in the park for members of the public to wash their hands.

8.4 The newsletter of the works would be published once every three months. DSD would provide Home Affairs Enquiry Centres with copies of the newsletter for Members to pick up.

9. The Chairman was very concerned about the latest progress of the operation, facilities and nearby ancillary transport facilities of the park. He suggested DSD maintain close communication with the Kwun Tong District Council ("KTDC"). He would be happy to see DSD assign representatives to attend meetings again to give Members introductions on the

updates in regard to the project or works progress. He would also be glad to see DSD contact the Secretariat to provide more information for Members' reference.

10. Members noted the paper.

**III. Report on the Utilisation of Public Libraries of LCSD in Kwun Tong
(KTDC DFMC Paper No. 30/2020)**

11. The Senior Librarian (Kwun Tong) of LCSD presented the paper.

12. Members noted the paper.

**IV. Report on the Management of LCSD Facilities in Kwun Tong for August to September 2020
(KTDC DFMC Paper No. 31/2020)**

13. The Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Kwun Tong of LCSD (“DDLMD(S)KT/LCSD”) presented the paper.

14. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:

14.1 Mr FUNG Ka-lung thanked LCSD for accepting Members' views and conducting a questionnaire survey in regard to the arrangement of providing a public coaching area in Lam Tin Swimming Pool. However, he doubted the accuracy of the survey results. He pointed out that the attendance of Lam Tin Swimming Pool in July the previous year and September this year were 43 939 and 4 519 respectively. However, there were only around 300 valid samples of questionnaires. He opined that in general, there were fewer swimmers in the morning and more swimmers in the afternoon and at night. There were also more young swimmers in the afternoon and at night. Most questionnaires had been completed in the morning, showing that the data collected were inaccurate and could not represent that the provision of a public coaching area was accepted by the general public. Therefore, he had reservations about the provision of a public coaching area. If LCSD would like to launch the provision of a public coaching area on a trial basis based on the survey results, he suggested LCSD provide the public coaching area only in the morning.

He opined that it would be even better if LCSD could conduct a questionnaire survey in regard to the public coaching area again after the number of users of the swimming pool was back to normal.

14.2 Mr LUI Tung-hai did not oppose the conversion of Lei Yue Mun Waterfront Sitting-out Area to an inclusive park for pets. He pointed out that Lei Yue Mun Waterfront Sitting-out Area had been used by many dog owners and dogs. In fact, it was already an inclusive park for pets. He opined that the provision of additional dog excreta collection bins and handwashing facilities would make the sitting-out area a more comprehensive inclusive park for pets. However, he did not think that LCSD should actively promote the conversion of the sitting-out area to an inclusive park for pets, worrying that it might attract many tourists to bring their dogs to the park, thereby affecting nearby residents. He opined that LCSD could put up banners in the park to remind dog owners to take proper control of their dogs and keep the environment clean. Also, he pointed out that there were many bicycles parked in the park. He hoped LCSD could step up its management over those bicycles.

14.3 Mr IP Tsz-kit supported the Scheme of Inclusive Parks for Pets. However, he opined that only choosing two parks in the district as pilot areas was not enough. He hoped that there would be more inclusive parks for pets in the district. He pointed out that many residents in the district had pets. He estimated that residents not living in Lei Yue Mun or at Hiu Kwong Street would not travel to the two inclusive parks for pets under the scheme. Members of the public would only walk their dogs near where they lived as it was more convenient. He opined that the cost of the scheme was low. As a normal park could be converted to an inclusive park for pets by simply providing additional small facilities, such as dog excreta collection bins, he suggested LCSD consider implementing the scheme in other parks. He noticed that the Scheme of Inclusive Parks for Pets had gained public support in other districts. He hoped that LCSD could consider providing more inclusive parks for pets in the district so as to promote the integration of human beings and dogs and cater for the needs of dog owners. Also, he thanked LCSD for conducting a questionnaire survey in regard to the arrangement of providing a public coaching area in Lam Tin Swimming Pool after listening to Members' views. He had no comment on the content of the questionnaire survey. Nevertheless, he opined that the proportion of interviewees could be

further discussed. He opined that LCSD could first launch the provision of a public coaching area on a trial basis based on the survey results. He hoped LCSD could pay attention to the fact that members of the public did not support the trial provision of a public coaching area during hours with a high people flow. He also said that the swimming lanes occupied by the public coaching area should be minimised as far as possible. He suggested LCSD, under the premise of not affecting other swimmers, launch the trial provision for three months and report the results to Members after the completion of the trial provision.

- 14.4 Mr Kevin SO thanked LCSD for reporting the progress of the works at Hong Ning Road Park in the paper. He pointed out that the works had started for some time and the child play equipment in that park might be outdated. He noticed that LCSD had updated the design of the children's playground of the park. However, LCSD had not had a chance to give DFMC an account on relevant updates as DFMC's meetings had been delayed due to the epidemic. He pointed out that although the rough design of the park could be found on the Internet, information on the detailed design of the child play equipment of the park was not available on the Internet. He hoped that LCSD could provide relevant information after the meeting. Although the children's playground of the park would be completed in the first quarter of 2021, he still wished to put forth views on the design of the playground in a bid to improve the design as much as possible. He hoped that LCSD would listen to Members' views and keep abreast of the times when designing parks in the future.
- 14.5 Mr TAM Siu-cheuk expressed reservations over the decision of choosing Lei Yue Mun Waterfront Sitting-out Area as an inclusive park for pets as many coaches would pick up and drop off passengers around that sitting-out area. He worried that danger might be posed to tourists if there were too many people walking their dogs.
- 14.6 Mr LI Ka-tat supported the Scheme of Inclusive Parks for Pets and agreed with Mr IP Tsz-kit. He hoped that LCSD could provide more inclusive parks for pets in the district as many residents in the district had pets. Based on his own observation on Kwun Tong Swimming Pool, he pointed out that many swimming coaches would conduct activities outside the public coaching area. He agreed with Mr FUNG Ka-lung and opined that most swimmers who continued to use the swimming pool during the

epidemic were elderly people. Therefore, the survey results might be inaccurate. Although he did not oppose the trial provision of a public coaching area in Lam Tin Swimming Pool, he opined that the period of trial provision should not be too long. He suggested LCSD first launch the trial provision for three months and then conduct another questionnaire survey and trial provision in phases after the epidemic development had turned stable and the number of users of the swimming pool had resumed normal. He also suggested LCSD to conduct reviews after that.

14.7 Mr PANG Chi-sang supported the Scheme of Inclusive Parks for Pets. He enquired about the selection criteria for selecting a location as an inclusive park for pets. He opined that there were other larger parks with lower people flows, such as Sam Ka Tsuen Recreation Ground, near the selected locations. He opined that it would be better to convert those parks to inclusive parks for pets. In addition, he opined that the scheme would only provide a few additional facilities for parks. Therefore, he suggested implementing the scheme in nearby parks so as to expand the areas that could be used by dog owners and their dogs. Also, he enquired whether LCSD had evaluated the people flow in regard to the scheme concerned. He pointed out that there would be many tourists visiting areas around Lei Yue Mun Waterfront Sitting-out Area during peak travel seasons, which might hinder dog-owners and their dogs from using the park there.

15. LCSD responded to Members' enquiries as follows:

15.1 Before conducting the questionnaire survey in regard to the provision of a public coaching area at Lam Tin Swimming Pool, LCSD had consulted experts in the industry and reached a conclusion that setting the sample number at 300 was appropriate. The questionnaire survey had been conducted by a random sampling method, which was a scientific way. LCSD explained that the uneven number of interviewees from the three time slots (morning, afternoon and evening) reflected the differences among the actual numbers of swimmers of the above three time slots. The questionnaire survey had already been postponed due to the epidemic. The epidemic development was unpredictable too. LCSD opined that it could first launch the trial provision for three months and report to Members at meetings the results of the trial provision upon the completion of the trial provision.

- 15.2 Different from other pet-friendly facilities, such as pet gardens and means of access for pets, the original idea of inclusive parks for pets was to provide an inclusive environment for nearby residents and their dogs without making big amendments to parks. LCSD understood that Members' inspiration of having more inclusive parks for pets in the district. LCSD adopted an open attitude towards relevant suggestions. Many dog owners and their dogs had been using the two selected sites under the current scheme. Therefore, those two sites were suitable for implementing the scheme. LCSD welcomed Members' suggestions on other sites that were suitable for implementing the scheme and would actively consider including those sites suggested by Members in the scheme. It would conduct reviews after implementing the trial scheme.
- 15.3 The original aim of the Scheme of Inclusive Parks for Pets was to provide convenience to dog owners who often walked their dogs at the selected sites and cater for their daily needs. LCSD believed that dog owners from other areas would not be attracted to visit those selected sites.
- 15.4 LCSD remarked that EKEO was responsible for the works at Hong Ning Road Park and the works were scheduled to be completed in the first quarter of 2021. LCSD would reflect Members' views to EKEO for follow-up actions.
16. Members raised other views and enquiries as follows:
- 16.1 Mr PANG Chi-sang understood that LCSD had been facing certain difficulties in implementing the Trial Scheme of Inclusive Parks for Pets. He pointed out that six sites in other districts would implement the Trial Scheme of Inclusive Parks for Pets on a long-term basis. He pointed out that those parks were not smaller than Sam Ka Tsuen Recreation Ground and were even much larger than Lei Yue Mun Waterfront Sitting-out Area. He hoped that LCSD could explain why the sizes of the selected sites were so different. Also, he remarked that LCSD had already known that those selected sites were often used by dog owners and their dogs and there was no need to conduct trials. He opined that trials should be conducted in sites with fewer users to test the efficiency of the scheme.
- 16.2 Mr CHEUNG Man-fung supported the Scheme of Inclusive Parks for Pets, opining that the scheme could cater for public needs. He hoped LCSD

could pay attention to the cleanliness of parks and deploy officers to inspect those selected sites so as to see whether the scheme would pose any negative impact on nearby residents. Also, he agreed to the suggestion of expanding the scope of selected sites and suggested LCSD further consider the suggestion.

17. LCSD responded that the sizes of the six selected sites for the trial provision of inclusive parks for pets varied from over 500 square metres to over 90 000 square metres. The six selected sites for inclusive parks for pets mentioned in the paper were selected based on public views collected. At the moment, there were two pet gardens in Kwun Tong, namely the one around Kwun Tong Plaza and the other at the industrial area at Tai Yip Street, Kowloon Bay. LCSD hoped to choose venues that were relatively close to residential areas as selected sites under the premise of not causing nuisances to other residents. LCSD believed that upon the completion of nearby private housing estates, Lei Yue Mun Waterfront Sitting-out Area would be used by more dog owners. If the scheme was welcomed by members of the public, LCSD would consider opening more venues as inclusive parks for pets. LCSD also welcomed Members' exploring with LCSD the feasibility of converting other venues to inclusive parks for pets.

18. Members noted the paper and endorsed the suggestions in paras. 7, 9 and 12 in the paper.

V. **Report on the Utilisation of Community Halls/Community Centres in Kwun Tong**
(KTDC DFMC Paper No. 32/2020)

19. The Liaison Officer-in-charge (District Facilities) of the Kwun Tong District Office ("KTDO") ("LOi/c(DF)/KTDO") presented the paper.

20. Members noted the paper.

**VI. Progress Report on Recreational and Cultural Works in Kwun Tong (including Detailed Progress Report on Works of East Kowloon Cultural Centre)
(KTDC DFMC Paper No. 33/2020)**

21. The Senior Executive Officer (Planning)³¹ of LCS^D presented the paper and gave an account on the works progress. The Associate of Rocco Design Architects Limited gave a brief introduction on the works progress of the East Kowloon Cultural Centre.

22. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:

22.1 Mr FUNG Ka-lung enquired whether pathways would be provided at the ground floor of EKCC so that members of the public could conveniently travel between Kowloon Bay MTR Station and Amoy Gardens. Also, he enquired about the floor height of EKCC's ground floor. He opined that if the floor height was too low, it might give members of the public a sense of pressure.

22.2 Mr LEE Kwan-chak remarked that he had received complaints from residents of Kowloon Bay about the nuisances posed to nearby residents by construction workers of EKCC when they used loudspeakers and exercised around 7:00 a.m. every morning. He hoped LCS^D could follow up on that. Also, he enquired whether a footbridge connecting to Amoy Plaza would be provided at EKCC and if yes, about the works progress of the footbridge. Also, he remarked that a footpath starting from Kowloon Bay MTR Station to the spaces under the footbridge at Kai Cheung Road had to be closed because of the works of EKCC, making the remaining footpaths very crowded. He enquired when the footpath would be reopened.

22.3 Ms LI Wing-shan thanked LCS^D for giving a detailed report on the works progress of EKCC. She knew that the works project would be completed by the end of 2021 and relevant tests would be conducted before the commissioning of EKCC. She hoped that LCS^D could provide a detailed construction timetable for Members' reference. Also, she pointed out that according to the report made earlier, LCS^D had estimated that around 30% of EKCC's open spaces and greening spaces would be open for public use. She enquired whether there was any change in regard to the plan. In addition, she suggested LCS^D consider opening other spaces for public use.

23. ASD responded to Members' enquires as follows:

- 23.1 EKCC's main theatre was about three to four floors high and the lobby between the two theatres adopted a hollow design. The existing footbridge at Kowloon Bay MTR Station would be connected to the first floor of EKCC, enabling members of the public to travel between Kowloon Bay MTR Station and EKCC during the daytime opening hours of EKCC. Members of the public could take the stairs at the lobby on the first floor of EKCC to the ground floor and travel to Amoy Gardens. They could also take the long stairs on the first floor of the building at the north and walk to the former Ngau Tau Kok Road Flyover Rest Garden. In addition, the major facilities of EKCC were located on the first floor of EKCC. Facilities on the ground floor were mainly building facilities and backstage facilities. Those areas would not be open for public use.
- 23.2 Due to the epidemic, the works progress had been delayed. As the contractor would like to catch up with the works progress, workers of the contractor had to get ready for work at 7:00 a.m. Workers had to do warm-up exercise before starting to work in order to reduce the risk of suffering injuries. ASD would reflect to the contractor the problem of noise generated by workers when they exercised in the morning, hoping to minimise the nuisance posed to nearby residents.
- 23.3 ASD knew that HLP Asia Limited had considered providing a footbridge at Amoy Gardens to connect with EKCC. That footbridge was not included under the works project concerned. If needed, Members could ask HLP Asia Limited or Amoy Gardens about relevant arrangements.
- 23.4 Works were underway at the triangular park near EKCC. Therefore, some locations had to be closed. Relevant roads were being condoned off with water-filled barriers at the moment. ASD remarked that it would reopen relevant footpaths as soon as possible upon the completion of works. ASD could provide the completion dates of relevant works to Members after the meeting. ASD had planned to open a temporary access road for public use upon the completion of major facilities.
- 23.5 LCSO would give an account on the opening arrangements on venues later. Spaces of EKCC available for public use mainly included the plaza at the main entrance, the lobby on the first floor of the main theatre, the

staircase leading to Amoy Gardens, the staircase leading to the triangular park and the amphitheatre on top of the main theatre.

24. Members raised other views and enquiries as follows:

24.1 Ms LI Wing-shan knew that the footbridge connecting EKCC and Kowloon Bay MTR Station would be completed in 2022. She enquired about the accessibility arrangement before the completion of the footbridge. Also, she said that the part of the construction site near Kwun Tong Road had been suffering a flooding problem during rainy days. She suspected that drain blockages were caused by the soil dug up in the course of the works. She hoped ASD could prevent that from happening again in the future.

24.2 Mr LEE Kwan-chak remarked that the problem of water accumulation was also found on the closed footpath mentioned just then. He hoped ASD could follow up on that.

25. ASD responded to other enquiries and views as follows:

25.1 In regard to the flooding problem at Kwun Tong Road, ASD had the following corresponding measures: asking the contractor to deploy a special team to remove stagnant water during rainy days as soon as possible, stepping up temporary water drainage measures at the construction site, and asking the contractor to deploy officers to inspect the construction site during rainy nights and holidays so as to handle the flooding problem promptly. ASD had been maintaining communication with the Highways Department (“HyD”), hoping that HyD could, based on the situation, step up clearing blocked drains near the construction site so as to divert rainwater.

25.2 In regard to the water accumulated at the closed footpath, ASD remarked that, due to its geographic location, that location was vulnerable to water accumulation. ASD had deployed officers to remove accumulated water during rainy days.

26. LCSD responded that based on the current works progress, the venue was scheduled to be passed to LCSD in the first half of 2022. As there were five large-scale facilities for performance, rehearsal facilities, outdoor facilities, public open spaces and other ancillary

facilities in EKCC, the technical teams had to conduct inspections, testing and rectification work for every facility. LCSD expected that trial operation in regard to the facilities in EKCC, such as ways of receiving audiences, would be conducted in the first half of 2023. Therefore, LCSD expected that EKCC would be open to the public in the second half of 2023. After drawing reference from the opening hours of other performing art venues under LCSD, the opening hours of EKCC was temporarily set at 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and other leisure facilities on the ground floor would be open for public access 24 hours a day. LCSD would review the opening hours of venues based on the actual operation situation in the future.

27. The Chairman thanked relevant departments for giving a detailed report. He pointed out that Members and members of the public were highly concerned about the works project of EKCC. He hoped that departments could give DFMC an account on the works progress after the meeting. Also, he hoped ASD could provide means of contact of officers managing the construction site to Members of the concerned constituencies and maintain communication with Members, thereby handling unexpected incidents such as flooding promptly.

28. Members noted the paper and works progress.

**VII. New Proposals on District Minor Works in Kwun Tong for 2020/21
(KTDC DFMC Paper No. 34/2020)**

29. The Senior Executive Officer (District Management) of KTDO presented the paper.

30. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:

30.1 Mr TAM Siu-cheuk pointed out that before the meeting, he had not heard of proposed works related to the provision of two rain shelters at the two sides of Choi Hing Lane. He opined that the commitment of the works project concerned was big. As the epidemic condition had subsided, KTDO should first arrange DFMC to conduct on-site inspections so that Members of the concerned constituencies and relevant stakeholders could put forth views on works projects, thereby further improving the works.

30.2 Mr Chris CHAN thanked KTDO for arranging on-site inspections and solving the technical problems in regard to the provision of seats along Hong Ning Road and Kung Lok Road. He enquired how long it would take to complete the works upon DFMC's funding approval. He hoped

that the works could be completed as soon as possible. He had suggested providing seats next to the long staircase at Kung Lok Road. He understood that KTDO had to consult nearby residents before making decisions. He hoped KTDO could follow up on that as soon as possible. He also hoped that KTDO could follow up on the suggestion of enhancing the shading effect of the glass covers of those rain shelters as soon as possible.

30.3 Ms LAI Po-kwai thanked KTDO for arranging on-site inspections in regard to the provision of two rain shelters at the two sides of Choi Hing Lane suggested by her. She pointed out that residents of Choi Hing Court had reflected that although the construction of the housing estate had been completed for two years, there was still a lack of peripheral facilities. She opined that rain shelters were basic facilities and hoped that relevant facilities could be completed as soon as possible so that waiting passengers nearby could use the facilities. In addition, she had suggested providing two seats on the footpath at Choi Hing Road so that residents could take a rest on their way to Choi Hing Court.

31. KTDO responded to Members' enquiries as follows:

31.1 KTDO remarked that it had conducted inspections in regard to the works related to the provision of two rain shelters at the two sides of Choi Hing Lane with the proposers. KTDO opined that relevant locations were suitable for the construction of rain shelters. After taking Members' views into consideration, KTDO would later invite Members to join on-site inspections in regard to the works and put forth views on the works project.

31.2 In regard to the ten-odd newly-proposed works projects submitted by Mr Chris CHAN to KTDO, KTDO and Mr Chris CHAN had selected five of those works projects with higher feasibility to launch. After DFMC had approved the works funding, KTDO would start to draft layout plans for the works, consult relevant departments and invite tenders. In general, the process would take about two to three months to complete. KTDO would also consult relevant housing estates about their views on the proposed works related to the provision of seats next to the long staircase at Kung Lok Road and would further explore the feasibility of the proposed works.

32. The Chairman hoped KTDO could arrange relevant inspections as soon as possible so as to listen to views of various stakeholders. He also hoped that KTDO could commence relevant works projects as soon as possible.

[Post-meeting note: relevant inspections could not be conducted due to the fourth wave of the epidemic. The Secretariat would keep an eye on the epidemic development and arrange inspections as soon as possible.]

33. Members endorsed the paper.

VIII. Progress Report on District Minor Works
(KTDC DFMC Paper No. 35/2020)

34. The representatives of the Consultancy presented the paper.

35. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:

35.1 Mr NGAN Man-yu pointed out that the works related to the provision of lighting facilities along Jordan Valley Morning Walk Trail had been endorsed the previous year. However, the works would only be commenced in the fourth quarter of 2021, meaning that length of the preparation period of the works project concerned was two years. He enquired about the difficulties of the works encountered by HAD and the reasons for the delay in commencing the works.

35.2 Ms WONG Ka-ying pointed out that the footpath near the minibus stop of minibus route no. 76B at Kai Tin Road was narrow. She also pointed out that there were bus stops and works for community centres underway, worrying that excavation works would cause inconvenience to residents. She enquired whether the feasibility of the provision of rain shelters could be learnt from only reviewing layout plans and how long the excavation works would take.

35.3 Mr HSU Yau-wai pointed out the following three works projects were all projects that were found infeasible after conducting excavation works: the provision of two rain shelters near the minibus stops at the Choi Hung roundabout, the provision of rain shelters at the minibus stop of minibus route no. 89B near the lay-by at On Chui Street, and the provision of rain

shelters near the minibus stops outside Tin Wan House, Shun Tin Estate, Shun On Road. He enquired about the reasons for the big difference among the actual expenses of the three works projects mentioned.

35.4 The Chairman pointed out that the works related to the provision of lighting facilities along a section of the footpath starting from the Morning Trail of Chun Wah Road to the entrance of the Kwun Tong High Level Service Reservoir Garden was also a works project endorsed the previous year. According to HAD's progress report, the Consultancy was improving the design of the works project concerned at the moment. He enquired about the complicity and actual progress of the works. He opined that there were no obstruction within the scope of the works and the works should be quite simple. He enquired of HAD about the difficulties encountered in regard to the works and the reasons for the delay in commencing the works.

36. HAD responded to Members' enquiries as follows:

36.1 In regard to the works related to the minibus stop of minibus route no.76B at Kai Tin Road, although the feasibility of the works related to the provision of rain shelters could be roughly estimated by reviewing the layout plans, there was a need to conduct excavation works in order to gain an understanding of the actual situation of underground utilities and the actual feasibility of the works. Excavation works, which would take around two to three weeks to complete, were scheduled to commence by the end of this year. HAD would reserve a width of at least 1.1 metres for pedestrian use. HAD would also apply for temporary traffic arrangements from TD as and when necessary.

36.2 The biggest difficulty encountered in regard to the works at Jordan Valley Morning Walk Trail was the power supply arrangement for the system. The Consultancy was closely communicating with CLP Holdings Limited ("CLP") at the moment, hoping to reach a consensus on the power supply arrangement and invite tenders as soon as possible.

36.3 The Consultancy was improving the design of the works at the Morning Trail of Chun Wah Road at the moment. As some of the locations there were quite narrow, the Consultancy needed more time to confirm where the lampposts should be placed.

37. In regard to the differences among the expenses of the three shelved works projects related to the provision of rain shelters, KTDO responded that the works with higher expenses involved a greater area and therefore required extra excavation works. Therefore, the expenses incurred for that works project were higher. Also, the expenses of general works (including excavation works) might vary depending on the contract prices set by the successful bidder every year.

38. Mr NGAN Man-yu enquired about the work done by KTDO in the previous year in regard to the works projects related to the provision of lighting facilities at Jordan Valley Morning Walk Trail and the Morning Trail of Chun Wah Road. He opined that spending two years preparing for those minor works was unreasonable.

39. The Chairman expressed discontent over the progress of the works projects related to the provision of lighting facilities at Jordan Valley Morning Walk Trail and the Morning Trail of Chun Wah Road. He pointed out that the boundary problems involved by those two works projects had been settled in the previous term of KTDC. However, the works had been hindered by the difficulties in respect of the works details. KTDO had not given an account on the reasons for the delay, solutions or progress. He requested KTDO to provide more relevant information, such as CLP's preferences on the works project of Jordan Valley Morning Walk Trail for Members' reference before the next meeting. He also suggested KTDO meet with Members of the concerned constituencies to follow up on the works progress.

40. KTDO remarked that it would arrange on-site inspections before the next meeting so as to report to relevant Members about the latest progress and details of the two works related to the provision of additional lighting facilities.

[Post-meeting note: relevant on-site inspections could not be arranged at the moment due to the fourth wave of the epidemic. The Secretariat would keep a close eye on the epidemic development and arrange inspections as soon as possible.]

41. Members noted the paper.

IX. Production of Posters and Leaflets of Community Halls/Community Centres for 2020/21
(KTDC DFMC Paper No. 36/2020)

42. LOi/c(DF)/KTDO presented the paper.

43. Mr Kevin SO thanked KTDO for amending the publicity plan after listening to Members' views on the plan raised at the previous meeting. The amended plan was endorsed by Members at the first meeting of the Working Group on the Publicity and Management of Community Halls/Community Centres. He hoped that the plan could gain support from DFMC. In addition, members of the working group had opined at the meeting of the working group that matters related to the repair and management of community halls/community centres could be discussed at meetings of the working group so that members of the working group could provide KTDO with suggestions on maintenance based on their observations on the conditions of venues. He hoped that under the Chairman's leadership, the suggestions related to renaming the working group and expanding its terms of reference could be endorsed by Members.

44. Members endorsed the paper and the suggestions related to renaming the working group as "the Working Group on the Publicity and Management of Community Halls/Community Centres" and expanding its terms of reference to include the provision of views on publicity and management matters related to community halls/community centres.

[Post-meeting note: FAC Paper No. 21/2020 containing the publicity plan of community halls/community centre was endorsed by the Finance and Administration Committee on 24 November.]

X. DFMC Financial Statement for 2020/21
(KTDC DFMC Paper No. 37/2020)

45. The Secretary presented the paper.

46. Members endorsed the paper.

XI. Any Other Business

47. No other business was raised by Members.

XII. Date of Next Meeting

48. The next meeting was scheduled to be held on 14 January 2021 (Thursday).

49. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting were confirmed on 11 March 2021.

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