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**Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of
District Facilities and Works Committee,
the 7th Term Kwun Tong District Council**

Date: 7 May 2024 (Tuesday)

Time: 2:30 p.m. – 3:24 p.m.

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

Present

Mr OR Chong-shing Wilson, MH (Chairman)

Mr CHEUNG Pui-kong (Vice-chairman)

Mr YU Siu-lun

Mr YU Man, MH

Mr YU Ka-ming

Mr NG Ting-fung

Mr LUI Tung-hai, MH

Ms LEE Shuk-woon, Sophia

Mr LEE Ka-hang

Mr FONG Yat-kwan

Mr LAM Wai

Ms KAM Kin

Mr MA Yat-chiu, MH

Mr CHEUNG Yiu-pan

Mr CHEUNG Ki-tang, MH

Ms LEUNG Sze-wan

Mr HSU Yau-wai

Mr CHAN Yiu-hung, Jimmy, MH

Mr TSANG Wing-fai

Ms CHING Hoi-yan

Mr WONG Chun-ping, MH, JP

Mr WONG Kai-san

Ms YU Juliana

Ms ZHAN Baoyu

Mr AU YEUNG Kwan-nok

Mr CHENG Keung-fung

Mr KAN Ming-tung, MH

Mr TAM Siu-cheuk

Mr KWAN Kin-wing

Mr PANG Chi-sang

In Attendance

Mr LAM Fuk-leong, Jack

Assistant District Officer (Kwun Tong)2,
Kwun Tong District Office

Mr CHOW Lap-kan, Douglas

Senior Executive Officer (District Council),
Kwun Tong District Office

Ms IP Yuk-mei, Eunice

Senior Liaison Officer (4),
Kwun Tong District Office

Ms CHAN Pun-ho, Sandy	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 LI Kin, Brayden	Executive Officer I (District Management), Kwun Tong District Office
Mr LUI Chi-chung	District Leisure Manager (Kwun Tong), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms SIU Sau-king, Michelle	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
Mr YEUNG Sau-man, Simon	Senior Executive Officer (Planning)31, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr YIP Wai-choi, James	Senior Engineer/6 (East), Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr LEUNG Wai-lam, William	Engineer/Kowloon (Distribution 4), Water Supplies Department
Miss LIU Siting	Engineer/Kowloon 5, Drainage Services Department
Mr YIP Yuk-tsang, Steven	District Engineer/Kwun Tong, Highways Department

In Attendance by Invitation

Ms CHING Ka-wai	Senior Project Manager 323, Architectural Services Department	Item V
Ms CHAN Lok-yin	Project Manager 355, Architectural Services Department	
Ms YIP Shuk-han, Hannah	Senior Manager (East Kowloon Cultural Centre)3, Leisure and Cultural Services Department	
Mr WONG Kin-kwok, Thomas	Manager (East Kowloon Cultural Centre)1, Leisure and Cultural Services Department	
Mr Herbert HUNG	Director, Rocco Design Architects Limited	

Secretary

Miss FUNG Siu-man, Alina

Executive Officer (District Council)5,
Kwun Tong District Office

Absent

Ms FENG Yunsi

Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all Members of the District Facilities and Works Committee (“DFWC”) and government representatives to the 3rd meeting of DFWC under the 7th Term Kwun Tong District Council (“KTDC”).

2. The Chairman said that the Secretariat had received a notice of absence from Ms FENG Yunsi before the meeting. DFWC consented to the above application for absence due to its compliance with Order 64 (1) of the Kwun Tong District Council Standing Orders.

I. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

3. Members had no further comments and the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

II. Report on the Utilisation of Public Libraries of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) in Kwun Tong District (KTDC DFWC Paper No. 10/2024)

4. The representative of LCSD presented the paper.

5. Members enquired LCSD about the usage of e-books.

6. LCSD responded that with the popularisation of technology and changes in the public’s living habits, the usage of e-books had increased compared to pre-epidemic levels. The department currently offered a variety of electronic resources, including electronic magazines and electronic databases containing various academic articles, as well as over 500 000 e-books and audiobooks. LCSD hoped that the usage of e-books would continue to grow in future.

7. Members noted the paper.

III. Report on the Management of LCSD Facilities in Kwun Tong District for February to March 2024
(KTDC DFWC Paper No. 11/2024)

8. The representative of LCSD presented the paper.

9. Members said that residents had relayed that there were more mosquitoes in Hong Ning Road Park near the disciplined services quarters, as well as stagnant water and branch piles near the jogging track (close to the tennis court). They hoped that the relevant departments would strengthen cleanup efforts. Additionally, Members hoped that the relevant departments would repair the solar lamp post near the park's gateball court as soon as possible.

10. Members noted the paper.

IV. Report on the Utilisation of Community Halls/Community Centres in Kwun Tong District
(KTDC DFWC Paper No. 12/2024)

11. The representative of the Kwun Tong District Office ("KTDO") presented the paper.

12. Members raised views and enquires as follows:

12.1 Members suggested that KTDO improve the design of the venue rental application form to allow organisations to place a checkmark whether their registered addresses were located in Kwun Tong.

12.2 Members suggested that KTDO install electronic screens in community halls/centres in Kwun Tong District.

12.3 Members enquired whether KTDO had any plans to develop a mobile application for venue rental; if so, how long it would take.

12.4 Members hoped that KTDO would expedite the replacement of the projector lift in Yau

Tong Community Hall.

12.5 Members pointed out that some non-governmental organisations (“NGOs”) had recently suspended tutoring or homework guidance services due to a lack of venues. Therefore, they suggested that KTDO arrange for relevant organisations to use the conference rooms in community halls/centres to provide the above services.

13. The representative of KTDO responded to Members’ views and enquiries as follows:

13.1 KTDO indicated that organisations applying to rent venues must provide their addresses on the application forms and ensure the accuracy of the information. If it was found that the applicant organisation was not from within the district, KTDO would immediately cancel the application.

13.2 KTDO would study the feasibility of installing electronic screens at the venues.

13.3 KTDO stated that it currently accepted venue rental applications from organisations via email, and would issue approval letters by email. Approved applicants could use the venue with the electronic version of the approval letter. KTDO had not yet provided a mobile application for venue rental.

13.4 KTDO anticipated that the Home Affairs Department (“HAD”) would disburse funding for the replacement of the projector lift in mid-May. KTDO would then commence the relevant project.

(Post-meeting note: HAD completed the vetting and funding disbursement procedures in mid-May 2024. The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department also subsequently arranged with the contractor to commence the project, such as the production of the lift. Based on past experience, the production and delivery of the lift would take three to four months, so the above project was expected to start as early as August.)

13.5 KTDO noted Members’ suggestion to arrange for organisations in need to rent the conference rooms.

14. The Chairman hoped that KTDO would further explore the feasibility of installing electronic screens at the venues and digitalising the venue rental procedures.

**V. Progress Report on Recreational and Cultural Works in Kwun Tong District
(KTDC DFWC Paper No. 13/2024)**

15. The Chairman welcomed the representatives of LCSD, the Architectural Services Department (“ArchSD”) and the consultant to attend the meeting.

16. The representatives of LCSD, ArchSD and the consultant presented the paper and project progress.

17. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:

17.1 Members hoped that LCSD would inform KTDC about the arrangements before successively opening the facilities at the East Kowloon Cultural Centre (“EKCC”) in the second half of the year.

17.2 Members suggested that LCSD consider allowing schools or various organisations in the district to apply for renting the venues at EKCC and enquired whether the public could stage street performances in outdoor spaces.

17.3 Members enquired about the future planning direction for Sai Tso Wan Park.

17.4 Members wished to learn about the long-term development plan for Phase II of Lam Tin Park (i.e. Ma Yau Tong Central Landfill) and the progress of related short-term infrastructure improvement works. Members also enquired about the channels to propose developing recreational and sports facilities at the site to the relevant departments.

18. The representative of LCSD responded to Members’ views and enquiries as follows:

18.1 EKCC: LCSD would inform KTDC after finalising the schedule for the next phase of opening and would announce the venue rental arrangements later. Additionally, the department stated that the venue would be managed according to the Civic Centres Regulation.

18.2 Sai Tso Wan Park: Relevant departments had been actively conducting technical studies on the development plan for the site. The Government would formulate feasible design proposals for the site based on the recommendations from the preliminary landfill gas hazard assessment report, including the construction of a

public car park and recreational facilities in accordance with the “single site, multiple use” principle.

- 18.3 Phase II of Lam Tin Park: LCSD pointed out that many NGOs had enquired with the Environmental Protection Department (“EPD”) about the feasibility of developing recreational and sports facilities on the site. However, most organisations were deterred by the need to self-fund the design and construction of infrastructure and improvement works before site development due to the lack of infrastructure on the site. EPD had commenced some short-term infrastructure improvement works, hoping to attract more organisations or groups to propose development plans upon the completion of such works. If any organisation or group was interested in developing the site or had any enquiries about site development, LCSD would gladly refer them to EPD for follow-up.

(Post-meeting note: Regarding Members’ views on the Ma Yau Tong Central Landfill, LCSD had referred them to EPD for follow-up on 9 May 2024.)

19. Members noted the paper.

VI. Overview of Projects under the District Minor Works Programme of Kwun Tong District Office
(KTDC DFWC Paper No. 14/2024)

20. The Chairman invited Members to refer to the paper.

21. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:

21.1 Members enquired whether KTDO would concurrently carry out the walkway cover installation project (“cover project”) on On Sau Road connecting On Tat Estate and On Tai Estate and the project for the conversion of the existing cautionary crossings on On Sau Road near Maryknoll Secondary School into a pedestrian crossing with traffic lights (“crossing project”).

21.2 Members enquired whether the new school premises construction project of Carmel Leung Sing Tak School could provide power supply for the cover project.

21.3 Members stated that they had earlier suggested retaining the existing width of the

walkway for the cover project, and enquired whether KTDO had accepted this suggestion.

22. The representative of KTDO responded to Members' views and enquiries as follows:

22.1 KTDO would respond later regarding the details of the crossing project.

(Post-meeting note: The crossing project fell under the purview of the Transport Department ("TD") and the Highways Department ("HyD"). The concerned departments indicated that the project was expected to be completed in the third quarter of 2024 and therefore would not be carried out concurrently with the cover project.)

22.2 Due to the constraints on the annual project budget, KTDO anticipated that the cover project would commence after the completion of the inclined lift installation project ("inclined lift project") at Chun Wah Road and Lok Wah North Estate. It was believed that by then, the new school premises would have been completed, so the school premises construction project would not be able to provide power supply for the cover project.

22.3 KTDO stated that the detailed design of the cover project would be carried out in advance along with the inclined lift project, subject to resource availability. KTDO would report to Members on the project design and progress in due course.

23. Members raised follow-up views and enquiries as follows:

23.1 Members requested that KTDO clarify the commencement date of the cover project.

23.2 Members anticipated that the construction period for the inclined lift project would last five to six years. If the cover project was to commence only after the completion of the entire inclined lift project, Members suggested that KTDO conduct local consultation again in a few years.

23.3 Members enquired about the reason for choosing the site near the slope for the cover project instead of the road near the school.

23.4 Members enquired about the construction period and cost of the inclined lift project.

23.5 Members suggested that the completion dates of the inclined lift project and the

adjacent pedestrian footbridge should be aligned to facilitate public access to Chun Wah Road.

23.6 Members hoped that KTDO would brief Members again on the two key minor works mentioned in the paper.

24. The representative of KTDO responded to Members' views and enquires as follows:

24.1 The inclined lift project was expected to commence next year. Due to the constraints on the annual project budget, KTDO would commence the cover project after the completion of the inclined lift project. However, the advance works for the construction of the walkway cover (such as the detailed design) would be carried out concurrently with the inclined lift project, subject to resource availability. KTDO stated that the costs for both projects each exceeded \$40 million.

24.2 Regarding the site selection for the cover project, KTDO stated that since the lift connecting to Sau Mau Ping was close to the slope and many buildings near the road by the school had covers, it was deemed more suitable to install a cover next to the slope.

24.3 KTDO pointed out that the pedestrian footbridge referred to by Members was to be built by HyD. KTDO had reached a consensus with HyD, aiming to complete the footbridge and the inclined lift project concurrently as far as practicable to provide barrier-free access for the public.

24.4 KTDO indicated that it would gladly arrange a site inspection and brief Members on the above two key minor works.

25. Members noted the paper.

VII. Any Other Business

26. Members raised no other discussion items.

VIII. Date of Next Meeting

27. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 2:30 p.m. on 9 July 2024 (Tuesday)

28. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting were confirmed on 9 July 2024.

Kwun Tong District Council Secretariat

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