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**Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the  
Planning and District Facilities Management Committee (2018) of  
Kwai Tsing District Council**

Date : 17 April 2018

Time: 2:37 p.m. – 4:16 p.m.

Venue: K&T DO Conference Room

<b><u>Attendee</u></b>	<b><u>Time of Arrival</u></b> <b><u>(p.m.)</u></b>	<b><u>Time of Departure</u></b> <b><u>(p.m.)</u></b>
Ms TAM Wai-chun, MH (Chairman)	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Miss CHU Lai-ling (Vice-chairman)	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr CHAN Siu-man, Simon	2:54	4:05
Ms CHEUNG Wai-ching, Clarice	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr CHOW Wai-hung, Rayman	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr HUI Kei-cheung	Start of Meeting	3:45
Mr LAM Siu-fai	Start of Meeting	3:43
Ms LAU Mei-lo	Start of Meeting	3:09
Mr LAW King-shing, BBS, MH	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr LEE Chi-keung, Alan, MH	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr LEUNG Chi-shing	2:50	End of Meeting
Mr LEUNG Kam-wai	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr LEUNG Wai-man, MH	2:38	3:51
Mr LI Sai-lung	2:41	3:57
Miss LO Yuen-ting	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr NG Kim-sing	2:35	2:51
Mr PAU Ming-hong	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr POON Chi-shing, MH	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr TANG Shui-wah, MH	2:36	End of Meeting
Mr TSUI Hiu-kit	2:40	End of Meeting
Mr WONG Bing-kuen	3:44	End of Meeting
Mr WONG Yiu-chung, MH	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr WONG Yun-tat	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting

### **In Attendance**

Mr LAM Shing-fung, Billy	Assistant Secretary (Communications & Creative Industries)A1, Commerce and Economic Development Bureau
Miss HUI Ching-chi, Elaine	Assistant Director (Market and Competition), The Office of the Communications Authority
Mr LO Tsz-him, Andrew	Senior Regulatory Affairs Manager (Market and Competition 13), The Office of the Communications Authority
Ms PANG Carol	Head of Operations, CMA Exhibition Services Limited
Ms LAU Alice	Senior Manager of Operations, CMA Exhibition Services Limited
Ms SIT Nicole	Executive Officer of Operations, CMA Exhibition Services Limited
Ms SO Belle	Executive Officer of Operations, CMA Exhibition Services Limited
Ms HO Sau Fan, Fanny	Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories West), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms CHAN Pik-hing, Connie	District Leisure Manger (Kwai Tsing), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr LEE Wai-man, Jimmy	Senior Librarian (Kwai Tsing), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms YUEN Chi-ling, Margaret	Manager (NTS) Marketing & District Activities, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Miss YIM Yik-huen, Bonnie	Assistant District Officer (Kwai Tsing), Kwai Tsing District Office
Mr WU Chi-yin, Victor	Senior Inspector of Works (Kwai Tsing), Kwai Tsing District Office
Ms WONG Lai-kuen, Jenny	Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Kwai Tsing District Office
Mr TAM Kin-fai, Simon	Liaison Officer i/c Kwai Chung (C&S), Kwai Tsing District Office
Ms LEUNG Pui-shan, Emily	Liaison Officer (General 3), Kwai Tsing District Office
Miss FUNG Yui, Nicky	Executive Officer (District Council) 2, Kwai Tsing District Office
Miss YEUNG Hoi-yu, Cadence (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council) 5, Kwai Tsing District Office

### **Absent with Apologies**

Mr CHOW Yick-hay, BBS, JP	(With prior notice)
Ms KWOK Fu-yung	(With prior notice)
Ms LAM Chui-ling, Nancy, MH	(With prior notice)
Mr LEUNG Tsz-wing, Dennis	(With prior notice)
Mr NG Ka-chiu	(With prior notice)

### **Opening Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed Members and representatives of government departments to the 2nd meeting of the Planning and District Facilities Management Committee (the Committee) (2018) of Kwai Tsing District Council (K&T DC).

2. The Committee unanimously endorsed the application for absence by Mr CHOW Yick-hay, Ms KWOK Fu-yung, Ms LAM Chui-ling, Nancy, Mr LEUNG Tsz-wing, Dennis and Mr NG Ka-chiu.

3. Ms LAM Chui-ling, Nancy and Mr LEUNG Tsz-wing, Dennis authorised Mr LEE Chi-keung, Alan and Ms LAU Mei-lo respectively to vote on their behalf at the meeting.

### **Confirmation of Minutes of the 1st Meeting (2018) held on 20 February 2018**

4. Mr CHOW Wai-hung, Rayman moved a motion to confirm the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr POON Chi-shing and the Committee endorsed the said minutes unanimously.

### **Consultation Paper**

#### **Subsidy Scheme to Extend Optical Fibre Networks to Villages in Remote Areas in the New Territories and Outlying Islands**

(Proposed by the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau and the Office of the Communications Authority)

(PDFMC Paper No. 11/D/2018)

5. Mr LO Tsz-him, Andrew, Senior Regulatory Affairs Manager (Market and Competition 13) of the Office of the Communications Authority (OFCA), introduced the paper.

6. Ms CHEUNG Wai-ching, Clarice supported the above scheme and put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) At present, optical fibre broadband services in rural areas were mainly undertaken by Top Express Infrastructure (Village) Limited (Top Express) and HKC Network Limited. She enquired whether these two companies had been approved as fixed network operators (FNOs).

- (ii) Some villagers reflected to her that they had queries about Top Express and were not sure whether they had to choose Top Express in order to use optical fibre broadband services.
- (iii) She suggested OFCA should specify on the tendering document requesting the successful bidder to disclose the details of service prices of offering broadband services in rural areas, transmission speeds, etc.

7. Mr TANG Shui-wah supported the above scheme and put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) Most of the villages in Tsing Yi had already been provided with optical fibre network. Ms CHEUNG Wai-ching, Clarice had assisted in sending letters to different FNOs over the years, asking them to install optical fibre network to rural areas, but the FNOs mostly rejected using cost-effectiveness as the reason. Therefore, the Rural Committee cooperated with Top Express, which would carry out road excavation works in rural areas. However, villagers could still use the broadband services provided by other FNOs.
- (ii) At present, since some FNOs were not willing to install optical fibre cables in the underground pipelines of the existing FNOs, the concerned companies often led overhead optical fibre cables into houses, affecting the appearance and making the villagers not willing to use the optical fibre broadband services provided by those FNOs.

8. Mr WONG Yiu-chung supported the above scheme and put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) There were many squatter structures or smaller villages in Kwai Tsing District, such as Cheung Hang Village, where many villagers lived. He hoped OFCA could include these villages into the scope of the scheme.
- (ii) He suggested OFCA should specify the requirements on the tendering document to enforce the FNOs which were awarded with the tender on installing optical fibre networks in the villages so as to avoid overcharging of setting up costs by the FNOs, which would make villagers not able to use optical fibre broadband services.

- (iii) The main reason why Kau Wah Keng Village did not have optical fibre network access was mainly due to private land disputes there. He hoped the relevant departments could help mediating the issue.

9. Mr POON Chi-shing suggested that OFCA include squatter structures in Kwai Tsing District, such as Liu To Village, into the scope of the scheme.

10. Mr HUI Kei-cheung supported the above scheme and put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) While carrying out the installation works, nuisances to residents in the villages should be avoided as much as possible.
- (ii) He hoped OFCA would consider the health of the public and regulate the number of radio base stations (RBS) on the rooftops of urban buildings.

11. Mr LAM Siu-fai supported the above scheme. He opined that at present, many rural villages and hiking trails were located in the “mobile phone blind spots”. He suggested OFCA should improve the mobile network coverage in rural areas while implementing the above scheme.

12. Mr WONG Yun-tat supported the above scheme and put forth enquiries and opinions as follows:

- (i) Whether the project cost for installing the optical fibre networks of the above scheme was fully subsidised by the government.
- (ii) Whether the relevant departments would set a ceiling for the charges by the FNOs for offering broadband services in rural areas on the tendering document.
- (iii) Whether the relevant departments would consider subsidising the cost of installing the optical fibre networks inside villages to mitigate the economic burden of the villagers.
- (iv) The members of the public worried about the large number of RBS on the rooftops of buildings. He hoped OFCA would regulate the number of RBS on the rooftops of urban buildings.

13. Mr LEUNG Kam-wai supported the above scheme. He suggested OFCA should regulate the charges for offering broadband services in relevant villages by the FNOs which were awarded with the tender. In addition, he pointed out that some old buildings in urban areas did not have access to optical fibre networks. Although he understood that the reason behind was different from that in remote rural areas, he suggested that concerned departments should formulate schemes to assist these old buildings in installing optical fibre networks.

14. Miss CHU Lai-ling supported the above scheme and put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) The areas covered by the above scheme were not sufficient. For example, there was no optical fibre network access at the low-density private residences along Chung Shan Terrace near Kau Wah Keng Village, Cheung Hang Village and Liu To Village. She suggested OFCA should include these locations into the scheme.
- (ii) The footpaths of Kau Wah Keng Village were narrow and the Kwai Tsing District Office (K&T DO) was also planning to install sewers there. She suggested OFCA should fully consult the villagers so that the relevant works could be carried out smoothly.

15. Miss HUI Ching Chi, Elaine, Assistant Director (Market & Competition) of OFCA gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) The above scheme would subsidise the FNOs which were awarded with tender to install optical fibre connection lines to entrances of the villages concerned. Relevant works would usually be carried out on unleased government lands. After getting works permits of relevant departments, FNOs could start the works. Installing telecommunications networks inside villages often involved private lands and properties of particular villagers. Consents from relevant owners of land titles had to be obtained before carrying out relevant works in the villages. After connecting the optical fibre to the entrances of the villages concerned, the broadband speed could be increased at least from 10Mbps at present to 25Mbps. If the FNOs obtained the consent of the villagers to install optical fibre network inside the villages, the speed of broadband services could be increased to 500Mbps or even 1000Mbps.

- (ii) The government's telecommunications policies had always encouraged competition. The FNOs which won the tender must open up at least half of the capacity of the optical fibre network facilities subsidised by the government to other FNOs for free use. Other FNOs could follow the FNOs which were awarded with the tender to provide broadband services in relevant villages, so that villagers could have more choices.
- (iii) OFCA would set an upper limit of subsidies for each item. If the amount of subsidies requested FNOs was less, they would get a higher score in price. Therefore, the costs of works for installing optical fibre connection lines depended on the tenders submitted by FNOs.
- (iv) The selection of FNOs of the subsidy scheme was not only base on the principle of accepting the lowest offer. OFCA hoped the members of the public could be benefited after the FNOs installed the optical fibre connection lines. Therefore, when selecting FNOs, other than the amount of subsidies requested by the FNOs on particular items, other factors would also be considered. For example, whether the FNOs would promise to provide higher speed broadband services at approximate market prices in a certain period of time and etc. The FNOS which scored the highest in general would be awarded with the tender. OFCA hoped the members of the public could enjoy high-speed broadband services at competitive prices.
- (v) Companies providing telecommunications services in Hong Kong were required to obtain relevant licences. At present, there were about 13 licensed FNOs which were approved by Lands Department to install telecommunications infrastructures on government lands. These FNOs could hire engineering companies to assist in road excavation works. If the road excavation works of FNOs had any breach of the licensing regulations, OFCA would take corresponding actions.
- (vi) The subsidy scheme could upgrade the optical fibre network in rural areas as a whole. In addition to benefitting the villages mentioned in the scheme, the newly installed optical fibre network could improve the broadband services in other villages along the road. Mobile network operators (MNOs) could also make use of these optical fibre infrastructures to enhance the coverage of mobile network in rural areas as a whole.

- (vii) The situation of urban old buildings not having access to optical fibre networks was different from that in rural areas. Most of these buildings were quite close to the main route of optical fibre network of the existing FNOs. It was relatively easier to install optical fibre connection lines to these buildings. As long as the owners/ owners' corporations/ property management companies reached commercial agreement to allow FNOs to install optical fibre network infrastructures in the building, residents in the buildings could use high-speed broadband services. OFCA had designated staff to explain the benefits of optical fibre access to households with different owners' corporations, and OFCA would be happy to coordinate if needed. In addition, since there was a more desirable mobile network coverage in the urban buildings, the members of the public could choose mobile data services to substitute fixed broadband services. Since the cost of installing network to remote rural areas was higher, there was not enough economic incentive for the FNOs to extend the existing network to relevant areas. Therefore, the government suggested carrying out the subsidy scheme.
- (viii) At present, the radiation level of RBS set by the Communications Authority (CA) had met the international radiation safety standard and was adopted after consulting the Department of Health. In vetting the applications, apart from examining the radiation level of individual RBS, the CA would also take into account the total radiation level of all RBS installed at the same location to ensure that the total radiation level complied with the standard before granting approval for these applications. If the members of the public had doubts about the radiation of RBS, OFCA would deploy its staff to conduct site inspection and measurement of radiation level. In recent years, OFCA had conducted site inspections and measurements of radiation level upon the requests by the members of the public. All cases did not have an excessive radiation level.

16. Ms CHEUNG Wai-ching, Clarice pointed out that since the installing of optical fibre networks in rural areas had to obtain the approval of relevant owners of land titles first, if relevant owners of land titles only accepted certain FNOs to install optical fibre in their villages and refused other FNOs, it might lead to a monopoly by certain FNOs. She hoped OFCA would monitor the above situation. In addition, her office was located in Chung Mei Lo Uk Tsuen, where she was not able to use optical fibre broadband services.



She hoped OFCA would set out on the tendering document that the FNOs which were awarded with the tender must connect optical fibre network to the business users in relevant villages.

17. Mr TANG Shui-wah opined that Top Express was only responsible for road excavation and was not able to provide broadband services. FNOs could rent their telecommunications network infrastructures in order to provide broadband services. He pointed out that the office of Ms CHEUNG Wai-ching, Clarice did not have access to optical fibre broadband service because Chung Mei Lo Uk Tsuen opposed Top Express to install optical fibre network inside the village. While in other villages, when Top Express started planning to install optical fibre network, PCCW Limited (PCCW) then started to install optical fibre network to relevant villages so that the villagers in those villages had more choices of broadband services. He also asked if other FNOs could use the installed telecommunications infrastructures to provide services.

18. Ms CHEUNG Wai-ching, Clarice supplemented that it was not Top Express but Cable TV Hong Kong that first installed optical fibre network at Chung Mei Lo Uk Tsuen. PCCW then began installing optical fibre networks to the village. Her office did not have access to optical fibre broadband services because the price difference between residential and commercial broadband service provided by PCCW was very large, not simply because the village refused Top Express to install optical fibre network in the village.

19. Mr HUI Kei-cheung opined that residents living near the RBS were worried and he suggested OFCA set an upper limit on the number of RBS on the rooftops of urban buildings. He also suggested OFCA should visit and consult the housing estates to review the current situation and make improvements.

20. Mr WONG Yun-tat put forth enquiries and opinions as follows:

- (i) He suggested the tendering document of the above scheme should include regulating the FNOs which were awarded with the tender to set an upper price limit for providing broadband services.
- (ii) If the villages only accepted certain FNOs to install optical fibre network in the villages, how OFCA would monitor the above situation.
- (iii) What was the maximum capacity of the newly installed optical fibre network and how was it calculated.

- (iv) Whether the above scheme could cope with the demand of high-speed broadband services under the rapid development of the villages.

21. Miss CHU Lai-ling opined that some of lands in Cheung Hang Village belonged to the ancestral lands of Kau Wah Keng Village. She enquired in which parts of Cheung Hang Village optical fibre would be installed in the above scheme. She hoped OFCA could provide more detailed maps to indicate the areas covered by the scheme.

22. Mr WONG Yiu-chung enquired about the budget for the above scheme. He suggested OFCA should subsidise all qualified FNOs install optical fibre network to relevant villages to encourage competition so that residents living in rural areas would have more choices.

23. Mr LEE Chi-keung, Alan supported the above scheme and opined that the focus of the discussion should be whether the Committee supported the above scheme. He opined that the introduction of new technologies into the community was bound to be good and the future development of technology was difficult to predict. The government was planning to subsidise the expansion of optical fibre networks to villages in remote areas at present. The Committee should support this. He also opined that the government should not use public money to subsidise the installation of optical fibre network on private lands.

24. Miss HUI Ching Chi, Elaine noted the opinions of Members and gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) It was hard to discuss the enquiry made by Mr TANG Shui-wah in general that whether other FNOs could use the installed telecommunications infrastructures inside houses. It depended on the actual situations (such as the land titles of the infrastructures). To conclude, if the FNOs wished to use the existing telecommunications infrastructures of other FNOs, they should discuss with the concerned FNOs and obtain their consent.
- (ii) The budget for the above scheme was about HK\$700 million. After consulting relevant stakeholders, OFCA would apply to the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council for funding.
- (iii) When designing the capacity standards and requirements for new optical

fibre networks, OFCA would consider not only the number of households in the villages but also the required telecommunications infrastructures of rural development in the future, in order to make sure that there would be enough network capacity.

25. The Committee unanimously endorsed supporting the above scheme.

### **Discussion Papers**

#### **The 7th Hong Kong Food Carnival**

(Proposed by the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong)

(PDFMC Paper No. 12/D/2018)

26. Ms PANG Carol, Head of Operations of CMA Exhibition Services Limited introduced the paper.

27. Mr WONG Yiu-chung opined that the activity held last year was very popular among young people. He also enquired whether the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) had received any complaints and the related details during the activity last year.

28. Ms CHAN Pik-hing, Connie responded that the LCSD received a complaint about noise during the activity last year. The organiser had taken remedial action immediately after receiving the complaint.

29. The Committee unanimously endorsed supporting the above activity.

### **Report Items**

#### **Reports of Working Groups**

(i) Works and Development Working Group

(PDFMC Paper No. 13/R/2018)

30. Members noted the above paper and endorsed the application for new projects.

(ii) Facilities Management and Promotion Working Group

(PDFMC Paper No. 14/R/2018)

31. Mr LEE Chi-keung, Alan enquired whether the Secretariat could accept the funding application forms submitted by the working groups (WGs) in advance and whether the K&T DO could allow the WGs to reserve the venues of the community halls and centres in advance to facilitate the preparation of activities by WGs.

32. Miss YIM Yik-huen, Bonnie responded that the Secretariat and the K&T DO would study the feasibility of the above proposal to facilitate WGs to organise events more smoothly. If there were new measures and arrangements, it would be reported to the Committee.

### **Progress of Retrofitting Lift at Tai Wo Hau Estate Community Centre**

(PDFMC Paper No. 15/R/2018)

33. Mr LEUNG Kam-wai enquired about the details of the meeting of the K&T DO with Gaw Capital.

34. Mr WONG Bing-kuen hoped to be informed of the details and progress of the meeting and site inspection of the K&T DO and representatives of other government departments with Gaw Capital in the next report.

35. Miss YIM Yik-huen, Bonnie responded that the K&T DO had succeeded in liaising with Gaw Capital at the end of February. Gaw Capital said they had to assign lawyers and technicians to study the parking space compensation plan put forward by the government departments on the above project first and had tentatively scheduled to meet with and conduct site inspection with the K&T DO and representatives of other government departments in mid-May. If new progress was made, the K&T DO would report to the Committee.

### **Information Papers**

#### **Report on the Management of Recreational, Sports and Leisure Facilities in Kwai Tsing District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department**

(PDFMC Paper No. 16/I/2018)

36. Ms CHAN Pik-hing, Connie introduced the paper.

37. Mr LEE Chi-keung, Alan enquired the reasons for the dropping usage rate to 60% of the Hong Kong ISSF Air Gun Shooting Centre.

38. Ms CHAN Pik-hing, Connie responded that due to the fact that there were more public holidays in January and February, the usage rate appeared lower. The usage rate was similar to that of last year.

**Report on the Promotional Activities and the Utilisation of Public Libraries in Kwai Tsing District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department**

(PDFMC Paper No. 17/I/2018)

39. Mr LEE Wai-man, Jimmy introduced the paper.

40. Members noted the above paper.

**Work Report on the Cultural Activities Organised in Kwai Tsing District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department**

(PDFMC Paper No. 18/I/2018)

41. Ms YUEN Chi-ling, Margaret introduced the paper and supplemented the following information:

- (i) The number of participants of the event Chinese Opera Concert held on 31 March in Annex C was 342.
- (ii) The number of participants of the event Western Folk Dance Performance held on 31 March in Annex D was 140.

42. Members noted the above paper.

**Any Other Business**

43. There was no other business.

**Date of Next Meeting**

44. The next meeting was scheduled to be held on 19 June 2018 (Tuesday).