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**Minutes of the Second Meeting of the
Planning and District Facilities Management Committee (2021) of
Kwai Tsing District Council**

Date : 20 April 2021

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 4:06 p.m.

Venue: K&T DO Conference Room

<u>Attendee</u>	<u>Time of Arrival</u>	<u>Time of Departure</u>
Mr SIN Ho-fai (Chairman)	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr KWOK Tsz-kin (Vice-chairman)	10:13 a.m.	End of Meeting
Mr CHAN Chi-wing	Start of Meeting	11:44 a.m.
Mr CHEUNG Kwan-kiu, Steve	Start of Meeting	03:43 p.m.
Mr CHEUNG Man-lung	10:50 a.m.	End of Meeting
Mr CHOW Wai-hung, Rayman	10:16 a.m.	End of Meeting
Mr HON Chun-yin	Start of Meeting	03:48 p.m.
Mr HUI Kei-cheung	02:30 p.m.	End of Meeting
Miss KWOK Fu-yung	10:06 a.m.	12:52 p.m.
Mr LAM Siu-fai	Start of Meeting	03:52 p.m.
Mr LAU Chi-kit	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Ms LAU Kwai-mui	Start of Meeting	03:52 p.m.
Mr LEUNG Chi-shing	10:19 a.m.	End of Meeting
Mr LEUNG Kam-wai	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Ms LEUNG Kar-ming	Start of Meeting	12:35 p.m.
Mr LEUNG Kwok-wah	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr LEUNG Wing-kuen	10:33 a.m.	End of Meeting
Miss LO Yuen-ting	10:24 a.m.	01:23 p.m.
Mr SIN Chung-kai, SBS, JP	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr TAM Ka-chun, Warren	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr TONG Ho-man	10:13 a.m.	End of Meeting
Mr TSUI Hiu-kit	10:03 a.m.	01:23 p.m.
Mr WONG Bing-kuen	02:30 p.m.	End of Meeting
Mr WONG Chun-tat	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Miss WONG Pit-man	Start of Meeting	End of Meeting
Mr WONG Tin-yan	Start of Meeting	02:35 p.m.
Mr WONG Yun-tat, Ivan	Start of Meeting	11:41 a.m.

In Attendance

Ms Evita Yip	Assistant Lab Manager, Make A Difference Institute Limited (MaD)
Mr Ken CHAU	Senior Programme Officer, Make A Difference Institute Limited (MaD)
Mr NG Kwan-lim	Manager of Group & Community Work Unit, HKSKH Lady MacLehose Centre
Ms YEUNG Pui-yan	Officer of Group & Community Work Unit, HKSKH Lady MacLehose Centre
Ms CHOW Mei-chi	Officer of Group & Community Work Unit, HKSKH Lady MacLehose Centre
Ms LEUNG Chi-on	Participants from Community Pilot Scheme - Park Design Competition
Mr LUI Kam-wah	Participants from Community Pilot Scheme - Park Design Competition
Mr MAN Kwok-fai	CEO of Hong Kong Citizens Limited
Ms NG Wai Yuk, Denise	Senior Property Services Manager/PM2, Architectural Services Department
Ms WONG Kar Wing, Clara	Property Services Manager/PM24, Architectural Services Department
Ms LIM Ting-ting, Sylvia	Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories West), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr FUNG Hon-wa, Harris	District Leisure Manager (Kwai Tsing), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr KWAN Yu Hang, Jason	Engineer/24 (West), Civil Engineering and Development Department
Ms HUNG Yuen-ching	Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing), Lands Department
Mr CHEUNG Wai-lun	Engr/NTW (Distribution 4), Water Supplies Department
Miss YUEN Yee-lam, Kathy (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council) 5, Kwai Tsing District Office

Absent with Apologies

Mr NG Kim-sing	(without prior notice)
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Opening remarks

The Chairman welcomed Members and representatives of government departments to the second meeting of the Planning and District Facilities Management Committee (the Committee) (2021) of Kwai Tsing District Council (K&T DC).

2. The Chairman stated the representative of Kwai Tsing District Office (K&TDO) was not able to attend the meeting due to overnight shift. K&TDO would answer to Members' enquiries after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat had sent out the written reply of K&TDO to Members on 11 June 2021. For details, please refer to PDFMC Paper No. 27/2021.)

Confirmation of Minutes of the First Meeting (2021) held on 23 February 2021

3. Mr CHEUNG Kwan-kiu, Steve moved a motion to confirm the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr HON Chun-yin and the Committee endorsed the said minutes unanimously.

Project Completion Report of the Working Group for Financial Year 2020/21

Report on Ride! Tsing Yi – A Study on the Feasibility of Constructing a Cycle Track in Tsing Yi

(PDFMC Paper No. 4/I/2021 (Revised))

4. Mr Ken CHAU, Senior Programme Officer of Make A Difference Institute Limited (MaD), introduced the paper.

5. Mr LAU Chi-kit put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) He pointed out that the cycle track was not only a recreational facility, as many commuters in Tsing Yi District used bicycles to commute from Tsing Yi North Coastal Shipyard to Cheung On Bus Terminal via Tam

Kon Shan Road or ride bicycles to Tsing Yi North Coastal Shipyard to work.

- (ii) He mentioned that many bicycles were parked in the community areas in the northern Tsing Yi. However, the bicycle parking spaces in these areas were not sufficient. He stated that he had reflected relevant opinions to many government departments and hoped that the relevant departments would follow up on the issue.
- (iii) He agreed with the Group that to launch a cycling trial activity in Tsing Yi Promenade. He enquired whether Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) could arrange activity venue and make long-term planning.
- (iv) Although there was a cycle track in Tsing Yi Northeast Park, the coverage area of the cycle track was relatively small. He believed that it would be more ideal if the cycle track could be extended to Tsing Yi Pier or places that were further away. However, he stated that he understood that Tsing Yi involved different landowners, such as LCSD and the Housing Department (HD). Therefore, there would be some difficulties in implementing the cycle track. He hoped to further promote cycling as the main means of transportation in Tsing Yi District in the future.

6. Mr TAM Ka-chun, Warren put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (v) He enquired the Group whether the residents stated that they understood the concept of Greenway when they surveyed the residents for their views. He pointed out that many Members and residents believed that the Greenway was a cycle track, so the road would be repaved to make room for the cycle track. He hoped that the Group would further explain the difference between the cycle track and the Greenway so that the Members could explain it to the residents.

- (vi) The Group hoped to conduct community experiments in the future to improve the cycling community map. However, he believed that LCSD might not be willing to provide venues for relevant activities. Residents were worried that cyclists may pose a danger to pedestrians, so the Group needed to further negotiate with LCSD.
- (vii) He pointed out that there were residents in the district who used bicycles to commute. He believed that there was a practical need to increase bicycle parking spaces. He suggested the relevant departments following up on the issue.

7. Mr LEUNG Kam-wai put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) According to the survey results, 60% to 70% of the interviewees stated that they supported the two solutions proposed by the Group, including the Greenway and the bicycle community map. He pointed out that the government had stated a few years ago that it hoped to promote a bicycle-friendly policy. However, according to the Legislative Council Paper No. ISSH17/20-21, the document set out the global rankings of the bicycle-friendliness and bicycle utilisation rate of major cities in the Asia-Pacific region in 2019. Hong Kong ranked 84th among the 90 surveyed cities, with an utilisation rate of 0.5%, which ranked a relatively lower position. He believed that the development of Hong Kong's bicycle policy was slow.
- (ii) The report provided by the Group mentioned that it hoped to launch the cycle track for commuter pilot scheme and conduct cycling promotion activities on the Tsing Yi Promenade. He enquired whether LCSD would include the cycling promotion activities in Tsing Yi District when planning for the events for the coming year. He hoped that

LCSD would cooperate with Groups to promote a bicycle-friendly policy in Tsing Yi District.

8. Mr TSUI Hiu-kit put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:
 - (i) The residents of the district were most affected by the project. He pointed out that there were many private residences in the district. The residents did not anticipate the implementation of cycle tracks or Greenways in the district when purchasing the properties. He enquired whether the Group tried to put the questionnaire into the residents' mailbox or invite the DC Members of the district to assist in the survey.
 - (ii) He believed that if environmental protection was taken into consideration, many interviewees would support Greenways and cycling community maps. However, if the plans were implemented near their residences, he believed that they would have more other considerations. He enquired how many people among the 80% of the respondents who supported the plan were local residents of the district.

9. Mr KWOK Tsz-kin put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:
 - (i) He believed that many residents in the community would use bicycles for commuting. Members also hoped to further promote the use of bicycles in the district.
 - (ii) He pointed out that not only local residents used the roads adjacent to the Tsing Yi Promenade, but other road users would also be affected. He enquired whether the Group had consulted different stakeholders such as pedestrians, motor vehicle drivers, bus drivers and private car drivers for their comments on the above plan. He suggested inviting more stakeholders to express their opinions when relevant activities were launched in the future.

10. Ms LEUNG Kar-ming put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) She agreed with the views of Mr TAM Ka-chun, Warren. She believed that the Group needed to further explain the concept of the Greenway to the Members. She enquired whether the Greenway stated that both pedestrians and bicycles needed to use the same road. She pointed out that there were some bicycle accidents in Tsing Yi. She thought that many parents were worried about that, so she suggested assessing the road traffic in detail.
- (ii) She enquired how to ensure that all road users would abide by the Road Users' Code, and which department should be responsible for if an accident occurred.

11. The Chairman stated that he invited the Transport Department (TD) to send representative to attend the meeting through the Secretariat, but they stated that they were unable to attend the meeting. He asked TD to respond to the bicycle parking spaces and the above report after the meeting.

12. Mr Ken CHAU gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) The Greenway meant that different road users sharing the same road with buffer areas.
- (ii) The respondents who supported the Greenway had stated that they understood the concept. The Group had provided the respondents with pictures of overseas Greenways for their reference.
- (iii) Some of the options in the questionnaire were whether the respondent often visited Tsing Yi, whether one was a resident of Tsing Yi, and whether one worked in Tsing Yi District. The results showed that 90% of the respondents were residents of Tsing Yi and/or worked in Tsing Yi District. The respondents also included different road users, such as drivers.

- (iv) Tsing Yi could develop different cycling routes, but it required community stakeholders to plan together. Therefore, the Group hoped to learn more about the ideal route of bicycle users through experimenting in different communities, as well as planning and designing a more feasible route in the next stage.

13. Ms Evita YIP, Assistant Lab Manager of Make a Difference Institute Limited, responded that the Group and LCSD had held two park laboratories in Lai Chi Kok Park in the form of a partnership, including the trial of the human and pet inclusive programme and holding activities in the dark. She hoped that LCSD could provide venues for the Group to implement community experiments in the future.

14. The Chairman enquired the Group whether the respondents lived near the residences next to the waterfront.

15. Mr Ken CHAU responded the above options were not listed on the questionnaire.

16. Mr. FUNG Hon-wa, Harris, District Leisure Manager (Kwai Tsing) of LCSD, gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) K&TDO had planned to hold six balance bike fun days in parks/playgrounds in Tsing Yi District this year.
- (ii) K&TDO attached great importance to ensuring the safety of site users. Therefore, if tests trials were to be conducted at the venues under LCSD, comprehensive planning must be made to ensure the safety of visitors to the park, including the elderly and children. LCSD had also worked with the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) in the past to implement a pilot project of a Greenway at the Kwun Tong Promenade. The CEDD had provided a lot of resources and comprehensive planning for the above-mentioned projects. LCSD could share relevant experience with the Committee if necessary.

17. Miss WONG Pit-man put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) She saw bicycles parked in Cheung Fat Estate, Cheung On Village and Chung Mei Road from time to time. She believed that bicycles were a means of travel for many residents of Tsing Yi. Nevertheless, bicycles were still a relatively new mode of travel. If bicycles were promoted as the major means of transportation, it was necessary to strengthen the promotion of civic education, so that the residents could understand the correct way of riding bicycles and avoid future traffic accidents and disputes due to improper riding.
- (ii) Although the cycle track had been built for a long time in some areas, accidents involving bicycles occur from time to time. It was believed that pedestrians and cyclists do not know how to use the cycle track and cause conflicts. She believed that residents of Tsing Yi District had not yet cultivated relevant awareness and habits, so community experiments and pilot projects need to be implemented to further deepen residents' understanding of cycle tracks or Greenways.

18. Mr LEUNG Kam-wai put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) Although LCSD planned to hold six balance bike fun days in Tsing Yi, the Department had no plans to organize related activities for adults. It was hoped that the Department would plan more cycling education and promotion activities for different age Groups.
- (ii) He had witnessed pedestrians walking on cycle tracks in other areas, obstructing the progress of bicycles. He believed that ordinary road users may not be able to distinguish the difference between cycle tracks and sidewalks. Therefore, the government needed to implement comprehensive civic education and popularise

cycling etiquette so as to promote a bicycle-friendly policy.

19. Mr TAM Ka-chun, Warren put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) The government now hoped to implement a Greenway in East Kowloon, extending from Kai Tak to the vicinity of Kwun Tong Promenade, which had sparked strong reactions from people. He believed that many citizens, or even government departments, both used a very traditional thinking model to conceive a Greenway. It was difficult to imagine pedestrians and cyclists using the same road and there was a certain misunderstanding of the Greenway.
- (ii) Although some overseas examples had proved the feasibility of the Greenway, if the elderly or children were injured as a result, a lot of concern would be caused. Therefore, Hong Kong needed to implement long-term public education before implementing relevant arrangements. He went on to point out that both Members and government departments were responsible for promoting Greenways, not just considering setting up bicycle tracks.
- (iii) He believed that if a Greenway was implemented, neighbouring residents would need to be consulted. As residents did not anticipate that the roads in the neighbouring housing estates would be converted into a Greenway when purchasing properties, he thought it was difficult to predict residents' reaction. Therefore, more details were needed for consideration and planning. He suggested LCSD providing venues for groups to conduct community experiments to observe the effectiveness of the project and public reactions. If LCSD had any difficulties, they could raise them to the Committee, and the Committee would assist in solving the problems.

20. Mr TSUI Hiu-kit put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) He pointed out that the Group collected opinions through online questionnaires and the survey coverage was insufficient. He believed that the Group must cooperate with the DC Members of that district to consult the local residents and explain the concepts to the residents through them.
- (ii) He said that when elevators were built in the district earlier, he also notified residents by distributing leaflets and hanging banners. He believed that the cost of the leaflet was not high. The Group should strengthen the promotion of the relevant concept, so as to avoid the residents' opposition when the Greenway was formally implemented.

21. Mr LEUNG Kam-wai pointed out that the working plan and budget of the Group was approved by the Committee last year. If the Members had any suggestions for improvement, they could express their opinions as soon as possible.

22. Mr TSUI Hiu-kit pointed out that apart from hoping the Group to make improvements, he also reminded the DC Members of the district to take the initiative to assist in consulting the residents and explaining the situation to them.

23. Mr KWOK Tsz-kin put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) “Ride! Tsing Yi” activity was held by Community Building Working Group under the Committee. He suggested that the relevant working group would deal with the arrangement of the activity in details.
- (ii) He believed that other than consulting the residents of the district, a lot of Tsing Yi residents or people from other districts would visit Tsing Yi Promenade. He knew that the Group also conducted interview on-site. He believed

that the activity concept was great and the scope of survey could be broadened and the number of interviewees could be increased.

24. Mr WONG Chun-tat put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) The Group had been working closely with the DC Members of the district. He also learned that other than online questionnaires, the Group could also collect residents' opinions in person and through many innovative methods.
- (ii) The DC members of the district had also conducted a lot of consultation. He understood that cycling education and public consultation could not be promoted through just one activity. He would continue to work hard to promote the use of bicycles.

25. The Chairman put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) He was also a DC member of the district and had also been invited to help consult residents. He pointed out that in response to the epidemic, the Group had difficulties to set up street stations to contact all residents in person. Therefore, the major survey method to collect opinions was through online questionnaires. However, he believed that there was room for improvement in arrangement and the methods to collect opinions could be increased in the future.
- (ii) The Group mentioned that it had tried community experiments with LCSD in Lai Chi Kok Park such as the human and pet inclusive programme and water fun activities. However, when the Group suggested conducting a bicycle trial activity in Tsing Yi Promenade on a certain day of each month, LCSD stated that it was difficult to promote the project. He enquired how LCSD

would accept conducting community experiment in its parks.

26. Ms Evita YIP responded that the epidemic had posed huge impact to the research. More comprehensive consultation and research would be conducted when the epidemic situation had stabilised.

27. Mr. FUNG Hon-wa, Harris gave a consolidated response as follows:

(i) The primary consideration of LCSD was to ensure the safety of site users. LCSD welcomed the Group to apply for the use of its venues for trial programme on the premise of ensuring the safety of the public.

(ii) Similar to the Greenway Pilot Project At Kwun Tong Promenade mentioned above by LCSD, the CEDD had made detailed planning and arrangements for the project and discussed with LCSD in detail on the method to effectively prevent accidents and avoid injury to passers-by to ensure the safety of site users. The above plan could be implemented by doing so. LCSD needed to consider the feasibility of the relevant plan in accordance with the actual situation of the sites and the arrangement of the pilot project.

28. The Chairman pointed out that the District Council had reserved funds for the next phase of cycling research activities this year. The activity survey report mentioned that suggestion to hold a cycling community experiment. He enquired whether LCSD would consider the suggestion in the report in detail and provide a reply to the Committee.

29. Mr. FUNG Hon-wa, Harris responded that it was difficult for LCSD to rashly promise whether or not to open its venues to the Group for pilot projects. It depended on the feasibility of the relevant project. For example, CEDD's Greenway plan was well-arranged and could take into account the needs of all parties, so LCSD believed that the plan could be implemented. If the Group's planning and arrangement were sloppy, which posed dangers to site users or even causing accidents, it

was not an ideal approach. Therefore, LCSD needed to communicate with the Group in detail to understand the relevant arrangements before making a decision.

30. Ms LEUNG Kar-ming pointed out that all Tsing Yi residents would use the Tsing Yi Promenade. If a community experiment project was implemented in Tsing Yi, she hoped that the Chairman would help inform all DC Members of Tsing Yi District for the arrangement so that they could explain to the residents.

31. The Chairman responded that the above condition for funding approval could be added when vetting the fund application for DC fund this year.

32. Miss WONG Pit-man put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) She believed that the Tsing Yi Promenade was not the only cycling route, and other roads in the area were also feasible to become cycling routes. She hoped to invite more government departments such as the Highways Department (Hyd) and TD to provide suggestions for next year's event plan to conceive more comprehensive cycling routes.
- (ii) She understood that LCSD was concerned about the safety of venue users. Therefore, she suggested LCSD planning and arranging some facilities to promote the Greenway in the area while ensuring the safety of venue users. She hoped that everyone would actively participate in the planning and design.

Report on Community Pilot Scheme - Park Design Competition

(PDFMC Paper No. 5/I/2021)

33. Mr NG Kwan-lim, Manager of Group & Community Work Unit, Ms YEUNG Pui-yan, Officer of Group & Community Work Unit and Ms CHOW Mei-chi, Officer of Group & Community Work Unit from HKS KH Lady MacLehose Centre, as well as Ms LEUNG Chi-on and Mr LUI Kam-wah, participants from Park Design Competition, introduced the paper.

34. Mr TONG Ho-man put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) He strongly agreed with the views of the two parents on Wing Fong Street Market Roof-top Children's Playground (Wing Fong Street Playground). He believed that although the playground had a larger space, its facilities were dilapidated and less attractive to children. The venue had become a place for foreign domestic helpers to rest during holidays, which was contrary to the original intent of a children's playground. He believed that it was necessary to improve the facilities of children's playgrounds.
- (ii) He believed that the suggestions provided by the groups were advisable. He enquired whether LCSD could carry out the improvement project based on the suggestions provided by the groups, and whether there were any technical difficulties in the project.

35. Mr LAM Siu-fai put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) Among the four parks on Shek Yam Road, the area of Shek Yam Road Rest Garden No. 3 (Rest Garden No. 3) was the smallest, while Shek Yam Road Rest Garden, Shek Yam Road Rest Garden No. 1 (Rest Garden No. 1) and Shek Yam Road Rest Garden No. 2 (Rest Garden No. 2) were relatively larger, but the use of space was improper, which became a gathering place for the elderly to gamble.
- (ii) As the four parks on Shek Yam Road were adjacent to the North Kwai Chung Market, many parents would bring their children to have fun there. Many residents had told him that although the Rest Garden No. 3 had the smallest area, it had several fitness activities and children's facilities. However, the children's facilities were still the rocking they used when they were young, which was very outdated. He hoped that LCSD would adopt the

suggestions provided by parents and children to make improvements, such as laying artificial turf in the park.

- (iii) LCSD had successfully revitalised the Tai Loong Street Playground earlier and demolished some walls to make it visually more spacious and reduce gambling among the elderly. LCSD had built many planters in the four parks on Shek Yam Road at present. As the planters were too high, many parents had stated that they were worried about the safety of their children. He believed that LCSD needed to redesign the park so that parents could rest assured to take their children to have fun there.

36. Ms LAU Kwai-mui put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) The facilities in the four parks on Shek Yam Road were out of date. She had notified LCSD that one of the rocking had been damaged earlier. LCSD stated that there were no relevant parts and it would take time to order parts to repair the facilities.
- (ii) The four parks on Shek Yam Road were adjacent to shops, markets and restaurants, but huge planters had been built. The trees had withered and were infested with rats. She believed that although the park needed greening facilities. However, she enquired whether LCSD could remove some of the planters to make room for the construction of fitness and play equipment.
- (iii) She pointed out that many grass-roots citizens live in Shek Yam Road. They had a greater demand for park play equipment due to the narrow living space. The Rest Garden No. 3 was the smallest of the four parks and had insufficient facilities., which was unable to meet the needs of children. She pointed out that the area of the Rest Garden No. 1 was larger and suggested LCSD providing more facilities there. She also noticed that people often conducted gambling activities in Rest Garden No. 1 and

Rest Garden No. 2. She requested the relevant departments to follow up on the issue.

37. Mr HON Chun-yin put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) He pointed out that many parks lack drinking fountains and toilets.
- (ii) He recommended that LCSD should think from the perspective of users. If the facilities were not attractive, the utilisation rate would be lower. According to a Legislative Council paper, from 2021 to 2022, two parks in Kwai Tsing District would be renovated, one of which was Mei King Playground. Due to the outdated facilities, the current facilities idle rate of Mei King Playground was high. Many residents only jogged in the playground, which was not suitable for children.
- (iii) He suggested that LCSD should build more adventure facilities. He also hoped that LCSD would listen to the opinions of residents and users to beautify the Mei King Playground and other playgrounds in Kwai Tsing District to increase the utilisation rate.

38. Mr LAU Chi-kit put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) He pointed out that the current DC had made many new attempts. The types of activities were not limited to the distribution of materials, talks or tea gatherings. He hoped that the activities funded by the District Council would be more diversified in the coming year.
- (ii) Based on his past experience in Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom, even for small parks, design themes would be tailored to local conditions. For example, offshore parks were designed with sailboats as the theme, and some sand and water would be added. These facilities

allowed children to learn to control water flow, pumping and diversion.

- (iii) He believed that the tedious design of play equipment was not very attractive to children. He hoped that while renovating the Tsing Yi Promenade and Mei King Playground, LCSD would seriously consider adding play equipment with different elements there to improve the fun in facilities.

39. Mr. FUNG Hon-wa, Harris gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) LCSD had received government funding and planned to renovate the public play spaces (i.e., children's playground facilities) in 18 districts in the next five years. LCSD had already started relevant preparatory work. The first stage would be the renovation works for children's playgrounds in Tsing Yi Promenade, Shek Yam Lei Muk Road Park and Mei King Playground. In order to catch up with the funding application process, LCSD selected the children's playgrounds in the above three parks for the first phase of the renovation project. Subsequently, LCSD could start approximately two renovation projects each year. LCSD had issued questionnaires to DC Members, kindergartens, primary schools in Tsing Yi District and social welfare groups providing family and children services in Tsing Yi District to collect opinions from all walks of life on the renovation project of the children's playground in Tsing Yi Promenade at present. Members were also welcomed give comments and reflected opinions to LCSD on the design themes or facilities of the children's playgrounds in the above-mentioned individual venues after the meeting.
- (ii) LCSD would implement the renovation project based on Tuen Mun Park. During the renovation project of Tuen Mun Park, LCSD had consulted stakeholders for their opinions, including the DC, citizens, schools and nearby

residents, etc., and integrated all their opinions to attempt a more innovative approach. LCSD would not follow the previous arrangement of only setting up some swings, see-saw or movable parts in playgrounds. He hoped that LCSD would actively listen to the public's opinions and make corresponding improvements and plans to increase the fun and attractiveness of children's play equipment.

- (iii) He thanked the groups, parents and Members for their advice to LCSD on the Rest Garden No. 3 on Shek Yam Road and Wing Fong Street Market Roof-top Children's Playground (Wing Fong Street Playground). He pointed out that the Wing Fong Street Playground had a history of 38 to 39 years. If it would be renovated, it was necessary to consider the bearing capacity of the market roof. For instance, whether the project would affect the structure and waterproof layer of the building. Since the market was managed by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD), considering that the FEHD may have arranged an overall redevelopment plan for the market, it was difficult for LCSD to renovate the playground. He hoped Members would understand the situation.
- (iv) LCSD noted the views of Members on the Rest Garden No. 3 on Shek Yam Road. LCSD had initially considered refurbishing and replacing some of the children's play equipment there.
- (v) Regarding Member's suggestion of adding drinking fountains or toilets within the parks under LCSD, LCSD noted and considered the feasibility of the suggestion. LCSD would also review whether there were public toilets in the vicinity. For instance, North Kwai Chung Market near the Shek Yam Road Rest Garden No. 3 was equipped with toilets. He stated that since the establishment of toilets required a larger area, the area of the park's open space would be reduced. Therefore, LCSD needed to

review and plan in detail to balance the different needs of the public.

40. Mr CHEUNG Kwan-kiu, Steve put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) He pointed out that the playground should be a public space that promoted the social interaction. He believed that the design of Wing Fong Street Playground had much room for improvement. However, since the playground was relatively old, he understood that LCSD was worried about the building may not be able to withstand the burden brought by the reconstruction of the playground.
- (ii) He stated that he appreciated the renovation project carried out by LCSD in Belcher Bay Park. He believed that the park did not need to be equipped with too many facilities. Children could also make use of their creativity and use the space for leisure and entertainment even if only some basic play equipment were installed.
- (iii) He believed that LCSD had been actively improving its parks in recent years, such as Tuen Mun Park and Yi Pei Square Playground. He enquired whether LCSD had set a direction to plan the ways of renovating the parks in Kwai Tsing District. He pointed out that the Tsing Yi Promenade had a beautiful environment and believed that if the Tsing Yi Promenade was further developed based on the development model of Victoria Harbour, it would be an ideal public space.

41. Mr TAM Ka-chun, Warren put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) He disagreed that LCSD only used questionnaires to enquire about Members' opinions on the renovation project of the children's playground in Tsing Yi

Promenade. He believed that LCSD should directly contact the DC Members of the district.

- (ii) He believed that the park should be a social or cultural space. He stated that he had previously suggested to LCSD to consider setting a design theme for Kwai Chung Park and to educate the public about the history of the Gin Drinker's Line.
- (iii) He enquired whether LCSD would use the sea or community city as the design theme of Wing Fong Street Playground or Tsing Yi Northeast Park.
- (iv) He pointed out that users' opinions on the park were very important. LCSD should pay more attention to the needs of children instead of focusing only on the safety or design of the facilities.
- (v) He suggested that residents could provide DC Members of the district with suggestions for the improvement of public play spaces and make improvements through District Minor Works (DMW) programme.

42. Miss WONG Pit-man put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) She pointed out that the Shek Lei Adventure Playground in the 1970s was very innovative, but after the 1970s, there had been no such avant-garde playground in the district. She pointed out that the four parks on Shek Yam Road remained the same throughout the years, which also represented the current situation of many parks in Kwai Tsing District. She believed that LCSD should make good use of the abandoned land.
- (ii) Although LCSD parks were divided into active parks and passive parks, even passive parks needed to maintain the beauty of the park and underwent regular maintenance. She pointed out that there were a number of DMW

projects related to the construction of rain shelters currently. However, since many parks in the district were now very dilapidated, she suggested that the public space should be further revitalised through the DMW programme so that the next generation of Kwai Tsing District could grow up healthily.

43. Mr LEUNG Kam-wai put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) He stated that Park Design Competition adopted a "bottom-up" approach to provide suggestions for improving park facilities. He believed that although the participants contained parents and children, their suggestions had not overlooked for the needs of the elderly. He suggested LCSD referring to the improvement and development of the park.
- (ii) LCSD mentioned that the priority of the five-year plan should be landmarks or large parks, but the parks that residents usually visit were usually parks near their residences. He pointed out that for the time being, LCSD had not yet set a design theme for the general rest gardens to enhance its uniqueness.
- (iii) He pointed out that the cost of the Eco-Maze proposed by the Group was not high and the construction technique required was not complicated. He believed that LCSD should increase the facilities that meet the needs of users instead of building children's playgrounds in an identical way.

44. Mr WONG Tin-yan put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) He pointed out that the renovation works of Tuen Mun Park and Yi Pei Square Playground were respectively designed by the community group "Playright Children's Play Association" and the designer, which were not independently completed by LCSD. The chairs in the

Cornwall Street Park in Kowloon Tong were not designed by the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) or LCSD, but by the collaboration of designers and artists. He once participated in the “City Dress Up : Seats • Together”, but the project was also completed with the assistance of the artist. Although LCSD stated that it would actively collect different opinions, if LCSD finally adopted all the suggestions, it would add too many facilities to the park, or it would fail to increase the fun. He believed that LCSD should sort out the opinions first, then implement the recommendations, conduct management and review, and make amendments to improve the relevant facilities.

- (ii) He pointed out that “Taiwan Parks and Playgrounds for Children by Children” in Taiwan was composed of parents and professionals. It provided suggestions for the transformation of Taiwan’s parks in a “bottom-up” model. It was now being invited by the government to help redesign the parks. He believed that LCSD should adopt a more open attitude and invite more different people or groups to assist in the design.

45. Mr CHEUNG Man-lung believed that the current parks should be planned and designed jointly by local people and professionals. Although LCSD had plans to renovate many parks, he believed that LCSD only focused on improving some key parks, and some parks commonly used by residents were not within the LCSD’s consideration. He suggested that LCSD should plan for the four parks on Shek Yam Road to improve the relevance of the parks, and the effect may be comparable to that of some larger parks.

46. Miss LO Yuen-ting put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) LCSD defined the Liu To Road Playground as a park for the elderly. She enquired whether LCSD could change the nature of the playground and add children's play equipment.

- (ii) She pointed out that the facilities in the parks managed by HD were out of date and believed that HD should implement more renovation projects.
- (iii) In response to the restrictions imposed by the DMW programme on projects, many Members chose to use the funds to build rain shelters. If Members wished to reduce the number of rain shelter projects, they could choose to revise the nature of their funding.

47. Mr TSUI Hiu-kit put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) He had provided suggestions on facilities improvement to Housing Managers and provided photos of more modern and attractive fitness and children's facilities in other areas. But since the funding from HD and Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) was with more restrictions and less amount, so the effect was not great.
- (ii) He thought that the suggestions and concepts put forward by the groups were very desirable. For example, the proposal of "Not Only 40 Stairs" was very creative and interesting. He suggested forwarding the report to HD and HA for reference.

48. Mr KWOK Tsz-kin put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) He pointed out that many residents and people in neighbouring communities had proposed to LCSD to add fitness facilities and swings in the parks in the district to cater for the needs of the citizens for sensory experience. He enquired whether LCSD would integrate the opinions collected in the questionnaire to implement its five-year plan.
- (ii) Tsing Hung Road Playground and Liu To Road Playground were in idle state. He enquired whether LCSD would

expand the playground because the existing facilities could not meet public demand.

49. Mr TAM Ka-chun, Warren enquired whether LCSD had sent the above-mentioned questionnaire to all Members. He stated that he did not receive the questionnaire.

50. The Chairman stated that he did not receive the questionnaire either.

51. Ms LEUNG Chi-on gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) She would contact the DC Members of the district. She hoped to improve the facilities of the Wing Fong Street Playground through the DMW programme.
- (ii) She suggested adding fences at the Wing Fong Street Playground. As the playground was located on the roof top of the Wing Fong Street Market, she was worried that children would accidentally stumble and fall from height when having fun there.
- (iii) LCSD mentioned that it would consider adding drinking fountains. But due to the epidemic and hygiene considerations, she did not recommend children using the drinking fountains. She suggested that LCSD should install vending machines to sell drinks at affordable prices.
- (iv) She understood that due to the limited carrying capacity of the Wing Fong Street Playground building, LCSD may not be able to build a large facility there. However, she recommended that LCSD should add a “sandpit” and a “foot washing area” next to the toilets.

52. Ms YEUNG Pui-yan gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) She understood that due to the construction restrictions of the Wing Fong Street Playground, LCSD may not be able to convert the playground into six areas as recommended by the groups. She pointed out that Shing Fong Street Children's Playground was relatively large in size and adjacent to markets and residential buildings. It was a playground commonly used by residents, but there were not many movable parts in the playground. Therefore, she suggested implementing the above recommendations in Shing Fong Street Children's Playground.
- (ii) The examples provided by the groups were part of the existing local facilities, such as the Eco-Maze in the Hong Kong Wetland Park, so they were of great reference value.

53. Mr NG Kwan-lim gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) He understood why LCSD chose to renovate larger parks because of their higher coverage. However, he hoped that LCSD would not ignore smaller parks, because some small parks such as the Shek Yam Road Rest Garden No. 3 were close to the market, and many parents often went there with their children to have fun. Therefore, the actual usage rate was higher.
- (ii) He understood the building restrictions of the Wing Fong Street Playground. He believed that the addition of sandpit or turf by LCSD could greatly enhance the attractiveness of the playground. He suggested that LCSD should add some simpler and smaller facilities.
- (iii) He pointed out that the number of residents living in public rental housing (public housing) in Kwai Tsing District ranked second in Hong Kong, and the public housing park usage rate was also very high. He hoped that HD could be invited to discuss the facility problems of its parks in the coming year.

54. Ms CHOW Mei-chi gave a consolidated response that children may not be able to fully express their needs through the questionnaire. She hoped that children would have the opportunity to communicate with LCSD representatives in person. She pointed out that LCSD had consulted many residents during the preparatory stage of the renovation project of Tuen Mun Park and Yi Pei Square Playground. She hoped that the residents of Kwai Tsing District would also have the opportunity to express their needs.

55. Mr. FUNG Hon-wa, Harris gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) The questionnaire was sent by a colleague from LCSD headquarters via e-mail. After the meeting, LCSD would follow up on the issue which some Members failed to receive the questionnaire.
- (ii) The purpose of the questionnaire was to invite users of the children's playground in Tsing Yi Promenade to provide advice to LCSD on the design themes and facilities of the renovation project. He expected that there were many opinions from the interviewees. However, due to the limitation of the site area, LCSD hoped to adopt the common opinions provided by the majority of interviewees. LCSD would also refer to the renovation experience of Tsing Yi Promenade to further improve the renovation project for the children's playgrounds of Shek Yam Lei Muk Road Park and Mei King Playground.
- (iii) The renovation works of Tuen Mun Park and Yi Pei Square Playground in Tsuen Wan were pilot projects. The government had determined that more than 170 public play spaces (children's playgrounds) in the 18 districts would be further transformed in the next five years. LCSD would renovate three children's playgrounds in Kwai Tsing District in the coming year, and planned to renovate two children's playgrounds every year in the future. LCSD's resources at present were mainly focused on

improving the children's playground facilities, rather than revamping the design of the entire park. However, LCSD would refer to the experience of Yi Pei Square Playground and user feedback to further plan and transform other similar park designs. LCSD was open to the location and priority of the five-year plan to renovate public play spaces. DC were welcome to provide advice to LCSD.

- (iv) Some Members suggested that some idle land should be used to build parks. However, land development planning involved multiple departments and public considerations, so long-term consideration was needed. If Members wished to add park facilities and change the use of existing facilities, they were welcomed to conduct site visits with LCSD to follow up on related resources and technical feasibility studies. Members could also submit proposals to LCSD through the DMW programme.

- (v) LCSD was mainly responsible for the management of the park. The design and construction of park facilities were provided by engineering departments such as the ArchSD. LCSD understood that some members of the public believed that the current design of the LCSD's children's playgrounds was too focused on safety and lacked creativity. In view of this, LCSD and ArchSD hoped to make improvements and strengthen innovation in this regard. For instance, LCSD had invited non-governmental groups and design agencies to assist in the transformation of Tuen Mun Park and Yi Pei Square Playground. The engineering department and design team had gained a lot of experience and made various attempts. However, LCSD needed to consider the government's resource allocation and implement the relevant arrangements in a gradual and orderly manner. For example, LCSD had encountered many architectural and technical difficulties during the renovation project of the Yi Pei Square Playground. Therefore, it would take three years to complete the relevant project. It also needed time to observe and

consider the use of the modified site and learned from experience as a reference for improving other park facilities in the future. Hence, LCSD had not been able to renovate most of the parks in Hong Kong within a short period of time, but it would actively follow up on it and make improvements step by step.

56. Mr KWOK Tsz-kin asked the District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing Lands Department (Lands Department) to respond to the planning of idle land next to Tsing Hung Road Playground and Liu To Road Playground. He enquired whether Lands Department could cooperate with LCSD if LCSD wanted to use the idle land.

57. Ms HUNG Yuen-ching, Acting Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing), Lands Department, responded that any departments which would like to use these idle lands could make proposal to Lands Department. The Lands Department would have to consult relevant departments regarding the planning and supporting requirement of the land so as to meet as much needs of the department as possible.

58. Mr TONG Ho-man put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) He enquired whether Wing Fong Street Playground was under the jurisdiction of the FEHD. If so, whether Wing Fong Street Playground would not be one of the sites selected for LCSD's five-year plan.
- (ii) He enquired whether Shing Fong Street Children's Playground was one of the sites selected for the LCSD's five-year plan. He believed that the group's proposal to renovate the Wing Fong Street Playground should also be applicable to the Shing Fong Street Children's Playground.

59. Mr TAM Ka-chun, Warren put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) He pointed out that the deadline for submitting the above questionnaire was 28th April this year, and Tsing Yi Promenade was within its constituency. He was unsatisfied that the DC Members did not receive the questionnaire and the consultation period was too short.
- (ii) He believed that questionnaires should not be the only way to collect opinions. He believed that it was necessary to invite professionals to provide professional opinions and assist in planning and design. For example, the HD had cost more than \$200,000 earlier to replace the rocking horse, which caused negative publicity reaction. Therefore, he did not want LCSD to repeat its mistakes.

60. Miss LO Yuen-ting invited LCSD representatives to inspect the idle land next to the Liu To Road Playground.

61. Mr CHEUNG Man-lung put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) He stated that he also did not receive the questionnaire and asked LCSD to follow up on the issue, such as extending the questionnaire consultation period and increasing the way of consultation.
- (ii) He believed that the conditions of each district were different, and some facilities designed by professionals for other districts might not be suitable for the public play space in this district.

62. Mr WONG Tin-yan put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) He enquired whether LCSD would not invite community groups to participate in all renovation works carried out by LCSD in the parks in Kwai Tsing District and those would be completed by LCSD and ArchSD.
- (ii) He was concerned about the relevant arrangements. He pointed out that although the LCSD and ArchSD had

gained a lot of experience from some highly acclaimed park renovation projects in cooperation with community groups, he believed that the government's mindset and approach lacked flexibility and creativity. LCSD's expertise was decision-making and management, rather than designing innovative and popular facilities.

63. Mr KWOK Tsz-kin put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) He hoped that LCSD would distribute questionnaires through DC Members of the district to collect residents' opinions.
- (ii) He enquired whether LCSD planned to go into the community in person to consult stakeholders relating to Tsing Yi Promenade.
- (iii) Lands Department stated that if other government departments needed to use idle land, it could meet the needs of relevant departments. He pointed out that the residents near Tsing Hung Road Playground and Liu To Road Playground hoped to expand the above-mentioned playgrounds to increase the types of facilities, rather than just replace the relevant facilities. He hoped that LCSD would actively contact the Lands Department to follow up on the relevant matters.

64. Mr. FUNG Hon-wa, Harris gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) He stated that he would follow up on the questionnaire distribution arrangements and the way of collecting opinions with relevant members after the meeting.
- (ii) LCSD was open to whether the Shing Fong Street Children's Playground should be one of the sites selected for the five-year plan to renovate the public play space. Members were welcomed to advise LCDS on the site selection of the project.

- (iii) LCSD's five-year plan for the renovation of public play spaces did not had other cooperating units at present, but the dedicated team of ArchSD would draw on the experience of the Tuen Mun Park renovation project. LCSD would design and plan the venue and facilities in an innovative direction.
- (iv) LCSD hoped to implement the five-year plan for the transformation of public play space in Tsing Yi step by step. First, LCSD would consult and design the children's playground in the Tsing Yi Promenade. Then, it would refer to relevant experience to further improve the Shek Yam Lei Muk Road Park and Mei King Playground renovation project of the children's playground

Report on Promotion of "Participatory Budgeting"

(PDFMC Paper No. 6/I/2021)

65. Mr MAN Kwok-fai, CEO of Hong Kong Citizens Limited introduced the paper.

66. Mr LEUNG Kam-wai put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) He pointed out that in the past, opinions of residents were collected by DC Members respectively. It was recommended that more of the above activities should be held to collect the opinions of the residents systematically so that the community could participate in the formulation of the DC's budget.
- (ii) With reference to the suggestions provided by the Group, it was recommended to use this year's DMW funding to build the relevant facilities. He pointed out that the scope of DMW programmes was broad, including the construction of more diversified facilities at the premises under the management of LCSD.

67. The Chairman said the Home Affairs Department (HAD) had stated that apart from the departments, district groups could also provide proposals to HAD with regards to DMW by calling 1823, and the relevant proposals would be implemented by the Department.

68. Mr LEUNG Kam-wai proposed to submit DMW programme proposals in the name of Working Group and Committee.

69. Mr TAM Ka-chun, Warren believed that the Department might not accept DMW programme proposals submitted in the name of Working Group and Committee, he suggested that the groups to implement the relevant proposals through Members.

Funding Proposals on District Minor Works to Be Carried out by Government Departments

(PDFMC Paper No. 7/D/2021)

70. Mr FUNG Hon-wa, Harris introduced the paper.

71. Mr LAU Chi-kit put forth enquiries as follows:

- (i) According to the presentation, only 4 pillars were added in the lawn beautification project of Kwai Chung Sports Ground. He asked why the project cost was as high as more than \$40,000.
- (ii) He asked what were the reasons for the installation and replacement of notice boards in Tsing Yi Sports Ground, whether the notice board needed to be replaced regularly, or due to its dilapidation or because of the updates of the relevant regulations.

72. Mr TAM Ka-chun, Warren put forth enquiries as follows:

- (i) Where would HAD add priority seats.
- (ii) The Department mentioned last year that the design of the rain shelter beautification sticker would be provided to

Members for review and inquired about the current progress of the project.

- (iii) He asked whether the notice board could be used by partners of working groups under DC to organize community participation project activities, and whether the event promotional materials sponsored by DC could be posted on the notice board of DC.

73. Mr SIN Ho-fai put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) Tsing Yi Sports Ground was frequently used by Resources Capital FC (RCFC). K&TDO was recommended to open a notice board for RCFC to promote Hong Kong Premier League and the Team, so as to raise residents' awareness of the game.
- (ii) In the past, some colleagues used their own quotas to propose DMW of the installation of priority seats. He pointed out that if HAD had applied for the provision of installing priority seats, whether K&TDO could conduct a questionnaire for Members to choose the locations of the rain shelters for the installation of priority seats.

74. Mr FUNG Hon-wa, Harris gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) The four pillars of the lawn beautification project of Kwai Chung Sports Ground were made of stainless steel quadrate pipes, the outer layer was made of environmentally friendly plastic timber, and was reinforced by a concrete base, so the cost was \$43,800.
- (ii) K&TDO had replaced some of the more dilapidated signs in the Tsing Yi Sports Ground, and added signs in some locations to strengthen the reminder to the venue users, so as to assist the venue management and protect the safety of the users. In addition, K&TDO had installed two notice boards at the Tsing Yi Sports Ground which could

post promotional materials in order to increase the space for posting promotional materials and notices.

Discussion on Tree Maintenance Work in the Parks of Kwai Tsing District

(PDFMC Paper No. 8/D/2021, 8a/D/2021)

75. The Chairman introduced the paper.

76. Mr LAM Siu-fai put forth opinions as follows:

(i) He once requested to plant *Tabebuia Chrysotricha* in the area, and cited examples of that *Tabebuia chrysotricha* had become a characteristic of Nam Cheong Park. He also suggested planting Brazil *Bougainvillea*, because it was not easy to wilt, the flowering period was long, and the residents had a good response.

(ii) He believed that the flowering period could attract many people to watch and take pictures and create characteristics for the district. He suggested that the LCSD could reference from Taiwan's experience and plant trees with higher appreciation value on both sides of the road.

77. Miss WONG Pit-man put forth opinions as follows:

(i) Some of the comparatively old and huge trees in Tsing Luk Street Garden had collapsed under the influence of a typhoon earlier, and LCSD was now replacing the trees with *Tabebuia Chrysotricha* there. At the beginning of the year, she invited representatives of LCSD to conduct a site visit. The annual flowering period of *Tabebuia Chrysotricha* was only about one week, and only bare branches remained after the flowering period. She pointed out that the area used to be shaded by green trees to provide shade and resting area for the residents; but now there was no shade in the area, and the road was directly

exposed to the sun. The residents suddenly lost a place to rest.

- (ii) She believed that the branches and leaves of *Tabebuia Chrysotricha* were sparse, and recommended the Department to plant some trees with dense crowns or branches and good shading effect, such as *Lagerstroemia Grandiflora*, because of its larger crown and longer flowering period.

78. The Chairman pointed out according to the paper, the Department removed 17 trees from the Central Kwai Chung Park, but the information of replanting trees was “not applicable” and asked whether the Department had not replanted any trees.

79. Mr FUNG Hon-wa, Harris gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) When selecting trees for planting, LCSD would consider planting different species in different places according to the “right tree, right place” principle of the Greening, Landscape and Tree Management Section of the Development Bureau and the “Street Tree Selection Guide” issued by the Development Bureau.
- (ii) The Department referenced from the Greening Master Plan “Blue Breeze, Green Vista” formulated by the Civil Engineering and Development Department for the Kwai Tsing District. The Greening Master Plan introduced trees with different characteristics, including *Elaeocarpus Balansae*, *Lagerstroemia Speciosa* and *Bauhinia Variiegata* etc., for the Department to consider large-scale planting in the district to establish the characteristics of the district. The Master Plan also introduced some trees suitable for planting in walkways, gardens and parks, and their characteristics, such as whether the trees are introduced species, anti-pollution, wind-tolerant, drought-tolerant, salt-tolerant or prominent flowering plants. The Department would consider adding or

replanting tree species according to the characteristics of the site, such as whether the place was close to the sea, and its soil characteristics, degree of sun exposure, degree of wind exposure, types of plants planted nearby, as well as their shading effects and characteristics.

- (iii) In the past, some members of the public indicated that planting the same type of trees in nearby locations, such as *Tabebuia Chrysotricha*, could create new photo spot. Therefore, if the Department had to replace or plant trees in a wider area, the Department would also choose to plant the same type of trees to increase the ornamental value. In addition to planting *Tabebuia Chrysotricha*, the Department would consider planting other types of trees according to the characteristics of the site. DC Members and residents were welcomed to provide suggestions.
- (iv) The Department had planted a batch of *Tabebuia Chrysotricha* in Tsing Yi Park and Tsing Luk Street Garden. As the flowering period of *Tabebuia Chrysotricha* was relatively short, some Members suggested that the tree species should be changed. The transplantation of trees would generally affect their growth, therefore the Department had no plans to change the species of the trees there. The Department noted Members' opinions and would consider planting trees of other species if it was necessary to plant trees on other sites.
- (v) After "Typhoon Mangkhut", the Department did not replant all the trees using the "One-For-One" method. The crowns were relatively sparse at the initial stage of the trees growth, less space was needed then. But once the trees had grown completely, the crowns would become wider and larger and more space was required. Therefore, when replanting trees, the Department hoped to ensure that there was enough space for the trees to grow, so as to avoid the situation where trees had grown too densely in the past.

- (vi) In addition, if trees needed to be replanted near mature trees, shading area of the large canopy of mature trees would hinder young trees from absorbing sunlight and therefore affected their growth. Therefore, the Department had to consider whether to replant trees according to the actual situation of the relevant locations. If the location was not suitable for replanting arbors, the Department would also consider planting other shrubs.

- (vii) Most of the trees in the Central Kwai Chung Park were located on the hillside. The trees were mature and dense. Although 17 trees collapsed due to the impact of the typhoon, the neighboring trees were too dense and the shading area of the canopy was large, there were not enough space and sunlight for young trees to grow. Therefore, the Department considered that it was not appropriate to replant trees there. There were many trees in Central Kwai Chung Park, and the 17 fallen trees accounted for a comparatively low percentage of the total number of trees. If DC Members noticed that some locations were suitable for adding or replanting trees, they were welcome to make suggestions to the Department for consideration and follow-up.

80. Mr CHOW Wai-hung, Rayman pointed out that there were many climbing plants on the slopes from Kwai Shing Circuit to Tai Wo Hau, such as *Cuscuta Chinensis*, which clinged to the canopy of the trees and prevented the trees from absorbing sunlight. However, LCSD or other relevant departments had not seen to remove the relevant climbing plants. He pointed out that similar situation had occurred in Tai Po District several years ago, but the situation had improved after the removal, and he asked the relevant departments to follow up the situation in Kwai Tsing District.

81. Mr TAM Ka-chun, Warren put forth enquiries as follows:

- (i) The Mikania Micrantha nearby the Tsing Yi MTR Station had been removed, but he recommended LCSD to pay attention to whether the Mikania Micrantha had been spreaded to the Department's premises, such as Tsing Yi Waterfront Park.
- (ii) He asked the Department if there was any information on the removal and replanting of trees in Tsing Yi Waterfront Park.

82. Mr HUI Kei-cheung pointed out that Cuscuta Chinensis and Mikania Micrantha had been spreading on the streets and slopes from Tai Wo Hau Shek Tau Street to Tai Wo Kou Road South, which seriously hindered the growth of trees. The Lagerstroemia Speciosa and Bauhinia there had all wilted. He asked if LCSD could coordinate other relevant departments, such as the Housing Department and the Geotechnical Engineering Office to remove the climbing plants there together.

83. Mr FUNG Hon-wa, Harris gave a consolidated response that the Department was particularly concerned about the spread of climbing plants in the district. Some roadside slopes might not fall within the jurisdiction of the Department. Despite that, the Department would learn about the situation and location from DC Members after the meeting and referred to the relevant information to follow up.

(Post-meeting note: LCSD stated that an on-site inspection of the above-mentioned venue had been conducted on April 27 this year. It was found that there were climbing plants attached to individual trees, which had been referred to relevant departments for follow-up.)

Facilities Management Issues in the Soccer Pitch in Tsing Yi Northeast Park

(PDFMC Paper No. 9/D/2021, 9a/D/2021)

84. Mr LAU Chi-kit introduced the paper and put forth the enquiries as follows:

- (i) Whether the Architectural Services Department (ASD) needed to recruit technicians specialized in locating soccer pitch boundaries from overseas because there were no relevant technicians locally.
- (ii) Whether the Department could train relevant technicians locally so as to reduce the time required for recruitment.
- (iii) What were the acceptance criteria for the renovation of the artificial soccer pitch in Tsing Yi Northeast Park, and how to avoid the recurrence of having different sizes of gantries on the two sides in the future.

85. Mr TAM Ka-chun, Warren introduced the paper and asked which department or organisation was responsible for the incident.

86. Mr KWOK Tsz-ki introduced the paper and put forth enquiries as follows:

- (i) In response to the above incidents, what was the number of teams affected.
- (ii) How the Department would improve the related management.

87. Mr FUNG Hon-wa, Harris gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) The Department apologized for the fact that members of the public were not able to use the pitch facilities as usual, which had raised the concern of Members. The above incident occurred on the evening of March 20 this year. Players found that the height of the gantries on the two sides was different. After inspection, it was found that there was a height difference of the gantries on the two sides. As it took time to reassemble the gantries, the two women's football matches that night were affected by the incident and needed to be cancelled.

- (ii) On the day after the above incident, LCSD, ASD and the contractor inspected the relevant facilities on-site and contacted the affected renters by telephone to inquire about their wishes. The renters concerned had all agreed to use the soccer pitch as scheduled. In the morning of the following day, during the day of the regular maintenance of the venue, the Department immediately arranged the contractor to repair the relevant gantries. Therefore, only the two women's football matches on the night of the incident had to be cancelled due to the impact of the incident. Later, the Department communicated with the renters proactively and assisted the Hong Kong Football Association (HKFA) to arrange make-up matches for the affected matches.

- (iii) LCSD and ASD were both responsible for the difference in the height of the gantries, because the replacement of the gantries had to pass the acceptance procedure before it could be put into formal use. During the acceptance process of the Tsing Yi Northeast Park works project, the Department focused too much on checking the quality of the artificial turf because the turf used the new filling material first used in Hong Kong. Therefore, in the acceptance process of the gantries, the Department had also paid more attention to the safety of the gantries, and ignored the difference in the height.

- (iv) After the above incident, the Department had re-examined the same type of gantries in the venues under its supervision to avoid similar incidents in the future. The Department also reviewed the relevant acceptance procedure of the facilities with ASD, such as formulating a detailed works acceptance checklist and requiring to attach photos of the measuring scales for record, so as to avoid the above situation from recurring in the acceptance process in the future. The Department had also reminded relevant staff and contractors that apart from paying attention to the structural safety of the facilities, they also

needed to pay attention that relevant sports facilities should comply with international standard and height.

88. Ms NG Wai Yuk, Denise, Senior Property Services Manager/PM2, ASD gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) In the event of the above incident, the Department and LCSD were duty-bound. The Department would remind relevant staff and consultancy companies to pay attention to the specifications of related sports facilities in order to improve the works acceptance system. The renovation works project of the artificial turf soccer pitch in Tsing Yi Northeast Park focused on the quality of the artificial turf and the underground drainage pipeline facilities. In response to the epidemic, the Department also encountered many difficulties in transporting construction materials and inviting a recognized testing institution from the International Football Association (FIFA) to conduct field tests on-site. However, the Department staff had been closely following up the arrangements and negotiating with LCSD. She felt sorry that the height of the gantries had been neglected during the acceptance process by both parties.
- (ii) The contract of the renovation of the artificial turf soccer pitch in Tsing Yi Northeast Park required the contractor to find a testing institution recognized by FIFA to conduct field tests at the pitch. According to the FIFA webpage, the recognized testing institutions were all overseas institutions. The contractor and consultancy company had previously invited a recognized testing institution from overseas to Hong Kong to carry out tests, but due to the epidemic and quarantine measures, it had to be postponed until the epidemic had eased before arranging the technicians of the recognized testing institution to Hong Kong for the testing in December last year. Some DC Members suggested ASD to train local technicians. However, the Department was only an engineering

department, and training talents for testing specifications of football facilities did not fall into the Department's professional scope.

- (iii) In the future, the Department would formulate a detailed acceptance checklist with LCSD. After the contractor installed the facilities, the Department staff would come to the site to measure and take photos; after the completion of the works project, LCSD and ASD staff would visit the site for the acceptance procedure and record relevant details.

89. Mr LAU Chi-kit asked whether the technicians of FIFA-recognized testing institutions should inspect the height of the gantries in addition to the boundaries of soccer pitches and whether the pitches met the standards of FIFA.

90. Mr TAM Ka-chun, Warren put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) He asked whether the government departments would impose penalties on contractors.
- (ii) He requested ASD or LCSD to explain in detail the acceptance procedure. According to the paper, after the contractor completed the renovation of the artificial turf soccer pitch, it would be inspected several times by the staff of ASD and LCSD. After the remedial works were completed in good order, the FIFA-recognized testing institution would conduct field tests on site for the artificial turf soccer field, yet no one had noticed the difference in the height of the gantries. He asked whether the Department had paid too much attention to the safety of the facilities and had adopted new technologies, and therefore ignored the nature of the sports facilities.
- (iii) He said that the incident showed that the staff of ASD and LCSD was not familiar with the specifications of sports

facilities, and asked whether the Department would formulate detailed works acceptance checklists for different sports facilities. If the Department did not have the above planning, he believed it would be difficult to avoid similar incidents in the future. If the Department hoped to avoid similar incidents in the future, local professional technicians should be invited to strengthen the inspection of the facilities.

91. Mr KWOK Tsz-kin pointed out that in response to the epidemic, the team could only participate in local matches. Every match was a precious opportunity to them. Therefore, he did not hope that similar incidents would happen again in the future. He asked if LCSD would conduct inspections of facilities in other venues in the Kwai Tsing District.

92. Mr FUNG Hon-wa, Harris gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) FIFA-recognized testing institutions were responsible for the acceptance of artificial turf, including inspecting the rebound speed of the soccer at different positions, the resistance of the soccer rolling on the turf, whether the shock resistance and drainage ability of the turf met the standards specified in the FIFA manual. However, the acceptance of gantries and pitch boundaries were not included.
- (ii) The specifications of the sports facilities under the Department, including gantry height, boundaries, twelve yard points, etc., were based on the internationally recognized standards set by the FIFA.
- (iii) In response to the above incident, the Department had reminded the venue management staff to inspect whether the venue rules and facility specifications comply with internationally recognized standards. The Department would maintain close contact with HKFA. Before the facilities were reopened, HKFA had been invited to

inspect the Tsing Yi Northeast Park Soccer Pitch and to provide suggestions in order to ensure that the venue met the requirements of the matches.

- (iv) The Department believed that the above incident was only an individual incident, because the artificial turf soccer pitch in Tsing Yi Northeast Park was a venue for the trial use of new infill materials. In the future, before reopening the relevant soccer facilities, the Department would consult HKFA for their opinions on the venue facilities and would also invite H FA to conduct matches to test whether the venue was suitable.

93. Ms NG Wai Yuk, Denise gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) The engineering supervisor of the consultancy company visited the site from time to time to monitor the progress and quality of the works project, but the engineering supervisor did not raise the situation of the deviations in the dimensions of the gantries. Although the works project had been outsourced to a consultancy company, the engineering staff of ASD had inspected the site from time to time and maintained close communication with LCSD to review the progress of the works project.
- (ii) The Department considered the above incident to be unsatisfactory but hoped to improve the future acceptance procedures through the incident. In addition to considering the safety of the facilities, building laws and material requirements, the Department would also pay more attention to the specifications and details of the sports facilities.

Enquiries About Illegal Excavations and Repairs in Kam Shan Country Park

(PDFMC Paper No. 10/D/2021, 10a/D/2021)

94. Mr SIN Chung-kai, SBS, JP introduced the paper.

95. Mr LAM Siu-fai put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) He pointed out that many people blazed new trails by themselves on the way from Shek Lei Yi Fung Court to Kam Shan Country Park, creating bifurcated road sections, making hikers to easily lose their way and cause accidents. He also pointed out that many people cut down trees illegally, built wooden houses and other facilities.
- (ii) He recommended the District Office to add more directory signs along the trails near Kwai Chung Northeast and Wonderland Villas.
- (iii) It was common to see rubbish piled up on the road from Shek Lei to the direction towards catchwater, and he said it could be inspected with the relevant department.
- (iv) He recommended to set up more hiking trails to promote the free recreational activity of hiking to residents.

96. Mr CHEUNG Kwan-kiu, Steve put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) He point out that there were a lot of wild pigs and monkeys near Kam Shan Country Park, and they tipped over trash cans from time to time, causing the problem of the accumulation of refuse. He requested the relevant department to formulate a long term plan for the prevention and control of wild pigs.
- (ii) During the epidemic, many citizens frequently went hiking in the suburbs. He had told the Transport Department earlier that many citizens would depart from Mei Foo and travel to the Kowloon Reservoir via Cheung Hang Village and Cheung Yuen Road. There were many bifurcations along the road with insufficient directory

signs. Therefore, many hikers lost their way in the squatter area of Cheung Hang Village.

- (iii) He pointed out that the gate of the lower service reservoir of the Kowloon Reservoir on the section of Cheung Yuen Road to the Kowloon Reservoir blocked the hiking trail. Hikers would need to take an extra 20 minutes to detour up the mountain and asked the Water Supplies Department (WSD) whether the section could be opened.

97. Mr KWOK Tsz-kin pointed out that under the epidemic situation, more people used hiking trails and country parks. It was recommended that government departments and DC members to strengthen public education on taking away the rubbish they bring.

98. Ms HUNG Yuen-ching gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) The Department would refer the above-mentioned refuse accumulation issues to FEHD for follow-up, and the illegal cutting down of trees to the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department for follow-up. The Department had removed structures on the unleased land involved, including fish ponds and slides in accordance with the Land (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (Cap 28).
- (ii) The Department had received complaints from DC Members of the illegal parking of bicycles and private vehicles within WSD. The Department would also pass the relevant opinions to WSD for follow-up.

99. Mr SIN Chung-kai, SBS, JP pointed out that the problem of accumulation of refuse in the area from Wonderland Villas to the service reservoir near Kam Shan Country Park was serious, and he was puzzled by the relevant department saying that no such situation was observed.

100. Mr CHEUNG Wai-lun, Engr/NTW (Distribution 4), WSD gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) The Department would contact the relevant DC Members after the meeting to find out the relevant location where the problem of accumulation of refuse was serious.
- (ii) For the time being, there was no relevant information on how the gates of the lower service reservoir in Kowloon Reservoir blocked the hiking trails. However, due to the consideration of fresh water safety, the service reservoirs were generally surrounded by barbed wire. Therefore, the Department had to consider whether the road section could be opened for citizens to pass through depending on the actual situation.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat had sent out the written reply of WSD to Members on 21 May 2021. For details, please refer to PDFMC Paper No. 24/2021.)

101. Mr SIN Chung-kai, SBS, JP pointed out that there were accumulation of refuse on both sides of the trail next to the service reservoir, the road section from Cheung Hang Village to Wonderland Villas and the road section to Kam Shan Country Park.

102. Mr CHEUNG Kwan-kiu, Steve stated that the lower service reservoir of the Kowloon Reservoir along Cheung Yuen Road extending from Cheung Hang Village to the entrance of the Kowloon Reservoir was surrounded by barbed wire. It took an extra 20 minutes for the citizens to get around the barbed wire in order to move forward. Therefore, he requested WSD to respond to whether the road section could be opened after the meeting.

103. Mr LAM Siu-fai said that many wild pigs and monkeys near Shek Lei Hang Village and Tai Hang Mei Tsuen often tipped over trash cans. As the government had introduced measures in some villages in Sai Kung to prevent wild pigs and cattle from tipping over the trash cans, he therefore suggested to introduce these measures in Shek Lei Hang Village and Tai Hang Mei Tsuen to keep the trails clean and hygienic.

(Post-meeting note: FEHD had noted and filed the opinions on refuse collection service for consideration in the future.)

104. Mr KWOK Tsz-kin pointed out that some of the mountain trails mentioned by Members were managed by the District Office and required the District Office to promote publicity and education on recycling at the entrances and exits of country parks.

105. Ms HUNG Yuen-ching gave a consolidated response that since the above issue was not within the purview of the Lands Department, she could refer it to the relevant department for follow-up.

106. Mr CHEUNG Wai-lun gave a consolidated response that he would ask the relevant Members about the actual location of the above situation after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat would send out the written reply of WSD to Members on 21 May 2021. For details, please refer to PDFMC Paper No. 24/2021.)

(Post-meeting note: FEHD stated that the Department did not provide regular cleansing services for the mountain trails and country parks involved. The Department would continue to monitor the situation. If accumulation of refuse on unleased land and environmental hygiene problems were found, the Department would take appropriate follow-up actions based on the actual situation.)

Report Items

Report of Works and Development Working Group

(PDFMC Paper No. 11/R/2021)

107. Mr WONG Bing-kuen said that although the completion date of the beautification project in Kwai Tsing District - providing planting and maintenance services for the plants in the district (2020-2021) (K&T-DMW524) was on 30 June 2021, the plants currently in Tai Wo Hau Tak Tai Path Sitting-out Area was withered and seemed to be left unattended;

the seats there had also faded in colours. He asked the District Office if the paint of the seats would be refurbished.

(Post-meeting note: LCSD stated that the plant maintenance service of the plants on Tai Wo Hau Tak Tai Path had been followed up.)

108. Mr CHEUNG Kwan-kiu, Steve put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) Pedestrian improvement works (K&T-DMW556) near Regency Park in Block 19 of Wonderland Villas, Kwai Chung and House 54 in Cheung Hang Village (K&T-DMW556) were originally scheduled to start on 15 July 2021, and to complete on 15 November 2021. He pointed out that the construction site was located in a squatter area, and worried that the rainy season might cause delay of the works. He asked whether the Department was confident that the works could be commenced and completed on schedule.
- (ii) He asked whether the works would be carried out simultaneously with the Department's improvement project of another pedestrian way in Cheung Hang Village.

109. Mr TAM Ka-chun, Warren put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) The progress of the retrofitting of barrier-free access next to Nga Ying Chau Garden (K&T-DMW527) was "planning", and the completion date had been extended to 15 August 2021. He asked whether the date was the official completion date of the works project or was the end date of the project planning stage; and whether the Department had negotiated with relevant stakeholders.
- (ii) He asked about the works project details of the facilities improvement provision (2020-21) (K&T-DMW548) under the Kwai Tsing District Council.

- (iii) He asked about the progress of the widening of the footpath of Tsing King Road (K&T-DMW562) and the addition of barrier-free access next to Ching Nga Court (K&T-DMW572), as well as the progress of the consultation of relevant stakeholders done by the Department. He pointed out that the Department must first provide a formal reply to DC Members before DC Member could discuss further with the relevant corporations.
- (iv) He stated that some DMW were under the responsibility of LCSD or the sites were located in the premises of the LCSD. Therefore, DMW programmes could also be used to improve facilities in the premises of LCSD, rather than being limited to the construction of rain shelters.

110. Mr LEUNG Kam-wai put forth opinions as follows :

- (i) Annex 2 of the paper lacked 3 items related to the “Resident Opinion Board”.
- (ii) DMW covered a wide range of works. Although the “Resident Opinion Board” did not violate the relevant guidelines, the Department indicated that the relevant works involved management issues, so the types of works projects were therefore limited. He had no objection to the construction of rain shelters in the district, but suggested Members to put forward other types of works projects, such as improving the facilities under the premises of LCSD.

111. Mr HUI Kei-cheung stated that during the on-site inspection last year, the Department said that the construction of rain shelter at the junction of Tai Wo Hau Road and Shek Tau Street (K&T-DMW565) should be coordinated with the K&TDO’s improvement project of the pavilions in rural areas. He enquired the Department about the progress of the relevant rural works projects.

112. Members unanimously approved the above-mentioned working group report.

Report of Community Building Working Group

(PDFMC Paper No. 12/R/2021)

113. Mr LEUNG Kam-wai hoped that the funding application for working group activities with an application amount of \$200,000 or less could be submitted to Vetting Committee for approval in the meeting at the end of May.

114. The Chairman gave a response that a public invitation letter to the working group activity partners could be issued on the same day.

115. Members unanimously approved the above-mentioned working group report.

Progress of Retrofitting Lift at Tai Wo Hau Estate Community Centre

(PDFMC Paper No. 13/R/2021)

116. Mr WONG Bing-kuen put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) According to the paper, the consultancy company needed one year for construction investigation and design, and K&TDO needed about one year to prepare drawings and recruit contractors. The start and completion of the works project would take about two years, that was, the entire project would take time of about four to five years. He pointed out that the funding application was still under vetting and asked how long the approval process would take.
- (ii) In response to the easing of the epidemic, he requested K&TDO to arrange a meeting with the tenants and stakeholders of the Tai Wo Hau Community Centre to seek their opinions.

117. Mr LEUNG Kam-wai put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) He pointed out that K&TDO provided a timetable for the construction phase of the works project and believed that the project had progressed.
- (ii) He asked how much the construction cost of the lift was and whether it exceeded \$30 million.
- (iii) He asked about the appropriation progress and preliminary timetable.

118. Mr HUI Kei-cheung put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) He was pleased to learn that K&TDO had provided a more specific project timetable and asked when K&TDO would submit the funding application and when the funding was expected to be approved.
- (ii) He requested K&TDO to convene meetings and invite stakeholders and related groups to attend. He pointed out that in addition to the stakeholders in the community centre, many organisations had also reported their concerns and submitted petitions to K&TDO, so he hoped that K&TDO would provide them with specific works project information.

Report on Community Halls and Centres Usage

(PDFMC Paper No. 14/R/2021)

119. Mr WONG Bing-kuen pointed out that the statistical date of the data of the paper was from 1 December 2020 to 28 February 2021. However, according to Annex 1, Shek Lei Community Hall was closed from December to February. He asked why the hall was successfully rented for 189 times, with 18.18% average utilization rate.

120. Mr LEUNG Kam-wai put forth enquiries as follows:

- (i) When conducting inspections in community halls, did K&TDO check whether the renting group had complied with the hall's epidemic prevention measures, for example, participants should be divided into groups of 4 people, and each group should be separated by a distance of 1.5 meters.
- (ii) Whether activities funded by the District Council would be given priority in processing applications during the quarterly lots drawing of the halls.
- (iii) Whether the lots drawing quarter for the venue of the community halls could be the same as the quarter for the District Council's local organisation funding application.

121. Mr TAM Ka-chun, Warren pointed out that due to the epidemic, the average utilization rate of different auditoriums varied greatly. He asked K&TDO on how to count these figures, and whether it was possible to count the usage figures of multi-purpose activity rooms and conference rooms separately.

Report on Community Halls and Centres Facilities Improvement and Maintenance

(PDFMC Paper No. 15/R/2021)

122. Mr HUI Kei-cheung put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) He asked about the detailed project and drawings of the ventilation system improvement works of Tai Wo Hau Community Centre.
- (ii) Many groups that rented the venue expressed that there were insufficient clothes racks in the changing rooms of the community centre hall and requested K&TDO to improve the relevant facilities.

123. Mr WONG Bing-kuen put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) The lighting, curtains and iron gates of Tai Wo Hau Community Centre had been improved, but the abandoned tables and chairs had not been cleaned up at the above site, and he request K&TDO to follow-up.
- (ii) The number of facilities depletion projects in Tai Wo Hau Community Centre was 22, and the number of completed maintenance projects was 20. He asked why the 2 maintenance projects had not yet been completed.
- (iii) He hoped that the improvement works project of the toilet's ventilation system of Tai Wo Hau Community Centre could be completed on schedule. He pointed out that the sanitary condition of the area was just normal, and there was even odour, and K&TDO was required to strengthen the cleaning.

124. Mr LAM Siu-fai pointed out that during the epidemic, K&TDO needed to store epidemic prevention materials in Shek Lei Community Hall, so Shek Lei Community Hall had to be temporarily closed. He said that the replacement of the floor of the hall of Shek Lei Community Hall was completed on 14 May 2021, and asked when Shek Lei Community Hall would be reopened for the use by groups and owners' corporations.

125. Mr LAU Chi-kit put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) The paint on the walls of the back and main stairs, and ceiling and walls of Cheung Fat Estate Community Centre were peeling off, he requested K&TDO to carry out improvement and paint renovation works.
- (ii) The kindergarten of Cheung Fat Estate Community Centre was located on the 5th floor. As the lift maintenance works generally took one day, it was difficult for the elderly to go up and down the 5 flights of stairs when picking up children. He requested K&TDO to try to arrange the lift maintenance works on weekends.

126. Mr TAM Ka-chun, Warren put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) Whether it was possible for K&TDO to install a motorized projection screen in Cheung Fat Community Centre.
- (ii) The time for submitting applications for District Council funding and community hall rental varied. Many local organisations had not successfully rented their halls when applying for District Council funding. He asked whether K&TDO could coordinate.
- (iii) He suggested to introduce a grading system for the rental system of community halls, so as to prevent some owners' corporations and organisations that organised youth activities from failing to rent community halls. He asked whether K&TDO could reserve half of the rental sessions for groups to organise cultural and recreational activities in the hall, and the other half for other activities.

Any Other Business

127. Mr TONG Ho-man put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) He said that he received complaints from residents that LCSD did not install a windproof and sand-blocking canvas in Kwai Chung Sports Ground Beach Volleyball Court when the venue was not in use, so that the sand drifted in the wind and affected nearby residents.
- (ii) He had reported the problem to the Department several times, but the Department stated that they were currently studying improvement plans. The Department also pointed out the staff's explanation of the waste a lot of manpower, resources and time for adding canvas to the above site due to insufficient resources. He said that as early as 2007, the Department had proposed to add canvas to the above site, and earlier this year indicated that they

could consider adding a temporary cover. He hoped that the Department would actively follow up the relevant issues.

128. Mr HUI Kei-cheung pointed out that the large number of abandoned bicycles and motorcycles in the section between lampposts No. GC1148 to AC5130 in Shek Tau Street, Tai Wo Hau, had caused safety and hygiene problems. He requested the Lands Office to follow up.

129. Mr LEUNG Kam-wai pointed out that the government's lockdown testing operations had not been effective, causing nuisance to residents, and that staff of government departments such as frontline staff of the District Offices had to be on duty at midnights, which affected the Offices and the operation of Committees.

130. Mr WONG Tin-yan put forth opinions and enquiries as follows:

- (i) He pointed out that many residents jogged in the Lai King Hill Road North Sitting-Out Area, but the ground was uneven, the lighting was insufficient, and there was no clear colour indication between the steps. Residents had been injured while exercising or walking there.
- (ii) He said that the Lai King Shan North Sitting-out Area Facilities Improvement Works Project (K&T-DMW561) would be commenced in August this year. He asked the Lands Department whether they would implement any temporary measures before the improvement project commenced to remind users to pay attention to the potential danger. He indicated that he could come along with the Department staff to conduct an on-site inspection.

131. Mr KWOK Tsz-kin put forth opinions as follows:

- (i) He had notified LCSD and the Lands Department of the damage to the barbed wire fence of the Tsing Hung Road

Playground, but there had been no improvement so far, and he asked the relevant departments to follow up.

- (ii) The mosquito infestation in Tsing Hung Road Playground and the surrounding idle land was very serious. He had visited the site with the park manager and the Lands Department last year. As the Tsing Hung Road Playground was adjacent to residential buildings, he hoped that the relevant departments would coordinate to apply anti-mosquito repellent and use cold fogger to kill mosquitoes on different days as much as possible.
- (iii) There were many idle sites near the Tsing Hung Road Playground. He hoped that LCSD would actively develop these lands.

132. Mr FUNG Hon-wa, Harris gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) LCSD had received reports from Members that the wind blowing of the sand at the beach volleyball court in Kwai Chung Sports Ground would affect nearby residents, therefore the Department had studied with the suppliers on adding equipment so as to cover the volleyball court quickly when no one was using it. As the fabrics currently used were heavy, it required more manpower and time, and the fabrics were damaged, so the covering effect was unsatisfactory. The Department would remind frontline staff to arrange light-weight fabrics to cover the beach volleyball court as soon as possible to reduce the impact on nearby residents.
- (ii) The Department would strengthen the anti-mosquito measures at the Tsing Hung Road Playground and coordinate with the Lands Department on the timetable for anti-mosquito operations to enhance the effectiveness of anti-mosquito operations.

- (iii) Land development planning involved multiple departmental and public considerations and had to be considered in long term. If DC Members wished to build park facilities on idle land, they were welcome to conduct site visits with the Department to follow up related resources and technical feasibility studies.

133. Ms. HUNG Yuen-ching gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) The Lands Department had worked with other departments to deal with illegal parking of bicycles and motorcycles from time to time. The Department needed personnel to further understand the actual locations of abandoned bicycles and motorcycles on Shek Tau Street, Tai Wo Hau, and follow up with the relevant Members after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: The Lands Department stated that they had responded to Members' enquiries by email on May 4 this year.)

- (ii) At present, the Department had not yet known when it would be necessary to provide the venue to K&TDO for the facility improvement works of Lai King Shan North Sitting-out Area. She would enquired the relevant Members about its actual location after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: The Lands Department stated that relevant Members had been contacted after the meeting to understand the situation.)

- (iii) The Department had arranged staff to follow up on the problem of the barbed wire on government land near the Tsing Hung Road Playground, and has also reminded staff to strengthen the anti-mosquito work before the end of the rainy season. The Department could coordinate with LCSD to apply anti-mosquito repellent and use cold fogger to kill mosquitoes on different days.

134. The Chairman pointed out that Members proposed to abolish the DMW grading system last year as the grading system had little effect on the order of works, and other District Councils had not established a grading system for DMW. He asked Members whether they agreed to abolish the DMW grading system.

135. The Chairman stated that the Committee unanimously approved the abolition of the DMW grading system.

136. Mr LAU Chi-kit stated that he was informed that the Owners' Corporation of Cheung Fat Village would not provide a venue for K&TDO to start the construction of barrier-free access works next to Ching Nga Court. He asked whether K&TDO could provide a formal reply to the Members so that they could inform the residents.

137. Mr TAM Ka-chun, Warren asked if the residents could be proposers of DMW.

Date of Next Meeting

138. The next meeting was scheduled to be held on 16 June 2021 (Tuesday)

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