

Sai Kung District Council
District Facilities and Works Committee
Minutes of the First Meeting in 2025

Date : 14 January 2025 (Tuesday)

Time : 10:00 a.m.

Venue : Conference Room of the Sai Kung District Council

Present

Mr CHONG Yuen-tung, MH (Chairman)	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHAN Kai-wai, MH (Vice-Chairman)	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Ms FONG Kwok-shan, Christine	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr WANG Wen	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr WONG Shui-sang	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr LI Tin-chi	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr LI Ka-leung, Philip, MH	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Ms LI Ka-yan	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHAU Ka-lok	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr LAM Chun-ka	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Ms KI Lai-mei, MH	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr YAU Siu-hung, Kelvin, MH	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr YAU Ho-lun	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Ms YU Natasha	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Ms SZE Pan-pan	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Ms WU Suet-lin	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHEUNG Mei-hung, Chris	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHEUNG Man-tim	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Ms CHONG Nga-ting, Angel	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHAN Chi-ho	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHAN Kin-chun, Ken	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHAN Kwong-fai	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHAN Kuen-kwan, MH	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr TSANG Kwok-ka	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr WAN Kai-ming	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr WONG Wang-to, MH	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr WONG Yuen-hong	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Ms KAN Tung-tung	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr LAU Kai-hong, MH	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHENG Yu-hei	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Ms TAM Chuk-kwan	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Ms WU Jia-xin	Co-opted Member
Mr WAN Pui-lun, Joe	Co-opted Member
Mr LEE Cheuk-yin, Norris (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council)5, Sai Kung District Office

In Attendance

Miss LAM I-ching	Assistant District Officer (Sai Kung)1, Sai Kung District Office
Miss CHENG Suet-ching, Lacus	Assistant District Officer (Sai Kung)2, Sai Kung District Office
Mr CHENG Chi-wing, Ken	Senior Liaison Officer (1), Sai Kung District Office
Miss WONG Wai-fong, Bonnie	Senior Liaison Officer (2), Sai Kung District Office
Mr NG Wai-ming	Senior Liaison Officer (3), Sai Kung District Office
Mr PANG Kam-ping	Senior Inspector of Works (Sai Kung), Sai Kung District Office
Mr HUI Chun-kwan, Simon	Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Sai Kung District Office
Mr CHUNG Kai-yin	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Sai Kung District Office
Miss WONG Chui-ying, Erin	Executive Officer I (District Council), Sai Kung District Office
Ms KONG Yuen-fan, Bonnie	Architect (Works)5, Home Affairs Department
Ms CHEUNG Nga-wun, Mimi	Architect (Works)9, Home Affairs Department
Ms LEE Lai-sheung, Susan	District Leisure Manager (Sai Kung), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LAI Ka-yee, Jenny	Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Sai Kung, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr HUNG Man-wai, Jonathan	Senior Executive Officer (Planning)22, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Miss LAM Ka-foo, Tiffany	Executive Officer (Planning)22A, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr CHOW Kin-keung	Administrative Assistant/Lands, District Lands Office, Sai Kung
Miss YEUNG Lok-kei, Kiki	Senior Engineer/20(East), East Development Office, Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr YEUNG Wong-pan	Senior Property Service Manager/Kowloon West & Sai Kung, Housing Department
Mr HSIE Kwun-kuen, Joe	Senior Engineer/Walkability 1, Transport Department
Miss LAM Wing-ching, Larissa	Engineer 7/Walkability, Transport Department
Ms NG Ka-wai, Annisa	Senior Engineer 15/Works, Highways Department

} for agenda
item II(A)

Ms LAU Wai-kwan, Natalie	Principal Assistant Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development 8,
Mr NG Sau-tak, Eddy	Commerce and Economic Development Bureau
Ms CHIM Kin-ning, Christine	Assistant Director (Market & Competition),
Mr LEUNG Chui-choi, Dennis	Office of the Communications Authority
Mr YUNG Lik-tsing, Eric	Head, Market & Competition 1,
Mr TSANG Kin-wing, Michael	Office of the Communications Authority
	Principal Regulatory Affairs Manager (Market & Competition 12),
	Office of the Communications Authority
	Senior Regulatory Affairs Manager (Market & Competition 12)1,
	Office of the Communications Authority
	Regulatory Affairs Manager (Market & Competition 12)3,
	Office of the Communications Authority

for agenda
item II(B)

Absent

Mr CHEUNG Chin-pang Member of Sai Kung District Council

Welcome Remarks

The Chairman said a quorum was present and the meeting commenced officially. He welcomed all Members and representatives of government departments to the first meeting of the Sai Kung District Council (SKDC) District Facilities and Works Committee (DFWC) in 2025, in particular Mr Joe HSIE, Senior Engineer/Walkability 1 of the Transport Department (TD), Miss Larissa LAM, Engineer 7/Walkability of TD and Ms Annisa NG, Senior Engineer 15/Works of the Highways Department (HyD).

2. The Chairman said that Mr CHEUNG Chin-pang was unable to attend today's meeting due to sickness, and that he had submitted a Notification of Absence from Meeting prior to the meeting as required. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the application for absence from the meeting was approved in accordance with Order 64(5) of the SKDC Standing Orders.

I. Confirmation of Minutes of the 6th DFWC Meeting in 2024 held on 12 November 2024

3. The Chairman stated that the Secretariat had not received any proposed amendment before the meeting. There being no proposed amendment at the meeting, the Chairman declared that the above minutes were confirmed.

II. New Items

(A) Provision of Cover to Walkway (New Round) (SKDC(DFWC) Paper No. 1/25)

4. Members agreed with the proposal to construct a cover for the pedestrian walkway at Po Yap Road (between Bauhinia Garden and Yee Ming Estate) put forward by TD and HyD, and raised the following views:

- Regarding the design of the cover, they suggested:
 - Considering extending the cover to the transitional housing Yap Ting Terraced Home.
 - Widening the cover to ensure that water could be channelled effectively, and the columns of the cover should not take up too much space on the walkway.
 - Incorporating environmentally friendly and low-carbon features (such as installing photovoltaic panels).
 - When conducting the feasibility study, identifying the underground utilities in the road section early so that the works progress would not be affected by utility issues during the construction stage; relocating objects on the walkway that might obstruct the works (e.g. potted plants, arbours and covered benches) as appropriate as well.
- They suggested reporting at the meeting and consulting Members' views upon the completion of the feasibility study and the preliminary design of the cover.
- Benches and real-time bus arrival information display panels could not be installed at the covered bus stop on the walkway at Ngan O Road in front of Wo Ming Court/Yuk Ming Court. They suggested the relevant departments to study with the bus companies and explore solutions as necessary, and to avoid reoccurrence of similar situations.
- They hoped that more rounds of the Provision of Cover to Walkway (the Scheme) would be launched in the future, and suggested considering providing further covers for the walkways outside 3 Shek Kok Road to the entrance of the subway on Shek Kok Road, and from Yuk Nga Lane to Po Lam MTR Station.

5. Mr Joe HSIE, Senior Engineer/Walkability 1, TD responded as follows:

- During the SKDC District Facilities Management Committee meeting in 2017, Members voted on the various proposals under the Provision of Cover to Walkway (First Round). Apart from the walkway at Ngan O Road in front of Wo Ming Court/Yuk Ming Court, which received the highest number of votes and was completed in 2021, the pedestrian walkway at Po Yap Road (between Bauhinia Garden and Yee Ming Estate) proposed in this round of the Scheme got the second most votes at that time. With respect to the estimates of pedestrian flow, the peak flow of the proposed walkway had increased from

about 1 500 persons per hour in 2017 to more than 2 000 persons per hour at present. Hence, providing a cover for the concerned walkway in this round of the Scheme was recommended.

- In view of factors such as resource considerations and works management, only one suitable walkway in each district would be chosen in this round of the Scheme.
- In response to Members' suggestions on the cover design, immediately after the confirmation of the proposed alignments, HyD would commence a feasibility study to identify the underground utilities and surrounding facilities of the concerned road section, and would adjust the cover design accordingly. After the completion of the feasibility study and the preliminary design, a briefing would be conducted again at the DFWC meeting to consult Members.
- It was expected that the proposed cover for the pedestrian walkway at Po Yap Road (between Bauhinia Garden and Yee Ming Estate) under the Scheme could extend to the road section between the entrance of Yee Ming Estate and the lifts, allowing residents to make use of the covered walkway from Yee Ming Estate to access Tseung Kwan O MTR Station. Meanwhile, he noted Members' views on the extension of the cover to the transitional housing Yap Ting Terraced Home, and would consider such extension after discussions with the government department responsible for managing the concerned site on its future planning.
- As for the benches and real-time bus arrival information display panels which could not be installed at the covered bus stop on the walkway at Ngan O Road in front of Wo Ming Court/Yuk Ming Court, HyD would pay special attention to the design of the cover in this round of the Scheme.
- Members' suggestion to construct a cover for the walkway from Yuk Nga Lane to Po Lam MTR Station was noted.

6. Members continued to raise the following questions and views:

- They suggested further extending the cover for the pedestrian walkway at Po Yap Road (between Bauhinia Garden and Yee Ming Estate) to the pedestrian crossing outside Bauhinia Garden towards Exit A of Tseung Kwan O MTR Station.
- They asked HyD about the feasibility of installing benches and real-time bus arrival information display panels at the covered bus stop on the walkway at Ngan O Road in front of Wo Ming Court/Yuk Ming Court.

7. The Vice-Chairman agreed with the proposal to construct a cover for the pedestrian walkway at Po Yap Road (between Bauhinia Garden and Yee Ming Estate) put forward by TD and HyD, and would like the relevant departments to brief Members on the cover design in a timely manner. He also asked if the funding under this round of the Scheme could be used to construct covers for more than one walkway section in the district.

8. Mr Joe HSIE of TD responded as follows:

- Only one suitable walkway in the district would be chosen for the provision of cover in this round of the Scheme, and the number of proposed walkway covers to be constructed would not be revised taking into account the cost estimates of the relevant projects.
- He noted Members' suggestion to further extend the cover for the pedestrian walkway at Po Yap Road (between Bauhinia Garden and Yee Ming Estate) to the pedestrian crossing outside Bauhinia Garden towards Exit A of Tseung Kwan O MTR Station.

9. Ms Annisa NG, Senior Engineer 15/Works, HyD said regarding the benches and real-time bus arrival information display panels which could not be installed at the covered bus stop on the walkway at Ngan O Road in front of Wo Ming Court/Yuk Ming Court, she would relay to TD and the bus companies for consideration and follow-up actions.

10. There being no other comments from Members, the Chairman declared that the proposal regarding the provision of a cover for the pedestrian walkway at Po Yap Road (between Bauhinia Garden and Yee Ming Estate) put forward by TD and HyD was passed. He asked TD and HyD to brief Members on the cover design in a timely manner, and consider Members' suggestions to construct covers for the walkways such as the ones outside 3 Shek Kok Road to the entrance of the subway on Shek Kok Road, as well as from Yuk Nga Lane to Po Lam MTR Station. The Chairman asked the representatives of TD and HyD to leave the meeting first.

(B) Subsidy Scheme to Extend 5G Coverage in Rural and Remote Areas ("Subsidy Scheme")
(SKDC(DFWC) Paper No. 2/25)

11. The Chairman welcomed the following government representatives:

Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (CEDB)

- Ms Natalie LAU, Principal Assistant Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development 8

Office of the Communications Authority (OFCA)

- Mr Eddy NG, Assistant Director (Market & Competition)
- Ms Christine CHIM, Head, Market & Competition 1
- Mr Dennis LEUNG, Principal Regulatory Affairs Manager (Market & Competition 12)
- Mr Eric YUNG, Senior Regulatory Affairs Manager (Market & Competition 12)1
- Mr Michael TSANG, Regulatory Affairs Manager (Market & Competition 12)3

12. Members raised the following questions and views:

- They enquired about the 5G coverage of the seven initially proposed radio base stations (RBSs), including whether it could cover maritime areas and be compatible with 4G+, and the definition of “a minimum average download speed of no less than 100Mbps” supported by RBS. They expected that RBSs could also cover locations with relatively poor reception of mobile network signals in the district (e.g. LOHAS Park).
- They were concerned about the impact of the new RBSs on the residential fixed-line service charges in rural and remote areas, as well as the possible effects of the radiation level on residents’ health. They suggested that the exterior design of the new RBSs should be simple and blend with the neighbouring environment, so as to offer a more comfortable experience for residents and tourists to use the mobile network nearby.
- They paid attention to the progress of the RBS installation at the Tseung Kwan O Salt Water Pumping Station. Regarding the initially proposed site at the Pak Tam Chung Lowland Raw Water Pumping Station, they suggested that the RBS should be located higher above the ground.
- They suggested introducing official 5G and 4G mobile network coverage maps, allowing the public to check the mobile network coverage of various locations anytime and anywhere in the district.
- They suggested providing more “multi-functional smart lampposts” to complement the development of 5G mobile communication.
- They hoped that more rounds of the Subsidy Scheme could be implemented in the future to expand the 5G network coverage to more rural areas in the district, including Pan Long Wan, Sheung Sze Wan, Ng Fai Tin, Tai Wan Tau, Po Toi O and High Island Reservoir East Dam, etc., with a view to addressing the public demand for mobile network signals and aligning with future development needs in the district (e.g. “low-altitude economy”).

13. Mr Eddy NG, Assistant Director (Market & Competition), OFCA responded as follows:

- Considering the complex topography of rural and remote areas, the mobile network operators (MNOs) could only confirm the specific coverage of the seven initially proposed RBSs after finalising their design. Under the Subsidy Scheme, MNOs were required to provide the anticipated 5G coverage of the initially proposed RBSs and the estimation method when submitting their applications. As the Subsidy Scheme involved the use of public funds, OFCA would review the relevant information before approving the applications to ensure that quality mobile communication services could be provided to residents and tourists.
- The Subsidy Scheme was expected to improve the mobile network coverage in rural villages near the initially proposed RBS sites, including:

- Ham Tin Public Toilet: Ham Tin
- Lions Nature Education Centre: Tsiu Hang Village, Che Keng Tuk and Tai Chung Hau
- Pak Tam Chung Lowland Raw Water Pumping Station: Tsak Yue Wu and Pak Tam Chung
- Sai Wan Public Toilet: Sai Wan
- Sha Kiu (Leung Shuen Wan) Public Toilet: Sha Kiu Tau Tsuen
- Wong Yi Chau Public Toilet: Wong Yi Chau Tsuen
- The Government had been actively encouraging MNOs to install RBSs throughout the territory. Over the past two decades, MNOs had installed a total of 33 RBSs to provide mobile network coverage in country park areas. The aim of the Subsidy Scheme was to install new RBSs at about 50 sites in country parks, outlying islands and remote areas across different regions of Hong Kong, including Sai Kung District, within four years after its commencement.
- As for the radiation safety of RBS, OFCA would carry out site inspections in response to residents' requests and measure the radiation levels at the relevant locations. OFCA would also continue to ease public concerns about the radiation safety of RBS through public education programmes.
- OFCA would continue to facilitate the Digital Policy Office in the introduction of "multi-functional smart lampposts" and provide appropriate assistance.
- Regarding the locations in the district with relatively poor reception of mobile network signals (e.g. LOHAS Park), OFCA would continue to coordinate with MNOs for follow-up actions with the residents concerned.
- OFCA would review the effectiveness of the Subsidy Scheme upon its completion. Furthermore, he noted Members' expectation for extending 5G network coverage to more rural areas in the district. Members were welcome to provide OFCA with further suggestions on the RBS sites, so that such suggestions would be relayed to MNOs for follow-up.
- The price level of mobile communication services in Hong Kong was long market-driven, with MNOs offering mobile communications service plans at different prices to users based on commercial considerations.

14. Members continued to raise the following questions and views:

- They suggested timely updating the content of the promotional videos from OFCA, including incorporating the HKSOS emergency mobile application launched by the Hong Kong Police Force, to enhance the safety of residents and tourists in rural and remote areas.
- They suggested that the 5G network coverage should be further extended to more rural areas in the district, including To Kwa Peng, Tai O, Nga Yiu Tau, Pak Sha O, Kei Ling Ha Lo Wai, Kei Ling Ha San Wai, Kat O, Sai Keng, Chek Keng, the hiking trails in Tung Wan, Hoi Ha and Ko Tong, etc.
- They suggested installing more "multi-functional smart lampposts" to assist district management work on various fronts (such as coping with extreme weather conditions, maintaining public order and facilitating hill fire rescue).

Besides, when installing RBSs, some pipelines should be reserved for other management uses by the Government (e.g. installing closed-circuit television systems) in the future.

- They enquired whether the operation and repair expenses of the RBSs would be borne by MNOs themselves in the future, and whether the government departments would benefit from the RBSs installed under the Subsidy Scheme.
- They suggested providing signage in areas not covered by the mobile network.

15. Mr Eddy NG of OFCA responded as follows:

- He noted Members' views and would timely update the content of the promotional videos launched by OFCA.
- In the Subsidy Scheme, locations where basic power infrastructure was in place would be chosen as the initially proposed RBS sites as far as possible. Also, he noted Members' expectation that the 5G network coverage could be extended to more rural locations.
- The Government mainly provided economic incentives through the Subsidy Scheme to encourage MNOs to install new RBSs. The repair and maintenance costs associated with RBSs in the future would be borne by MNOs themselves.
- In addition to the Subsidy Scheme, the Government also implemented various facilitation measures to encourage MNOs to install RBSs across the territory, such as making amendments to the Telecommunications Ordinance to allow MNOs to install RBSs in the space reserved in newly built or redeveloped specified buildings, with a view to improving the mobile network coverage in urban areas as well as rural and remote areas.

16. Members continued to suggest sending SMS instructions to persons at locations not covered by mobile network in the district.

17. Mr Eddy NG of OFCA noted Members' views and would consider the technical feasibility.

18. The Chairman asked CEDB and OFCA to take note of Members' views and expected the relevant department to encourage MNOs to install more RBSs at different locations, with a view to further enhancing the mobile network coverage in the district. The Chairman asked the representatives of CEDB and OFCA to leave the meeting first.

III. Report Items

(A) Report on management of recreation and sports facilities in Sai Kung District from November to December 2024 by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (SKDC(DFWC) Paper No. 3/25)

19. Members noted the above report.

- (B) Report on community halls/ community centre/ activity centre in Sai Kung District and application from ethnic minorities to use Kin Choi Community Hall
(SKDC(DFWC) Paper No. 4/25)

20. Members enquired about the progress of the floor repairing works at Lohas Park Community Hall.

21. Mr Simon HUI, Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Sai Kung District Office (SKDO) said that SKDO had been liaising closely with the management office of LOHAS Park. It was understood that the management office was currently arranging the works contract for the repair of ceilings plagued with water seepage, and the actual works commencement date would be confirmed upon approval of the contract. The works were expected to commence after the Lunar New Year holidays at the earliest. Upon completion of the aforesaid works and obtaining satisfactory results of the subsequent water seepage tests, SKDO would promptly discuss with the relevant organisations the date of commencement of the floor repairing works.

22. Members noted the above report.

IV. Motions Raised by Members

- (A) The two motions raised by Members

(1) Suggest constructing a cover for a section of pavement next to Shek Kok Road Car Park
(SKDC(DFWC) Paper No. 5/25)

23. The Chairman said that the motion was moved by Mr YAU Ho-lun and seconded by Ms Christine FONG, Ms SZE Pan-pan, Ms Natasha YU, Mr WONG Yuen-hong, Mr LAM Chun-ka, Mr CHENG Yu-hei, Mr WAN Kai-ming, Mr CHEUNG Man-tim, Mr TSANG Kwok-ka, Mr CHAU Ka-lok, Mr CHONG Yuen-tung, Ms Angel CHONG, Mr WONG Wang-to and Mr Ken CHAN.

24. Members noted the written reply from TD (SKDC(DFWC) Paper No. 7/25).

25. Members suggested that if there was a plan for the next phase of the “Provision of Cover to Walkway”, a section of pavement next to Shek Kok Road Car Park could be considered to be included in the alignment proposal.

26. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the motion was passed and asked TD and HyD to consider Members’ suggestion.

27. There being no other comments from Members, the Chairman declared that the item would be deleted at the next meeting.

- (2) Suggest revising the booking order of community halls to provide the operating organisations of Care Teams with higher priority, with a view to facilitating the provision of caring activities for residents of the sub-districts
(SKDC(DFWC) Paper No. 6/25)

28. The Chairman said that the motion was moved by Mr Philip LI and seconded by Mr CHONG Yuen-tung, Mr WAN Kai-ming, Ms Natasha YU, Ms SZE Pan-pan, Ms Angel CHONG, Mr Ken CHAN, Mr CHENG Yu-hei, Mr LAM Chun-ka, Ms Christine FONG, Mr CHEUNG Man-tim, Mr WONG Yuen-hong, Mr TSANG Kwok-ka, Mr CHAU Ka-lok and Mr WONG Wang-to.

29. Members noted the written reply from SKDO (SKDC(DFWC) Paper No. 8/25).

30. Members suggested developing a smart system for making reservations in community halls/community centres/activity centres to handle booking applications by electronic means.

31. Mr Simon HUI of SKDO said SKDO would relay to the Home Affairs Department the suggestion to develop a smart system for making reservations in community halls/community centres/activity centres, and supplemented that SKDO accepted completed application forms by electronic means (i.e. emails) from organisations currently.

32. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the motion was passed and asked SKDO to consider Members' suggestion.

33. There being no other comments from Members, the Chairman declared that the item would be deleted at the next meeting.

V. Any Other Business

(A) Issue of festive lighting decorations on the Tseung Kwan O Promenade Southern Bridge

34. A Member indicated the current festive lighting decorations on the Tseung Kwan O Promenade Southern Bridge was well received by the public. In view of the affordable operating cost, he suggested retaining the lighting decorations after Valentine's Day to embellish the surroundings of the Tseung Kwan O Promenade Southern Bridge.

35. Miss Lacus CHENG, Assistant District Officer (Sai Kung)2, SKDO noted the Member's views. She was pleased to know that the festive lighting displayed on the Tseung Kwan O Promenade Southern Bridge had received positive feedback from the public. In accordance with the contract terms agreed with the provider, the festive lighting concerned would be exhibited until 16 February 2025. SKDO would continue to decorate various areas in the district through different festive lighting displays and beautification works.

VI. Date of Next Meeting

- 36. The next meeting was scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on 11 March 2025 (Tuesday).
- 37. The meeting ended at 11:50 a.m.

Sai Kung District Council Secretariat
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