

Southern District Council (2012-2015)(SDC)
Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the
District Facilities Management Committee (DFMC)

Date : 22 March 2012
Time : 2:30 p.m.
Venue : SDC Conference Room

Present:

Mr CHU Ching-hong, JP	(Chairman of SDC)
Mr CHAN Fu-ming	(Vice-Chairman of SDC)
Mr AU Lap-sing	(Chairman of DFMC)
Mr CHAI Man-hon	(Vice-Chairman of DFMC)
Mr AU Nok-hin	
Mrs CHAN LEE Pui-ying	
Ms CHEUNG Sik-yung	
Mr CHU Lap-wai	
Mr FUNG Se-goun, Fergus	
Mr FUNG Wai-kwong	
Mr LAM Kai-fai, MH	
Ms LAM Yuk-chun, MH	
Dr LIU Hong-fai, Dandy	
Mr LO Kin-hei	
Mrs MAK TSE How-ling, Ada	
Mr TSUI Yuen-wa	
Mr WONG Ling-sun, Vincent	
Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN	

Absent with Apologies:

Mr YEUNG Wai-foon, MH, JP

Secretary:

Ms MAK Ho-yan, Iris	Executive Officer I (District Management), Home Affairs Department
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In Attendance:

Ms WAI Yee-yan, Christine, JP	District Officer (Southern), Home Affairs Department
Ms WONG Choi-yan, Joyce	Assistant District Officer (Southern), Home Affairs Department
Ms LAI Yuet-ye, Elaine	Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Home Affairs Department
Mr TAM Kwan-ping, Keith	Architect (Works) 9, Home Affairs Department
Mr CHAN Kwok-hung	Senior Inspector of Works (Hong Kong), Home Affairs Department
Mr WONG Tat-ming, Richard	Chief Leisure Manager (Hong Kong West), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr CHAN Wai-kiu, Alex	District Leisure Manager (Southern), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Miss KWONG Lai-fong, Ora	Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Southern, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms WONG Shuk-fan, Elisa	Senior Manager (Hong Kong West/Cultural Services), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LEE Wing-ye, Winnie	Manager (Hong Kong West) Marketing, Programme and District Activities, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr LO Hing-kwan, Gary	Senior Librarian (Southern), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms WONG Mei-ping, Posche	Librarian (Aberdeen Public Library), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr LO Shiu-chung, Robin	Principal Estate Officer/Hong Kong West & South (2) Lands Department

For agenda item 2:

Ms Molly KWAN	Engineer, Special Duties (Works) Division, Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr Dickson LAW	Assistant Technical Director, Atkins China Limited
Mr Andy CHOI	Resident Engineer, Atkins China Limited
Mr Anthony LAM	Associate Director, Associated Architects Limited
Mr Sam KWOK	Architect, Associated Architects Limited

Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed Members of the Committee and the following government department representatives to the meeting:

- (a) Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD)
 - (i) Mr WONG Tat-ming, Richard, Chief Leisure Manager (Hong Kong West);
 - (ii) Mr CHAN Wai-kiu, Alex, District Leisure Manager (Southern);
 - (iii) Miss KWONG Lai-fong, Ora, Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Southern;
 - (iv) Ms WONG Shuk-fan, Elisa, Senior Manager (Hong Kong West/Cultural Services);
 - (v) Ms LEE Wing-yee, Winnie, Manager (Hong Kong West) Marketing, Programme and District Activities;
 - (vi) Mr LO Hing-kwan, Gary, Senior Librarian (Southern);
 - (vii) Ms WONG Mei-ping, Posche, Librarian (Aberdeen Public Library);
- (b) Lands Department (LandsD)

Mr LO Shiu-chung, Robin, Principal Estate Officer/Hong Kong West & South (2);
and
- (c) Home Affairs Department (HAD)
 - (i) Mr Keith TAM, Architect (Works) 9; and
 - (ii) Mr CHAN Kwok-hung, Senior Inspector of Works (Hong Kong).

2. The Chairman reminded Members and those present that according to Order 15 of the SDC Standing Orders, all persons attending or sitting in on the meeting should switch off all devices which might emit sound and should not use any telecommunications devices for conversation.

3. The Chairman advised that, to increase the efficiency of meeting, each Member was allotted a maximum of two 3-minute slots to speak in respect of each agenda item.

Agenda Item 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 1st Meeting held on 9 February 2012

4. The Chairman said that the above minutes of meeting had been sent to Members and the Secretariat had not received any amendment proposals so far.

5. The minutes of meeting were confirmed by the Committee.

(Mrs CHAN LEE Pui-ying and Mr CHU Lap-wai joined the meeting at 2:33 p.m. Mr CHAN Fu-ming, Mr Anthony LAM, Mr Sam KWOK, Ms Molly KWAN, Mr Dickson LAW and Mr Andy CHOI joined the meeting at 2:34 p.m.)

Agenda Item 2: Progress Report on Southern District Minor Works Projects (as at 8 March 2012) (DFMC Paper No. 12/2012)

6. The Chairman welcomed Mr Anthony LAM, Associate Director, and Mr Sam KWOK, Architect, of Associated Architects Limited; Ms Molly KWAN, Engineers, Special Duties (Works) Division of Civil Engineering Development Department (CEDD); Mr Dickson LAW, Assistant Technical Director and Mr Andy CHOI, Resident Engineer, of Atkins China Limited to the meeting.

Appendix I of the Paper

Progress Report on District Facilities Works Projects in the Southern District

Uplifting Works to Promenades of Aberdeen Harbour and Ap Lei Chau Main Street Area

7. Ms Molly KWAN and Mr Dickson LAW, with the aid of Powerpoint presentation and material samples, presented the works progress on the “Decorative Lightings on Ap Lei Chau Bridge” and the main project items along Aberdeen Promenades including the cover and cladding of the pedestrian subway, footbridges (HF104 and HF105), viewing deck and performing stage, as well as the latest designs for the main entrance, boardwalk and granite paving, playground and fitness areas and the bronze displays. Details were summarised as follows:

Decorative Lightings on Ap Lei Chau Bridge

- (a) the trial panel would continue to be lighted up from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. daily until the completion of the whole lighting panel with the colour of the lights to be changed from white to a soft yellow. Upon completion of the whole panel, the contractor

would input the two patterns chosen by SDC into the software of the lighting control and then arrange a site visit for Members to see the results;

Cover and Cladding of the Pedestrian Subway

- (b) the cladding would be made of vitreous enamel (VE) panels and a picture of Aberdeen in the 50s would be used as the theme of the design;

Viewing Deck

- (c) the supporting frame of the “sail” would be made of galvanised mild steel (GMS);

Performing Stage

- (d) the size of the new stage would be approximately twice as that of the existing one and the area in front of the stage would also have a larger capacity than before;

Playground and Fitness Areas

- (e) the amenities to be provided would suit different age groups; and

Bronze Displays

- (f) the bronze displays would be fabricated using a set of clay moulds, and the chosen supplier was the same one who manufactured those bronze displays along the Avenue of Stars in Tsim Sha Tsui.

8. Mr CHU Ching-hong, JP, Mr CHAN Fu-ming, Mrs CHAN LEE Pui-ying, Mr AU Nok-hin, Ms CHEUNG Sik-yung, Mr FUNG Wai-kwong, Mr LAM Kai-fai, MH, Ms LAM Yuk-chun, MH, Dr LIU Hong-fai, Mr LO Kin-hei, Mrs MAK TSE How-ling, Mr TSUI Yuen-wa, Mr WONG Ling-sun and Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN spoke on this agenda item. Their comments and enquiries were summarised as follows:

Decorative Lightings on Ap Lei Chau Bridge

- (a) appreciated CEDD’s efforts in making changes and arrangement to the decorative lightings;
- (b) suggested further dimming the lights and changing the colour from white to yellow;
- (c) some residents requested turning on the lights during 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on weekend and from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on holiday only;
- (d) some residents opposed to installing decorative lightings on Ap Lei Chau Bridge;
- (e) reflective lightings to diminish the direct glare of the light could be considered;
- (f) suggested the site visit to include representatives from owners’ committees of nearby buildings;
- (g) the lightings should be simple and MTR Corporation (MTR Corp) should also adopt

the same lightings on their railway bridge to be constructed under the South Island Line (East) (SIL(E));

Cover and Cladding of the Pedestrian Subway

- (h) enquired on the cleaning, maintenance and safety of the wall painting and how it looked in close-up;
- (i) enquired if CCTV would be installed. If not, enough illumination should be ensured;
- (j) suggested including introduction in both Chinese and English for the wall painting;
- (k) enquired if the subway would be closed during the improvement works;
- (l) should ensure pedestrian safety during the improvement works;
- (m) enquired if the schedule of works could tie in with the installation of lift;

Footbridges HF104 and HF105

- (n) enquired if CCTV would be installed. If not, enough illumination should be ensured;
- (o) enquired if the footbridges would be closed during the improvement works;
- (p) should ensure pedestrian safety during the improvement works;
- (q) the improvement works were unable to create a grand entrance to the promenade;
- (r) enquired if the ramp would be improved;
- (s) suggested increasing the transparency of the ceiling;
- (t) enquired if the flower pots on the footbridge of Ocean Court would be retained;

Viewing Deck

- (u) GMS rusted easily and was difficult to maintain;

Performing Stage

- (v) enquired on the latest arrangement for the supporting facilities;

Main Entrance

- (w) the design was dull and lacked any fishing village features;
- (x) suggested changing the circle pattern on the ground of the entrance as “the circle” had the same sound as ‘the end’ in Cantonese;

Boardwalk and Granite Paving

- (y) enquired if the granite surface of the planter would affect the growth of trees;
- (z) who would choose the colour of the boardwalk;

Playground and Fitness Area

- (aa) enquired on criteria the consultant used in recommending the amenities and if they met safety standards;

Bronze Display

- (bb) the design should match the theme of a fishing village;
- (cc) enquired if there would be bronze displays outside the entrance of the Ap Lei Chau Wind Tower Park;

Seaside Railing

- (dd) some of the contents on the information boards were outdated and should be updated. New boards with fishing village, its development and dragon boat elements should be added;

Piers

- (ee) if the design would be improved;
- (ff) if covers would be constructed above the two landing steps along Aberdeen promenade;
- (gg) as a cover might crash with the boat in dock, thus causing danger, a Member opposed to the construction of covers on the landing steps along Aberdeen promenade;

Signage

- (hh) would new signages be provided to replace the existing ones including those of the Marine Department (MD);

Information Kiosk

- (ii) hoped that an enclosed design could be adopted so that an electronic-based information kiosk could be built;

Feature Wall

- (jj) enquired on when the designs could be available;

Public Toilet

- (kk) nearby residents were concerned on the hygiene and cleanliness of the new toilet near Ocean Court and hoped the relevant department could step up cleaning;
- (ll) suggested constructing a toilet with a special look;

Others

- (mm) since the park was located on seaside, the materials used would rust easily.

Therefore, durable and anti-rust materials should be chosen;

- (nn) suggested adding covers to the benches along the promenade;
- (oo) suggested that the consultant should advise the Fish Market Organisation (FMO) how to change their rusted fencing so as to complement the surrounding environment after the uplifting works was finished;
- (pp) enquired if other works departments (e.g. Water Supplies Department) could enter the works site to carry out works like water pipes replacement;
- (qq) suggested showing the history of Aberdeen fishing village by setting up information boards or displays at suitable locations;
- (rr) enquired if there would be a pet garden within the promenade;
- (ss) enquired if a path could be constructed to allow pet owners to walk their pets from the promenade to the existing pet garden near the Aberdeen Tennis and Squash Centre;
- (tt) use of facilities powered by renewable energy could be considered;
- (uu) the stainless steel to be used should be of the highest quality. Anti-rust property should be a consideration when choosing other materials;
- (vv) enquired on when the Committee would be consulted on the design for Ap Lei Chau promenade; and
- (ww) the adoption of “design and build” method was commended as Members could participate fully in the design of the works.

9. Ms Molly KWAN and Mr Dickson LAW gave a consolidated reply as follow:

Decorative Lightings on Ap Lei Chau Bridge

- (a) after discussion, the contractor would change the colour of the lights from white to yellow by April 2012;
- (b) as the lighting panels were not designed at the same time when the bridge was built decades ago, there were lots of constraints for its installation;
- (c) site visit could be arranged after completion of the whole lighting panel in June 2012 and when the consultant had finished inputting the patterns decided by SDC into the software;
- (d) regarding the suggestion for MTR Corp to install the same decorative lightings on their railway bridge for SIL(E), it was up to the decision of MTR Corp;

Cover and Cladding of the Pedestrian Subway

- (e) the material of the wall painting would be the same as those used in Kai Tak Park

and in some MTR stations, and its safety should not be a problem. The picture recommended could fully feature the old Aberdeen as a fishing village and the Highways Department (HyD) had also agreed to the recommendation. Regarding the concern on its close up view, CEDD would follow up with the contactor;

- (f) at present, there was no CCTV system inside the subway and none was included in the contract. However, the illumination level inside the subway after the works would not be worse than the existing level;
- (g) the contract stated clearly that pedestrians should be able to walk through the subway at all time, though it might take some detours;
- (h) since the lift installation at subway HS16 by HyD had been postponed to a later date after August 2012, it could not tie in with the uplifting works which would be finished by June 2012;

Footbridges HF104 and HF105

- (i) the contract stated clearly that pedestrians should be able to walk through the footbridges at all time, though it might take some detours;
- (j) the footbridges were under the management of HyD. CEDD had explored the possibility of skylights but was turned down due to the restrictions set by HyD that the uplifting works should not affect the structure of the footbridges;

Viewing Deck

- (k) LCSD / Architectural Services Department (ArchSD), would be responsible for the future management and maintenance of the viewing desk, and the maintenance of the materials had been detailed in the maintenance manual;

Performing Stage

- (l) the height of the stage was already the highest permitted in the present design. Further increasing the height would require railings around the stage to comply with safety standard;
- (m) CEDD would explore with LCSD to provide a set of removable backdrop for hire by users and to install hooks and manual or electronic backdrop bar;

Main Entrance

- (n) the design was only a preliminary one. The consultant would report the progress when an improved design was available;

Boardwalk and Granite Paving

- (o) would request the contractor to make sure that enough space was provided for trees to grow healthily. LCSD would also take up the horticultural maintenance upon

completion of works;

- (p) when choosing the artificial wood, the architect had taken into account their durability, appearance and compatibility with the surrounding environment;

Playground and Fitness Areas

- (q) CEDD had consulted LCSD on the playground and fitness equipment to ensure that they were up to standard. All the recommended amenities were multi-purpose while occupying the least area;

Bronze Display

- (r) the theme of the bronze displays was fishermen in action;
- (s) as requested by Members at the early stage, no bronze display would be placed at the entrance of the Ap Lei Chau Wind Tower Park;

Seaside Railings

- (t) the contract had included replacing all the existing information boards. Members' suggestions on updating the contents or changing the locations of these boards were welcome before commencement of this part of works. However, Members should pay attention not to create an overflow of information;

Piers

- (u) the designs of the signage to be erected at the landing points would be passed to Members when ready;
- (v) the contract included the construction of covers close to the landing steps near Ocean Court. Regarding the landing steps along Aberdeen promenade, as covers would be available nearby (for example the performing stage), together with the limitation of space and concerns of Members, no cover would be constructed. The Port Works Division of CEDD would be responsible for the maintenance of all the landing steps and the associated railings;

Signage

- (w) all the signages would be replaced, except for those of MD which were still under discussion;

Information Kiosk

- (x) would explore with relevant government departments the possibility of constructing an enclosed kiosk. The current design of the kiosk was an open one with all exhibits (no electronic ones) to be mounted on the wall;

Feature Wall

- (y) VE would be used, which was the same as that of the pedestrian subway's wall

painting. There would be a number of such feature walls and their designs would be submitted to Members in July 2012;

Public Toilet

- (z) the materials to be used for and the appearance of the toilet near Ocean Court would be better than normal public toilets. In addition, LCSD had agreed to step up cleaning;

Others

- (aa) the materials used in the whole project were chosen for their durability and anti-rust properties. The contract had included stringent requirements on the choice of materials and the materials used were agreed by ArchSD, who was responsible for the maintenance;
- (bb) covers would be provided at the sampans seatings near the viewing deck area;
- (cc) as the fencing of FMO was located outside the works site, its improvement could not be included in the project;
- (dd) as long as the works progress would not be disrupted, CEDD would allow other works departments into the works site to carry out their works. These works departments could contact CEDD directly;
- (ee) regarding the suggestion to adding information on the history of Aberdeen as a fishing village in the park, some statues featuring boat making and fishermen in action had already been included in the contract. Members were welcome to suggest items and display locations for further consideration by the consultant;
- (ff) LCSD had already provided two pet gardens, one on Ap Lei Chau promenade and the other near Aberdeen Tennis and Squash Centre. No additional pet garden would be constructed under this uplifting project;
- (gg) CEDD had explored the addition of a pet path and cycling track. However, as the narrowest point of the footpath was only 3 meter wide, addition of both were considered not suitable; and
- (hh) the works for the project items in Ap Lei Chau would commence in the third quarter in 2012. As this was a design and build contract, the design of the works would not commence until the third quarter in 2012. CEDD would present the design to Members when it was available.

10. The Committee noted the progress report and the financial statement.

(Post-meeting notes: The Secretariat emailed the contents of the existing information boards

on the seaside railings to Members on 30 March 2012, and at the same time Members were invited to give advice on updating the contents, in particular the information on fishing village, development of the promenades and dragon boat etc. Members could also forward their suggestions of adding or removing information boards in certain locations for the consultant's consideration. By the deadline on 30 April 2012, the Secretariat had received a Member's suggestion to enhance the appearance of the Bauhinia exhibition board which was forwarded to CEDD for consideration.)

Appendix II of the Paper

Progress Report and Financial Statement of DMW Projects 2008/09

11. On the progress of "Construction of pedestrian cover at Aberdeen Praya Road", Mr CHAN Fu-ming enquired on the expected completion date and the materials used. He also asked for a site visit with the consultants.

12. Mr Keith TAM and Mr Anthony LAM responded that depending on the weather, the works was expected to be completed between May and June 2012. In view of the site location being on a very busy road, steel was used for the main supports with no decorative paint to minimise the need for maintenance. The colour chosen for the fabric cover was creamy yellow and the material was non-combustible. The contractor would arrange water test by stages to ensure that the cover would not leak.

13. Mrs CHAN LEE Pui-ying said that some drainage covers in Shek O Village were slippery and enquired how the situation could be improved. She also said that residents of Big Wave Bay Village were very grateful for all the District Minor Works (DMW) carried out in the village which had improved their standard of living a lot.

14. Mr CHAN Kwok-hung responded that anti-slipping materials could be added to the covers or they could be replaced.

15. The Committee noted the progress report and the financial statement.

(Post-meeting notes: The Secretariat arranged a site visit on 13 April 2012 for Mr CHAN Fu-ming, HAD Works Section, the consultants and the contractor.)

Appendix III of the Paper

Progress Report and Financial Statement of DMW Projects 2009/10

16. Mr CHU Lap-wai and Mr FUNG Se-goun spoke on the progress of “Construction of canopy at exit of Shek Pai Wan Lift Tower (Yue Fai Road)” and “Beautification of area near bus stop at Repulse Bay Beach”. Their comments and enquiries were summarised as follows:

- (a) asked for a copy of the latest design for the “Construction of canopy at exit of Shek Pai Wan Lift Tower (Yue Fai Road)”;
- (b) enquired if the lift lobby had to be closed during the works for the “Construction of canopy at exit of Shek Pai Wan Lift Tower (Yue Fai Road)”;
- (c) should ensure enough illumination for the lift lobby after completion of the “Construction of canopy at exit of Shek Pai Wan Lift Tower (Yue Fai Road)”;
- (d) enquired on the latest progress of the projects; and
- (e) enquired on the comments of the “Advisory Committee on Appearance of Bridges and Associated Structures” on the latest design for the “Beautification of area near bus stop at Repulse Bay Beach” and asked for a copy of the latest design.

17. Mr Keith TAM and Mr Anthony LAM gave a consolidated reply as follow:

- (a) the contract for the “Construction of canopy at exit of Shek Pai Wan Lift Tower (Yue Fai Road)” would be signed shortly. The works would take around six months with the target of completion within 2012, excluding delay due to rainy days or other unforeseeable circumstances;
- (b) as the works would be carried out at an elevated level above the lift lobby, there would be no need to close the lift lobby during the works. According to the contract, the contractor was required to ensure the safety of the users of lift lobby during the works period;
- (c) as the canopy was mainly made of glass, the illumination of the lift lobby would not be affected much by the canopy; and
- (d) under its meeting schedule, the “Advisory Committee on Appearance of Bridges and Associated Structures” had yet to meet, so it had yet to give their comments on the “Beautification of area near bus stop at Repulse Bay Beach”.

18. The Committee noted the progress report and the financial statement.

(Post-meeting notes: The Secretariat had passed a copy of the design for “Construction of canopy at exit of Shek Pai Wan Lift Tower (Yue Fai Road)” prepared by HAD architect and the term consultant to the Member of the

constituency on 26 March 2012. The term consultant had also presented the latest design of the “Beautification of area near bus stop at Repulse Bay Beach” to the Working Group on DMW Projects on 7 May 2012.)

Appendix IV of the Paper

Progress Report and Financial Statement of DMW Projects 2010/11

19. Ms LAM Yuk-chun, MH enquired on the progress of the “Slope survey for footbridge connecting Ap Lei Chau Wind Tower Park and Ap Lei Chau Estate”.
20. Miss Ora KWONG responded that LCSD had submitted a project definition statement to the Home Affairs Bureau’s consideration.
21. The Committee noted the progress report and the financial statement.

Appendix V of the Paper

Progress Report and Financial Report on DMW Projects in 2011-12

22. The Vice-Chairman, Mr AU Nok-hin, Mrs CHAN LEE Pui-ying, Ms CHEUNG Sik-yung, Mr FUNG Wai-kwong, Mr LAM Kai-fai, MH, Ms LAM Yuk-chun, MH, Mr LO Kin-hei, Mrs MAK TSE How-ling and Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN spoke on the “Improvement works to the Cover at Minibus Stops in Wah Kwai Estate”, “Improvement to steel staircase at Lee Chi Road, Ap Lei Chau”, “Ap Lei Chau Waterfront Promenade – Provision of Pet Garden by setting aside a portion of the open space”, “Waterfall Bay Park – Installation of washing trough in the barbecue area”, “Construction of mailboxes in San Wai Village, Wong Chuk Hang”, “Construction of a rain shelter near the access to Ap Lei Chau Service Reservoir Playground”, “Construction of drainage channel, improvement to staircase and signage near Manly House, Ap Lei Chau”, “Construction of rain shelter with seats at the bus stop near Lee Chi Road Roundabout”, “Installation of panels at Aberdeen Bus Terminus (route nos. 70 & 107) and South Horizons PTI (route no. 171)”, “Construction of rain shelter with seats adjacent to the bus stop near Ap Lei Chau Estate”, “Reconstruction of mailboxes for Tung Ah Village, Lan Nai Wan Village and To Tei Wan Village along Shek O Road” and “Construction of rain shelter near the minibus stop at Cyberport Road opposite to the Hong Kong Animal Management Centre”. Their comments and enquiries were summarised as follows:

- (a) enquired on the latest progress of works;
- (b) enquired on whether the works could be completed on schedule;
- (c) thanked LCSD on taking prompt actions regarding the minor problems for “Ap Lei

Chau Waterfront Promenade – Provision of Pet Garden by setting aside a portion of the open space”;

- (d) opined that the progress on the “Installation of panels at Aberdeen Bus Terminus (route nos. 70 & 107) and South Horizons PTI (route no. 171)” was too slow and proposed that Member of the constituency should be consulted on the design;
- (e) a number of Members thanked the staff of the Works Section for their continuous hard work in implementing various DMW projects in the Southern District. However, given the vast area of the Southern District, Members suggested HAD to review the manpower in the Works Section responsible for the works in the Southern District so as to cope with the numerous projects in the district. Members also asked the Secretariat for a copy of HAD’s reply upon receipt;
- (f) suggested prioritising the projects in view of their large number;
- (g) asked the Works Section to notify the Member of the constituency prior to the site installation for the “Construction of rain shelter with seats adjacent to the bus stop near Ap Lei Chau Estate”;
- (h) enquired if the existing mail boxes in the villages would be demolished under the “Reconstruction of mailboxes for Tung Ah Village, Lan Nai Wan Village and To Tei Wan Village along Shek O Road”; and
- (i) on the “Construction of rain shelter near the minibus stop at Cyberport Road opposite to the Hong Kong Animal Management Centre”, suggested the Works Section to go for a site visit during the early morning rush hour at around 8 a.m. to see the waiting queue for the minibuses.

23. Mr Keith TAM and Mr Anthony LAM gave a consolidated reply as follow:

- (a) regarding the “Improvement works to the Cover at Minibus Stops in Wah Kwai Estate”, trial pits works were completed in January. The results showed that there were lots of concrete foundation and underground utilities at the location. Because of these, the consultants had to revise the detailed drawings and foundation design so that the new columns would not affect people waiting for minibuses. Tender for the project would be invited once the revisions were completed. Hopefully, site works could be completed before the end of summer; and
- (b) regarding the “Improvement to steel staircase at Lee Chi Road, Ap Lei Chau”, as the site was on a slope, and that there were trees and underground high voltage electricity cables, the consultants were working on viable options and would arrange another site investigation to further locate the exact alignment of the high voltage cables and explore other possible locations of the steel staircase.

24. Mr CHAN Kwok-hung responded that -

- (a) the contract for the “Construction of mailboxes in San Wai Village, Wong Chuk Hang” would be signed on 17 April 2012 and the works would commence on April 18;
- (b) 90% of the works for the “Construction of drainage channel, improvement to staircase and signage near Manly House, Ap Lei Chau” was completed. Painting would be arranged when weather was better;
- (c) it was expected that the “Construction of rain shelter with seats at the bus stop near Lee Chi Road Roundabout” could be completed in May 2012;
- (d) regarding the “Installation of panels at Aberdeen Bus Terminus (route nos. 70 & 107) and South Horizons PTI (route no. 171)”, HAD was now waiting for TD’s comments. If TD did not have any objections, Works Section would continue with the detailed design and preparation of tender documents. It was expected that tender invitation could be carried out in May 2012. At present, there were only three staff in the establishment of Works Section to handle the numerous DMW projects for the Southern District, and they had to be responsible for all project stages, including preliminary site investigation and measurement, design and cost estimates, preparation of works drawings, tender exercise, preparation of contract documents and contract signing, works supervision and progress, as well as the final acceptance of works and certifications of payment. With such, Works Section could only implement the projects one after another. In 2011, the Works Section had implemented a total project value at \$4 million for the Southern District which was doubled that of \$2 million in the Central and Western District or the Eastern District;
- (e) regarding the “Construction of rain shelter with seats adjacent to the bus stop near Ap Lei Chau Estate”, it was expected to complete in April 2012 as scheduled. Works Section would notify the Member of the constituency prior to the site installation works;
- (f) regarding whether the existing mail boxes would be demolished under the “Reconstruction of mailboxes for Tung Ah Village, Lan Nai Wan Village and To Tei Wan Village along Shek O Road”, Member of the constituency was advised to forward the views collected from consultation of the villagers to the Works Section; and
- (g) Works Section would arrange a site visit regarding the “Construction of rain shelter near the minibus stop at Cyberport Road opposite to the Hong Kong Animal Management Centre” during the morning rush hour at around 8 a.m.

25. Regarding the “Waterfall Bay Park – Installation of washing trough in the barbecue area”, Miss Ora KWONG replied that ArchSD was applying to the Housing Department for an excavation permit to implement the works. However, as the Hong Kong Electric Company was carrying out some works at the site, the installation works could only commence after their completion of works. Therefore, the installation works would be delayed.

26. Regarding the “Construction of a rain shelter near the access to Ap Lei Chau Service Reservoir Playground”, Ms Elaine LAI replied that as the site location was near a slope, the Geotechnical Engineering Office of CEDD had reservation on the works and was exploring the feasibility of other locations nearby for the construction. As for the progress of the “Installation of panels at Aberdeen Bus Terminus (route nos. 70 & 107) and South Horizons PTI (route no. 171)”, Ms LAI said that SDO would reflect to HAD that the existing manpower of the Works Section responsible for the DMW projects of the Southern District was insufficient to meet the expectation of Members.

27. The Committee noted the progress report and the financial statement.

(Post-meeting notes: The Secretariat passed the revised design for the “Installation of panels at Aberdeen Bus Terminus (route nos. 70 & 107) and South Horizons PTI (route no. 171)” to the project proponent, Members of the constituencies, TD and HyD via email in April 2012. No amendment proposal to the revised design was received during the consultation period.

The Chairman of DFMC issued a letter to the Director of Home Affairs on 7 May 2012 requesting re-deployment of resources so as to increase the manpower responsible for the DMW projects in the Southern District.)

Appendix VI of the Paper

Progress Report and Financial Report on DMW Projects in 2012-13

28. The Committee noted the progress report and the financial statement.

(Mr CHU Ching-hong, JP, Mr WONG Ling-sun, Mr AU Nok-hin and Mr TSUI Yuen-wa joined the meeting at 2:39 p.m., 2:40 p.m., 2:42 p.m. and 2:51 p.m. respectively. Mr Sam KWOK left the meeting at 3:14 p.m. Mr Dickson LAW and Mr Andy CHOI left the meeting at 4:15 p.m. Mrs MAK TSE How-ling and Mr Anthony LAM left the meeting at

4:42 p.m.)

**Agenda Item 3: Reports on district free entertainment programmes and other arts and cultural activities in the Southern District by LCSD
(DFMC Paper No. 13/2012)**

29. Ms Elisa WONG briefly presented the district free entertainment programmes organised / to be organised by LCSD in the Southern District for the period from January to July 2012 and two applications for joint presentation of programmes, as well as other arts and cultural activities organised / to be organised by LCSD in the Southern District from January to May 2012 as detailed in DFMC Paper No. 13/2012.

30. The Committee noted the paper and approved the two applications for co-organising programmes as mentioned in paragraph 4 of the paper.

**Agenda Item 4: Reports on the usage and extension activities of public libraries in the Southern District by LCSD
(DFMC Paper No. 14/2012)**

31. Mr Gary LO briefly presented the extension activities organised and the usage of the public libraries of LCSD in the Southern District from January to February 2012 and the extension activities planned for May and June 2012, as detailed in DFMC Paper No. 14/2012.

32. The Committee noted the paper.

**Agenda Item 5: Reports on the organisation of recreation and sports programmes and management of facilities in the Southern District by LCSD
(DFMC Paper No. 15/2012)**

33. Miss Ora KWONG briefly presented the usage of facilities, assessments of LCSD's contractors' service levels and greening projects in the Southern District from January to February 2012, progress of facility improvement projects recently being carried out in the Southern District, and the recreation and sports programmes organised by LCSD from January to February 2012 and to be organised in April to May 2012 in the Southern District, as detailed in DFMC Paper No. 15/2012.

34. Regarding the latest progress of the tendering exercise for the Seaview Building, Mr Richard WONG thanked for the letter issued by the Chairman of SDC. Upon receiving this letter, LCSD had conveyed the concern of SDC to the policy bureau and government departments responsible for the vetting, and convened a very constructive meeting with the relevant parties on 29 March 2012. Approval procedure for the marking scheme had entered the final stage with only some technicalities to be resolved. It was expected that the marking scheme could be approved in mid 2012.

35. Mr CHU Ching-hong, JP, Mr FUNG Se-goun and Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN spoke on these items. Their comments and enquiries were summarised as follows:

- (a) suggested HAD to organise more local hiking activities so that residents could continue hiking in the area near their home after the programme;
- (b) as swimming was a healthy exercise and the seashore near Wah Kwai Estate was a popular spot for residents to go swimming, it was suggested that the wordings of the signage there should be changed to, say, "Swim at your own risk" so as to remind people to be careful;
- (c) in Stanley Main Beach, the cleaning condition outside the area managed by LCSD was not satisfactory. It was hoped that the related department would follow up the situation;
- (d) enquired on the development of the kiosk in South Bay which had been closed for quite some time, and also the situation of kiosks in other beaches in the Southern District;
- (e) the previous kiosk operator might have over-operated creating noises and other nuisances to nearby residents, but its food quality was good and decoration interesting, LCSD should improve its performance through tender and license terms;
- (f) with the approach of swimming season, would LCSD arrange temporary measures to cope with the situation during the time when the kiosk was closed;
- (g) as the kiosk would not be open during this swimming season, LCSD should take this opportunity to carry out large scale improvement works to upgrade the drainage system and other supporting facilities for the operation of the kiosk;
- (h) enquired if LCSD had consulted SDC on closing down the kiosks during swimming season;
- (i) suggested installing noise abatement facilities in the kiosks so as to minimise noise nuisances to nearby residents;
- (j) the noise nuisances were not created by the kiosks alone, other beachgoers also

contributed to the problem;

- (k) in which month in mid-2012 would the marking scheme be approved; and
- (l) suggested keeping the ground floor of Seaview Building as a public sitting-out area and providing storage facilities, such as space for storing surf boards, in the building.

36. Miss Ora KWONG responded that LCSD organised four hiking programmes every year and all in hiking trails located outside the Southern District. In response to Members' suggestion, one of the four hiking programmes organised would cover hiking trail routes in the Southern District. Regarding the signage in Waterfall Bay Park near the seashore outside Wah Kwai Estate, LCSD would consider changing the wordings. LCSD had all along encouraged the public to go swimming in beaches or swimming pools with life guards for swimmers' safety. As for the cleaning condition in the peripheral of Stanley Main Beach, LCSD would reflect the problem to the relevant government department.

37. Regarding beach refreshment kiosks, Mr Richard WONG and Mr Alex CHAN gave a consolidated reply that the kiosks in South Bay and Middle Bay Beaches were closed down for renovation upon expiry of contracts. Owing to the complaints from residents concerning the operation of these kiosks, especially the noise nuisances, LCSD was reviewing the condition of individual beach with a view to formulating suitable rules to regulate the operators. LCSD would arrange tendering exercises upon completion of the review and renovation. It was expected that new contracts could be awarded in September 2012. During the period when the kiosks were closed down, automatic vending machines would be provided at the beaches.

38. Regarding the progress of the tendering exercise of the Seaview Building, Mr Richard WONG responded that there were lots of new elements incorporated in this marking scheme. All departments concerned were working hard to ensure that potential tenderers know clearly the expectations of SDC and various departments. It was hoped that tenders could be invited in July 2012. The open terrace at ground floor of the Seaview Building would be included in the contract. As for the provision of storage facilities such as space for keeping surf boards, the department would not specify it in the tender document so as to allow flexibility for the operator.

39. The Committee noted the paper.

(Mr Keith TAM and Mr CHAN Kwok-hung left the meeting at 5:09 p.m. Mrs CHAN LEE Pui-ying, Mr WONG Ling-sun and Mr LAM Kai-fai, MH left the meeting at 5:17 p.m., 5:31

p.m. and 5:36 p.m. respectively.)

Agenda Item 6: Any Other Business

40. The Chairman said that there was no other business.

Agenda Item 7: Date of Next Meeting

41. The Chairman informed Members that the 3rd DFMC meeting would be held on Thursday 24 May 2012 at 2:30 p.m. at SDC Conference Room.

42. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 5:45 p.m.

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