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Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the Planning Development and Transport Affairs Committee
of Sham Shui Po District Council (6th Term)

Date : 27 August 2020 (Thursday)
Time : 9:30 a.m.
Venue : Conference Room, Sham Shui Po District Council

Present

Chairman

Ms CHOW Wing-heng, Zoé

Members

Ms CHAU Yuen-man, Eunice

Mr CHUM Tak-shing (Arrived at 10:55 a.m.; left at 12:45 p.m.)

Mr HO Kai-ming, Calvin

Mr HO Kwan-chau, Leo (Arrived at 9:31 a.m.)

Mr KONG Kwai-sang (Arrived at 9:59 a.m.)

Mr LAO Ka-hang, Andy

Ms LAU Pui-yuk, MH

Mr LEE Hon-ting, Howard (Arrived at 9:43 a.m.; left at 12:27 p.m.)

Mr LI Chun-hei, Joshua

Mr LI Kwing, Richard (Arrived at 9:40 a.m.)

Mr LI Ting-fung, Jay (Arrived at 9:31 a.m.)

Mr MAK Wai-ming (Arrived at 9:55 a.m.)

Ms NG Mei, Carman (Arrived at 9:50 a.m.)

Ms NG Yuet-lan, Janet (Arrived at 9:48 a.m.)

Mr SIN Kam-ho, Jeffrey

Mr TAM Kwok-kiu, MH, JP

Mr TSUI Yat-hin, Ronald (Arrived at 9:45 a.m.; left at 12:25 p.m.)

Mr WAI Woon-nam

Mr WONG Kit-long (Arrived at 10 a.m.)

Mr YAN Kai-wing

Mr YEUNG Yuk

Mr YUEN Hoi-man, Ramon

Co-opted Members

Ms LIN Wai-kwan

Mr TANG Siu-kei, John

(Arrived at 9:33 a.m.)

In Attendance

Mr LEE Wai-yin, Brett

Mr FUNG Chi-keong

Mr WONG Chi-tak, Keith

Ms LAW Ming-chu, Cecilia

Miss LO Ka-wai, Patsy

Mr LEE Kwan-hon, Ricky

Mr YU Chung-him

Mr CHAN Chi-suen, Rex

Mr NG Chi-sing

Assistant District Officer (Sham Shui Po) 1

Town Planner/Sham Shui Po 2, Planning Department

Senior Transport Officer/Sham Shui Po, Transport
Department

Engineer/Planning 1, Transport Department

Engineer/Sham Shui Po, Transport Department

District Engineer/Lai Chi Kok, Highways Department

District Engineer/Sham Shui Po, Highways Department

Police Community Relations Officer (Sham Shui Po
District), Hong Kong Police Force

Officer in-charge of District Traffic Team, Sham Shui Po
District, Hong Kong Police Force

Secretary

Miss CHUNG Kit-nam, Mandy

Executive Officer (District Council) 3, Sham Shui Po
District Office

Absent with Apologies

Co-opted Member

Ms LAM Tsz-kwan

Absent

Member

Mr LEE Man-ho, Leos

Co-opted Member

Ms YU Hoi-yan

Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed members and representatives of government departments to the fourth meeting of the Planning Development and Transport Affairs Committee (“PTAC”) of the sixth term of the Sham Shui Po District Council.

Agenda Item 1: Confirmation of minutes of the 3rd meeting held on 28 May 2020

2. Ms LIN Wai-kwan said that she wished to propose an amendment on paragraph 44: “(ii) the amount of district open spaces in Cheung Sha Wan was not enough. She enquired in what circumstances the Police would consider opening some of the PSRC facilities for public use.”

3. The Committee agreed with the above amendment and confirmed the above minutes.

Agenda Item 2: Matters for discussion

(a) Concern over the news that the redevelopment of Wang Cheong Factory Estate was being examined by the Hong Kong Housing Authority (PTAC Paper 62/20)

4. Mr Ramon YUEN introduced Paper 62/20. He then said that he was disappointed that the Hong Kong Housing Authority (“HKHA”) could not send representatives to the meeting.

5. The Chairman added that she hoped that HKHA would give an account of the rehousing arrangements for the existing tenants of Wang Cheong Factory Estate (“WCFE”). She then said that the Secretariat had invited the representatives of the Housing Department (“HD”) to the meeting, yet it had received a reply that representatives could not be sent to the meeting. She asked members to refer to Response Paper 79/20 of HD.

6. Mr FUNG Chi-keong introduced Response Paper 78/20, and added that if WCFE was to be redeveloped into residential building, it was necessary to change the land use first in accordance with the Town Planning Ordinance.

7. Mr John TANG said that some of the units of WCFE were used as the warehouses of various government departments, he enquired whether the warehouses would be relocated to other places such as newly built government buildings in the district; he also expressed concern over the arrangements for the tenants after the demolition of WCFE.

8. Mr Ramon YUEN said that the District Council (“DC”) had supported rezoning the area of WCFE as open space years ago and requested that the proposal which had been

agreed at that time should be adopted when carrying out redevelopment of WCFE in the future. He then enquired Planning Department (“PlanD”) about what development proposals would be taken reference to when compiling population distribution projections; he also enquired about the floor area and the height restriction of the government land adjacent to Cheung Sha Wan Wholesale Poultry Market.

9. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu enquired whether PlanD would compile the population projections only upon receipt of planning applications. He said that if WCFE would be redeveloped into residential building, PlanD should consider rezoning another site with area not less than that agreed years ago as open space. He then enquired about HKHA’s arrangements for the existing tenants and opined that the tenants needed to be properly rehoused before carrying out the redevelopment; he also requested PlanD to formulate criteria on carrying out redevelopment.

10. Mr Jay LI said that apart from proper rehousing of the tenants of WCFE, he also hoped that space would be reserved for use by recycling industry for second-hand electrical appliances. He then said that open space was inadequate on the Cheung Sha Wan Outline Zoning Plan (“OZP”), he suggested taking this matter into consideration as well when changing the land use of WCFE. He suggested collecting the views from different stakeholders on the redevelopment of WCFE and conducting detailed studies before deciding to construct residential buildings.

11. The Chairman said that the decision on rezoning the area as open space after the demolition of WCFE had been made in view of inadequate open space in Sham Shui Po (“SSP”). There would be less open space if the area was rezoned for housing construction; she also expressed concern over the demolition arrangements.

12. Mr FUNG Chi-keong responded that PlanD did not have information about the study of HKHA and did not know whether the study included the demolition arrangements. He then said that according to the available information, among the two buildings of WCFE, one of them was managed by HKHA and the other one was used by the Government Property Agency (“GPA”). He said that if the Government decided to propose to rezone the site of WCFE as residential use, factors for consideration would include ways to compensate for the planned “open space” on the OZP and the arrangements for proper rehousing of tenants. The authorities would also consult DC on the rezoning and conduct public consultation according to the Town Planning Ordinance. Regarding the criteria on compilation of population projections, he said that the department would refer to the known housing development projects at the time of compilation, the source information included those provided by other departments. The data as at mid-2018 was incorporated into the population distribution projection from 2019 to 2028. Regarding the “Government,

Institution or Community” site adjacent to WCFE, there was no restriction on the floor area and the height restriction was eight storeys according to the OZP.

13. Mr YAN Kai-wing said that PlanD should remind relevant departments that the site of WCFE had already been zoned for leisure use. He suggested relaying members’ views to HD after the meeting so that the Department could consider the views when carrying out studies. He opined that if the site of WCFE was an essential open space, HD should not use other locations as substitutes.

14. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu said that PlanD should play the role of gate-keeper regarding the matter of inadequacy of relevant sites on the OZP and remind the departments concerned upon receipt of planning applications.

15. Mr Jay LI said that he suggested including the item into the follow-up matters and following up on the item upon completion of the study by HKHA.

16. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu said that he suggested writing to HD to request the department to report the result of the study at the meetings of the Committee.

17. The Chairman concluded that the Committee expressed concern over the situation of the redevelopment of WCFE, it would write to HD to express relevant views and request the Department to report the result of the study to the Committee in the future.

(b) Request for improving the ancillary transport facilities for the new housing estates such as Shek Kip Mei Estate Phase 6 (PTAC Paper 63/20)

18. Mr Kalvin HO introduced Paper 63/20.

19. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu enquired whether HD needed to provide more ancillary facilities such as parking spaces in view of the population growth after the intake of Shek Kip Mei Estate Phases 3, 6 and 7.

20. The Chairman said that the Secretariat had invited the representatives of HD to the meeting, yet it had received a reply that representatives could not be sent to the meeting. She asked members to refer to Response Paper 80/20 of HD.

21. Miss Patsy LO responded that currently, the Transport Department (“TD”) would adopt the higher standard of the number of parking spaces under the standards concerning parking spaces in relation to the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines (“HKPSG”) as far as possible, in order to review the supply of parking spaces of development projects. Besides, the Department had commenced the consultancy study on parking for commercial

vehicles (“CVs”), the review on HKPSG in the study was almost completed. In the study, it was suggested that the standards of parking spaces and loading/unloading bays under HKPSG be revised to increase the supply of parking spaces of housing development projects in the future. Currently, there were loading/unloading bays at Shek Kip Mei Street outside Mei Pak House and Mei Hei House of Shek Kip Mei Estate for temporary parking of vehicles and loading/unloading activities. However, during the Department’s site inspection, it was found that vehicles illegally parked there reduced the space for other vehicles to carry out loading/unloading normal activities. Regarding the illegal parking problem, the Department had already requested the Police to step up enforcement at the above location.

22. Mr Calvin HO requested HD to send representatives to the meetings of the Committee. He opined that the ancillary facilities were not able to keep pace with the population growth, resulting in many community problems such as traffic congestion. He enquired whether TD would increase parking spaces correspondingly and whether various departments had communicated with each other concerning the planning work.

23. Mr Jay LI said that from 2006 to 2018, the number of parking spaces had increased from 600,000 to 675,000 and the number of licensed private vehicles had increased from 400,000 to 616,000. This reflected that the growth rate of the number of private vehicles was greater than that of the parking spaces, the ratio of parking spaces to private vehicles had decreased from 1.51 to 1.1. He said that in view of the demand for parking spaces in the district, the number of parking spaces provided should be more than the number required by HKPSG, especially during the planning stage of new housing estates. He pointed out that the Government did not have clear public transport strategies and opined that the relationship between the number of licences issued and the supply of parking spaces should be taken into consideration.

24. Miss Patsy LO responded that the review on HKPSG in TD’s consultancy study on parking for CVs was almost completed, TD planned to announce the revised standards of parking spaces in 2020 after consulting the stakeholders concerned.

25. Mr YAN Kai-wing said that reducing the number of parking spaces could not control the increase in the number of vehicles effectively, TD should review afresh the ratio concerned. He then said that the road section mentioned in the paper was seriously congested and the loading/unloading bays there were not managed properly, this resulted in frequent occurrence of illegal parking. He suggested that the transport facilities near HD or those which were built due to redevelopment of public housing should be managed by HD so that it would not be necessary to seek the assistance of the Police. He said that currently, only through strengthening enforcement by the Police could the problem be alleviated.

26. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu enquired about the definition of CVs in the study on parking for CVs. He suggested HD send staff to station at the above location and inform the Police of the situation of illegal parking immediately; the Working Group on Public Transport Services (“WGPTS”) could also monitor the situation of illegal parking. He opined that the Police had not taken enforcement actions proactively, resulting in the illegal parking problem; he expressed dissatisfaction on that.

27. Mr Calvin HO said that community problems were a result of incomprehensive planning. The traffic congestion at Shek Kip Mei Street, Berwick Street, Woh Chai Street and Nam Cheong Street was caused by illegally parked vehicles which occupied the carriageways; the illegal parking problem was due to insufficient parking spaces; the lack of parking spaces was caused by population growth. He opined that the Police had not combated illegal parking proactively.

28. Mr Jay LI agreed that HKPSG should be reviewed. He reiterated that the standards of HKPSG acted as a reference, the supply could be increased subject to special circumstances during planning.

29. Mr YAN Kai-wing said that the Police had promised to deploy two staff of the report room of Shek Kip Mei Police Station to handle the road work in SSP East.

30. Miss Patsy LO responded that CVs referred to goods vehicles, coaches, school buses and non-franchised buses, etc., the information about whether van-type light goods vehicles belonged to CVs would be provided after the meeting.

31. The Chairman concluded that it was necessary to continue to follow up on the situation of illegal parking, the Police should conduct traffic management work strictly to ensure smooth traffic flow. She then said that the Government should have a comprehensive planning of ancillary transport facilities when constructing new housing estates and explore ways to improve the traffic of the existing housing estates.

32. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu added that the Police was requested to pay attention to the situation of illegal parking at Shek Kip Mei Street and Woh Chai Street, and suggested deploying staff to take enforcement actions at the above locations every day.

(c) Concern over the safety of pedestrians crossing the entrance/exit of open-air car park of Nam Shan Estate Market (PTAC Paper 64/20)

33. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu introduced Paper 64/20.

34. The Chairman said that the Secretariat had invited the representatives of HD and the Fire Services Department (“FSD”) to the meeting, yet it had received a reply that representatives could not be sent to the meeting. She asked members to refer to Response Paper 81/20 of HD. She then said that FSD had replied that in general, the minimum requirement of FSD on vehicular run-in/out or emergency vehicular access was 4.5 metres wide. When road surface works was carried out currently at the road section concerned, the width could still be maintained at approximately 3.7 metres and was sufficient for fire appliances to pass through. Hence, the impact on the operations of FSD was insignificant.

35. Miss Patsy LO responded that regarding HD’s design of the carriageway outside the above car park, TD had not yet received the design proposal concerned from HD for the time being. The Department would give advice on the transport aspect upon receipt of the detailed design.

36. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu said that he hoped that TD would obtain relevant information from HD as soon as possible and provides advice. He also expressed concern over the safety of pedestrians crossing the entrance/exit of many car parks in the district, he opined that it was necessary to enhance the ancillary facilities.

37. Miss Patsy LO responded that she would enquire HD of the situation concerned.

38. The Chairman concluded that the Committee expressed concern over the safety of pedestrians crossing the entrance/exit of car parks. It was hoped that the departments would strengthen communication and continue to follow up on the matter.

(d) Request for New World First Bus and Citybus to increase the frequency of bus route no. 702 in the morning and afternoon to facilitate students travelling to and from schools and provide additional special departures for express service (PTAC Paper 65/20)

(e) Request for the Transport Department to step up the monitoring of the problems of lost and delayed trips of bus route no. 86C (PTAC Paper 66/20)

(f) Request for improving the minibus services for the coastal communities by combining the routes of route numbers 44 and 44A and increasing the frequency (PTAC Paper 67/20)

(g) Request for the Transport Department to subsidise green minibus (“GMB”) operators to buy low-floor GMBs so as to encourage the sector to promote the provision of barrier-free services (PTAC Paper 68/20)

39. The Chairman said that for optimal use of the Committee’s meeting time, papers concerning public transport services (i.e. items (d) to (g) of matters for discussion) had been

discussed at the meeting of WGPTS on 25 August. She asked the Chairman of WGPTS to report the matters briefly and the Committee would vote on the motions in Paper 65/20 and 68/20.

40. Ms Carman NG wished to put forward her views on the arrangements concerned.

41. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu opined that the papers of the Committee should be passed to working groups for follow up only after the meeting was held.

42. Mr WONG Kit-long reported that WGPTS had held the second meeting on 25 August this year and discussed Papers 65/20 to 68/20 of the Committee. Regarding Paper 65/20, members had expressed concerns over the trip adjustment of bus route number 702 during the peak hours before school, the trip frequency of bus route number 702B and the discrepancy between the trips of bus route number 702A during the peak hours after school and its original schedule; New World First Bus (“NWFB”) had said that it would follow up on the matters properly and noted the new alignment of bus route number 702 proposed in the paper. Regarding Paper 66/20, members had enquired about the number of buses deployed for bus route numbers 86 and 286C and their trip arrangements, yet Kowloon Motor Bus (“KMB”) could not provide a concrete reply. Members had also requested KMB to show the real-time estimated arrival time in the application. Regarding Paper 67/20, members attending the meeting had agreed that minibus route numbers 44 and 44A should be combined for optimal use of resources; TD had said that it was studying the arrangement concerned. Regarding Paper 68/20, members had requested TD to handle the matter of low-floor GMB trial scheme seriously so that the GMB operators in the district could obtain subsidies and provide barrier-free services. TD had also been requested to study the transport arrangements for rehabilitation services with the Social Welfare Department.

43. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu said that the Committee could provide views from different perspectives and he wished to exchange views with relevant departments at the meetings.

44. Mr Howard LEE enquired whether the representatives of TD had attended the meeting of WGPTS.

45. The Chairman replied that the representatives of TD had attended the meeting.

46. Ms Carman NG enquired whether KMB and NWFB were the standing representatives of the Committee; she also expressed concern over the operation of bus route number 702B.

47. The Chairman said that special arrangements had been made as this Committee meeting was postponed, the Committee would continue to discuss all of the papers in the future.

48. Mr YEUNG Yuk said that he hoped that the Committee would follow up on some of the issues and suggested continuing to discuss the items concerned at the next meeting.

49. The Chairman said that items (d) to (g) of matters for discussion would be handled at the next Committee meeting.

(h) Request for mitigating the illegal parking problem in the vicinity of Lin Cheung Road (PTAC Paper 69/20)

(i) The establishment of Traffic Wardens must be reformed in order to mitigate the “illegal parking” problem in the district (PTAC Paper 70/20)

50. The Chairman said that since this agenda item and item (i) of matters for discussion were similar in nature, she suggested the two items of matters for discussion be discussed together. She then said that Mr Calvin HO and 10 Members had submitted two additional papers related to illegal parking, she suggested accepting the papers and discussing them together.

51. The Committee agreed with the above arrangement.

52. Ms Eunice CHAU introduced Paper 69/20.

53. Mr WONG Kit-long introduced Paper 70/20.

54. Mr Calvin HO introduced Papers 90/20 and 91/20.

55. Mr NG Chi-sing introduced Response Papers 84/20, 85/20, and Paper 86/20 “The Response of SSP Police District to WGPTS’s List of Black Spots of Illegal Parking”.

56. Miss Patsy LO responded to the papers concerning Wong Chuk Street and Tai Po Road. She said that staff had been deployed to carry out site inspection and illegally parked vehicles had been found, the Police had been requested to strengthen enforcement. According to TD’s record, concerning the right-hand road section of Wong Chuk Street, most of the locations had been designated as No-stopping Restriction Zones for various time periods; the location adjacent to the northbound lane of Tai Po Road between Un Chau Street and Wong Chuk Street had been designated as No-stopping Restriction Zone from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. If the entire section of the above road section was marked with

double yellow lines, it was believed that inconvenience might be caused to members of the public who used that road section legally for loading/unloading purpose. In regards to the situation of the sightlines of vehicles travelling from Fuk Wah Street to Wong Chuk Street being obstructed by other vehicles, the Department would study the feasibility of designating a 24-hour No-stopping Restriction Zone at the road junction and consider extending the double yellow lines as well. The Department would also consult the public on the proposal via the District Office when necessary.

57. Mr Ramon YUEN opined that the illegal parking problem occurred in the vicinity of Lin Cheung Road was not related to insufficient parking spaces as parking spaces were provided at Yuet Lun Street and “Four Little Dragons” as well. He then said that enforcement actions should be taken more frequently to prevent vehicle owners from parking their vehicles illegally in traffic lanes for a long time and jeopardising traffic safety.

58. Mr John TANG said that the enforcement figures reflected that the Police had combated illegal parking actively, yet the situation could not be improved effectively. He suggested the Police focus its resources on taking enforcement actions at trunk roads such as the road section of Castle Peak Road towards the direction of Garden Centre.

59. Ms Janet NG said that the illegal parking problem in the vicinity of Un Chau Street was serious; buses could not stop at bus stops and thus traffic accidents might easily occur. She opined that the Government should step up efforts in publicity and carrying out enforcement actions at trunk roads.

60. Mr Joshua LI pointed out that regarding Lai Chi Kok Road (New Territories bound) near the entrance of Broadway Street, taxis frequently queued up in the central lane to wait for passengers, causing obstruction to the bus stops there and even obstructing the access of emergency vehicles. He then said that the public policy could not address the public needs, for instance shortfall in supply of parking spaces, incomprehensiveness of ancillary transport facilities for newly built housing estates. He agreed with the views of Ms Janet NG. He also pointed out that buses were forced to pick up and drop off passengers in the middle of the road, causing slow traffic and frequent traffic congestion at Un Chau Street and Castle Peak Road.

61. Mr WONG Kit-long enquired when the Police took enforcement actions at different locations in SSP District and pointed out that the peak hours of illegal parking varied at different locations. He opined that the Police should improve the staff establishment. He then said that WGPTS would enquire the Police of the enforcement figures on black spots of illegal parking, yet the figures could not reflect the time and frequency of enforcement.

62. Mr Jeffrey SIN said that the Police should have sufficient resources to increase manpower. He agreed with Mr Joshua LI's views on the matter of buses not being able to stop at bus stops, and worried about passengers' safety when they boarded and alighted from buses. He requested the Police to increase manpower to handle the illegal parking problem.

63. Mr YEUNG Yuk said that he understood that the Police took enforcement actions in accordance with priorities, yet the Police had an undeniable responsibility to handle the problem when the situation of illegal parking affected road safety. He also pointed out that the situation of illegal parking causing traffic congestion occurred at a number of locations in the district, he opined that the Police must strengthen enforcement at inner streets of SSP District.

64. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu said that apart from enforcement actions, other effective strategies to alleviate the illegal parking problem should be explored. He opined that the Police did not adopt zero-tolerance attitude towards illegally parked vehicles, making vehicle owners always push their luck. He then said that the Government's policy and planning could not meet the public needs for instance insufficient parking spaces and poor traffic management, worsening the situation of illegal parking.

65. Mr Calvin HO said that the Police had an undeniable responsibility to combat illegal parking, yet the enforcement had not been strengthened enough; he suggested employing additional staff dedicated to handle the illegal parking problem.

66. Mr CHUM Tak-shing said that issuance of tickets could not solve the illegal parking problem at root. He agreed with the suggestion in Paper 70/20, and pointed out that the existing staff establishment and working hours of Traffic Wardens could not handle the illegal parking problem effectively. He suggested linking the penalties of illegal parking to the points system of driving licences or introducing an immobilisation system. He opined that the Police needed to focus on combating illegal parking while TD should reduce the number of registered vehicles in Hong Kong.

67. Mr KONG Kwai-sang said that the situation of illegal parking occurred at a number of locations in the district. Even if enforcement actions were strengthened at the black spots, vehicle owners would only park their vehicles illegally at other locations instead. He opined that enforcement should be strengthened in the entire district.

68. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu agreed with the views of Mr KONG Kwai-sang.

69. The Chairman said that TD should take into account the capacity of roads, review the vehicle licensing system and consider the parking needs during road planning.

70. Mr NG Chi-sing responded that the Police would pay special attention to the situation of illegal parking at road junctions and bus stops, and arrange for special operations to focus on taking enforcement actions at several black spots of illegal parking. The Police welcomed the suggestion of increasing the number of Traffic Wardens and had already requested the Personnel Wing of the Headquarters to increase manpower. He pointed out that the Police would deploy staff to conduct traffic control when the situation of illegal parking was serious in the mornings and evenings as well as during the peak hours, and strengthen enforcement during holidays and peak hours. He said that the Police would continue to monitor the traffic condition of the district and deploy additional manpower to combat illegal parking when resources were available.

71. Miss Patsy LO responded that regarding TD's consultancy study on parking for CVs, it was suggested in the study that the standards of parking spaces and loading/unloading bays under HKPSG be revised to increase the supply of parking spaces of housing development projects in the future. She said that the views on the vehicle licensing system would be relayed to relevant units.

72. Mr CHUM Tak-shing suggested the Police arrange towing vehicles to combat illegal parking more frequently and purchase a large number of temporary traffic cones for preventing vehicles from being parked illegally.

73. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu enquired about the criteria on arranging towing vehicles and asked whether the criteria were related to the number of tickets.

74. Ms LAU Pui-yuk agreed that the Police should deploy additional manpower to combat illegal parking and supported facilitating the construction of smart car parks. She asked whether the Police had a list of priority black spots. She then said that the demand for parking spaces would increase when old buildings were redeveloped for commercial use. She enquired whether PlanD had sought advice from TD or the Police on the traffic impacts.

75. Mr NG Chi-sing responded that towing vehicles were not within the establishment of the Police, the Police would request outsourced contractors to deploy towing vehicles via the Police radio when necessary. He then said that when vehicles caused serious obstruction to roads, fixed penalty tickets would first be issued and the vehicles would then be towed away by towing vehicles. He also pointed out that the number of traffic cones of the Police was limited, the traffic cones would be placed at locations with such needs temporarily as appropriate.

76. Mr FUNG Chi-keong responded that whether the planning applications were for commercial purpose or other purposes, PlanD would consult relevant departments

(including TD and the Police) on the content of the applications and relay the departments' views to the applicants for follow up; the information concerned would be incorporated into the documents and submitted to the Town Planning Board for consideration.

77. Mr Joshua LI suggested that more explanation be provided in Paper 86/20 and the report on figures should be divided into different periods of time.

78. Mr WONG Kit-long said that WGPTS had collected earlier the information about black spots of illegal parking which members expressed their concerns and relayed the information to the Police for report.

79. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu reiterated that the matter of buses not being able to stop at bus stops should be handled.

80. Mr Rex CHAN responded that procedures for employing additional staff had to be handled by the Civil Service Bureau and the Legislative Council via the Headquarters, the matter could not be handled simply on district level; the Police Force had its established financial arrangements as well.

81. Mr MAK Wai-ming enquired whether the establishment of civilian staff could be handled individually.

82. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu suggested writing to the Police Force to request the allocation of additional resources for combatting illegal parking in the district.

83. Mr Rex CHAN responded that the information about the establishment was not available.

84. Mr Jeffrey SIN suggested including Paper 70/20 into the follow-up matters.

85. The Chairman asked members to vote on the motion in Paper 70/20. The motion was moved by Mr WONG Kit-long and seconded by Mr Jeffrey SIN. It read as follows:

“Request immediate reform of the establishment of Traffic Wardens so that the situation of ‘illegal parking’ could be monitored, managed and handled by DC and joint departmental efforts effectively.”

86. The Committee voted on the motion in Paper 70/20 by open ballot, the voting result was as follows:

For: Ms Zoé CHOW, Mr YEUNG Yuk, Ms Janet NG, Mr Joshua LI, Ms Carman NG, Mr CHUM Tak-shing, Mr TAM Kwok-kiu, Mr Calvin HO, Mr Leo HO, Mr KONG Kwai-sang, Ms LAU Pui-yuk, Mr Howard LEE, Mr Richard LI, Mr Jay LI, Mr MAK Wai-ming, Mr Jeffrey SIN, Mr Ronald TSUI, Mr WONG Kit-long, Mr Ramon YUEN, Ms LIN Wai-kwan (20)

Against: (0)

Abstain: Mr John TANG (1)

87. The Secretary announced the voting result: 20 members voted for it, no member voted against it and one member abstained.

88. The Chairman declared that the above motion was carried, and concluded that the Committee would write to the Police Force to request the allocation of additional resources for combating illegal parking. It was considered that TD should increase the supply of parking spaces to alleviate the situation of illegal parking.

Agenda Item 3: Follow-up matters

(a) No information available for discussion and lack of consultation Follow up on the paper of “Request for resuming the land of the Police Sports & Recreation Club for rezoning” (PTAC Paper 26/20)

89. The Chairman said that the paper concerned was the item of follow-up matters of the last meeting.

90. Mr Rex CHAN responded that it was difficult for the Police to decide the land use of the Police Sports & Recreation Club and he had nothing to add to the suggestion in the paper.

(b) List of follow-up actions for matters of discussion at PTAC meeting (PTAC Paper 71/20)

91. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu enquired about the progress of the study on building a footbridge across Yen Chow Street outside Dragon Centre. He then requested the implementation of the suggestion of no right turn at the car park of Mei Leong House of Shek Kip Mei Estate. He also pointed out that the progress of the widening works for the

bus stop outside Tung Fai House of Tai Hang Tung Estate was slow, he requested the Department to expedite the progress.

92. Mr CHUM Tak-shing hoped that the Police would strengthen enforcement in the vicinity of The Amused at Fuk Wing Street, and pointed out that shop operators placed their goods on the roads frequently and affected the traffic.

93. Ms Carman NG hoped that TD would provide the technical assessment report on the construction of public housing at the site of Chak On Road Driving Test Centre in October.

94. Ms Cecilia LAW responded that TD had designated the suggestion on the crossing at Cheung Sha Wan Road/Yen Chow Street as a long-term item for carrying out studies. The result would be reported to the Council in a timely manner, information was not available for the time being.

95. Miss Patsy LO responded that the technical assessment on Chak On Road Driving Test Centre was led by HD. She then responded that regarding the proposal of no right turn by vehicles on the road outside the car park of Mei Leong House, objection from the users of the car park concerned had been received during the consultation. If HD could handle the objection from the above stakeholders and supported the proposal of no right turn by vehicles, TD would arrange for commencement of the relevant works to assist HD in managing the entrance/exit of the car park of Mei Leong House.

96. Mr YU Chung-him responded to the works for Tung Fai House. He said that the Highways Department (“HyD”) had already carried out investigation there to examine the underground pipelines concerned. The Department had also requested relevant public utilities to submit diversion proposals and schedules, their replies were awaited.

97. Mr NG Chi-sing responded that the Police would step up inspection of loading/unloading activities by logistics companies and shop operators in the vicinity of The Amused, carry out liaison work and conduct traffic control.

98. Ms Carman NG enquired about the traffic assessment report on Chak On Road Driving Test Centre.

99. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu said that the works departments should have working agendas and set timeframes on works procedures. If there were special circumstances during the works period, other options should be considered. He then requested the departments to provide the timetable for the study on the crossing at Cheung Sha Wan Road/Yen Chow Street.

100. Mr Richard LI raised the same enquiry about the crossing at Cheung Sha Wan Road/Yen Chow Street.

101. Mr Jay LI enquired whether the site would amalgamate with adjoining lands after the demolition of Cheong San Lane footbridge.

102. Mr WONG Kit-long enquired about the process of the development of the site of Cheong San Lane footbridge.

103. Ms Cecilia LAW responded that members' suggestions on the crossing at Cheung Sha Wan Road/Yen Chow Street would be relayed to relevant units and the information would be provided after the meeting. She then said that the site would be handed over to the Lands Department for planning after the demolition of Cheong San Lane footbridge. Currently, HyD was preparing for the demolition of the footbridge and the down ramp slip road of West Kowloon slip roads, the site of the down ramp slip road would be handed over to TD for use as smart car park.

104. Mr YU Chung-him responded that since underground pipelines including a number of high voltage cables which had to be relocated before carrying out the widening works for the lay-by of the bus stop of Tung Fai House, it was necessary for relevant public utilities to formulate relocation proposals and schedules.

105. Miss Patsy LO responded that the Civil Engineering and Development Department was responsible for the overall assessment on Chak On Road Driving Test Centre.

106. Mr FUNG Chi-keong responded that the site of Cheong San Lane footbridge was currently zoned as "open space", it was not necessary to submit planning applications if the site was used for temporary uses after the demolition of the footbridge.

107. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu reiterated that the works departments should take the lead in the matter to manage the duration of the works period.

108. Mr YU Chung-him responded that the department had maintained communication with public utilities. However, since the relocation of underground pipelines involved a number of factors, the relocation could not be completed within a short period of time.

109. Mr Ramon YUEN hoped that the departments could submit the information about the latest progress in the annex of the paper.

110. Mr KONG Kwai-sang enquired about the works progress of the redevelopment of So Uk Estate Bus Terminus.

111. Mr Keith WONG responded that the relocation of the kiosk of So Uk Estate Bus Terminus had been approved.

112. Mr Ricky LEE responded that after the relocation of the kiosk, the works for So Uk Estate Bus Terminus would commence as soon as possible.

113. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu reiterated his request that schedules of the works should be drawn up.

114. Mr Ricky LEE responded that the works involved different organisations and departments; only the information about the estimated works period could be provided, yet it was difficult to confirm the commencement dates.

(c) Project items and schedules of district traffic improvement works completed, under construction or under planning within the past two months by the Transport Department/Highways Department (PTAC Paper 72/20)

115. Mr Jay LI said that many goods vehicles unloaded goods frequently at Nam Cheong Street near Apliu Street, he hoped that TD and the Police would follow up on the situation.

116. The Chairman enquired about the exact location of the works for Lai Ying Street.

117. Mr TAM Kwok-kiu enquired about the works for erecting iron poles at Tai Hang Sai Street.

118. Mr YU Chung-him responded that the works for erecting iron poles at Tai Hang Sai Street was expected to be completed in September this year, relevant information would be provided at the next meeting.

119. Ms Cecilia LAW responded that the location of the works for Lai Ying Street was the two sides of the vehicular run-in/out outside Hoi Lok Court near the roundabout at Lai Ying Street.

120. Miss Patsy LO responded that staff would be deployed to inspect the situation of Nam Cheong Street near Apliu Street.

Agenda Item 4: Reports from Working Groups under the Committee

(a) Report from the Working Group on Public Transport Services (PTAC Paper 73/20)

121. The Committee endorsed the above report.

122. The Chairman said that WGPTS had endorsed a funding application at its meeting on 25 August, she suggested handling the application concerned at this Committee meeting.

123. The Committee agreed with the above arrangement.

124. The Chairman reminded all members present at the meeting to declare interest in accordance with the Sham Shui Po District Council Standing Orders. If a member had affiliation with an applicant organisation, he must make declaration to the Committee for record. She then asked members to consider the funding application for Chu Kuang Cultural Services Foundation Limited to organise “A Survey on Trips of Buses and Green Mini-buses in Sham Shui Po District” (深水埗區巴士及專線小巴班次調查) (Paper 89/20), the funding amount proposed by WGPTS was \$195,160. She then asked members to declare interest.

125. The Committee voted on the funding suggestion on Paper 89/20 by open ballot, the voting result was as follows:

For: Ms Zoé CHOW, Ms Janet NG, Mr Joshua LI, Ms Carman NG,
Mr TAM Kwok-kiu, Ms Eunice CHAU, Mr Calvin HO,
Mr Leo HO, Mr KONG Kwai-sang, Mr Andy LAO,
Mr Richard LI, Mr Jay LI, Mr MAK Wai-ming, Mr Jeffrey SIN,
Mr WAI Woon-nam, Mr WONG Kit-long, Mr Ramon YUEN (17)

Against: (0)

Abstain: Mr John TANG (1)

126. The Secretary announced the voting result: 17 members voted for it, no member voted against it and one member abstained.

127. The Chairman declared that the above funding suggestion was endorsed and would be submitted to the DC Full Council meeting for handling.

128. Ms Carman NG enquired about the routes to be included in the study.

129. Mr WONG Kit-long said that after the funding application was endorsed, members would be invited to put forward their views on the routes to be included in the study.

130. Mr Jay LI enquired whether the bus route development programme was followed up by WGPTS.

131. The Chairman said that the programme concerned would be followed up by WGPTS and handled by the Committee if necessary.

(b) Reports from the Working Group on General Transport Facilities (PTAC Papers 74/20 to 75/20)

132. The Committee endorsed the above reports and the membership list (non-DC Members).

Agenda Item 5: Any other business

133. Members did not raise any other business.

Agenda Item 6: Date of next meeting

134. The next meeting would be held at 9:30 a.m. on 15 October 2020 (Thursday).

135. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 1:15 p.m.

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