

**Sha Tin District Council****Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of  
the District Facilities Management Committee in 2016**

**Date** : 21 June 2016 (Tuesday)  
**Time** : 2:30 pm  
**Venue** : Sha Tin District Council Conference Room  
 4/F, Sha Tin Government Offices

<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Time of joining the meeting</u></b>	<b><u>Time of leaving the meeting</u></b>
Ms TUNG Kin-lei (Chairman)	DC member	2:30 pm	4:41 pm
Mr WONG Ka-wing (Vice-Chairman)	"	2:32 pm	3:44 pm
Mr HO Hau-cheung, BBS, MH	DC Chairman	2:30 pm	4:41 pm
Mr PANG Cheung-wai, Thomas, SBS, JP	DC Vice-Chairman	2:30 pm	4:41 pm
Mr CHAN Billy Shiu-yeung	DC Member	2:30 pm	4:10 pm
Mr CHAN Kwok-keung, James	"	2:48 pm	3:48 pm
Ms CHAN Man-kuen	"	2:30 pm	4:41 pm
Mr CHAN Nok-hang	"	2:30 pm	4:10 pm
Mr CHING Cheung-ying, MH	"	2:35 pm	4:41 pm
Mr CHIU Chu-pong, Sunny	"	2:30 pm	4:04 pm
Mr CHIU Man-leong	"	2:34 pm	4:41 pm
Mr HUI Yui-yu, Rick	"	2:30 pm	3:43 pm
Mr LAI Tsz-yan	"	2:31 pm	4:41 pm
Ms LAM Chung-yan	"	2:34 pm	4:41 pm
Mr LEE Chi-wing, Alvin	"	2:30 pm	4:41 pm
Mr LEUNG Ka-fai, Victor	"	2:30 pm	4:22 pm
Mr LI Sai-hung	"	2:30 pm	4:25 pm
Mr LI Sai-wing	"	2:30 pm	2:53 pm
Mr LI Wing-shing, Wilson	"	2:30 pm	4:41 pm
Mr MAK Yun-pui	"	2:41 pm	2:57 pm
Mr MOK Kam-kwai, BBS	"	2:32 pm	3:25 pm
Ms PONG Scarlett Oi-lan, JP	"	2:30 pm	3:19 pm
Mr PUN Kwok-shan, MH	"	2:34 pm	4:41 pm
Mr SIU Hin-hong	"	2:30 pm	4:41 pm
Mr TING Tsz-yuen	"	2:30 pm	4:41 pm
Mr TONG Hok-leung	"	2:30 pm	4:41 pm
Ms TSANG So-lai	"	2:39 pm	4:41 pm
Mr WAI Hing-cheung	"	2:30 pm	4:41 pm
Mr WONG Fu-sang, Tiger	"	2:30 pm	4:41 pm
Mr WONG Hok-lai	"	3:46 pm	4:41 pm
Ms WONG Ping-fan, Iris	"	2:30 pm	4:41 pm
Mr WONG Yue-hon	"	2:30 pm	4:41 pm
Mr YAU Man-chun	"	2:30 pm	3:48 pm
Mr YIP Wing	"	2:30 pm	4:41 pm
Mr YIU Ka-chun	"	2:30 pm	4:41 pm
Ms YUE Shin-man	"	2:36 pm	4:41 pm
Mr YUNG Ming-chau, Michael	"	2:30 pm	4:41 pm
Ms LAM Hang-ching, Dorothy (Secretary)	Executive Officer I (District Council) 2 / Sha Tin District Office		

**In Attendance**

Mr WONG Tin-pui, Simon  
Mr HUI Wai-lun, Ken

Mr CHU Ho-fai, Kelvin

Mr HO Kam-wing

Ms LOK Kit-ha

Ms LO Lai-fong, Jackie

Mr CHOW Kin

Mr LEUNG Ting-pong, Roger

Ms LEE Yuk-kit, Glendy

**Title**

Assistant District Officer (Sha Tin)

District Secretary /  
Sha Tin District Office

Executive Officer (District Council) 1 /  
Sha Tin District Office

Inspector of Works (Sha Tin) /  
Sha Tin District Office

Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories East) /  
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

District Leisure Manager (Sha Tin) /  
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Sha Tin /  
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Senior Executive Officer (Planning) 1 /  
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Senior Librarian (Sha Tin) /  
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

**In Attendance by Invitation**

Ms LAW Mei-sze, Michelle

Ms LAM Lai-wan

Ms TANG Suet-fan

**Title**

Architect (Works) 5, Home Affairs Department

Assistant Project Executive, Tom Ip & Partners

Architectural Associate, WCWP International Limited

**Absent**

Mr CHENG Tsuk-man

Mr NG Kam-hung

**Title**

DC Member

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(Application for leave of absence received)

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**Action**

The Chairman informed the meeting that some members of the public, being present as observers, were taking photos and making video and audio recordings.

**Application for Leave of Absence**

2. The Chairman said that the Sha Tin District Council (STDC) Secretariat had received the written applications for leave of absence from the following members:

Mr NG Kam-hung

Mr CHENG Tsuk-man

Official commitment

Attendance at another meeting or an activity  
of an organisation under the Hong Kong  
Government

3. Members unanimously endorsed the applications for leave of absence submitted by the above members.

**Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 26 April 2016**

4. Members unanimously confirmed the above minutes.

**Discussion Items**

Revised Member Lists of Working Groups under the Committee  
(Paper No. DFM 18/2016)

5. Members unanimously endorsed the above paper.

2016-2017 District Facilities and Improvement Works Proposals  
(Paper No. DFM 19/2016)

6. Ms Jackie LO, District Leisure Manager (Sha Tin) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) and Mr HO Kam-wing, Inspector of Works (Sha Tin) of the Sha Tin District Office (STDO) introduced three new works proposals.

7. Mr MAK Yun-pui said that the drinking water of the drinking fountains in Ma On Shan Park and the waterfront promenade tasted herby and rusty. The nearby residents had expressed their concern about the problem of lead content in drinking water. They would like to know whether drinking fountain filters could filter the lead content, and how often the filters were replaced or the filters and water pipes were cleaned.

8. The views of Mr Michael YUNG were summarised below:

- (a) he enquired about the urgency of the improvement project of the children's play equipment in Ma On Shan Park;
- (b) he asked how long the irrigation pumping system at Sha Tin Sports Ground had been used and why it was out of order;
- (c) after the amalgamation of the two working groups, resources could be used more flexibly. He asked the LCSD whether they would review the necessity to provide more or fewer facilities at the sports and leisure venues under its management;
- (d) the proposed location of the project of Provision of Rain Shelter at Hang Fai Street in Ma On Shan (ST-DMW332) had been discussed since December last year and was found unfeasible. He asked why a feasibility study was conducted and how much consultant's fee had been paid;
- (e) he asked the LCSD when it would conduct routine inspections on facilities under its management, and why early replacement works were not carried out when the facilities were found obsolete; and
- (f) he asked when the mats were replaced last time, and he wished to know whether the department would acquire more durable facilities.

9. Mr SIU Hin-hong suggested that the LCSD should provide more recreational facilities, such as swings, jungle gyms and tower slides, for the use by older children to help build their self-confidence.

10. Mr Alvin LEE showed the photos of playgrounds by PowerPoint slides. He said that the recreational facilities in Ma On Shan were inadequate and obsolete, and hoped that members could support the provision of more swings, the replacement of mats and the handling of obsolete facilities in Ma On Shan.

11. Mr PUN Kwok-shan asked about the number of projects under the minor works maintenance programme, and wanted to know the details of the projects and the number of contractors.

12. The Chairman pointed out that some leisure facilities in the Sha Tin District had been used for many years. She hoped that the LCSD could carefully inspect their conditions.

13. Mr Tiger WONG asked how many drains in the Sha Tin District were managed by the STDO, and how many of them were managed by the Highways Department.

14. Ms Jackie LO gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) as regards the views of Mr MAK Yun-pui, she indicated that the LCSD had a mechanism to ensure the water quality of drinking fountains, and the Electrical & Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) would regularly check the drinking fountains and follow up the basic repair and maintenance work. She would provide relevant information to Mr MAK Yun-pui after the meeting;  
(Post-meeting note: the department would clean drinking fountains every day and replace filters once every three months and UV lamps once every six months to ensure that the water of drinking fountains was safe for drinking.)
- (b) as to the views of Mr Michael YUNG on the improvement project of the children's play equipment, she said that the facilities available at the children's playground were required to remain highly safe. Moreover, as the existing facilities had been used for 18 years since their completion in 1998, they had shown signs of serious wear and tear and aging, and thus there was an urgent need for replacement;
- (c) regarding the views of Mr SIU Hin-hong, she said that currently, the children's play equipment managed by the LCSD normally provided different components for children of two age groups; and one of the design requirements for new facilities was to cater for the needs of children of different ages;
- (d) as regards the views of Mr Michael YUNG on the improvement works of the irrigation pumping system, the two pumping systems had been used for 34 years up till now, while the service life of an irrigation pumping system was 20 years in general. One of the systems did not function anymore and could not be repaired, and replacing it would cost \$250,000, while replacing both of the systems would cost \$350,000. Therefore, it was recommended that both be replaced and used alternately to reduce mechanical wear and tear and achieve cost-effectiveness; and
- (e) the LCSD staff would conduct daily inspections on its recreational facilities, including mats. The department would arrange repair works if damaged facilities were found. In addition, the LCSD would decide whether replacement was necessary subject to the actual conditions of the facilities to ensure public safety.

15. Ms LOK Kit-ha, Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories East) of the LCSD said that she had carefully inspected children's play equipment in the Sha Tin District together with the Assistant Director and structural engineers of the LCSD last year. Since the facility replacement costs were high, the department would renovate the facilities, replace the components or full sets of the facilities subject to their conditions. Among the recreational facilities in the Sha Tin District, the children's play equipment in Ma On Shan Park had the most urgent need for improvement, and she hoped that members would give their support to the project. The department was well aware of

members' concern over the children's play equipment in the district, and they would conduct a comprehensive review on the children's play equipment in the Sha Tin District again this year. If some members had any suggestions on individual facilities, the LCSD would be glad to take follow-up actions.

16. Mr HO Kam-wing gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) the fixed-term contracts of the minor works in the Sha Tin District (District Minor Works programme) primarily included grass cutting, cleaning of pits and some urgent maintenance works;
- (b) if the facilities were damaged, members could reflect the cases to the STDO via liaison officers, and the STDO would send staff to carry out inspections and take follow-up actions; and
- (c) as regards the enquiries of Mr Tiger WONG, he said that the STDO was mainly responsible for clearing the drains within the boundaries of villages in the Sha Tin District.

17. Regarding the enquiries of Mr Michael YUNG, Mr Simon WONG, Assistant District Officer (Sha Tin) responded that the STDO noted members' views on ST-DMW332 in December last year. Knowing that the proposed site of the works might overlap with the location of the bus stop extension works, the Working Group on District Facilities and Improvement Works, during the endorsement of implementation of a feasibility study, noted that the STDO would further confirm the situation with the relevant departments. In implementation of the feasibility study, it was found that the proposed location of the rain shelter overlapped with the location of the pedestrian crossing proposed by the Housing Department (HD). It was proposed that the works be cancelled upon agreement of the proponent.

18. As regards the enquiries of Mr Michael YUNG, Ms Michelle LAW, Architect (Works) 5 of the Home Affairs Department (HAD), responded that since the HAD was aware of the situation of the above-mentioned project, only information collection, instead of costly ground investigation works, had been conducted. The relevant information would be provided at the next meeting. (Post-meeting note: the consultant's fee for ST-DMW332 was \$0, and the project had incurred no other paid-up expenses.)

HAD

19. Members unanimously endorsed the paper, and the estimated project cost totalled \$3,250,000.

2016-2017 Work Plans and Funding Applications Submitted by Working Groups under the Committee

(Paper No. DFM 20/2016)

20. The views of Mr CHING Cheung-ying were summarised below:

- (a) he believed that the two activities mentioned in the paper could help promote the reading atmosphere;
- (b) the project funding criteria mentioned in the appendix of Annex I included the acquisition of bookshelves, magazines, computers, chairs, desks and other equipment. He considered that the acquisition of the above equipment should be recorded to avoid repeated applications for funding by organisations; and

- (c) many voluntary organisations often held book floating activities successfully even without hiring contractors. Thus, he opined that there was no need to hire contractors.

21. The views of Mr CHAN Nok-hang were summarised below:

- (a) he asked whether it was against the original purpose if the subsidised computers purchased by community libraries were used by the public to surf the Internet or play online games;
- (b) he asked whether additional funds would be allocated if the publicity expenses increased; and
- (c) he asked how the surplus materials would be handled if the applicant organisation did not operate in the coming year.

22. The views of Mr Rick HUI were summarised below:

- (a) he wished to know the number of times and locations of the book floating activities to be held; and
- (b) he asked whether the library collection to be abandoned could be returned to the community for use in book floating activities.

23. Mr SIU Hin-hong said that book floating activities were very popular in Taiwan and could help promote the reading atmosphere and enhance environmental awareness. He believed that it was unnecessary to buy bookshelves or books, and recommended that libraries provide old books to promote environmental protection.

24. The Chairman said that the funding applications of community libraries would be carefully considered and approved by the Working Group on the Management of Community Halls and Libraries to avoid repeated granting of funds to organisations for purchase of the same equipment.

25. The views of Ms LAM Chung-yan were summarised below:

- (a) it was learned that the STDO had reviewed and inspected the use of facilities in community libraries, and the representatives of community libraries had said at relevant meetings that they needed some hardware facilities for book search, including bookshelves and computers. Thus, the department had also made reference to their views when formulating project funding criteria. In addition, the working group had revised the funding amount and criteria this year. For example, since the LCSD could provide books for community libraries, they would no longer provide funding support for community libraries to purchase books;
- (b) for the contractor of book floating activities, members of the working group also considered that the charges of the contractor were relatively high. However, since they had yet to find a suitable non-profit-making organisation to co-organise the activities, funds had to be reserved to hire contractors. If they found a suitable co-organiser in the future, the operation of book floating stations would be maintained by the co-organiser, and they would fund the organisation on an accountable basis;

- (c) regarding the publicity of promotion of reading activities of community libraries, the funded projects included reading talks and reading sharing seminars;
- (d) as regards the proposal of Mr SIU Hin-hong, she said that the STDC had held book floating activities in the past, and the working group would contact the organisation participants, in the hope that they would make good use of their surplus materials to help promote environmental protection; and
- (e) as to the date of the activity, under the established funding application procedures and rules of the STDC, DC funded activities must be completed on or before 10 February 2017. Therefore, the book floating activity was tentatively scheduled for completion on the same day. The working group would identify book floating points in the Sha Tin District upon approval of the application for this activity by the Committee.

26. Ms Glendy LEE, Senior Librarian (Sha Tin) of the LCSD gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) the LCSD would lend a whole batch of books to community libraries. It was learned that some community libraries would purchase books separately as collections according to actual needs, and the community libraries would regularly return the books to the LCSD that they had borrowed from the department; and
- (b) as the books kept by the LCSD were subject to the Stores and Procurement Regulation, they could not be used for book floating purposes. Under the established mechanism, libraries could write off some worn-out, damaged or out-of-date books. She would inform community libraries that they could provide old books for book floating purposes.

27. Members endorsed the annual work plans of the working groups by 16 affirmative votes, 11 abstention votes and 0 negative vote.,.

28. The Chairman said that according to paragraph 10(b)(iii) of the Sha Tin District Council Budgetary Procedures, the virement of expenses between different expenditure categories under the same expenditure head was determined and approved by the committee in charge of the expenditure head, and was limited to the total amount originally determined for the head.

29. Members unanimously endorsed the virement of \$36,000 from expenditure category 9.3 to expenditure category 9.1 to strengthen the support for activities of the working group.

### **Information Items**

Report on the Management of Recreation and Sports Facilities in Sha Tin  
(Paper No. DFM 21/2016)

30. Ms Jackie LO reported that the LCSD proposed to name the gardens under Provision of Recreational Facilities on the Hill behind Holford Garden (ST-DMW213) and Provision of a Recreational Park at Ngan Shing Street in Area 14B, Sha Tin (ST-DMW260) as Chik Tai Lane Garden and Ngan Shing Street Garden respectively.

31. Mr YIU Ka-chun recommended that the garden under Provision of a Recreational Park at Ngan Shing Street in Area 14B, Sha Tin (ST-DMW260) be named as Yuen Chau Kok Ngan Shing Street Garden.

(Post-meeting note: the department had discussed with Mr YIU Ka-chun after the meeting and they agreed to retain the name “Ngan Shing Street Garden” for the facility concerned.)

Report on the Services and Promotional Activities of Public Libraries in Sha Tin  
(Paper No. DFM 22/2016)

32. Ms Glendy LEE briefly introduced the paper. In addition, she said that the LCSD was still identifying a site to set up a small library in Tai Wai town centre. On the other hand, the department had noted all the proposals raised by members at the last meeting, including the extension of service hours of Lek Yuen Public Library and the provision of mobile library service at Shui Chuen O Estate. The department would study the feasibility of all the proposals subject to the resources available.

33. In addition, to further enhance the library service network, the department had recently launched a pilot scheme of using radio frequency identification technology (RFID) to further study self-help library services, and would review the cost-effectiveness of the self-help service. The department planned to choose a site on Hong Kong Island, in Kowloon and in the New Territories respectively to place a book dispenser, providing 24-hour services including borrowing and returning books, collecting reserved books and paying library fees. Under this pilot scheme, the department prepared to place one book dispenser near Tai Wai MTR Station.

34. The department planned to launch the service in 2017-2018, but the implementation of this scheme required follow-up studies with related departments on selecting suitable locations to place the book dispensers, and various technical construction projects needed to be carried out. This scheme was still at the stage of identifying suitable locations, and the LCSD was also going to negotiate with the Lands Department (LandsD) about the feasibility of installing a book dispenser at Tai Wai MTR Station. The department would circulate the relevant proposal paper to the government departments concerned through the LandsD and arrange public consultation later.

35. Mr LI Sai-hung hoped that the LCSD could consult the residents first before installing a book dispenser in Tai Wai. He enquired about the size of the book dispenser and whether a concept plan was available for reference.

36. The views of Mr CHAN Nok-hang were summarised below:

- (a) as the utilisation rate of mobile library vans had dropped between March and May, he asked whether it was due to inadequate publicity, the lack of attractiveness of the books, or the dispersion of library users caused by close proximity between mobile library vans;
- (b) he asked the department whether they would install book drops at Tai Wai MTR Station, Sha Tin MTR Station or various stations along the Ma On Shan Line;
- (c) he asked whether the resources of mobile library vans would be redeployed after the completion of the library in Area 14B (Yuen Chau Kok); and
- (d) he hoped that the department could acquire more mobile library vans so that more members of the public could have access to library services.



37. The views of Mr Michael YUNG were summarised below:

- (a) he urged the LCSD to discuss with the HD the parking position of the mobile library van during implementation of the water mains replacement works at Yan On Estate, in the hope that the works would not affect the mobile library van services; and
- (b) the paper mentioned that the service of mobile library van (5) had suspended from the afternoon of 6 May to 14 May 2016 due to emergency repair in depot. He asked whether it was because the maintenance service of the EMSD was unsatisfactory or the new mobile library van required maintenance service by the original supplier. He also asked whether the LCSD would purchase one more mobile library van for spare use, and whether the EMSD would provide emergency repair or routine maintenance services for mobile library vans on Sundays.

38. Mr SIU Hin-hong considered that the data in the paper reflected that there was no prevailing reading atmosphere in the Sha Tin District. He suggested that the LCSD organise activities to encourage parents to nurture their children's interest in reading. Meanwhile, more books suitable for the elderly should be provided, and schools should be encouraged to organise activities to promote reading.

39. Mr PUN Kwok-shan suggested that the LCSD provide book dispensers both inside and outside Tai Wai MTR Station.

40. Mr TONG Hok-leung hoped that the service hours of the mobile library van at Mei Tin Estate could be rescheduled to the afternoon for the convenience of students.

41. The Chairman hoped that the LCSD would submit the schedule of setting up book dispensers to the committee for discussion after drawing up the schedule. She hoped that the department would review library van services after the completion of the library in Area 14B (Yuen Chau Kok), and consider setting up a service point at Shui Chuen O Estate.

42. Ms Glendy LEE gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) regarding the mobile library van services, the department had put emphasis on publicity, and the library materials on mobile library vans would change appropriately every day to meet the need of each service station. As far as resources were available, the department would consider providing more mobile library vans and spare mobile library vans. The department noted the suggestions;
- (b) as to the library services in the Sha Tin District, the department would conduct a timely review on the utilisation of all libraries in the district after the completion of the library in Area 14B (Yuen Chau Kok) to cater for the needs of the local community;
- (c) at present, since all the mobile library vans had been put into full service, if there were any proposed changes to the service hours of individual service stations, the department would consider making changes only if the service hours of another service station in the district also needed to be changed. The department would continue to enhance publicity on the services;

- (d) as regards whether the parking location of the mobile library van would be affected during the water mains replacement works at Yan On Estate, the department had followed up the issue with the HD, and the mobile library services would remain unaffected by the relevant works according to the current assessment. The department would continue to maintain communication with the HD on the situation and take follow-up actions in order to prevent library services from being affected;
- (e) mobile library van (5) needed emergency repair in depot from the afternoon of 6 May to 14 May 2016 and required replacement of relevant parts. In this case, the department had tried to schedule regular maintenance on 28 May and arrange for parts replacement to fall within the maintenance period to mitigate the impact on library services;
- (f) as to the utilisation data for the Sha Tin District, the overall number of loans still remained at a certain level for various libraries. In addition to physical libraries, the LCSD was also actively developing electronic resource services to meet the reading needs of the public. Regarding the proposal, the department would also continue to enhance appropriate services to address the reading needs of the elderly; and
- (g) the department had launched a pilot scheme of using radio frequency identification technology (RFID). It had conducted further study on self-service library services and would review the cost-effectiveness of this self-service. The department planned to launch this service in 2017-2018, but the implementation of this plan required follow-up studies with related departments on identifying suitable locations to place the book dispensers. Implementation of various technical construction projects and installations, such as power supply facility installation, logistics and transportation, both software and hardware configurations for computer system, service contracts and so on also had to be carried out. This scheme was still at the stage of studying suitable locations. The LCSD was also going to negotiate with the LandsD about the feasibility of installing a book dispenser near Tai Wai MTR Station. The relevant proposal paper would be circulated to the government departments concerned through the LandsD, and public consultation would be arranged later.  
(Post-meeting note: the proposed locations of installing the book dispensers were near Exits C and D of Tai Wai MTR Station respectively. The size of the book dispensers with shelters was about 7 metres in width, 3.5 metres in depth and 3.5 metres in height. At the moment, the department was discussing and following up with the LandsD on the public views and responses collected from relevant government departments. No further information had been available for members so far.)

43. Members noted the above report.

### **Information Paper**

Progress Report on 2016-2017 District Facilities and Improvement Works  
(Paper No. DFM 23/2016)

44. Ms Jackie LO, Mr HO Kam-wing, Mr Roger LEUNG, Senior Executive Officer (Planning) 1 of the LCSD, Ms Michelle LAW, Ms Lam Lai-wan, Assistant Project Executive of Tom Ip & Partners and Ms TANG Suet-fan, Architectural Associate of WCWP International Limited briefly introduced the paper.

45. Ms Michelle LAW added that at the meeting of the Working Group on District Facilities and Improvement Works on 14 June, members of the working group agreed to shorten the distance of coverage under ST-DMW134 from about 100 metres to about 42.5 metres, starting from the footbridge at Tin Sam Street to the vicinity of the bus stop (but the shelter would not be connected to the bus stop). Mr PUN Kwok-shan, the project proponent, agreed to the above modifications.

46. The views of Mr Michael YUNG were summarised below:

- (a) he asked whether the consultant would increase the consultant's fee due to the delay of Provision of Public Toilets in the Park in Area 86 (ST-DMW150);
- (b) he asked the LCSD whether they would evaluate the locations and health conditions of the trees near the public toilets, and whether those trees would be transplanted or removed, with a view to preventing the trees from falling due to adverse weather conditions;
- (c) he wished to know whether the reason for submission of supplementary information for the waterworks was that problems with water pipe connection were found, resulting in failure of obtaining permits from the Water Supplies Department (WSD); and
- (d) he asked whether the HAD would issue written warnings and make claims for compensation from Tom Ip & Partners if the works were delayed.

47. Mr SIU Hin-hong asked how the priorities of the works were determined, and would like to know when the project of Provision of Rain Shelter at Lok King Street, Fo Tan (opposite Plaza Ascot) (ST-DMW290) would commence.

48. Mr YIU Ka-chun indicated that the drinking fountain at the site under Provision of a Drinking Fountain in the Playground at Ngau Pei Sha Street (ST-DMW298) had not yet been put into use. He hoped that the department would take follow-up action.

49. As regards the views of Mr Michael YUNG on Provision of Public Toilets in the Park in Area 86 (ST-DMW150), Mr Roger LEUNG replied that they had recently received a notice from the WSD and expected that there would not be any big problem. The public toilets would open as soon as possible after the WSD completed the inspection on waterworks. In addition, the LCSD had reported the two trees near the toilets to the Tree Preservation Board (TPB) and learned that the TPB had decided to remove them.

50. Ms Michelle LAW gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) the WSD required supplementary information because the format of the information submitted earlier did not meet the requirements. The consultant had submitted supplementary information in accordance with the specifications set out by the WSD. The HAD would conduct a site visit together with the WSD as soon as possible, while the public toilets would open after the waterworks were approved by the WSD. She added that the Hong Kong Fire Services Department (FSD) had inspected the fire service facilities and had no comments on the inspection results. Upon receipt of the letter of compliance from the FSD indicating that the fire service facilities had complied with all legislative requirements, the HAD would continue to maintain close coordination with the LCSD on relevant delivery procedures by then, with a view to opening the public toilets for public use as soon as possible;

- (b) since the contractor was held responsible for ensuring that the project was carried out in accordance with the established procedures, any delay in works would not cause an increase in consultant's fee; and
- (c) she clarified that the project should be completed in September if the rainy season was taken into account. Therefore, they could not make claims for compensation from the consultant.

51. Ms TANG Suet-fan responded that tender evaluations were being conducted for Provision of Rain Shelter at Lok King Street, Fo Tan (opposite Plaza Ascot) (ST-DMW290), Provision of Shelter along the Ramp Section of Hang Hong Street near Heng On Estate (ST-DMW272) and Provision of Rain Shelter at Sai Sha Road in Ma On Shan (ST-DMW333). These works were expected to commence in one to two months. Meanwhile, tenders were being invited for Provision of Rain Shelter at Ma Lok Path (ST-DMW318), Replacement of Two Sets of Seats with Arbours at Chik Choi Lane in Tai Wai (ST-DMW319) and Provision of Rain Shelter in Fui Yiu Ha Village (ST-DMW320). The works were expected to commence in two to three months.

52. Regarding the enquiries of Mr YIU Ka-chun about Provision of a Drinking Fountain in the Playground at Ngau Pei Sha Street (ST-DMW298), Ms Jackie LO replied that the LCSD would look into the matter before giving a reply.

(Post-meeting note: the department had informed Mr YIU Ka-chun after the meeting that the works for the facility concerned had been completed. The facility would be open for public use after the WSD approved the meter application.)

53. Members noted the above paper.

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

54. The next meeting would be held at 2:30 pm on 23 August 2016 (Tuesday).

55. The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 pm.

Sha Tin District Council Secretariat  
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August 2016