

Sha Tin District Council
Minutes of the 6th Meeting of
the District Facilities Management Committee in 2017

Date : 12 December 2017 (Tuesday)
Time : 2:30 pm
Venue : Sha Tin District Council Conference Room
 4/F, Sha Tin Government Offices

<u>Present</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Time of joining the meeting</u>	<u>Time of leaving the meeting</u>
Ms TUNG Kin-lei (Chairman)	DC Member	2:30 pm	4:26 pm
Mr WONG Ka-wing, MH (Vice-Chairman)	"	2:38 pm	4:26 pm
Mr HO Hau-cheung, SBS, MH	DC Chairman	2:30 pm	3:01 pm
Mr PANG Cheung-wai, Thomas, SBS, JP	DC Vice Chairman	2:46 pm	3:39 pm
Mr CHAN Billy Shiu-yeung	DC Member	2:30 pm	3:35 pm
Mr CHAN Kwok-keung, James	"	3:51 pm	4:17 pm
Ms CHAN Man-kuen	"	2:30 pm	4:26 pm
Mr CHAN Nok-hang	"	2:30 pm	3:34 pm
Mr CHING Cheung-ying, MH	"	2:38 pm	4:26 pm
Mr CHIU Chu-pong, Sunny	"	2:30 pm	4:04 pm
Mr CHIU Man-leong	"	2:30 pm	4:05 pm
Mr HUI Yui-yu, Rick	"	2:30 pm	4:26 pm
Mr LAI Tsz-yan	"	2:55 pm	4:20 pm
Ms LAM Chung-yan	"	2:38 pm	4:26 pm
Mr LI Sai-hung	"	2:30 pm	4:26 pm
Mr LI Sai-wing	"	2:30 pm	4:26 pm
Mr LI Wing-shing, Wilson	"	2:43 pm	4:26 pm
Mr MAK Yun-pui	"	2:30 pm	3:45 pm
Mr MOK Kam-kwai, BBS	"	2:40 pm	3:37 pm
Mr NG Kam-hung	"	2:30 pm	4:26 pm
Ms PONG Scarlett Oi-lan, BBS, JP	"	2:30 pm	2:58 pm
Mr PUN Kwok-shan, MH	"	2:30 pm	2:54 pm
Mr TING Tsz-yuen	"	2:30 pm	4:26 pm
Mr TONG Hok-leung	"	2:30 pm	4:26 pm
Mr WAI Hing-cheung	"	2:30 pm	4:26 pm
Mr Tiger WONG	"	2:30 pm	4:26 pm
Mr WONG Hok-lai	"	2:30 pm	4:26 pm
Miss WONG Ping-fan, Iris	DC Member	2:30 pm	4:26 pm
Mr WONG Yue-hon	"	2:30 pm	4:26 pm
Mr YAU Man-chun	"	2:30 pm	3:55 pm
Mr YIU Ka-chun	"	2:30 pm	4:22 pm
Ms YUE Shin-man	"	2:30 pm	4:26 pm
Mr YUNG Ming-chau, Michael	"	2:30 pm	4:26 pm
Miss LAM Hang Ching, Dorothy (Secretary)	Sha Tin District Office Executive Officer I (District Council) 2,		
In Attendance	Title		
Mr WONG Tin-pui, Simon	Assistant District Officer (Sha Tin)		
Mr YUEN Chun-kit, Derek	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Sha Tin District Office		

Ms CHENG Yuen Yi, Janny	Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Sha Tin District Office
Mr HO Sing Yan, Simon	District Secretary, Sha Tin District Office
Mr MOK Man-lok, Mannix	Executive Officer (District Council) 1, Sha Tin District Office
Mr CHAN Chung Wai, Chris	Executive Officer (General), Sha Tin District Office
Mr NG Fuk Sing	Senior Inspector of Works (Sha Tin), Sha Tin District Office
Ms HEUNG Ching Yee, Alice	Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories East), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LO Lai Fong, Jackie	District Leisure Manager (Sha Tin), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Miss CHAN Siu Kin, Ester	Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Sha Tin, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LEUNG So Ping, Selina	Senior Executive Officer (Planning) 1, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr CHEUNG Hang Yiu, Galax	Executive Officer (Planning) 1/2, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Miss LEE Mei Yee	Senior Librarian (Sha Tin), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
In Attendance by Invitation	Title
Miss HO Chung Man, Connie	Property Services Manager/Wong Tai Sin-East & Shatin-East, Architectural Services Department
Mr WONG Kok Ming, David	Architect (Works) 8, Home Affairs Department
Mr Tom IP	Director, Tom Ip & Partners
Mr MOK Wai Kin, Johnny	Director, Ho & Partners
Mr CHU Po-hei	Architect, Ho & Partners

Absent

Mr LEE Chi-Wing, Alvin
Mr LEUNG Ka-fai, Victor
Mr SIU Hin-hong
Ms TSANG So-lai
Mr YIP Wing
Mr CHENG Tsuk-man

Title

DC Member	(Application for leave of absence received)
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”	(No application for leave of absence received)

Action

The Chairman welcomed Members, representatives of government departments and organisations to the meeting.

Applications for Leave of Absence

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

Mr Victor LEUNG
Mr Alvin LEE

Official commitment
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Mr SIU Hin-hong
Mr YIP Wing

Physical discomfort
”

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

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 24 October 2017

4. Members unanimously confirmed the above minutes of the meeting.

Matters Arising

Responses of Government Departments to Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting

(Paper No. DFM 53/2017)

5. Members noted the above paper.

Discussion Items

2017-2018 District Facilities and Improvement Works Proposals

(Paper No. DFM 54/2017)

6. Ms Jackie LO, District Leisure Manager (Sha Tin) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), Mr David WONG, Architect (Works) 8 of the Home Affairs Department (HAD), and Mr CHU Po-hei, Architect of Ho & Partners, briefly introduced the paper.

7. The Chairman said that the Secretariat had received Ms TSANG So-lai's application for leave (official commitment) at 2:26 pm that day. Members unanimously approved the application.

8. The views of Mr PUN Kwok-shan were summarised below:

- (a) He said that some tiles on the sides of some outdoor swimming pools had problems of slippage, wearing and ageing, as well as cracks, which, in his opinion, might cause injuries to users. He hoped that the LCSD would pay attention to the issue; and
- (b) He said that the flowers of tropical plants were gorgeous and beautiful, but their life spans were short. He hoped that the LCSD would consider some aquatic plants in future greening projects.

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

10. On behalf of Mr YIP Wing, he expressed views on the Project “ST-DMW 411 - Provision of Rain Shelters near Chung On Estate” (DMW 411)” as follows:

- (a) Mr YIP Wing said that local residents proposed providing rain shelters at the said location, where there were the stands of many minibus routes, including Routes 26,

801, 803, 808 and 810, necessary. And he considered the rain shelters necessary as well. While the rain shelters demanded by residents would be of a reasonable cost, the current budget for the project was too high. Therefore he requested further information to verify the rationality of the project cost. He hoped that the HAB would provide Mr YIP Wing with a breakdown of the project cost, including the preliminary engineering cost, the research & consultancy fees, etc.;

- (b) As regards the Project of “ST-DMW 378 - Provision of Covered Walkway at Hang Tai Road near Kam Tai Arcade Leading to Exit of MTR Station” (DMW 378), he said that at the meeting of the Working Group, he had requested relevant government departments and the consultant company to provide justification and a reasonable explanation as to the designed positions of lighting installations. He pointed out a typographical error in the Chinese version of the document submitted by the consultant company. Besides, for Option A in the paper, the mean value of the luminance level was 66, with the highest value being 222 and the lowest one being 1.24. By contrast, for Option B, the highest, the mean and the lowest values were 214, 61 and 0.31, respectively. Therefore, if the fluorescent lamps were installed at the middle of the columns, whether vertically or horizontally, the lighting shall be the same in theory, with the mean values being 66 and 61, respectively; However, the mean value of the luminance level would become 48 if the fluorescent lamps were placed on one side, i.e., parallel to the access at the main beam, as per Option C. He understood that a luminance level of 35-50 would be acceptable to the Advisory Committee on the Appearance of Bridges and Associated Structures (ACABAS). However, he opined that the energy efficiency of Option C was low, under which 3.68 kWh of electric power was required for a luminance level of 100 cd/m², compared with 2.8 kWh required under Option A.
- (c) He opined that the mean value in Option C was better, because the overall luminosity was lower and the contrast was relatively smaller, too. He pointed out that the consultant company did not provide the standard deviation or the variance. He wondered how the consultant company had come to the conclusion that the luminosity under Option A and Option B was less even. He asked whether the consultant company had considered the backlight when simulating the lighting with computer software.
- (d) He showed Members two photos. He agreed that it would be easier to install the lamps overhead. However, he disagreed with the consultant company's claim that the lamps could only be installed on one side in a non-enclosed environment. He said that the tunnel in one photo was 2.9 metres wide, while the clear width of the covered walkway in DMW 378 was 2.58. The two facilities were similar in width, but the lamps were placed on both sides in the tunnel. He said that another photo showed the scenario that LED lamps and compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) were placed in the middle. He opined that the architect should solve problems as per the client's request instead of just considering the design aesthetics. Both the public and Members would like to see a cost-effective and useful facility. He opined that the design of the walkway needed improvements. He said that while the consultant company had simulated the project with software, it failed to provide photos to show lighter or darker positions. He also opined that the HAB should do a better job in supervision; and
- (e) He opined that while installing lamps on one side was a better idea, it would be darker on the other side. He opined that consultancy companies should improve the design. He wondered whether the consultant company could make a promise at the meeting that if the lighting was insufficient in the covered walkway under Project DMW 378, it would make remedies, waive the consultant fees and pay the electricity bill. Without such a

promise, he hoped that the consultant company would find an alternative solution.

11. Mr CHIU Man-leong agreed with Mr Michael YUNG. He said that such a technical detail as the lighting positions could be left for discussion at the Working Group. He opined that each option had its pros and cons. He hoped that the installation positions of the lamps would be addressed after the study by the consultant company and the discussion at the Working Group.

12. The views of Mr WAI Hing-cheung were summarised below:

- (a) According to the presentation by the LCSD representative, the species of plants at Hin Tin Swimming Pool would be replaced because they were ageing and the growing conditions were unsatisfactory. He opined that the latter reason was related to planting techniques instead to the species. He wondered whether the plants were growing badly and needed replacing because there were problems with the species;
- (b) He pointed out that the construction cost of DMW 378 had increased substantially by 70%, from \$2,990,000 to \$4,996,000. He asked whether the consultant company had considered other alternatives to reduce the cost increase. If yes, he hoped that all related options could be listed for Members' reference. If not, he wondered why the consultant company had not done so; and
- (c) He hoped that the HAB could provide all the options ever discussed for DMW 378 for his reference. He enquired about the price differences between those options and whether the current proposal was the least expensive.

13. Ms CHAN Man-kuen said that the lighting in the covered walkway under Project DMW 378 was only a technical detail. She opined that the proposal on DMW 378 could be approved at the meeting today. In addition, she opined that the example cited by Mr Michael YUNG was a tunnel, where there were no external light sources. By contrast, a covered walkway was within the scope of light sources from shopping malls and street lamps. She opined that the consultant company could further examine the issue. On the other hand, the overall project had been discussed in detail at the Working Group and the District Facilities Management Committee (DFMC). Therefore she opined that the price adjustment could be approved first.

14. The views of the Chairman were summarised below:

- (a) She asked the HAB to provide Mr YIP Wing with supplementary information on the cost estimate of Project DMW 411 after the meeting, based on Mr YIP Wing's views as conveyed by Mr Michael YUNG; and
[Post-meeting Note: The Secretariat forwarded to Mr YIP Wing on 8 January this year the supplementary information provided by the HAB on the cost breakdown of Project DMW 411.]
- (b) She said that a number of reports on Project DMW 378 had been made at the Working Group, and that Mr WAI Hing-cheung could be provided with relevant information if he desired. She hoped that the architect of the HAB could firstly provide supplementary information on the cost comparison.

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

- (a) In response to Mr PUN Kwok-shan's views, she said that the ageing or damaged tiles at swimming pools would be covered in the LCSD's annual maintenance works, instead of in district minor works.
- (b) In addition, she said that current plants were grown in flower beds. Therefore land plants were the ideal option. Aquatic plants such as water lilies and water lotuses would not be considered for the time being; and
- (c) In response to Mr WAI Hing-cheung's views, she said that plants also had their life cycles. Older plants were less attractive and needed to be removed. Planting some new species would add to the aesthetic appeal of the place.

16. Mr Johnny MOK, Director of Ho & Partners, gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) He said that DMW 378 featured a cantilever design, which caused less obstruction to pedestrians. In terms of lighting design, they had initially considered light sources from nearby shopping malls instead of installing lamps inside the covered walkway. However, taking into account the ACABAS's advice, they needed to consider the circumstance when the lights of nearby shopping malls were turned off. Therefore lamps in line with the HyD's standards would be installed;
- (b) Taking into account the clear width of 2.58 metres of the covered walkway, he opined that installing the lamps on one side would suffice, which would also ensure even lighting for pedestrians. He agreed with Mr. Michael YUNG that the energy efficiency would be lower if the fluorescent lamps were installed on one side instead of in the middle. However, he opined that CFLs could improve the energy efficiency. After considering and balancing the advantages and disadvantages, he opined that more importance should be attached to users' comfort. Therefore, he had concluded that Option C was better, based on the highest value, the mean value and the lowest value of the luminance level, as well as previous experience in lighting design. The option also complied with the HyD's standards for lighting in covered walkways. In addition, he said that a tunnel was an enclosed place; therefore lamps should be installed on both sides. The DMW 378 covered walkway, however, was different. Installing lamps next to beam columns would be aesthetically better and could facilitate maintenance;
- (c) He said that according to Mr Michael YUNG's photos, installing lamps on both sides would be a better option. If lamps were installed in the middle, the lighting might be too strong at the middle part, while it would be dark on both sides when the lamps were blocked. A covered walkway was wider than a tunnel and was an enclosed place. Installing lamps on both sides would ensure more even lighting. He pointed out that according to the other photo featuring natural light, lamps could be installed evenly based on the width, for the sake of greater comfort and even distribution of luminance. For the access under Project DMW 378, it was advised to have evenly-distributed lighting from lamps installed next to beam columns, which, despite the lower energy efficiency, would ensure more even and softer lighting as a whole; and
- (d) In response to Mr WAI Hing-cheung's views, he said that the cost of Project DMW 378 had increased, not only because major adjustments were required to the foundation design in view of the underground facilities, but also because the design more than six

months ago had not included the lamp installation works. The current design consultant company had chosen the smallest interval of installation and had studied different options. The ultimate proposal featured the lowest cost and fewer columns, with less foundation works.

17. Mr David WONG gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) In response to Mr YIP Wing's views, he said that the two rain shelters in the new project at Chung On Estate would be larger than a conventional one of 3x-1.7m. Therefore, the construction cost would be \$800,000 dollars, and a total cost of \$1,400,000 should be earmarked when the expenses of exploration, consultancy and site supervision were included;
- (b) He said that the consultancy company had conducted a lot of research after the meeting of the Working Group. The lighting design was determined by taking into account the comfort of pedestrians, maintenance, overall perception and energy efficiency. He was willing to listen to the views of the STDC. However, he opined that it would be more advisable to install lamps on one side for better aesthetic and lighting effects; and
- (c) As far as he could remember, reducing the number of columns would save the construction cost by about 5.4 million dollars. He promised to provide Mr WAI Hing-cheung with supplementary information after the meeting. In addition, he said that the current proposal was already the least expensive option.

18. The Chairman said that there had been sufficient discussion on Project DMW 378. He hoped that the HAB would urge the consultant company to do a better job in lighting adjustment. Since the preliminary budget for the project exceed 3 million dollars, according to the "Budgetary Process of Sha Tin District Council", the DFMC shall submit the proposal on revised works to the STDC for consideration after approving the related funding application.

19. Members unanimously endorsed the above paper.

Review of the Partitioning Arrangement of the Hall and Conference Room of the Yuen Chau Kok Community Hall

(Paper No. DFM 55/2017)

20. Mr Simon WONG, Assistant District Officer (Sha Tin), briefly introduced the paper.

21. The views of Mr WONG Yue-hon were summarised below:

- (a) He asked whether and how many times the folding partitions had broken down. He opined that if the folding partitions had not been broken down before, it would be impossible to understand the impact in case of their malfunction;
- (b) He said that a large-scale event on Sunday would be affected if some folding partitions could not be opened but it was not noticed that until Saturday. He asked whether the HAB would consider partitioning on Monday or Tuesday; and

- (c) He pointed out that according to the paper, about 80% of the respondents indicated that they would not use venues with folding partitions if the arrangement remained unchanged. However, the Sha Tin District Office (STDO) still proposed continuing with the current arrangement. He enquired about the reasons. He also said that the constant increase in the utilisation rate was due to the fact that organisations had no choice but to apply for venues in the partitioned hall. Besides, such activities as singing and dancing would be affected by the poor acoustic and soundproofing effects.

22. The views of Mr YIU Ka-chun were summarised below:

- (a) He said that for sessions without partitioning, the average utilisation rate of the hall exceeded 80% between July and November. For sessions with partitioning, the utilisation rate of Hall Area A had increased in October and November, but that of Hall Area B was only about 50% on Friday, without any significant increase. He pointed out that there was no significant difference in the utilisation rate of Hall Area A between sessions with and without partitioning, while the utilisation rate of Hall Area B was not very high even with partitioning;
- (b) He pointed out that, according to the questionnaire survey, the number of respondents being unsatisfied or very unsatisfied with the partitioning arrangement was much larger than those being satisfied or very satisfied. And there was more dissatisfaction than satisfaction with the soundproofing effect after the partitioning. However, the STDO proposed continuing with the partitioning arrangement based on the constantly increasing utilisation rate during sessions with partitioning, without considering the opinions of users. He suggested that there should be a proper review with a balance to be struck; and
- (c) He hoped that the STDO would explain why the constant rise in the utilisation rate would be more important than users' dissatisfaction in the questionnaire, when there would be another questionnaire survey to collect opinions, and how the opinions collected would be assessed.

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

- (a) He said that the result of the first question in the survey already showed the diverse views among users. With 46% of the respondents being dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with the arrangement, he opined that the intermediate choices were vague and difficult to classify. He pointed out that many people organised singing or dancing activities in the community hall. They would make a sound. And dancing required a large place. Most respondents said they would not use a partitioned venue, which showed that the arrangement was unpopular.
- (b) In addition, most respondents suggested partitioning on Sunday, when, however, there were usually large-scale events in the community hall. Therefore more thought should be given to the suggestion;
- (d) He asked whether the STDO would upgrade its current online application system to deal with the partitioning arrangements.

- (e) He said that the questionnaire was designed so carelessly that it did not differentiate between users of the hall and those of the conference room. He opined that the design of the questionnaire should be improved. For example, Question 1 said, “Have you used a venue divided by movable partitions?” If respondents answer “no”, it would be difficult for them to answer Question 5, that is, “Do you think venues divided by movable partitions have an impact on your use of the multi-purpose hall or the conference room?” He opined that it was impossible to collect the information needed with this questionnaire; and
- (f) He wondered whether the rise in the utilisation rate from September to November occurred before or after the questionnaire survey was conducted.

24. Mr WONG Ka-wing said that according to results of the questionnaire survey, singing and dancing activities combined accounted for 79% of the sessions with partitioning in the hall and the conference room. He suggested that priority be given to some quieter activities such as yoga classes during sessions with partitioning, which might increase the utilisation rate, and which could also avoid nuisances to organisations using partitioned venues.

25. Mr Simon WONG gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) He also noticed the diverse views among users about the partitioning arrangement, with the ratio between satisfied and dissatisfied users being 50:50. Users’ satisfaction with the soundproofing effect had a direct impact on the overall satisfaction. Besides, users were found to be more concerned with space and sound insulation. The results showed both diverse views among users and a significant increase in the utilisation rate. He opined that the partitioning arrangement was mainly intended to allow more organisations to use the venue. He also opined that Hall Area B was underused because an organisation hiring the area did not have the priority to use the entire venue if the folding partitions should break down. The utilisation rate of the hall was higher during sessions with partitioning than during those without. Therefore, the partitioning arrangement would enable more organisations to use the venue;
- (b) As far as he had learned, there had been no failure of the movable partitions since May. He opined that the risk of malfunctioning partitions affecting Sunday events was low. As for the proposed rescheduling the arrangement to other days six months after the trial period of partitioning on Friday, he was concerned that it might be difficult for organisations to adapt and the utilisation rate would be affected as well. Therefore, he proposed continuing with the current arrangement in the following six months so as to assess the appropriateness of partitioning on Friday;
- (c) He pointed out that although about 80% of the respondents said that they would not apply for hiring venue divided with movable partitions if the arrangement continued, the utilisation rate of the Yuen Chau Kok Community Hall had been on the rise since its opening. And quite contrary to the survey results, some organisations applied for hiring partitioned venues more than once. Therefore the STDO would like to continue with the arrangement for another six months in order to find out the reasons. He said that during the trial period in the following six months, the STDO would distribute improved questionnaires, such as to separately collect opinions of users of the hall and those of the conference room. Hopefully they would obtain more information for improvements;

- (d) He was aware of organisations views on sound insulation and space. But so far there had been no unpleasant incidents involving users of partitioned venues. He hoped that organisations could be more adapted to the arrangement in future. He said that at the meeting of the Working Group they had discussed possible improvements of the acoustic facilities in the conference room, where there was stand-alone sound equipment on one side while there were only TV speakers on the other. He was willing to explore possible improvements, such as those by means of the funding for district minor works (DMWs). He promised to study the related feasibility with relevant government departments in future;
- (e) In response to Mr WONG Ka-wing's views, he said that it would be a major policy shift to give priority to quieter activities such as yoga classes during sessions with partitioning, which would also affect the booking policy. Therefore he could not provide a response in that regard at the meeting. But the STDO would further study the suggestion. He added that according to related information, most of the activities held on Friday were quieter ones, which showed coordination among organisations.
- (f) He was aware of Members views on the questionnaire design and would make improvements in the new questionnaire; and
- (g) He pointed out that according to the results of the questionnaire survey, there were dissatisfied users as well as satisfied ones, and the latter type should not be ignored. If the STDO decided to cease partitioning as from today, it would affect organisations which had got used to the arrangement. Therefore it was proposed to continue with the arrangement for another six months.

26. Mr Michael YUNG opined that the design of the questionnaire needed to be improved. The STDO's proposal was inconsistent with the public opinions illustrated in the questionnaire. And it was difficult for the DFMC to make a decision. He opined that the STDO should firstly specify its follow-up actions, such as another questionnaire survey in six months.

27. Mr WONG Ka-wing said that it was difficult for him to endorse the paper based on the questionnaire survey results. He suggested that the trial period be shortened to one quarter, before a review was conducted.

28. Mr James CHAN proposed a vote.

29. Mr YIU Ka-chun opined that the opinions reflected in the questionnaire were different from the STDO's proposal. Therefore, he suggested that the STDO heed the STDC's advice by revising the questionnaire, making an assessment and then submitting a feasible proposal to the DFMC for consideration. After that the STDO might make a decision.

30. Mr WONG Yue-hon suggested that the STDO should provide opinions of users of partitioned venues, such as their level of satisfaction, for Members' reference. In addition, he opined that the STDO should firstly improve the assessment mechanism before asking the DFMC to decide whether to continue with the pilot scheme.

31. The Chairman considered the paper to be imperfect and opined that it was difficult for Members to vote on it at the meeting. She suggested that the STDO summarise related information, conduct a new questionnaire survey for assessment and then submit a proposal to the DFMC For

consideration.

32. Mr Simon WONG said that, as far as he understood, if Members did not vote on the paper at this meeting, the STDO would conduct a new questionnaire survey in the coming quarter, before submitting a paper with results of that survey to the DFMC for further deliberation. He opined that the current partitioning arrangement could continue in the coming quarter and then a review would be conducted, before a proposal was submitted to the DFMC for decision.

33. Mr Michael YUNG said that the current arrangement could continue before the DFMC made a new decision. He suggested that the STDO firstly collect opinions before submitting a paper to the DFMC next time, and consult Members before designing a new questionnaire.

34. The Chairman concluded that the DFMC agreed to the STDO's conducting a new questionnaire survey in the coming quarter, reviewing the results and then submitting a proposal to the DFMC for consideration.

Funding Applications

Funding Applications of Community Libraries

(Paper No. DFM 56/2017)

35. Mr YIU Ka-chun declared his interest as consultant to the owners' corporation of Prima Villa.

36. The Chairman said that he was allowed to attend the meeting but had no voting rights in respect of related funding applications.

37. Members unanimously endorsed the above paper.

Report Items

Reports of Working Groups

(Paper No. DFM 57/2017)

38. Members noted the above reports.

Report on the Management of Recreation and Sports Facilities in Sha Tin

(Paper No. DFM 58/2017)

39. Ms Jackie LO reported that things were going well with the installation of the lighting system at the pet garden on Sai Sha Road in Ma On Shan. The pet garden would be put into service on 18 December upon completion of the electrical test. Since there were no lighting facilities in the pet garden, it would be opened to the public even if it could not pass the electrical test. The LCSD would put up notices indicating the lack of lighting system for the time being. The sitting-out area at

Sha Tin Tau Village would be re-opened on 12 December, now that the related refurbishment and improvement works had been completed.

40. Mr Wilson LI enquired when the LCSD would know if there was any problem with the electrical test, and if that was the case, when all the problems could be definitely solved.

41. Ms Jackie LO responded that the electrical test would be conducted on 18 December. However, many residents in the neighbourhood hoped that the pet garden could be put into service as soon as possible. Therefore it would be opened to the public even if the result of electrical test was unsatisfactory.

42. Members noted the above report.

Report on the Services and Promotional Activities of Public Libraries in Sha Tin

(Paper No. DFM 59/2017)

43. Miss LEE Mei Yee, Senior Librarian (Sha Tin) of the LCSD, briefly introduced the paper.

44. Members noted the above report.

Information Papers

Progress Report on 2017-2018 District Facilities and Improvement Works

(Paper No. DFM 60/2017)

45. Ms Selina LEUNG, Chief Executive Officer (Planning) 1 of the LCSD, reported that the Working Group on District Facilities and Improvement Works had advised the Secretariat at the meeting to contact the Drainage Services Department (DSD) for assistance in the drainage flow assessment for “ST-DMW 292-Toilet Installation Works at Sha Tin Wai Playground” (DMW 292). She asked the Secretariat to report on the progress of the liaison work.

46. Ms Dorothy LAM, Executive Officer I (District Council) 2 of the STDQ, said that at the meeting on 30 November, the Working Group agreed to firstly listen to the DSD opinions on Project DMW 292, before deciding whether to engage consultant for the research work. The Secretariat had contacted the DSD after the meeting for advice on the loading capacity of the sewerage system near the project site. The DSD had promised to provide relevant information. The Secretariat would maintain liaison with relevant government departments (i.e., the DSD and the LCSD).

47. Ms Jackie LO presented some pictures to Members and reported the completion of “ST-DMW 365 - Improvements at Tai Chung Kiu Road Sitting-out Area”. Related works included the replacement of benches, the installation of lighting facilities, the replacement of concrete floor slab with a natural granite one, the provision of irrigation and barrier-free facilities, as well as the addition of facilities for the elderly. The sitting-area would be opened to the public on 8 November.

48. Members noted the above report.

Date of Next Meeting

49. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 2:30 pm on 27 February 2018 (Tuesday).
50. The meeting was adjourned at 4:26 pm.

Secretariat of Sha Tin District Council
STDC 13/15/50

February 2018