

Summary of Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the District Facilities Management Committee (2014-2015)

Meeting

The District Facilities Management Committee (“DFMC”) held its 3rd meeting on 8 April 2014.

Provision of a Permanent Cover to Tuen Mun Cultural Square

2. The representative of the Architectural Services Department (“ArchSD”) said that according to the data from their preliminary study, the structure of the cultural square was strong enough to support the weight of the cover. The department could carry out an in-depth feasibility study after the building plan was drafted. The department welcomed any form of funding arrangements.

3. The Committee resolved that the ArchSD should provide within one month such information as structural plans, data on loading capacity and construction materials to be used for the proposed cover for the Committee’s initial consideration. If the proposal was feasible, the Committee would further explore the specific arrangements for implementing the project. After the ArchSD provided the necessary information within one month, consideration would be given to whether a symposium could be held before the next meeting of the Committee for discussing the findings from the department’s study.

Setting up of the Working Group on Tuen Mun District Organising Committee for the Fifth Hong Kong Games

4. The DFMC endorsed the setting up of the non-standing Working Group on Tuen Mun District Organising Committee for the Fifth Hong Kong Games with Mr CHOW Kam-cheung being its Convenor, and agreed to adopt the terms of reference of the previous Working Group.

Booking and Subdivision Arrangements for Lung Yat Community Hall and Its Conference Room

5. The Lung Yat Community Hall in Tuen Mun would come into service in July. Its multi-purpose hall (“hall”) and conference room had already been installed with movable folding acoustic partitions. The Tuen Mun District Office (“TMDO”) had planned to implement booking arrangements for partitioned venues on a trial basis starting from July. Details of the trial plan were as below:

(a) Hall

The hall would be divided into three parts by folding acoustic partitions and the lighting and air-conditioning systems of each part could be operated independently. When the hall was partitioned, only the organisation hiring the part with the stage in it could use the sound system of the hall and the organisations hiring the other two parts would have to bring their own sound equipment.

(b) Conference room

The conference room would be divided into two parts by folding acoustic partitions. Each part would have its own exit and independently-operated lighting and air-conditioning systems.

6. The Chairman concluded that the pilot booking arrangements for partitioned venues could put venues to good use and could be implemented in other community halls if the outcomes were satisfactory. The TMDO was requested to take note of the comments that Members made at the meeting in implementing the booking arrangements for partitioned venues on a trial basis. However, the TMDO should not take too long before reviewing the trial plan and should clearly list the facilities available in each partitioned venue on the venue booking application form for hiring organisations' easy reference.

Management of the Tin Hau Temple Plaza, Tuen Mun

7. Since the renovation works of the Tin Hau Temple Plaza in Tuen Mun was completed in October last year, the TMDO had taken charge of the management of the plaza which was opened to the public in last November. The plaza covered an area of around 10 000 square metres and its renovation included the construction of a performance stage, a Pai Lau, a Fa Pau Exhibition Hall and other facilities. The ArchSD would be responsible for the maintenance of the plaza in the future and the expenditures involved would not be passed on to the Tuen Mun District Council ("TMDC").

8. The TMDO suggested by making reference to the management of the community halls in the district, the DFMC should take part in managing the plaza. Guidelines on venue booking applications had been prepared for organisations applying for holding large-scale outdoor activities in the plaza. The TMDO would handle daily venue booking applications. Any necessary revision and fundamental or substantial amendment to the above guidelines would be put forth for the Committee's discussion so as to consult Members.

9. The DFMC endorsed the management arrangements for the Tin Hau Temple Plaza in Tuen Mun. Besides, the TMDC Secretariat had arranged for the representatives of the ArchSD and the TMDO to join Members for a site visit to the plaza on 28 April.

New District Minor Works Project Proposals

10. The Committee endorsed the proposals on new district minor works projects which would be handled by the Works Section of the TMDO.

Provision of Covers to Walkways in Tuen Mun Town Centre

11. The DFMC resolved that the provision of covers to the walkways connecting the area outside the Tuen Mun Town Plaza and the underneath of the bridge at Light Rail Pui To Stop would be passed to the Working Group on Facilities and Works for further follow-up.

12. Regarding the removed cover of the walkway below an elevator of the Trend Plaza, the representative of the Railway Development Section of the Lands Department said that the walkway cover was removed due to the road works on a footbridge under the West Rail Tuen Mun Station development project. The works involved the construction of a footbridge linking the V city, Pui To Road and Tuen Mun Heung Sze Wui Road. Back then when the government department concerned drafted the proposal for the road works, the grantee of the lot (i.e. the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation) proposed that a covered access could be

provided after the footbridge was built. Therefore, the cover of the walkway underneath the bridge could be removed and no re-provisioning proposal was made. The grantee consulted the relevant government departments, the TMDC and the Traffic and Transport Committee through normal procedures. As the TMDC raised no objection to gazetting the works at that time, the government department concerned published the works proposal on the bridge in the Gazette in April 2005. With no comment received on the works by the expiry of the statutory period, the developer was eventually authorised to carry out the works.

13. The DFMC resolved to write to the Transport Department requesting it to gather statistics on the pedestrian flow of the lot and report the results at the next DFMC meeting for Members' consideration of whether to re-provide the walkway cover.

Proposed Planting of Trees along the Central Railing of Shek Pai Tau Road

14. The DFMC resolved to pass the matter to the Working Group on Tuen Mun Greening for further follow-up.

Report of the Working Group on Tuen Mun Large Scale Festive Displays and Lighting Decorations

15. The Chairman, who was also the Convenor of the Working Group on 2013 Tuen Mun Large Scale Festive Displays and Lighting Decorations, said that due to the unsatisfactory performance of the contractor, the working group agreed that a penalty for delay of about \$200,000 calculated on a daily basis according to the contract terms should be charged on the contractor by the TMDO.

Report of the Working Group on Tuen Mun Greening

16. The Convenor said that at the 13th meeting held last year, the Committee had agreed on the budget of about \$300,000 per year for maintenance. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department ("LCSD") could take necessary follow-up actions in due course.

Beautification Works on Stone Columns Outside Entrance to Tuen Mun Public Library

17. A representative of the LCSD said that the ArchSD intended to beautify the six stone columns outside the entrance to the Tuen Mun Public Library with the same red tiles as used in the design of the library's external walls and to provide seats on one side of each of the two rows of the stone columns. The ArchSD had preliminarily agreed to deploy internal resources to carry out the works and saw no need to apply for funding through the TMDC at the moment.

18. At the meeting, a Member suggested considering planting on the stone columns and installing canopies over the seats. As the six stone columns were structural columns, which could not be removed nor undergo any major and complicated beautification works that would add burden to them, simple and temporary beautification works would therefore be more suitable. Since the ArchSD was willing to bear the costs of the beautification works, the Committee resolved to request the LCSD and the ArchSD to follow up on the works first.

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