

Summary of Minutes of the 5th Meeting and 1st Special Meeting of the District Facilities Management Committee (2014-2015)

Meeting

The District Facilities Management Committee (“DFMC”) held its 5th meeting and 1st special meeting on 5 August and 12 August 2014 respectively.

I) The 5th Meeting held on 5 August

Provision of Permanent Cover to Tuen Mun Cultural Square

2. The representative of the Architectural Services Department briefly introduced to the Committee the structural plan of Tuen Mun Cultural Square, the construction materials of the proposed permanent cover and data on loading capacity. The Committee unanimously agreed that Site Option Two (a location next to the fountain) should be selected as the location of the cover, and requested the Architectural Services Department to maintain close liaison with the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) in drafting a work progress schedule for reporting to Members at the next meeting of the Committee or for distribution to Members before the next meeting.

Facilities Improvement Works Programme for Tuen Mun Public Library

3. The Committee endorsed the work project which would cost about \$850,000.

Proposed Arrangements for Broadcasting of District Council Publicity Videos on LED Panel on External Wall of Tuen Mun Government Offices

4. The Committee discussed the proposed arrangements for broadcasting district council (“DC”) publicity videos on the LED panel on the external wall of Tuen Mun Government Offices. Though generally supporting the direction as illustrated in the paper, Members deemed it necessary to contemplate the details of the points (c) and (g) in the third paragraph of the paper. In this regard, given that the video broadcasting on the LED panel mainly served to promote the activities held by the DC and its committees and working groups, the Committee resolved to pass the work relating to examining video contents to the Finance, Administration and Publicity Committee (“FAPC”), which was responsible for the publicity of DC affairs, for follow-up.

Tuen Mun Planter Beautification Works 2014

5. The Committee endorsed the allocation of about \$600,000. To minimise yard waste, the Committee agreed that unlike last year, the locations for placement of plant pots would not be increased this year, and requested the District Office (“DO”) to explore how to reduce the wear and tear on the flowers after the display period.

Improvement Works to Golden Beach, Cafeteria Old Beach and Cafeteria New Beach, Tuen Mun

6. A number of Members considered the replenishment of sand in locations with sand loss as an ineffective cure to the problem. The Committee requested the Civil Engineering and Development Department and the LCSD to explore long-term solutions for reporting at the

next meeting of the Working Group on Facilities and Works. Besides, the Committee requested the LCSD to follow up the issue of an outfall between Zones A and B of Golden Beach in Tuen Mun.

Improvement Works to Swimming Pools in Tuen Mun

7. The Committee endorsed the work project which would cost about \$1.03 million.

Requesting LCSD to Recruit More Beach Lifeguards

8. The Member who submitted the paper said that the LCSD often converted the full-time employment terms of lifeguards to contract terms or temporary terms, which undermined the morale of lifeguards. He requested the LCSD to resume the recruitment of full-time lifeguards and to address swimmers' needs by starting the beach lifeguard service three hours earlier for safeguarding of early morning swimmers' safety.

9. After discussion, the Committee requested that the LCSD should actively explore with the policy section at headquarters feasible arrangements and representatives of the policy section at headquarters should report back to the next meeting of the Committee. Moreover, the Committee requested the LCSD to actively consider manpower re-deployment so that lifeguards could be on duty at beaches earlier.

Request for Erection of a Statue of Master Pui To at Appropriate Location in Tuen Mun

10. The Member who submitted the paper said that given the significance of Master Pui To to Tuen Mun, consideration should be given to erecting a statue of Master Pui To near the footbridge on both sides of the Tuen Mun River. He agreed that he could assist in seeking sponsorship for the erection of the Master Pui To statue, and providing the Committee with the graphics and size specifications of the statue. The Committee unanimously agreed on the erection of the Master Pui To statue and passed this matter to the Working Group on Facilities and Works for follow-up in conjunction with the work on the provision of sitting-out areas in the east of Tuen Mun River.

Request for Planting of Shade Trees on the Section of Footpath between Tin King Light Rail Station and Siu Lung Court

11. The Member who submitted the paper indicated that while the Tuen Mun North West Swimming Pool had already been built, it was found that the shading effect of the trees on the footpath between the Tin King Light Rail Station and Siu Lung Court was unsatisfactory. The Member requested planting additional trees or providing covers on the walkway. The Committee agreed that the matter would be followed up by the Working Group on Facilities and Works, which would explore the feasibility of planting trees and providing covers on the road section.

Request for Improvement to Pedestrian Safety of Tsing Shan Monastery Hiking Trail

12. The Member who submitted the paper said that a section of the stairway on the hiking trail between Tsing Shan Monastery and the mid-level was covered with debris and fallen leaves, and that the stairway, built with granite, was very slippery after rain and could easily lead to accidents. It was suggested that the granite ramp there be paved with anti-skid materials. The representative of the Works Section of the DO responded that the Works Section had earlier asked the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department to deploy staff to

clear the debris and fallen leaves and applied to the headquarters for an extra funding of \$200,000 to carry out improvement works, which included renovating the railings, improving the slope of the road section and paving it with anti-skid materials. The works were expected to be completed before the rainy season of the next year.

Request for Immediate Dissolution of Working Group on Tuen Mun Large Scale Festive Displays and Lighting Decorations 2014-2015

13. The Member who submitted the paper explained to other Members the reasons for requesting immediate dissolution of the Working Group on Tuen Mun Large Scale Festive Displays and Lighting Decorations 2014-2015. The Convenor of the Working Group then made responses to the paper and a number of Members made comments on the arrangements and audio records of the Working Group's meetings, the locations for lighting displays and so forth.

14. After discussion, the Chairman asked the Secretariat to prepare compact discs for the audio records for Members to listen to and convene a special meeting two weeks later for further discussion on this item.

Report of Working Group on Community Involvement

15. The Committee endorsed a total of 18 funding applications and activity programme proposals from the Steering Group on Leisure and Sports Development, the Steering Group on Community Reading and the Steering Group on District Arts. The applications were endorsed at the meeting of the FAPC on 8 August 2014 and among them, the activities with a funding amount of more than \$100,000 would be submitted to the DC for confirmation at its meeting to be held on 2 September 2014.

Report of Working Group on Facilities and Works

16. The Committee noted the contents of the report of the Working Group and was informed that the pet garden completed earlier had been named as "Lam Tei Pet Garden".

Report of Working Group on Tuen Mun District Organising Committee for Fifth Hong Kong Games

17. The Committee endorsed the funding application of the partner organisation. The application was endorsed at the FAPC meeting held on 8 August 2014.

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

18. The Committee noted the contents of the report of the Working Group.

19. With a PowerPoint presentation, the representative of the DO gave Members an introduction on the original locations for lighting decorations and the new lighting decoration locations proposed by the Working Group, and said that after consulting the relevant departments as requested by the Working Group, the DO was informed that it was technically feasible to install lighting decorations at the new locations.

20. After discussion, the Committee agreed that the planning of lighting decorations for the current year should be based on the locations of the 2012 lighting decorations and that the

Spring Gala would be re-run. The locations for installing lighting decorations were as below:

- (i) Tuen Mun Cultural Square and Yan Oi Town Square;
- (ii) Along a section of Tuen Mun Heung Sze Wui Road between Pui To Road and Tsing Yin Street;
- (iii) North and south ingresses/egresses of Tuen Mun Road;
- (iv) Siu Hong Bridge;
- (v) Tuen Mun Pier;
- (vi) Castle Peak Road (Castle Peak Bay section) near the footbridge at Chun Yu House, Sam Shing Estate;
- (vii) Pavement railings along Castle Peak Road (Castle Peak Bay section) between the fringe of Sam Shing Estate and the plaque of Sam Shing Street;
- (viii) Roof of Sam Shing Footbridge; and
- (ix) Choi Yee Bridge and the roof of Choi Yee Bridge walkway.

21. Besides, the Committee agreed that the DO might, after taking into account the relevant circumstances, decide whether a cover with assorted lights should be installed in Tuen Mun Cultural Square.

II) The 1st Special Meeting Held on 12 August

Request for Immediate Dissolution of Working Group on Tuen Mun Large Scale Festive Displays and Lighting Decorations 2014-2015

22. A number of Members discussed whether the audio record of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group should be listened to at the special meeting, but no consensus was reached. After that, as a quorum was not present, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

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