

Minutes of the 11th Meeting of
the District Facilities Management Committee (2016-2017) of
the Tuen Mun District Council

Date: 8 August 2017 (Tuesday)

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Venue: Tuen Mun District Council (TMDC) Conference Room

<u>Present</u>		<u>Time of Arrival</u>	<u>Time of Departure</u>
Mr TO Shek-yuen, MH (Chairman)	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr TSUI Fan, MH (Vice-chairman)	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr LEUNG Kin-man, BBS, MH, JP	TMDC Chairman	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr LEE Hung-sham, Lothar, BBS, MH	TMDC Vice-chairman	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr SO Shiu-shing	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr KWU Hon-keung	TMDC Member	9:32 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHU Yiu-wah	TMDC Member	10:04 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms KONG Fung-yi	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHAN Yau-hoi, BBS, MH, JP	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms WONG Lai-sheung, Catherine	TMDC Member	9:33 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms HO Hang-mui	TMDC Member	9:42 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr LAM Chung-hoi	TMDC Member	9:36 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms CHING Chi-hung	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHAN Man-wah, MH	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHEUNG Hang-fai	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
The Hon HO Kwan-yiu, JP	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms CHU Shun-nga, Beatrice	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr TSANG Hin-hong	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms SO Ka-man	TMDC Member	9:36 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr KAM Man-fung	TMDC Member	9:55 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr MO Shing-fung	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr YIP Man-pan	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr YEUNG Chi-hang	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr YAN Siu-nam	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr TAM Chun-yin	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms SHU Pui-ki, Becky (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council) ³ , Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department		

Absent with Apologies

Mr NG Koon-hung	TMDC Member
Ms LUNG Shui-hing, MH	TMDC Member
The Hon LAU Ip-keung, Kenneth, BBS, MH, JP	TMDC Member
Mr CHAN Manwell, Leo	TMDC Member

By Invitation

Mr Ken Tong	Senior Project Manager, Spence Robinson Ltd.
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In Attendance

Mr LO Chun-hang, Simpson	District Officer (Tuen Mun) (atg), Home Affairs Department
Miss CHAN Hoi-ting, Gillian	Assistant District Officer (Tuen Mun)2, Home Affairs Department
Ms KOO Kit-ye, Angie	Senior Liaison Officer (1), Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department
Mr CHEUNG Chi-keung, Endy	Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department
Ms SIU Wai-mei, Minnie	Liaison Officer i/c (District Facilities), Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department
Mr LEUNG Kam-wai	Senior Inspector of Works, Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department
Mr LEE Wang-yui, Eddie	Architect (Works)7, Home Affairs Department
Mr WONG Shu-yan, Francis	Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories North), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr WONG Ying-ming	District Leisure Manager (Tuen Mun), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LEE Lai-fan, Jenny	Deputy District Leisure Manager (Tuen Mun), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms WONG Fan-ni, Jasmine	Senior Manager (New Territories West) Promotion, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms WONG Sau-kuen, Sarah	Manager (NTW) Marketing & District Activities, Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Mr TONG Tung-kit, Terry

Senior Librarian (Tuen Mun),
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms LAW Lai-chun, Gladys

Senior Executive Officer(Panning)2,
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Mr MOK Hing-cheung

Administrative Assistant/ Lands (District Lands Office,
Tuen Mun), Lands Department

Mr LI Tak-wan

Police Community Relations Officer (Tuen Mun District),
Hong Kong Police Force

I. Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all attendees to the 11th meeting of the District Facilities Management Committee (“DFMC”), and in particular, to Ms WONG Fan-ni, Jasmine, Senior Manager (NTW) Promotion of Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) who attended a DFMC meeting for the first time.

2. The Chairman reminded Members that any Member who was aware of a personal interest in a discussion item should declare the interest before the discussion. The Chairman would, in accordance with Order 39(12) of the Tuen Mun District Council (“TMDC”) Standing Orders, decide whether the Member who had declared an interest might speak or vote on the matter, might remain in the meeting as an observer, or should withdraw from the meeting. All cases of declaration of interests would be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

II. Absence from Meeting

3. The Secretariat had not received any application for leave of absence from Members.

III. Confirmation of Minutes of the 10th Meeting on 6 June 2017

4. The above minutes were unanimously confirmed by the DFMC.

IV. Discussion Items

(A) Application for Additional Funding for Recreation and Sports Activity Programmes Organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in Tuen Mun District between 4/2017 and 2/2018

(DFMC Paper No. 32/2017)

5. Mr WONG Ying-ming of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) said that due to the rising prices of commodities and adjustment of the salaries of the part-time staff, the current funding was inadequate for organising the planned recreation and sports programmes of this year. He hoped that Members could support the department’s application to the DC for additional funding, to avoid lowering the standard of service provided to the public.

6. Acting District Officer (Tuen Mun) supplemented that due to rising costs, the expenditures of LCSD had been increasing, but the total funding for the “Community Involvement Projects” remained about the same each year, so depending on the expenditure condition, LCSD would have to apply to the DC for additional funding

during the year.

7. As Members had no objection, the Chairman announced that the funding application was endorsed by the DFMC. The said application would be brought up at the meeting of the Finance, Administration and Publicity Committee (“PFAC”) on 18 August of this year and the TMDC meeting on 5 September 2017 for consideration and approval.

(B) Improvement Works to the Floodlighting System and Plant Room Equipment of Tuen Mun Swimming Pool

(DFMC Paper No. 33/2017)

8. As Members had no objection, the Chairman announced that the works project costing about \$1,484,600 was endorsed.

(C) Tuen Mun District Planter Beautification Works 2017

(DFMC Paper No. 34/2017)

9. As Members had no objection, the Chairman announced that the works project costing about \$800,000 was endorsed.

(D) Enquiry on the Implementation of the Sports Ground in Tuen Mun Area 16

(Written reply from Leisure and Cultural Services Department)

(DFMC Paper No. 35/2017)

10. The Chairman said the Secretariat had distributed the written reply of the LCSD on 31 July to Members for their perusal.

11. The proposer of the paper noticed that there were signs of ageing in the facilities of Tuen Mun Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground. Residents also reflected that the surface of the sports ground track was uneven, likely to cause injury to the users. He urged the department to replace the aged and damaged facilities. He enquired on the commencement date of the Tuen Mun Area 16 sports ground project, and also asked whether the project or its progress would be affected by the West Rail South Extension works.

(Post-meeting note: LCSD had a site inspection at Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground with the proposer of the paper on 25 August. On the day of the inspection, no damage of the sports ground facilities and the track was found.)

12. Members' comments and enquiries on this issue are summarised as follows:
- (i) A Member said the location of the sports ground was currently a parking lot for buses and might not be related with the routing of West Rail South Extension;
 - (ii) A Member said that as the relevant project had been discussed for many years, it was hoped that the department would commence the works as soon as possible;
 - (iii) A Member said training elite athletes required long periods of practices, which in turn required suitable venues; however, organisations and schools usually failed in booking venues;
 - (iv) A Member enquired on the procedure for land resumption and asked if a funding application had been submitted to the Public Works Subcommittee ("PWSC") of the Finance Committee ("FC") of the Legislative Council ("LegCo"); and
 - (v) A Member enquired on the reason why the LegCo Panel on Home Affairs aborted the vetting despite that it had endorsed the proposal.

13. Ms LAW Lai-chun, Gladys of LCSD responded that as the project was a large-scale one, a pre-construction funding must be applied from the FC of LegCo for conducting site surveying and minor site investigation works including land survey, topography and tree measurement review, preliminary environmental assessment, traffic impact assessment review and ventilation assessment, as well as the drafting and evaluation of tender document. The said application was submitted to the LegCo Panel on Home Affairs on 26 April and was endorsed by the Panel. The department would then submit the said application to the PWSC of FC of LegCo in the 2017-2018 session for consideration and approval, for carrying out the pre-construction work as early as possible. In accordance with the established procedures, the construction works would commence upon completion of the pre-construction work.

14. Ms LAW of LCSD said the Railway Development Office of the Highways Department was working on the details of the West Rail South Extension, such as its routing and the locations of the stations. LCSD had always kept in touch with the department and had made clear to it that the proposed facilities of the Area 16 sports ground must not be cut down as the residents of Tuen Mun attached great importance to them. The proposed location of the Area 16 sports ground was currently leased out as a training venue of the Construction Industry Training Authority, KMB Depot and Citybus Depot on short-term basis. The relevant departments had coordinated and assisted them in finding suitable places in Tuen Mun or other districts for relocation.

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15. A Member who was also a Member of the LegCo said the Area 16 sports ground proposal was not discussed in last year's LegCo session because most discussions were focused on the education funding of 3.5 billion dollars and a few other projects. He was confident that the funding application of the Area 16 sports ground would be approved by the FC of LegCo before the end of this year. If he had further news from the LegCo, he would share with Members.

16. A Member hoped that DFMC could write to the PWSC of the LegCo to request for speedy vetting of the funding.

17. The proposer of the paper enquired on the construction schedule of the new sports ground and the maintenance works of the Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground. He said a lot of public and private housing would soon be completed in Tuen Mun District, hence increasing the population. He worried that not long after the new sports ground was completed, the demand for more would pop up, so he advised the LCSD to plan ahead.

18. Mr WONG Shu-yan, Francis of LCSD said that the Tuen Mun Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground had undergone resurfacing of its field track between 2014 and 2015. The department knew that most of the athletic meets of the schools in the district were held in the said Sports Ground and so was very concerned with its facilities and maintenance. The department would cooperate with the Buildings Department in keeping the standard of the facilities provided by the Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground. Upon approval of the pre-construction funding by the PWSC of FC of the LegCo, the department would commence the work as soon as possible and report regularly to DFMC on its progress.

19. Regarding the funding application, the Chairman requested the LCSD to follow up closely and to report about it regularly. The Secretariat was requested to write to the LegCo to seek speedy approval of the relevant funding.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat had written to the LegCo on 22 September.)

V. Reporting Items

(A) Report of the Working Group on Community Involvement

(DFMC Paper No. 36/2017)

20. As Members had no objection, the Chairman announced that the funding application was endorsed by the DFMC. The above application would be brought up at the meeting of the Finance, Administration and Publicity Committee on 18 August 2017

and the TMDC meeting on 5 September 2017 for consideration and approval.

21. The DFMC endorsed the report of the working group.

(B) Report of the Working Group on Facilities and Works

(DFMC Paper No. 37/2017)

22. The DFMC endorsed the report of the working group.

(C) Report of the Working Group on Tuen Mun District Organising Committee for the Sixth Hong Kong Games

(DFMC Paper No. 38/2017)

23. The convener of the working group said the 6th Hong Kong Games (HK Games) was successfully completed. The LCSD had offered many ways to enhance the promotion of the HK Games and encourage the citizens to vote in “My Favourite Sporty District”.

24. The Chairman said as the HK Games was closed on 28 May, nothing had left behind to be followed up by the working group, he suggested dissolving it and that the DC would follow up on the matters relating to the coming 7th HK Games.

25. As Members had no objection, the Chairman announced the endorsement to the captioned report and the dissolution of the working group.

(D) Report on LCSD’s Cultural Activities in Tuen Mun District and Usage of Tuen Mun Town Hall

(DFMC Paper No. 39/2017)

26. Members noted the captioned paper.

(E) Work Report on Management of Recreation, Sports and Passive Facilities in Tuen Mun District by Leisure and Cultural Services Department

(DFMC Paper No. 40/2017)

27. Members noted the captioned paper.

(F) Report on Usage and Extension Activities of LCSD’s Public Libraries in Tuen Mun District

(DFMC Paper No. 41/2017)

28. A Member said that the reading habits of the citizens in recent years had changed gradually from reading paper books to reading e-books from a tablet computer or mobile

phone. Although the LCSD had put in a lot of resources on E-books services, the citizens were not aware that the public libraries offered such service. He pointed out that reading E-books of different publishers required different platforms for borrowing the books, which was inconvenient. Besides, some residents had reflected that the loan period of E-books was rather short - 5 days per book with 2 renewals. He requested the department to strengthen the promotion of E-books and improve the E-books services.

29. Mr TONG Tung-kit, Terry of LCSD responded that E-books had become popular in recent years; thus, more resources would be used in increasing the E-books collection in libraries in line with the change in the citizens' reading habits. However, Chinese E-books were slow in coming as compared with English E-books and there was still room for improvement on the reading platform. The loan period of E-books varied with individual E-books collections, the number of E-books collections in public libraries was dependent on the willingness of the publishers to sell them to the libraries. Due to the restrictions set by a publisher, an E-book could only be shared by a few readers simultaneously. The department noted Members' comments on enhancing the promotion of E-books and improving E-books services and would publish advertisements of the E-books services on buses and MTR in the coming months.

30. Members noted the captioned paper.

VI. Any Other Business

31. A Member said that recently the mosquito nuisance in Tin Shui Wai was serious. The LCSD should plan ahead and exterminate the mosquitoes in the parks and planters of Tuen Mun District with large spray jets. In addition, LCSD should step up the supervision of the anti-mosquito contract workers to improve work results.

32. A Member said some residents relayed that mosquito stickers were stuck under the LCSD's park benches in Yuen Long District, it was suggested that the same method to be used in Tuen Mun.

33. A Member enquired whether LCSD carried out anti-mosquito work at regular intervals.

34. Mr WONG of the LCSD responded that alerted by the mosquito problems in Yuen Long, the department had stepped up the anti-mosquito and pest control work for the outdoor facilities of Tuen Mun District, the frequency of work was increased from twice a month to once a week. The department would request the relevant contractor to pay

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extra efforts in mosquito control in the LCSD venues that were especially annoyed by mosquitoes. In addition, the department would look into the feasibilities of using mosquito stickers and large spray jets.

35. There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 10:16 a.m. The next meeting would be held at 9:30 a.m. on 10 October 2017 (Tuesday).

Tuen Mun District Council Secretariat

Date: 31 August 2017

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