

**Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of**  
**the District Facilities Management Committee (2016-2017) of**  
**the Tuen Mun District Council**

Date: 16 February 2016 (Tuesday)

Time: 9:31 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.	11:50 a.m.
Mr LEE Hung-sham, Lothar, MH	TMDC Vice-chairman	9:32 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr SO Shiu-shing	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr KWU Hon-keung	TMDC Member	9:34 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHU Yiu-wah	TMDC Member	9:48 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms KONG Fung-yi	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr NG Koon-hung	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHAN Yau-hoi, MH, JP	TMDC Member	9:32 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms WONG Lai-sheung, Catherine	TMDC Member	9:42 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms HO Hang-mui	TMDC Member	9:34 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr LAM Chung-hoi	TMDC Member	9:30 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	9:38 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHAN Manwell, Leo	TMDC Member	10:25 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHEUNG Hang-fai	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr HO Kwan-yiu	TMDC Member	9:36 a.m.	11:38 a.m.
Ms CHU Shun-nga, Beatrice	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr TSANG Hin-hong	TMDC Member	9:35 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms SO Ka-man	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr KAM Man-fung	TMDC Member	9:34 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr MO Shing-fung	TMDC Member	9:32 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
Ms SHU Pui-ki, Becky (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council)3, Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department		

By Invitation:

Mr Arthur Cheng	Senior Architect, Leigh & Orange Limited
Mr Henry Poon	Project Designer, Leigh & Orange Limited

Mr Ken Tong Senior Project Manager, Spence Robinson Limited  
Mr Ken Lee Architectural Assistant, Spence Robinson Limited  
Mr Fred Chan Architectural Assistant, Spence Robinson Limited

In Attendance:

Ms Fung Ngar-wai, Aubrey District Officer (Tuen Mun), Home Affairs Department  
Mr LO Chun-hang, Simpson Assistant District Officer (Tuen Mun)1, Home Affairs Department  
Ms KOO Kit-yee, Angie Senior Liaison Officer (1), Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department  
Ms IP Wai-ming, Phoebe Liaison Officer i/c (District Facilities), Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department  
Mr CHEUNG Chi-keung, Endy Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department  
Mr LEUNG Kam-wai Senior Inspector of Works, Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department  
Ms WONG Ying, Catherine 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  
Mr MA Kam-wing, Anthony Senior Manager (New Territories West) Promotion, Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Mr CHAN Tak-cheung, Eric Senior Librarian (Tuen Mun) (Atg), Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Ms LAI Ying-chi Librarian (Tuen Mun Public Library) Lending, Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Ms LAM Pui-sze, Millicent Senior Executive Officer (Panning)2 (Atg), Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
Mr MOK Hing-cheung Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Tuen Mun), Lands Department  
Mr CHOW Chi-keung Police Community Relations Officer (Tuen Mun District), Hong Kong Police Force

Absent with Apologies:

Ms LUNG Shui-hing Tuen Mun Member  
Mr TAM Chun-yin Tuen Mun Member

**I. Opening Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed Members and representatives of government departments to the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the District Facilities Management Committee (“DFMC”).

2. The Chairman welcomed the government officers who attended a DFMC meeting for the first time, including Ms Aubrey FUNG, District Officer (Tuen Mun); Mr WONG Ying-ming, District Leisure Manager (Tuen Mun) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”); Ms Millicent LAM, Senior Executive Officer (Atg) of the LCSD; and Ms Becky SHU, Secretary of the DFMC.

3. The Chairman expressed gratitude to Mr LAU Kam-kuen, David, the former District Officer (Tuen Mun); Ms OR Wai-yee, Wendy, a former Chief Leisure Manager of the LCSD; Mr YAN Wai-pang, Aylmer, a former Senior Executive Officer of the LCSD; and Ms WOO Wai-man, Priscilla, the former DFMC Secretary, for the great contribution they had made to the DFMC during their tenure. Besides, the Chairman welcomed Mr Francis WONG, who continued to sit on the DFMC after being transferred to the post of Chief Leisure Manager of the LCSD, and thanked him for the support he had given to the DFMC.

4. 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**

5. The Secretariat had received notification that Ms LUNG Shui-hing and Mr TAM Chun-yin were absent due to other commitments.

**III. Confirmation of Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting Held on 19 January 2016**

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

**IV. Discussion Items**

**(A) Terms of Reference of DFMC (2016-2017) under TMDC**

(DFMC Paper No. 1/2016)

7. Members noted the contents of the above paper.

**(B) Formation of Working Groups under DFMC (2016-2017)**  
**(DFMC Paper No. 2/2016)**

8. The DFMC endorsed the formation of three standing working groups, namely the Working Group on Community Involvement, the Working Group on Facilities and Works and the Working Group on Tuen Mun Greening, for the term from the date of this meeting until 31 December 2017.

9. The Chairman invited Members to nominate candidates for the positions of Convenors of the above three working groups. The results were as follows:

<u>Working Group</u>	<u>Nominated Member</u>	<u>Nominated by</u>	<u>Subscribed by</u>
Working Group on Community Involvement	Mr TSUI Fan, DFMC Vice-chairman	Ms CHING Chi-hung	Mr Lothar LEE Mr CHAN Yau-hoi
Working Group on Facilities and Works	Mr TO Sheck-yuen, DFMC Chairman	Mr SO Shiu-shing	Mr Lothar LEE
Working Group on Tuen Mun Greening	Mr SO Shiu-shing	Ms SO Ka-man	Mr TSUI Fan

10. As there was only one nomination for each of the above working groups, the nominated Members were elected uncontested as the Convenors of the respective working groups.

11. The Chairman asked Members to consider whether it was necessary to form the following two non-standing working groups: the Working Group on 2016-2017 Tuen Mun Large Scale Festive Displays and Lighting Decorations and the Working Group on Tuen Mun District Organising Committee for the Sixth Hong Kong Games.

12. Mr Simpson LO, Assistant District Officer (Tuen Mun)<sup>1</sup>, pointed out that the lighting decorations for the coming Christmas and New Year were under preparation in accordance with the comments of the working group of the previous term, and they were not yet due for removal. He suggested that the new working group, if formed, could take care of matters concerning the lighting decorations for the next year, and should not

need to repeat the work of its predecessor.

13. A Member agreed with the formation of the Working Group on 2016-2017 Tuen Mun Large Scale Festive Displays and Lighting Decorations, saying that the preparation work for previous lighting decorations had been quite rushed because of the belated formation of the working group, so more time could be allowed for the preparations if the working group was formed at this meeting as well.

14. A Member believed that it would be more desirable to select a new convenor as soon as possible, because the Convenor of the previous Working Group on Tuen Mun Large Scale Festive Displays and Lighting Decorations had stepped down from office.

15. The Chairman invited Members to nominate candidates for the positions of Convenors of the above two non-standing working groups. The results were as follows:

<u>Working Group</u>	<u>Nominated Member</u>	<u>Nominated by</u>	<u>Subscribed by</u>
Working Group on 2016-2017 Tuen Mun Large Scale Festive Displays and Lighting Decorations	Mr TO Sheck-yuen, DFMC Chairman	Mr Lothar LEE	Ms CHING Chi-hung
Working Group on Tuen Mun District Organising Committee for the Sixth Hong Kong Games	Mr TSANG Hin-hong	Ms CHING Chi-hung	Mr KAM Man-fung

16. As there was only one nomination for each of the above working groups, the nominated Members were elected uncontested as the Convenors of the respective working groups.

17. The Chairman indicated that on the Working Group on 2016-2017 Tuen Mun Large Scale Festive Displays and Lighting Decorations, he would deal with the preparation work for the next year's lighting decorations and the outstanding work of the previous working group.

18. The Chairman encouraged Members to join the above standing and non-standing

working groups and attend their meetings punctually. He asked the Secretariat to write to Members inviting them to join the working groups just formed.

Secretariat

[Post-meeting note: The Secretariat wrote to Members on 17 February 2016 inviting them to join the working groups, and provided Members with the membership lists of the working groups on 26 February for their information.]

(C) **Arrangements for Submitting New Proposals for District Minor Works Projects**

(DFMC Paper No. 3 /2016)

19. Mr Simpson LO, Assistant District Officer (Tuen Mun)<sup>1</sup>, explained that the above paper served to inform Members about the progress of the minor works underway in Tuen Mun and the arrangements for launching new projects. At present, there were works costing in aggregate over \$50 million underway in Tuen Mun, the Tuen Mun District Office (“TMDO”) would in due course report to the DFMC on the details of the works and their costs. He further said that there were quite a number of major works projects outstanding, so the DFMC might consider engaging contract consultants to handle five or more works that were relatively large in scale or relatively complex. Minor works with lower complexity, such as rain shelters, might be passed to the Works Section of the TMDO for expeditious follow-ups.

20. Mr Simpson LO, Assistant District Officer (Tuen Mun)<sup>1</sup>, further indicated that any Member wishing to submit a proposal for works was required to use the sample project statement provided by the Home Affairs Department (“HAD”), which covered such information as the brief description, location and target beneficiaries of the works. With the information provided in the project statement, the relevant departments could do preliminary research to expedite the progress of the works. Any Member who would like to make a new proposal might complete this project statement and provide it for the Secretariat, and the Secretariat would in due course submit the proposal to the DFMC for discussion. He asked the Secretariat to send the electronic copy of the sample project statement to Members after the meeting.

Secretariat

[Post-meeting note: The electronic copy of the sample project statement was sent to Members by email on 16 February 2016.]

21. Mr Simpson LO, Assistant District Officer (Tuen Mun)<sup>1</sup>, continued to say that from past experience, the progress of works would be affected by the following factors:

- (i) The works, though established, were opposed by the local communities;

- (ii) Recurrent expenditures exceeded the total project amount by 5%. For instance, the costs and recurrent expenditures would be higher in electrical installations or solar power projects, because these projects mainly involved outdoor works and the electrical products were thus more vulnerable to damage;
- (iii) There were changes to the scope of works after a project was approved; and
- (iv) The scope of works involved land resumption or private land.

Mr Simpson LO, Assistant District Officer (Tuen Mun)<sup>1</sup>, invited Members' comments on the arrangements for submitting new project proposals.

22. A Member supported the above paper, and suggested the names and units of the TMDC Members relevant to the locations of works should be included in Annex 2, so as to help Members to monitor the progress of works more closely and facilitate explanation and report.

23. The Chairman responded that the works had been effectively followed-up by lead Members in the previous two terms.

24. Mr Simpson LO, Assistant District Officer (Tuen Mun)<sup>1</sup>, further indicated that after the DFMC's approval for project establishment, the works would be passed to the Working Group on Facilities and Works for follow-ups, and the working group would report on the progress of the works bi-monthly. All DFMC Members, whether or not they were the proposers of the papers on the works projects concerned, might comment on the works. Moreover, the lead department would be designated for each of the works under the established projects as soon as possible, so that Members might raise enquiries at a meeting or contact the lead department for the projects of their concern.

25. In addition, the Chairman cited the examples of the works for the covered pedestrian walkway in the Po Tin section and the pet garden in Lam Tei, in which the lead Members concerned had not only followed the works progress actively and maintained direct communication with the departments to make the works smoother, but reported to the working group on the progress in due course.

26. Members had no further comments, and the Chairman asked Members to note the above arrangements for new proposals on projects.

**(D) Proposal on LCSD's Free Cultural Programmes in Tuen Mun District (2016-2017)**

(DFMC Paper No. 4 /2016)

27. Mr Anthony MA of the LCSD briefed introduced the above paper. He said that the LCSD planned to arrange for 60 programmes to be held from April 2016 to March 2017. These programmes would be in the same form as before, organised by the LCSD and subsidised by the TMDC. For financial arrangements, payment would be made for two separate periods and in two separate sums.

28. A Member suggested that as demolition and alteration works were in progress at the site off Kwong Choi Market, the LCSD might choose another venue for performances, such as the square outside Tseng Choi Street Community Hall or Yan Oi Town Square in San Hui.

29. Mr Anthony MA of the LCSD responded that before the works commenced, the LCSD had tried to look for venues nearby for the performances but in vain. In view of the Member's suggestion, the LCSD would make further attempts to look for venues nearby, such as Yan Oi Town Square, and contact the Member concerned directly to report on the progress.

30. As Members raised no objection, the Chairman announced that the DFMC endorsed an allocation of \$82,180 to the LCSD for organising the cultural activities concerned in March 2016, and an allocation of \$976,620 to the LCSD for organising the cultural activities concerned from April 2016 to February 2017. The above allocations would be submitted to the Finance, Administration and Publicity Committee ("FAPC") for consideration at its meeting on 19 February and to the TMDC for final endorsement at its meeting on 1 March.

**(E) LCSD's Recreational and Sports Activities Plan for Tuen Mun District from April 2016 to March 2017**

(DFMC Paper No. 5/2016)

31. Mr WONG Ying-ming of the LCSD stated that the above paper was about the regular funding applications in respect of the annual recreational and sports activities of the LCSD.

32. The Chairman said that the LCSD applied for funding of \$6,819,380 for organising recreational and sports activities in the 2016-2017 financial year. As the HAD had yet to announce the total funding amount for the 2016-2017 financial year, to ensure fiscal prudence, the Chairman suggested that by reference to the past practice, a



total of \$4,714,065, which was equivalent to the total approved amount for the previous year after deducting the amount approved earlier, be allocated first. As for the remaining amount of \$324,736, the LCSD might, in light of its use of funding, apply to the DFMC again for funding after knowing the total amount of funding from the HAD.

33. A Member opined that the LCSD should organise more activities for the handicapped and disabled in the future.

34. As Members raised no objection, the Chairman announced that the DFMC endorsed an allocation of \$4,714,065 to the LCSD for organising the recreational and sports activities concerned from July 2016 to February 2017. The funding application would be submitted to the FAPC for consideration at its meeting on 19 February and to the TMDC for final endorsement at its meeting on 1 March.

**(F) LCSD Landscaping Works 2016-2017**

(DFMC Paper No. 6/2016)

35. The Chairman asked Members to peruse the paper. As Members raised no objection, the Chairman announced that the works project costing about \$800,000 was endorsed.

**(G) Capital Reserve for Urgent and Minor Improvement Works for Recreation and Leisure Venues Managed by LCSD**

(DFMC Paper No. 7/2016)

36. The Chairman asked Members to peruse the paper. As Members raised no objection, the Chairman announced that the works project costing about \$900,000 was endorsed.

**(H) Enhancement of Air-conditioning System of Arena of Tai Hing Sports Centre Managed by LCSD**

(DFMC Paper No. 8/2016)

37. The Chairman asked Members to peruse the paper. As Members raised no objection, the Chairman announced that the works project costing about \$1.2 million was endorsed.

**(I) Extension Activities Programmes of Public Libraries in Tuen Mun District**

(DFMC Paper No. 9/2016)

38. The Chairman asked Members to peruse the paper. As Members raised no objection, the Chairman announced that the DFMC supported the proposal in the above paper and endorsed the funding application of \$71,417 for organising activities from March 2016 to February 2017. The above funding application would be submitted to the FAPC for endorsement at its meeting on 19 February.

(J) **“Scheme of Reservation of Time Slots for Priority Booking of Community Halls or Community Centres by Two Organisations” and “Pilot Scheme of Priority Hire Booking of Community Halls/Community Centres for Organising Activities Held with TMDC Funds”**

(DFMC Paper No. 10/2016)

39. On behalf of the DFMC, the Chairman welcomed Mr Endy CHEUNG, Senior Executive Officer of the TMDO, to the meeting.

40. The Chairman indicated that while the current DFMC operated for the term from 2016 to 2017, two proposals mentioned in the paper covered or extended beyond March 2018, so they had to be submitted to the TMDC for final endorsement after being endorsed by the DFMC. As the proposals were both concerned with community halls, the Chairman suggested they be discussed together at this meeting.

41. Two Members declared interests in this discussion item: (a) Ms SO Ka-man was the head of the recreation division of the Tuen Mun Sports Association, and (b) Mr TO Shek-yuen, the DFMC Chairman, was the chairperson of the Tuen Mun Sports Association.

42. Summarised below are Members’ comments and enquiries on the Scheme of Reservation of Time Slots for Priority Hire Booking of Community Halls or Community Centres by Two Organisations:

- (i) As nearly all the reserved time slots were within peak hours on Saturday or Sunday, it was suggested that support be provided for the Tuen Mun Arts Promotion Association (“TMAPA”) to hire the LCSD exhibition halls in vacant sessions, so that the community hall could be released for use by other community groups;
- (ii) An enquiry was made as to whether the suggested time slots for priority booking by these two organisations were different from those in the previous year;

- (iii) It was reckoned that as the TMAPA represented the Tuen Mun District in competitions with outside parties, the TMDC and Tuen Mun residents would benefit if it achieved good results. As TMAPA activities required more equipment such as music instruments, which had to be delivered to the community hall in advance (for example, music instruments to be used on Sunday had to be delivered to the community hall on Saturday), this gave an impression that the TMAPA used the community hall for longer time. It was believed that organisations would benefit to some extent if there were vacant venues in Tuen Mun Town Hall available for application by the TMAPA and other district organisations. The exhibition hall had been vacant in the above two time slots before, so the working group had discussed this and reckoned that the TMAPA should be allowed to use the venue in the time slots wherever possible;
- (iv) It was opined that the specific organisations could nurture more elites for Tuen Mun and should be provided with more support, such as venues like the town hall or schools. As the above organisation had held fee-charging activities, the TMDO should examine its previous activities as well;
- (v) A Member indicated that the above scheme had long operated effectively and was monitored by the TMDO. As the elite training programmes of the specific organisations were for the long term, he supported following the old approach and the TMDO continuing to monitor the two organisations' work;
- (vi) A Member said that the Working Groups on Community Involvement of the previous two terms had repeatedly discussed the above points. As it was necessary to support district organisations in running arts, sports and other elite programmes, a difficult decision had been made to recommend the time slots concerned, so as to maintain the two organisations' priority in using community halls; and
- (vii) A Member supported providing venues for the specific organisations to train elites, but worried that some activities, such as interest classes on abacus arithmetic and Putonghua, could hardly train elites representing Tuen Mun in competitions. The Member said that the community centres were resources of Tuen Mun, adding that given the high usage rates of hired venues in the district, the applications of some organisations might not be accepted because the specific organisations were given priority in venue hiring.

43. Mr Endy CHEUNG of the TMDO responded that the priority scheme had been in operation since 2009. Under the scheme, venue applications must be related to

activities for promoting arts and sports development and for training arts and sports elites in the district. After receiving the applications of the two organisations, the TMDO would examine whether the activities met the above requirements, and any applications failing to do so would not be given priority and would be processed together with the applications of other organisations by drawing of lots. Also, the organisations were required to submit regular reports to the DFMC or the Working Group on Community Involvement. The details of the activities organised by the two organisations from April to December 2015 were attached in the paper for Members' reference.

44. Mr Endy CHEUNG of the TMDO further said that the time slots booked by the specific organisations were the same as before and the Working Group on Community Involvement of the previous term had discussed the use of venues hired by the organisations. In July 2015, the TMDO had excluded the applications in respect of activities that failed to meet the targets of the scheme, such as handicrafts, abacus arithmetic and Putonghua classes, and requested the organisations to specify in their applications what competitions the activity participants would join or planned to join.

45. A Member remarked that it was unreasonable not to review the schemes in the new term only because they had been operating effectively. In her view, some schools or town halls might consider allowing the specific organisations to hire their vacant venues; by contrast, most district organisations had no alternative but to hire community halls.

46. Mr Anthony MA of the LCSD responded that the current usage rates of the town hall and the exhibition hall had not reached 100%. He added that while the exhibition hall was mainly used for exhibitions, the LCSD would accept applications in respect of other activities. Yet, as far as the town hall was concerned, the time slots used by the TMAPA as stated in the paper might not be acceptable. As it was difficult to rent the venue to the TMAPA for exhibition every Saturday and Sunday and given that each time slot lasted for three months, its hiring of the venue would probably be interrupted by some exhibitions. Therefore, the hiring of the exhibition hall was not practicable.

47. Mr Anthony MA of the LCSD went on to say that the TMAPA had hired a number of venues in the town hall, such as lecture rooms and dance rooms, for free, but there were effective arrangements in place to impose time limits on the hire and charge fees for any overrun. As the LCSD had to accept applications from other organisations, it was quite difficult to allow the long-term hiring by the TMAPA.

48. After listening to various comments, the Chairman suggested passing the matter

to the Working Group on Community Involvement for follow-ups.

49. The Chairman further said that the TMDO suggested the current DFMC follow the arrangement in the previous term, under which all matters relating to community halls and centres should be passed to the Working Group on Community Involvement for discussion and follow-ups. The DFMC agreed with this arrangement.

50. Summarised below are Members' comments and enquiries in the second round of discussion on whether to endorse the proposals in the paper:

- (i) It was opined that the paper should be endorsed first and then passed to the working group for discussion;
- (ii) A Member said that the working group had discussed this item before and made decisions after taking into account the outstanding performance of the specific organisations. The Member hoped that other Members were aware that unlike other district organisations, the specific organisations represented the Tuen Mun District, and that the TMDO had examined their applications and reports;
- (iii) There was a view that elite training should be laid down as a main principle for priority hiring of community halls by organisations; and
- (iv) It was opined that the paper should be endorsed first and any further views could be discussed later.

51. A Member said that to ensure fairness, the Chairman, who was concurrently the chairperson of one of the specific organisations, should ask Members whether they agreed that he should further chair the meeting. The Member also said that the community halls had been vacant before and the TMDO had thus allowed the specific organisations to hire the community halls to avoid wastage of resources. With no elite training, there would be no athletes representing Tuen Mun in competitions held by the Tuen Mun District or the 18 districts.

52. The Chairman thanked the above Member for the opinion. For the sake of fairness, he invited the Vice-chairman to chair the meeting.

[The meeting was temporarily chaired by the Vice-chairman from this point.]

53. The Vice-chairman made a brief conclusion, saying that the TMAPA's report specified all details about the activities except the names of co-organisers. He hoped this approach would carry on in the future. A Member was concerned about whether

the two specific organisations could hire some larger venues such as Tuen Mun Town Hall. Given the complexity of this matter, he suggested passing it to the Working Group on Community Involvement for discussion.

54. Summarised below are Members' comments in the third round of discussion:

- (i) It was said that elite training required venues and long training before the elites could join competitions as representatives;
- (ii) It was pointed out that as mentioned in the paper, the organisations would hold activities from April to June 2016, so the TMDO had to arrange drawings of lots from February. Therefore, prompt endorsement of the paper would help the TMDO's work. There was still concern about the effectiveness of interest classes although the TMDO had put a system in place to monitor them. It was therefore suggested that the elite training activities of the two organisations be extended and Members' views collected at this meeting be brought up for discussion by the working group;
- (iii) It was opined that the two organisations should be provided with clear directions on the types of elite training;
- (iv) It was suggested that the premises of closed schools be lent to organisations for training purposes;
- (v) It was noted that the organisations had submitted proposals and reports as required when making the venue hiring applications, and equal weight had been given to various interests in the previous discussion by the working group. Therefore, this matter should not be further complicated; and
- (vi) A Member pointed out that the sports association had previously had its own premises at Butterfly Bay, but the Government had resumed the land and taken no follow-up actions afterwards. Besides, the Member supported the suggestion of releasing vacant schools for use by organisations.

55. As Members raised no objection, the Vice-chairman announced that the proposals in the paper were endorsed and the DFMC agreed that all matters relating to community halls and centres (including the concern over the operation of the two schemes) be passed to the Working Group on Community Involvement for discussion and follow-ups.

**(K) Enquiry on Progress of Construction of Theme Park in Tuen Mun Area 44 (in Vacant Area Adjacent to Yuet Wu Villa and Dragon Boat Inn)**

(DFMC Paper No. 11/2016)

[The meeting was chaired by the Chairman from this point.]

56. A proposer of the paper indicated that the project had made little progress since its commencement in 2008. He would like to know about the actual proposals of the consulting firm and the reports of government departments.

57. Ms Millicent LAM of the LCSD responded that the LCSD had used a land lot of 1 500 square metres for relocation of a minibus terminus, and it was currently analysing whether, given their current size, the works sites could accommodate all the previously discussed facilities. She said the LCSD would report to the DFMC on the results after the analysis.

58. Summarised below are Members' enquiries and suggestions in response to the LCSD's replies:

- (i) It was opined that the Government ignored the views of residents, and that the land should be planned together with the minibus terminus while the facilities should be built on the remaining land as discussed before. It was hoped that the Government could give concrete responses so that Members could give explanations to residents;
- (ii) A Member hoped the LCSD would as soon as possible study the drawings, give Members a report and conduct open consultation with the residents. As parking spaces were scarce in the area, he suggested the LCSD consider building a two-level facility there, with a car park on the lower level and a garden on the higher level. The Member supported the idea of building a car park on the ground level, which could alleviate the problem of inadequate parking spaces in the area and its vicinity;
- (iii) It was pointed out that no two-level structures could be built on that piece of land because it was formed by reclamation and underlain with stones;
- (iv) It was noted that the siting of the West Rail extension to Tuen Mun Ferry Pier had yet to be confirmed and it was uncertain whether it would be located at the vicinity of Yuet Wu Villa or elsewhere. It was suggested that a macro view be taken in the analysis to avoid lengthy discussion on the planning in the future;
- (v) It was hoped that the LCSD could provide the works schedule at the next or subsequent meeting, as the department's plan was not provided in its written response;
- (vi) It was reckoned that the LCSD should make good use of land resources and its analysis should also take into account the paper on the siting of the

West Rail south extension, among others. It was suggested that a temporary car park be built on that piece of land or a better environment be provided there for morning walkers;

- (vii) There was dissatisfaction with the little progress made in the project since its commencement in 2008. The LCSD was requested to provide the schedule and a progress report of the works at the next meeting. Moreover, it was hoped that after its completion, the project would serve as a benchmark for other Members to explore better use for other places; and
- (viii) It was hoped that the LCSD would listen to residents' opinions and build a waterfront promenade.
- (ix) The Chairman concluded by asking the LCSD to follow up on Members' comments and provide a progress report on the works at the next meeting.

LCSD

**(L) Request for Construction of Leisure and Cultural Complexes in Tuen Mun**

(DFMC Paper No. 12/2016)

59. A proposer of the paper said that as the population of Tuen Mun was aging and growing, the existing leisure and cultural facilities could hardly meet the rising demand of residents in the district despite the LCSD's active efforts to renovate them. The activities of some residents were not suitable for the venues, for example, singing and dancing in parks and playgrounds. These activities not only caused nuisance but evidenced that the leisure space was not adequate for residents. He suggested a multi-storey leisure and cultural complex be built in each of the north, south, east and west areas of Tuen Mun for use by people from different age groups and with different needs.

60. A Member expressed support for the above paper, saying that a paper on the redevelopment of the old town centre of Tuen Mun would be submitted later.

61. A Member said there were few leisure and cultural complexes in Tuen Mun and even no leisure facilities at all in the south east area. He further said that if a leisure and cultural complex was built above the bus-bus interchange, the public could not only enjoy an easily accessible venue, but use the facilities there during their spare time. He would like the LCSD to consider including this in the planning.

62. Ms Millicent LAM of the LCSD thanked Members for their comments and said that the LCSD would study them later.

63. The Chairman concluded by saying that he agreed with building leisure and



cultural complexes Tuen Mun. He asked the LCSD to consider Members' views.

**V. Reporting Items**

**(A) Report on Tuen Mun District Minor Works and Report on Works Progress**

(DFMC Paper No. 13/2016)

64. Members noted the contents of the paper and discussed the progress of the following District Minor Works projects:

(i) Design and Contracting Out of Landscaping Works for Breakwater in Area 27 (DMW093)

- The consulting firm gave a brief report. As shown on the screen, the texts of the draft contents of the notice board were too small in size, so the Chairman asked the Secretariat to send the texts to Members by email for perusal after the meeting.
- A Member opined that the size of the notice board for the breakwater was too small, and suggested passing this matter to the Working Group on Facilities and Works for follow-ups.
- A Member indicated that while the works had been completed, risks occurred at night because there were no barriers but obstructing vehicles at the entrance. He suggested the Government put up fences and repair the ground at the entrance. The Chairman responded that the above suggestions were not covered by the works project in the paper, so the Member might consider submitting a paper to put them up for discussion.

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(ii) Minor Maintenance and Improvement Works to District Facilities Managed by TMDO (DMW192)

- A Member enquired whether two rain shelters in Tong Hang Road were included in the project and asked about the progress of the works concerned. Mr LEUNG Kam-wai of the TMDO responded that the tender for the works would close in the afternoon on the day of this meeting and the works were expected to be completed by the end of March.

(iii) Improvement and Beautification Works to Walking Trail in Shan King (DMW102)

- Mr Simpson LO, Assistant District Officer (Tuen Mun)<sup>1</sup>, indicated that the proposer of the works had suggested extending the coverage of the ground paving works concerned. As there were many people visiting that section of hiking trail, it was suggested that the TMDO Works Section take care of paving the extension towards the boulder and the

relating costs be included in the estimated cost.

- (iv) Construction of Leisure Zone in Ho Pong Street (DMW105)
- A Member enquired about the latest progress of the works. The consulting firm responded that the tender documents for the works had been completed, the lead department's consent to the launch of the tender procedures was given on 12 February, and an open tender invitation was started on the day of this meeting.
- (v) Provision of Play Equipment and Elderly Facilities in Open Space of Village Expansion Area in Chung Uk Tsuen (DMW103)
- A Member enquired about the latest progress of the works. The consulting firm responded that the works had been approved by the lead department and would be put up for open tender.
- (vi) Improvement and Maintenance Works to Beaches in Tuen Mun (DMW193)
- A Member asked whether the completion date of the works would be postponed. Mr WONG Ying-ming of the LCSD responded that the tender procedures of the works for the dolphin sculpture had been completed, and the works had been scheduled for commencement after the Lunar New Year and were expected to finish in April. Besides, the works for the public address system had been completed earlier.
  - A Member said some residents had suggested to him that other facilities such as lockers be enhanced and hot water shower facilities be provided in the beaches. The Chairman responded that the above suggestions were covered by the works projects in the report, so the Member might consider submitting a paper to put them up for discussion.
- (vii) Building of Driveway in Tai Leng Area of So Kwun Wat Tsuen (DMW173)
- A Member asked whether the completion date of the works would be postponed. Mr LEUNG Kam-wai of the TMDO responded that as the tender date of the works might be deferred, the commencement and completion dates of the works were changed to May and December 2016 respectively.
- (viii) Provision of Information Boards for Tuen Mun Heritage Trail
- A Member enquired about the locations of the information boards and considered the cost of the works very expensive. Mr LEUNG Kam-wai of the TMDO responded that the information boards would be put up at a number of entrance points such as the bridge over Tuen Mun River, and that the cost was relatively high because the boards

were made of ceramics, a durable and scratch-proof material.

- (ix) Provision of Leisure Venue on Large Site between Yuen Long Road and Fuk Hang Tsuen (DMW074)
- A Member enquired about the latest progress of the works. Mr WONG Ying-ming of the LCSD responded that the LCSD had requested the Transport Department to provide parking facilities near the pet garden.

[Post-meeting note: The information mentioned above was sent to Members by email on 26 February 2016.]

**(B) Report on LCSD's Plans on Cultural Activities for Tuen Mun District in 2016-2017, and Report on Cultural Activities in Tuen Mun District and Usage of Tuen Mun Town Hall**

(DFMC Paper No. 14/2016)

65. A Member said that given the low usage of some facilities in Tuen Mun Town Hall, such as the exhibition hall, the conference room and lecture rooms, the LCSD might consider altering them for use by other institutions or organisations so that cultural facilities in the district could be put to good use.

66. The Chairman would like the LCSD to consider the above Member's comment. LCSD

**(C) Work Report on Management of Recreation, Sports and Passive Facilities in Tuen Mun District**

(DFMC Paper No. 15/2016)

67. The Chairman asked Members to peruse the paper. Members had no comment on it.

**(D) Report on Usage and Extension Activities of LCSD's Public Libraries in Tuen Mun District**

(DFMC Paper No. 16/2016)

68. The Chairman asked Members to peruse the paper. Members had no comment on it.

**VI. Any Other Business**

**(A) Nomination for Sports Ambassadors of LCSD**

69. The Chairman indicated that the LCSD invited the TMDC to nominate two Members as Sports Ambassadors for the period from January 2016 to December 2017 to

assist in promoting sports in the district.

70. A Member noted that the Sports Ambassadors of the previous term had not reported to the DFMC on their work.

71. A Member opined that the titles of the “Commissioner for Sports” of the Government and “Sports Ambassadors” in Chinese were so similar as to cause confusion.

72. Mr Francis WONG of the LCSD responded that while both the Commissioner for Sports and Sports Ambassadors served to promote sports and a healthy lifestyle, Sports Ambassadors focused mainly on promoting sports at the district level. Besides taking part in the Sport For All Day promoted by the Community Sports Committee to encourage the public to do exercise, Sports Ambassadors would also attend district sports events such as swimming galas or sport days to cheer for participating athletes and promote sports activities to residents. He hoped the DFMC would nominate again two TMDC Members as the Sports Ambassadors of the district.

73. The DFMC nominated Mr KAM Man-fung and Mr CHAN Man-wah as Sports Ambassadors for the year 2016 to 2017. The Secretariat was asked to give a reply to the LCSD.

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**(B) Visit to Hong Kong Institution of Engineers**

74. The Chairman said that the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers had invited TMDC Members to visit the institution. He would like Members to discuss whether to accept the invitation.

75. After discussion, there were two Members indicating interest to visit the institution. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to follow up with the institution on the date of the visit.

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76. There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 12:05 p.m. The next meeting would be held at 9:30 a.m. on 12 April 2016 (Tuesday).

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