

**Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of
the District Facilities Management Committee (2018-2019) of
the Tuen Mun District Council**

Date: 6 February 2018 (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 Sheck-yuen, MH (Chairman)	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr MO Shing-fung (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	9:30 a.m.	11:19 a.m.
Mr CHU Yiu-wah	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	10:38 a.m.
Ms KONG Fung-yi	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	9:53 a.m.
Mr NG Koon-hung	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	11:21 a.m.
Mr CHAN Yau-hoi, BBS, MH, JP	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	10:23 a.m.
Ms WONG Lai-sheung, Catherine	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr AU Chi-yuen	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms HO Hang-mui	TMDC Member	9:32 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr TSUI Fan, MH	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms CHING Chi-hung	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms LUNG Shui-hing, MH	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.	10:52 a.m.
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	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr KAM Man-fung	TMDC Member	9:37 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 LEE Yan-chi, Blair (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council)3, Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department		

Absent with Apologies

Mr LAM Chung-hoi	TMDC Member
The Hon LAU Ip-keung, Kenneth, BBS, MH, JP	TMDC Member
Mr CHAN Manwell, Leo	TMDC Member
The Hon HO Kwan-yiu, JP	TMDC Member

By Invitation

Mr LEE Kam-ho, Edwin	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Tuen Mun), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Ms Stella WONG	Communications and Public Affairs Manager, West Kowloon Cultural District Authority
Ms TSUI Yin-hei, Ruby	Communications and Public Affairs Officer, West Kowloon Cultural District Authority
Mr CHAN Chun-ho	Landscape Architect/2, Architectural Services Department
Mr CHUNG Pui-shun	Landscape Architect/4, Architectural Services Department
Mr Alan TANG	Architect, Llewelyn Davies
Mr Kendall MA	Structural Engineer, AECOM
Mr Silver LAM	Project BS Engineer, AECOM
Mr Ken TONG	Senior Project Manager, Spence Robinson Ltd

In Attendance

Ms FUNG Ngar-wai, Aubrey	District Officer (Tuen Mun), Home Affairs Department
Miss TSUI Man-ye, Joanna	Assistant District Officer (Tuen Mun)1, Home Affairs Department
Ms YAN Yuet-han, Fion	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
Ms TAM Yin-ting, Pat	District Leisure Manager (Tuen Mun), Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms LEE Lai-fan, Jenny	Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Tuen Mun, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms WONG Fan-ni, Jasmine	Senior Manager (New Territories West) Promotion, 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 TAM Kwok-leung	Administrative Assistant/Lands (Acting) (District Lands Office, Tuen Mun), Lands Department
Mr YIP Kwok-leung	Neighbourhood Police Co-ordinator, Police Community Relations Office (Tuen Mun District), Hong Kong Police Force

I. Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all Members to the 2nd meeting of the District Facilities Management Committee (“DFMC”). He also extended welcome to the government department representatives in attendance at the meeting.

2. The Chairman welcomed Ms Pat TAM, District Leisure Manager (Tuen Mun) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”), who attended a DFMC meeting for the first time. Besides, he took this opportunity to thank Mr WONG Ying-ming, the former District Leisure Manager (Tuen Mun) of the LCSD, for the contributions he had made to the DFMC.

3. The Chairman reminded Members that Members who were aware of their personal interests in any matters discussed at the meeting should declare the interests before the discussion. The Chairman would, in accordance with Order 39(12) of the Tuen Mun District Council (“TMDC”) Standing Orders, decide whether the Members who had declared interests might speak or vote on the matters, might remain at the meeting as observers, 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

4. The Secretariat had received Mr Leo CHAN’s notification about his sick leave.

III. Confirmation of Minutes of the 13th Meeting of DFMC (2016-2017) and the 1st Meeting of DFMC (2018-2019)

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

IV. Matters Arising

(A) LCSD Proposal for Name of New Facility - Government Complex in Area 14 (Siu Lun), Tuen Mun

(DFMC Papers No. 53/2017 and 1/2018)

(Paragraphs 17 to 25 of Minutes of the 13th Meeting of DFMC (2016-2017))

6. Ms Gladys LAW of the LCSD said that based on the proposals made by Members at the previous meeting for the name of the government complex in Area 14 (Siu Lun), Tuen Mun (“the new complex”), the department had come up with three proposals for the name: (a) Tuen Mun Castle Peak Bay Complex, (b) Tuen Mun Castle Peak Bay Siu Lun Complex, and (c) Tuen Mun Siu Lun Complex. The

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department had subsequently consulted the relevant departments again on the above proposals. As the new complex was situated at Siu Lun Street, the department proposed that a relatively simple name, i.e. “Tuen Mun Siu Lun Government Complex” and “屯門兆麟綜合大樓” in Chinese, be adopted to make it easier for the public to locate the new complex, and that the sports centre in the complex be named “Siu Lun Sports Centre” and “兆麟體育館” in Chinese.

7. As Members had no objection, the DFMC endorsed the proposal for the Chinese and English names of the new complex.

8. Mr Endy CHEUNG of the Tuen Mun District Office (“TMDO”) said that as the DFMC had endorsed the proposal for the name of the above new complex, the TMDO proposed the community hall in the new complex be named “Siu Lun Community Hall” and “兆麟社區會堂” in Chinese.

9. As Members had no objection, the DFMC endorsed the proposal for the name of the above community hall.

V. Discussion Items

(A) Terms of Reference for DFMC (2018-2019) of TMDC

(DFMC Paper No. 2/2018)

10. The DFMC noted the captioned paper.

(B) Formation of Working Groups under DFMC (2018-2019)

(DFMC Paper No. 3/2018)

11. 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 a term of office starting from the date of this meeting till 31 December 2019.

12. The Members nominated as the Convenors of the above three working groups and the related proposers and seconders were listed as follows:

	<u>Member</u>		
<u>Working Group</u>	<u>Nominated</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Secunder</u>
Working Group on	Mr MO	Mr Lothar LEE	Ms CHING
Community Involvement	Shing-fung (Vice-chairman)		Chi-hung Mr TSUI Fan

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Working Group on Facilities and Works	Mr TO Sheck-yuen (Chairman)	Mr MO Shing-fung (Vice-chairman)	Mr SO Shiu-shing
Working Group on Tuen Mun Greening	Mr SO Shiu-shing	Mr CHAN Yau-hoi	Mr Lothar LEE

13. As there was only one member nominated to each of the three working groups, the Chairman announced that the above nominated members were elected ipso facto.

14. The DFMC endorsed the formation of the following two non-standing working groups: the Working Group on 2018 - 2019 Tuen Mun Large Scale Festive Displays and Lighting Decorations and the Working Group on Tuen Mun District Organising Committee for the Seventh Hong Kong Games for a term of office starting from the date of this meeting till 5 October 2018.

15. The Members nominated as the Convenors of the above two non-standing working groups and the related proposers and seconders were listed as follows:

<u>Working Group</u>	<u>Member Nominated</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Secunder</u>
Working Group on 2018 - 2019 Tuen Mun Large Scale Festive Displays and Lighting Decorations	Mr TO Sheck-yuen (Chairman)	Mr TSANG Hin-hong	Mr Lothar LEE
Working Group on Tuen Mun District Organising Committee for the Seventh Hong Kong Games	Mr TSANG Hin-hong	Mr MO Shing-fung (Vice-chairman)	Mr SO Shiu-shing Ms LUNG Shui-hing

16. As there was only one member nominated to each of the two working groups, the Chairman announced that the above nominated members were elected ipso facto.

17. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to write to invite Members to join the newly-formed working groups and inform Members about the dates of the first meetings of the respective working groups. Secretariat

[Post-meeting note: The Secretariat wrote to Members on 7 February 2018 inviting them to join the working groups, and informed Members about the membership lists of the working groups on 23 February.]

(C) Crossover Lab Initiative of West Kowloon Cultural District Authority

(DFMC Paper No. 4/2018)

18. The Chairman welcomed Ms Stella WONG, Communications and Public Affairs Manager, and Ms Ruby TSUI, Communications and Public Affairs Officer, of the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority (“WKCD”) to the meeting.

19. Ms Stella WONG of the WKCD gave a PowerPoint presentation (Annex 1) to briefly introduce the captioned initiative. She said it was hoped that the DFMC could support the initiative and join the authority to organise an event themed around art and culture in the year 2018-2019. The TMDC would be responsible for the organisation, management and operation of the event, and it might also engage a non - governmental organisation (“NGO”) or art group to assist in project organisation and coordination.

20. Members made comments and enquiries on the captioned initiative, which are summarised as follows:

- (i) A Member expressed support for the TMDC’s participation in the captioned event, opining that a large-scale art and culture event themed around the history of Tuen Mun, its fishing village and walled village cultures and so forth could be organised in the West Kowloon Cultural District (“WKCD”) to let the public outside of Tuen Mun know more about the district and to promote its unique cultures;
- (ii) A Member suggested the DFMC consider assigning its Working Group on Community Involvement to follow up on the matter and cooperating with an art group or NGO in the district;
- (iii) A Member enquired about the timeline for the TMDC’s participation in the captioned initiative;
- (iv) A Member asked whether the WKCD would provide separate funding to subsidise the TMDC’s participation in the captioned initiative;

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- (v) A Member asked whether the WKCDA would offer advice on the TMDC's selection of an art group in the district as the event organiser; and
- (vi) A Member asked whether the WKCDA would provide support in terms of professional accounting, legal advice, licence application, insurance and so forth.

21. Ms Stella WONG of the WKCDA responded that as regards the timeline for the initiative, the authority was inviting the TMDC to participate in the Crossover Lab Initiative for 2018 - 2019 and would hold the event themed around art and culture in the first quarter of 2019. As regards funding for the event, the authority would provide the TMDC with funding of not more than \$500,000 and WKCD venue support. As regards the organisation of the event, the TMDC would be responsible for the selection of the event organiser, while the authority would offer advice on this. The authority would also actively communicate with the selected event organiser on event content and offer advice on event organisation. As regards technical support, all the costs incurred for the event would be covered by the \$500,000 funding provided by the authority.

22. The DFMC agreed to participate in the captioned initiative. The Chairman announced that matters concerning the initiative would be passed to the Working Group on Community Involvement of the DFMC for follow up.

(D) Urgent and Minor Improvement Works for Recreation and Leisure Grounds Managed by LCSD

(DFMC Paper No. 5/2018)

23. Ms Pat TAM of the LCSD hoped Members would support the application for works provision in question, which was a regular application for funding to be used for urgent and minor improvement works at the captioned grounds.

24. As Members had no objection, the Chairman endorsed this application for the almost \$1 million provision for works.

(E) LCSD Beautification Works

(DFMC Paper No. 6/2018)

25. Ms Pat TAM of the LCSD hoped Members would support the application for works provision in question, which was another regular application for funding to be

used for the beautification works to LCSD-managed venues, green areas and roadside flower beds.

26. As Members had no objection, the Chairman endorsed this works project, which cost almost \$1.2 million.

(F) Naming Proposal for District Minor Works Facilities - Provision of Sitting-out Area at Eastern Bank of Tuen Mun River

(DFMC Paper No. 7/2018)

27. Ms Pat TAM of the LCSD said the venue would be handed over to the department for management after the captioned works were complete in March this year. The department proposed the captioned venue be named “Tuen Mun River (Eastern Bank) Garden” and “屯門河 (東岸) 花園” in Chinese in accordance with the naming guidelines for recreational and leisure venues and taking the names of nearby facilities and streets into account.

28. As Members had no objection, the Chairman announced the endorsement of the Chinese and English names of the sitting-out area specified in the paper.

(G) Request for Strengthening Management of Castle Peak Bay Waterfront Promenade to Ensure Environmental Hygiene and Provision of Drinking Fountains and Toilets

(DFMC Paper No. 8/2018)

Improvement Proposal for Castle Peak Bay Waterfront Promenade

(DFMC Paper No. 15/2018)

29. The Chairman said the above two matters were interrelated, so he suggested they be discussed together. Members agreed with this arrangement.

30. The Chairman further said that as item 1 in Paper No. 8/2018 and items 4 to 8 in Paper No. 15/2018 were already followed up by the Working Group on Castle Peak Bay under the TMDC, he suggested discussion at the current meeting focus on item 2 to 3 in Paper No. 8/2018 and items 1 to 3 in Paper No. 15/2018. The DFMC agreed with this arrangement.

31. The Chairman welcomed Mr Edwin LEE, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Tuen Mun) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (“FEHD”), to the meeting.

32. The first proposer of Paper No. 8/2018 said there had been a number of occasions where members of the public expressed dissatisfaction with the environment and facilities of the captioned Castle Peak Bay Waterfront Promenade (“the Promenade”) since its opening in 2015. Due to the lack of resources, the FEHD was unable to completely solve the environmental hygiene problems with the Promenade, but the department still deserved recognition for its persistent efforts to ameliorate the situation. She hoped the TMDO and the FEHD could step up communication and deploy resources to mitigate the above problems. Moreover, some elderly members of the public had indicated that the unavailability of toilet facilities on the Promenade caused much inconvenience. The nearby public toilets at Sam Shing Estate could hardly serve people in need, especially aged people, on the Promenade as the two places were far away from each other. As the public enjoyed doing exercise on the Promenade in recent years, she suggested toilets and drinking fountains be provided there for public convenience.

33. The first proposer of Paper No. 15/2018 said he was grateful for the TMDO’s construction of the Promenade in 2015. Members of the public who had activities on the Promenade were inconvenienced as no toilet facilities were available there. He reckoned that if for the time being it was not possible to build more toilets, signs might be put up first to direct the public to nearby public toilets. Furthermore, he suggested signs be put up at the entrance of the Promenade to make it easier for the public to locate the entrance. He also suggested rain shelters be built on the Promenade. And he hoped the TMDO and the relevant departments would further follow up on the matters raised in items 5 to 8 (including the cleaning of the Promenade, the provision of dog excreta collection bins and the tackling of illegal structures on the Promenade) in Paper No. 15/2018.

34. Mr Edwin LEE of the FEHD responded that since the opening of the Promenade, the TMDO had been providing resources for the department to offer two types of cleansing services on the Promenade: (a) cleansing of the road surface of the Promenade, which included the services of emptying litter bins and dog excreta collection bins, sweeping the road surface once a day and washing the road surface once a month, and (b) cleansing of the seawall, which included the removal of refuse on the seawall once a fortnight. After receiving additional resources, the department could enhance the frequency of the seawall refuse removals to once a week. Mr Edwin LEE added that Members’ opinions were noted and consideration would be given to the feasibility of increasing the frequency of the road surface washing service and using high pressure water jets to cleanse key areas.

35. Mr Endy CHEUNG of the TMDO responded that the TMDO had used the additional resources under the District-led Actions Scheme in Tuen Mun to arrange grass-cutting operations on the Promenade to be carried out by the contractor in the latter third of each month. The January grass-cutting operation had been completed on 17 January and the next one would be carried out on 26 February. Moreover, the TMDO was unable to station caretakers on the Promenade due to limited resources, and facilities on the Promenade (e.g. benches, hydrants and lifebuoys) had sometimes been vandalised since its opening, so there was a concern that if drinking fountains were provided on the Promenade, they would be vandalised too. The safety of drinking water could even be affected if the damaged parts involved water supply and the disinfection/filtering system. Besides, as there were supermarkets and convenient stores in Sam Shing Estate, which was close to the Promenade, members of the public might buy drinks there in case of need. In view of this, the TMDO had reservations about the proposal to provide drinking fountains.

36. A Member held the view that to tie in with the Government's environmental protection policy, the TMDO should not refuse the provision of drinking fountains on the Promenade on the grounds of its worry about vandalism of public property. Moreover, as the public enjoyed walking their pets on the Promenade and no cover or canopy was built there, dog excreta and bird droppings could pile up easily on the floor. To improve environmental hygiene more effectively, she suggested the FEHD increase the frequency of the road washing service and use bleach and high pressure water jets together to cleanse the road surface of the Promenade completely.

37. A Member reckoned that as the lead department for the management of the Promenade, the TMDO should proactively cooperate and communicate with other departments to improve its management and environmental hygiene problems, instead of refusing to provide drinking fountains on the grounds of its worry about vandalism. She would like the TMDO to carefully consider the provision of drinking fountains to answer the need of the public.

38. The Chairman said that when community facilities were provided, the question of how to manage them should be taken into consideration. In view of the TMDO's response that the provision of drinking fountains involved drinking water and hygiene safety issues, the TMDO might consider if it was possible to enhance patrol visits after the provision of the facilities concerned.

39. Mr Edwin LEE of the FEHD responded that the department noted the Member's proposal to use bleach and high pressure water jets together, which would be carried out by frontline staff. He said the current once-a-month road surface washing service was indeed not enough to meet the hygiene needs on the Promenade, and if resources permitted, the department would certainly increase the frequency of the road surface washing service. Moreover, he pointed out that whether toilets could be provided on the Promenade depended on the permission of the person in charge of the venue and the feasibility of the locations selected. If there were already toilets built by other departments on the Promenade, the department could provide the toilet cleansing service undertaken by contractors as far as resources permitted.

40. Mr Endy CHEUNG of the TMDO responded that given limited resources, the TMDO had done its best to improve the management of the Promenade and assigned manpower to make a patrol visit to the Promenade at least weekly. If any damage was found on facilities there, the TMDO would immediately contact the relevant departments for follow up. The TMDO would increase the frequency of patrol visits as far as resources permitted to improve the management of the Promenade.

41. A Member noted that given limited resources, the TMDO had already done its best to manage the Promenade, but in addition to enhanced management, the public's respect for public property was also necessary in order to solve the problem. In his view, before studying the management of the facilities, consideration should be given to whether, from the viewpoint of actual needs, additional facilities should be provided on the Promenade.

42. A Member noted that according to the environmental protection policy promulgated by the Environment Bureau at the end of the year before, water in plastic bottles measuring one litre or less would no longer be on sale through automatic vending machines at all government venues. Besides, the bureau encouraged government departments to provide drinking fountains at their venues. He hoped the TMDO could consider providing drinking fountains on the Promenade to match the above environmental protection policy.

43. After discussion, the Chairman suggested a site visit be conducted in respect of the above matter to gain a preliminary understanding of the feasibility of the

provision of drinking fountains and toilets. This matter would be further discussed at the next meeting.

[Post-meeting note: DFMC Members were joined by representatives from the TMDO and the FEHD to make a site visit on 5 March 2018.]

(H) Request for Provision of Drinking Fountains at Lower Deck of Tuen Mun Road Bus-bus Interchange (Tuen Mun Bound)

(DFMC Paper No. 9/2018)

44. The first proposer of the paper said a relatively large number of people gathered on the lower deck of Tuen Mun Road Bus-bus Interchange (“TMR BBI”) (Tuen Mun Bound), which was a place not only for passengers to wait for vehicles but also for a number of nearby joggers and cyclists to cluster. Besides, to be consistent with the Environment Bureau’s environmental protection policy, the Member proposed drinking fountains be provided there so that members of the public could replenish water conveniently. The first proposer of the paper also said it was hoped that the relevant lead department could follow up on the proposal.

45. The Chairman said that currently the maintenance of TMR BBI was undertaken by the Highways Department whereas the place was managed by the Transport Department (“TD”), so it was expected that the TD would give responses and follow up on the matter later. The Chairman further said that if Members considered it worth implementing the proposal, the first proposer of the paper might be invited to use the template for proposals for district minor works (“DMW”), which had been distributed earlier, to submit a proposal to the Secretariat for its follow up in due course.

46. As Members had no objection, the Chairman invited the first proposer of the paper to use the template for DMW proposals, which had been distributed earlier, to submit a proposal to the Secretariat for its follow up in due course. Secretariat

[Post-meeting note: The TD indicated that the bus-bus interchange was set up to make it convenient for passengers to change buses and go to more destinations, and that generally passengers did not stay too long at the bus-bus interchange. Subject to such factors as the location, size, environment and usage of the bus-bus interchange and technical feasibility, the bus-bus interchange might provide facilities that could bring convenience to passengers who awaited and changed buses, such as barrier-free access, real-time information systems, customer service

centres and Octopus add value machines. As drinking fountain were not a standard facility at the bus-bus interchange, the TD had no plan to provide the facility at the bus-bus interchange at the moment.]

(I) Request for Provision of Book Sanitisers in Public Libraries

(DFMC Paper No. 10/2018)

47. The first proposer of the paper proposed that book sanitisers be provided in Tuen Mun Public Library to reduce the risk of bacteria spread. He knew that the LCSD had implemented a pilot scheme in Central and Western District to provide book sanitisers in public libraries. He hoped the department could extend the scheme to Tuen Mun as soon as possible.

48. Mr Terry TONG of the LCSD responded that the department had an established set of sanitation procedures and measures in place to ensure all facilities in public libraries conformed to hygiene standards. Moreover, since January this year, the department had been implementing a pilot scheme on library sanitisers, which had the same functions as book sanitisers. The pilot scheme lasted for two months, with Shek Tong Tsui Public Library in Central and Western District being the trial point. If the results were satisfactory, the department would consider extending the scheme to other districts.

49. A Member asked the LCSD whether the established sanitation procedures and measures mentioned above would remain in place to cleanse and sanitise libraries after the introduction of library sanitisers. He also enquired what principles or methods were used by the library sanitisers introduced in libraries for bacteria removal and sanitation.

50. Mr Terry TONG of the LCSD responded that the current sanitation procedures and measures would remain in place after the department's introduction of library sanitisers. Moreover, libraries would provide alcohol-based handrub and masks for readers in need to prevent bacteria spread. He also responded that the newly-introduced library sanitisers carried out disinfection in libraries by using ultraviolet light (commonly known as "UV light") to kill bacteria on book surfaces. The department would evaluate the effectiveness of the sanitisers after the pilot scheme ended.

51. As Members had no objection, the Chairman asked the first proposer of the paper to use the template for DMW proposals, which had been distributed earlier, to

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submit a proposal to the Secretariat for its follow up in due course. Besides, the Chairman would like the LCSD to report to Members on the effectiveness of the above pilot scheme on library sanitisers after the scheme ended, so that the DFMC could consider whether to further implement the proposal.

(J) Request for Provision of Additional Public Swimming Pools in Tuen Mun District

(DFMC Paper No. 11/2018)

52. The first proposer of the paper said there were already two large public swimming pools in Tuen Mun, but most of the swimming pools had been hired by organisations for training in summer, resulting in a severe shortage of swimming pool facilities available for public use. Moreover, a number of large-scale housing projects would be completed one after another in the district, among which Yan Tin Estate would be occupied in the first quarter of this year, so the population of the district would rise significantly. In view of this, he suggested the LCSD build more large public swimming pools in the district.

53. Members made comments and enquiries on this matter, which are summarised as follows:

- (i) A Member said the existing public swimming pools in the district were no longer enough, and the standards set out in the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines (“HKPSG”) were out of tune with actual needs. The Member therefore reckoned that the LCSD should not refuse to build more public swimming pools in Tuen Mun on the grounds of the HKPSG, and suggested the department review the contents of the HKPSG;
- (ii) A Member said members of the public had indicated that besides local residents, many people from the Mainland also used swimming pools in the district, leading to a significant rise in their usage, which in turn made the swimming pools reach their capacity and left local residents unable to use swimming pool facilities;
- (iii) A Member said that while there were many beaches in the district, the demand for swimming pools was still high in the district. In his view, if a new public swimming pool was to be built in the district, it should geographically form a triangle with the existing swimming pools, and that meant consideration might be given to earmarking land

near San Hing Tsuen and Yick Yuen for the construction of swimming pool facilities;

- (iv) A Member opined that the LCSD should not only consider the existing population in the district but also factor in the demographic structure and the expected population growth; and
- (v) A Member pointed out that swimming was a hugely popular sport among the public, and suggested the LCSD consider the degree of popularity of a sport when deciding to add or reduce the related facilities in a district.

54. Ms Jasmine WONG of the LCSD responded that normally, the department would refer to HKPSG standards when considering whether to build more public swimming pools in a district. Moreover, the department noted that the Working Group on Sports Facilities had commissioned an organisation to conduct a study to review the standards for the sports facilities proposed in Chapter 4 - Recreation, Open Space & Greening of the HKPSG. The 20-month review had been launched in June 2017 and was expected to come up with preliminary proposals in early 2019. If there were any amendments to the standards, the department would examine the proposal to build more public swimming pools in Tuen Mun based on the revised contents.

55. A Member suggested to the LCSD that Members' proposal to review the contents of the HKPSG should be included in the report of the review.

56. The department responded that the Home Affairs Bureau had earlier been informed about Members' request for the provision of additional public swimming pools, and it had relayed TMDC Members' views to the review committee. The review committee would consider the views concerned.

57. After discussion, the Chairman asked the LCSD to relay to the Working Group on Sports Facilities Members' proposals to review and revise the HKPSG and to study the provision of additional public swimming pools in Tuen Mun amid population growth in the district.

(K) Request for Improvement to Service of Leisure Link which is a Leisure Facilities Booking System of LCSD

(DFMC Paper No. 12/2018)

58. The first proposer of the paper said he knew that the LCSD would launch the mobile version of the Leisure Link online booking system in the first quarter of 2018 to make it easier for the public to book recreational and sports facilities. He expressed concern over a problem with the existing system under which, in case the hirers failed to show up, members of the public were unable to take up the unclaimed sessions for free as standby users. He asked whether the department's system could enable the public to know instantly the availability of venues so that they could take up unclaimed sessions more easily. Moreover, opining that there was still quite a long time to go before the implementation date of the new system mentioned in the department's reply, he asked whether the department could launch the new system at an earlier date to improve the service of the recreational and sports facilities booking system.

59. Ms Pat TAM of the LCSD responded that there was an established set of procedures for the launch of the new system, which covered procurement, design of core application functions and so forth, so the department expected that the new system could come into service only in 2021.

60. A Member asked whether before the launch of the new system, the LCSD would take measures to improve the procedures for hiring recreational and sports facilities, taking up booked sessions and so forth to cater for the needs of people with disabilities or those who could not use mobile applications.

[The Chairman left the conference room at this point and the meeting was temporarily chaired by the Vice-chairman.]

61. Mr Francis WONG of the LCSD responded that improvements to the existing system would make the system operate slowly and the new system to be launched in 2021 could rectify flaws in the existing system, so he did not recommend upgrading the existing system for the time being. In addition to the existing three venue booking channels (including booking counters, the online venue booking system and the phone-based voice booking system), the department would roll out the mobile version of the Leisure Link online booking system to enable the public to book recreational and sports facilities by smart phone and mobile computing device. It would also put arrangements for instant payment in place to provide a flexible and convenient booking service. The improvement services included enquiry about the real-time status of the bookings for recreational and

sports facilities within 11 days, enquiry about transaction status in the past 30 days and cancellation of facility bookings, so as to let the public know booking status more easily and thus, improve the arrangements for taking up unclaimed sessions. The department would report to the DFMC on the effectiveness of the mobile version of the online booking system in due course.

(L) Request for Provision of 24-hour Online Self-service Library Stations

(DFMC Paper No. 13/2018)

62. The first proposer of the paper said that as the reading culture was gaining popularity in the district, there was growing demand for books among members of the public. To meet demand in the district and make it convenient for the public to use the service, he suggested the LCSD set up 24-hour online Self-service Library Stations in the district.

63. Mr Terry TONG of the LCSD responded that the department had launched the trial programme of the Self-service Library Stations in December 2017, under which three Self-service Library Stations had been set up in phases, one each on Hong Kong Island, in Kowloon and in New Territories, to provide 24-hour services such as borrowing, return, payment and pickup of reserved library materials. The department had noted Members' proposal to set up 24-hour online Self-service Library Stations in Tuen Mun. If the results of the trial programme of the Self-service Library Stations were satisfactory, the department would consider extending the programme to other districts across Hong Kong, including Tuen Mun, as far as resources permitted.

64. A Member enquired about the current picture of books borrowing under the trial programme of the Self-service Library Stations on Hong Kong Island and whether the results were satisfactory.

65. Mr Terry TONG of the LCSD responded that the trial programme of the Self-service Library Stations had been launched only in mid-December 2017, with one Self-service Library Station set up on Hong Kong Island in the first phase. As the programme was still in its early days of implementation, the department needed to collect more data for analysis and was therefore unable to make any evaluation at the moment.

66. A Member said that given the differences in demographic structure and needs between districts, the evaluation of the effectiveness of the trial programme

might not be able to reflect the needs for the captioned facilities in this district. She suggested the LCSD consider setting up 24-hour online Self-service Library Stations in this district having regard to the district's demographic structure and taking the effectiveness of the trial programme as reference.

67. Mr Terry TONG of the LCSD responded that the department noted Members' suggestions and would take Members' views into consideration when reviewing the trial programme.

[The Chairman returned to the conference room and resumed the chair of the meeting.]

68. The Chairman asked the LCSD to consider Members' views.

(M) Construction of a Walkway Cover at Siu Hong Road

(DFMC Paper No. 14/2018)

69. The proposer of the paper said the captioned matter had been discussed at the meetings of the Working Group on the Development and Complementary Facilities in Area 54. Back then, the Housing Department ("HD") had shelved the proposal to construct a walkway cover at Siu Hong Road because some Members had expressed opposition at the meetings of the working group. It had also noted the proposal to build a walkway cover near Tung Wah Group of Hospitals ("TWGH") Yau Tze Tin Memorial College and indicated that the feasibility of the proposal would be studied. He said it had been two or three years since the HD had made its promises, but the study had seen no progress at all. Residents in Area 54 (including the soon-to-be occupied Yan Tin Estate) and Siu Hong Court would be much inconvenienced if the captioned proposal could not be implemented. He further said he and the above working group had written to put the proposal to the Transport and Housing Bureau, but the bureau had replied that the above project had still been at the stage of feasibility study and recommended them to build the walkway cover with district council funding or under the DMW programme. Disappointed with the bureau's reply, he hoped Members would support the above proposal so that the walkway cover at Siu Hong Road could be built under the DMW programme as soon as possible.

70. Members made comments on the matter, which are summarised as follows:

- (i) At a meeting of the Working Group on the Development and Complementary Facilities in Area 54, representatives of residents in

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Siu Hong Court had expressed opposition to the construction of the walkway cover at Siu Hong Road and suggested choosing the pavement outside TWGH Yau Tze Tin Memorial College as the site for the construction of the walkway cover to provide residents in the area with convenient access to and from Siu Hong West Rail Station. But with many underground public facilities such as cables and water pipes, the pavement outside TWGH Yau Tze Tin Memorial College was not suitable for the construction of the walkway cover. She said that to provide residents in Siu Hong Court and Yan Tin Estate with convenient access to and from Siu Hong West Rail Station, she hoped Members could give support and the relevant departments could provide coordination so that action could be taken to build the walkway cover at Siu Hong Road as soon as possible;

- (ii) A Member said there should be no more delay in the captioned project and he called for the Government's prompt action. He also said that while time was needed for such procedures as the feasibility study and design, it was not acceptable for the study on the above proposal to see no progress at all after two years of time. He urged the Government to give an account of the design progress on and the timetable for the above proposal; and
- (iii) A Member supported the above proposal being included in the DMW waiting list and being further followed up by the Working Group on the Development and Complementary Facilities in Area 54.

71. As Members had no objection, the Chairman asked the Secretariat to keep the above DMW proposal on file and arrange follow up in due course. Secretariat

VI. Reporting Items

(A) Report on LCSD's Cultural Activities Plan for Tuen Mun District for 2018-2019, Cultural Activities in Tuen Mun District and Usage of Tuen Mun Town Hall

(DFMC Paper No. 16/2018)

72. Members noted the captioned paper.

(B) Work Report on Management of Recreation, Sports and Passive Facilities in Tuen Mun District by LCSD

(DFMC Paper No. 17/2018)

73. The Chairman welcomed Mr CHUNG Pui-shun and Mr CHAN Chun-ho, who were the representatives of the Architectural Services Department (“ArchSD”), and Mr Silver LAM, Mr Kendall MA and Mr Alan TANG, who were the representatives of the consultants, to the meeting.

74. Mr CHUNG Pui-shun of the ArchSD gave a PowerPoint presentation (Annex 2) to report to Members on the progress of the Pilot Project on Inclusive Playground at Tuen Mun Park. He said the improvement works to the southern and northern playgrounds and the one near the southern playground in Tuen Mun Park had been carried out in phases in the mid- and late 2016. The department had reported to the DFMC in mid-2017 that due to the impacts of rains and tropical cyclones in summer and the consultant’s discovery of unknown conduits under the northern playground, the department had to revise the design drawing of the playground. The department expected the works to be complete in the second quarter of 2018. As for the progress of works, he said most of the structural works in the children’s playgrounds had already been completed and most of the equipment of the children’s playgrounds had been delivered to the venues to await installation. Moreover, to facilitate the works, works vehicles still had to take the cycling track along Tuen Mun River, Oi Ming Lane and then an access road in the park for entry to the works site.

75. Ms Pat TAM of the LCSD then gave a PowerPoint presentation (Annex 3) to briefly explain the progress of the provision of hot shower facilities at Tuen Mun Golden Beach. The department proposed two options for the above works. Option 1, which entailed an extra cost of some \$1.69 million, involved the building of an additional pump room outside the male toilet, after which the existing 18 shower rooms in the male changing room could remain for public use, whereas Option 2 entailed neither extra cost nor a longer works period, but there would be only 13 shower rooms available in the male changing room after the conversion.

76. Members made comments and enquiries on the above options, which are summarised as follows:

- (i) A Member asked whether the extra four-month works period mentioned in Option 1 was counted from the immediate date;
- (ii) A Member enquired how many shower rooms could be supplied with heated water from the new pump room. Besides, the Member, who

claimed to be a government-registered solar engineering contractor, gathered that practitioners in the industry usually chose solar energy for power supply and asked why the LCSD did not choose solar energy for power supply to the hot shower facilities;

- (iii) A Member enquired whether the hot shower facilities would be available in both the male and female changing rooms after the works were complete, and whether the usage rate of the 18 shower rooms reached its maximum during the summer peak season. Besides, the Member said the method of power supply to the new hot shower facilities had been discussed at meetings in the previous term, and Members had agreed that electricity should be used for power supply to the hot shower facilities; and
- (iv) A Member asked if there would be any other extra costs arising from the works for the installation of hot shower facilities at Tuen Mun Golden Beach after Option 1 was approved.

77. Mr Silver LAM of the consultant responded that the hot shower facilities would be available in the 18 shower rooms mentioned in Option 1 and the 13 shower rooms mentioned in Option 2, and the hot shower facilities would also be provided in a total of 11 shower rooms in the female changing room. Besides, gas rather than electricity was used as the fuel for the hot shower facilities.

78. Mr Francis WONG of the LCSD responded that the usage rate of the 18 shower rooms would reach its maximum during the summer peak season, so Option 1 was more convenient from the public's perspective. No other extra costs would arise from the works concerned after the option was approved.

79. After discussion and voting, a total of 13 Members supported Option 1. The Chairman announced that the DFMC agreed to take Option 1 proposed by the LCSD.

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

(DFMC Paper No. 18/2018)

80. Members noted the captioned paper.

VII. Any Other Business

81. There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 11:52 a.m. The next meeting would be held at 9:30 a.m. on 10 April 2018 (Tuesday).

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