

**Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of
the District Facilities Management Committee (2016-2017) of
the Tuen Mun District Council**

Date: 12 April 2016 (Tuesday)

Time: 9:33 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 TSUI Fan, MH (Vice Chairman)	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr LEUNG Kin-man, BBS, MH, JP	TMDC Chairman	9:32 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr LEE Hung-sham, Lothar, MH	TMDC Vice Chairman	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr SO Shiu-shing	TMDC Member	9:36 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr KWU Hon-keung	TMDC Member	9:36 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHU Yiu-wah	TMDC Member	9:36 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms KONG Fung-yi	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHAN Yau-hoi, MH, JP	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms WONG Lai-sheung, Catherine	TMDC Member	9:32 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms HO Hang-mui	TMDC Member	9:37 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
Ms LUNG Shui-hing	TMDC Member	9:34 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHAN Man-wah, MH	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHAN Manwell, Leo	TMDC Member	9:37 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr HO Kwan-yiu	TMDC Member	9:46 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
Mr KAM Man-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
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
Mr CHEUNG Hang-fai	TMDC Member
Ms SO Ka-man	TMDC Member
Mr MO Shing-fung	TMDC Member

In Invitation

Mr Ken Tong	Senior Project Manager, Spence Robinson Ltd.
Mr Henry Poon	Project Designer, Leigh & Orange 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-ye, 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 LEUNG Kam-wai	Senior Inspector of Works, Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department
Ms LEE Lap Chi, Angela	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, TONG Tung Kit, Terry	Senior Librarian (Tuen Mun), 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 LI Tak-wan	Police Community Relations Officer (Tuen Mun District), Hong Kong Police Force

I. Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all to the 3rd meeting of the District Facilities Management Committee (“DFMC”) and welcomed representatives of government departments to be in attendance. Ms WONG Ying, Architect of the Home Affairs Department (“HAD”) and Mr. CHOW Chi-keung, Community Liaison Officer of the Hong Kong Police Force had left office respectively. On behalf of the DFMC, the Chairman thanked Ms. WONG and Mr. CHOW for the contribution they made to the DFMC in the past and welcomed Ms LEE Lap-chi, Angela and Mr LEE Tak-wan, who took over them.

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 the 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 applications by Members for leave of absence.

III. Confirmation of Minutes of the 2nd Meeting Held on 16 February 2016

4. The minutes of the above meeting were confirmed.

IV. Discussion Items

(A) Minor Maintenance and Improvement Works to District Facilities under the Management of Tuen Mun District Office
(DFMC Paper No. 17/2016)

5. Mr. LEUNG Kam-wai of the Tuen Mun District Office (“TMDO”) said that the Works Section of the TMDO was responsible for the maintenance and repair of the engineering works in the district like notice boards, canopies and the shelters on pedestrian walkway. The funding in this application would be used for the everyday cleaning, emergency maintenance, painting refurbishment and minor improvement works for this year with the amount for each item not being over \$200,000.

6. As there were no objections from Members, the Chairman announced that this

project amounting to some \$800,000 was endorsed.

(B) Improvement Works to the Air-conditioning Facilities at Ground Floor and Podium Floor of Tuen Mun Public Library

(DFMC Paper No. 18/2016)

7. Mr. TONG Tung-kit of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) said that the air-conditioning system at the ground floor and podium level of the Tuen Mun Public Library had been in use for more than ten years. Some time ago, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department had conducted a thorough inspection of the system and considered that the system should be replaced as soon as possible.

8. As there were no objections from Members, the Chairman announced that this project amounting to some \$1,350,000 was endorsed.

(C) Request for Provision of Benches and Railings at Tuen Mun Path above Fu Tei Barbecue Area, Tuen Mun

(DFMC Paper No. 19/2016)

9. The proposer of the paper said hikers hoped that there would be benches, railings and canopies on either side of the works which had just been completed in Tuen Mun Path so citizens could take a rest.

10. A Member enquired whether the above works in Tuen Mun Path was rural works.

11. Mr. LO Chun-hang, Simpson, Assistant District Officer (Tuen Mun) 1 replied that there was local minor works completed last year at the location stated in the paper. As recommended by Members, the weathered road surface was re-laid with natural stone at the time. The current proposal involved the provision of other facilities beyond the road surface.

12. The proposer of the paper added that hikers suggested to her in the course of construction last year that additional facilities should be built but the amount of funding at the time could not cover the works.

13. As there were no objections from Members, the Chairman asked the proposer of the paper to submit a Minor Works Proposal to the Secretariat for follow-up action.

(D) Provision of Sitting-out Facilities at King Sau Lane

(DFMC Paper No. 20/2016)

14. The proposer of the paper suggested provision of sitting-out facilities at the location concerned as the land had been vacant for a long time and there were not enough recreational facilities nearby for local residents in that area.

15. Members offered their views and made enquiries, which were summarised as follows:

- (i) It was suggested building a basketball court at the location many years ago but it was opposed by the proposer. It was strange that the proposer suggested provision of sitting-out facilities at that location now;
- (ii) This small area of land was situated between Noble Place and Grandeur Garden and not the above-mentioned location of the basketball court. She said that there would be some noise if a basketball court was built. On the contrary, sitting-out facilities could not only improve the environment, but there would not be any noise causing nuisances to the residents;
- (iii) It was believed nobody would object to the provision of sitting-out facilities but attention should be paid to the utilisation rate to avoid a waste of resources. As Members had different understanding on the actual location, it was recommended that the proposer of the paper should provide maps to Members as a reference or conduct a site visit to have an understanding on the pedestrian flow at the location; and
- (iv) It was recommended that the department should conduct a site visit with the proposer of the paper and make an analysis to see whether the provision of sitting-out facilities at the location was suitable.

16. The Chairman concluded by saying that the proposer of the paper should submit a Minor Works Proposal and a sketch plan to ascertain the location where the sitting-out facilities would be built for follow-up action.

V. Reporting Items

(A) Report of the Working Group on Community Involvement

(DFMC Paper No. 21/2016)

17. The convenor of the working group said they had endorsed the application for funding around \$300,000 for the Pilot Scheme of Extension of Opening Hours of Community Centres and Community Halls in paragraph 5 of the report.

18. As there were no objections from Members, the Chairman announced that the DFMC supported the application for funding. The application would be submitted to the meeting of the Finance, Administration and Publicity Committee (“FAPC”) held on 22 April 2016 and the meeting of the TMDC held on 3 May 2016 for consideration and endorsement.

19. The working group’s report was endorsed.

(B) Report of the Working Group on Facilities and Works
(DFMC Paper No. 22/2016)

20. The working group’s report was endorsed.

(C) Report on LCSD’s Cultural Activities in Tuen Mun District and Usage of Tuen Mun Town Hall
(DFMC Paper No. 23/2016)

21. A Member suggested LCSD should introduce some professional and high-class performances to Tuen Mun District like overseas ballet troupe.

22. Mr MA Kam-wing of the LCSD replied that the department would make endeavours and report to the DFMC timely.

23. A Member enquired whether the report released by the Ombudsman on the use of community halls with priority by non-government organisations was related to Tuen Mun district, and whether the TMDO had taken follow-up action for this.

24. Mr LO Chun-hang, Simpson, Assistant District Officer (Tuen Mun) 1 replied that the report had mentioned the arrangements in which some agent-managed organisations in some districts were allowed to use time slots in community halls with priority. Currently, there were three community halls in Tuen Mun district which had arrangements for agents but the use of community halls with priority belonged to another scheme. The two specific organisations involved in the latter were Tuen Mun Arts Promotion Association and Tuen Mun Sports Association. They had to fulfil the aim to promote and train the arts and sports elites in the district before using the community halls with priority. If their applications failed to meet the requirements concerned, the TMDO would reject them. He added that he had sought an understanding from the HAD and learned that the district mentioned in the report was not Tuen Mun district.

25. The Chairman reminded Members that questions raised had to be related to the issue.

(D) **Work Report on Management of Recreation, Sports and Passive Facilities in Tuen Mun District by Leisure and Cultural Services Department**
(DFMC Paper No. 24/2016)

26. Members noted all the contents of the paper.

(E) **Report on Usage and Extension Activities of LCSD's Public Libraries in Tuen Mun District**
(DFMC Paper No. 25/2016)

27. Members noted all the contents of the paper.

VI. Any Other Business

(A) **Sport for All Day**

28. The Chairman said the LCSD had invited the TMDC to support the Sport for All Day and assist with the local promotion and publicity of the activity.

29. Members agreed to accept the above invitation. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to reply to the LCSD for follow-up action on the matter.

Secretariat

(B) **Provision of Theme Riverside Open Space in Area 44, Tuen Mun**

30. A Member enquired about the progress on the above project. Ms LAM Pui-sze of the LCSD said the department had consulted the departments concerned after the last DFMC meeting and their replies were included in the progress report. Moreover, the department would consult the DFMC about the proposed facilities of the proposed project in the third season of 2016.

31. There being no other business, the Chairman announced that the meeting closed at 9:58 am. The next meeting would be held at 9:30 am on Tuesday, 7 June 2016.

Tuen Mun District Council Secretariat

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