

**Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of**  
**the District Facilities Management Committee (2016-2017) of**  
**the Tuen Mun District Council**

Date: 7 June 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 (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, MH	TMDC Vice-chairman	9:33 a.m.	11:20 a.m.
Mr SO Shiu-shing	TMDC Member	10:15 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr KWU Hon-keung	TMDC Member	9:49 a.m.	11:58 a.m.
Mr CHU Yiu-wah	TMDC Member	9:42 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	9:35 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms WONG Lai-sheung, Catherine	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms HO Hang-mui	TMDC Member	9:41 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr LAM Chung-hoi	TMDC Member	10:01 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms CHING Chi-hung	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms LUNG Shui-hing	TMDC Member	9:30 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	9:45 a.m.	11:22 a.m.
Mr CHEUNG Hang-fai	TMDC Member	9:39 a.m.	11:28 a.m.
Mr HO Kwan-yiu	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms CHU Shun-nga, Beatrice	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr TSANG Hin-hong	TMDC Member	9:31 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms SO Ka-man	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr KAM Man-fung	TMDC Member	9:41 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr MO Shing-fung	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr YIP Man-pan	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr YEUNG Chi-hang	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr YAN Siu-nam	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr TAM Chun-yin	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms SHU Pui-ki, Becky (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council)3, Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department		

By Invitation

Ms NGAI Suk-fong	Senior Landscape Architect/3 (Acting), Architectural Services Department
Mr CHUNG Pui-shun	Landscape Architect/4, Architectural Services Department
Ms TAM Im-fei	Landscape Architect/7, Architectural Services Department
Ms Kathy WONG	Executive Director, Playright Children's Play Association
Mr Chris YUEN	Play Environment Consultant, Playright Children's Play Association
Ms Florence CHIU	Project Officer (Playground Safety), Playright Children's Play Association
Ms NG Wan-ki, Maye	Engineer, Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr SO Kai-cheong, Louis	Resident Engineer, Mannings (Asia) Consultants Limited
Ms OR Chui-ham, Phoenix	Public Relations Officer, Mannings (Asia) Consultants Limited
Ms Gloria SO	Spence Robinson Limited
Ms Fanny SZE	Spence Robinson Limited
Mr Ken LEE	Spence Robinson Limited
Mr Arthur CHENG	Senior Architect, Leigh & Orange Limited
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) <sup>1</sup> , Home Affairs Department
Ms KOO Kit-ye, Angie	Senior Liaison Officer (1), Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department
Mr CHEUNG Chi-keung, Endy	Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department
Ms SIU Wai-mei, Minnie	Liaison Officer i/c (District Facilities), Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department
Mr LEUNG Kam-wai	Senior Inspector of Works, Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department
Mr LEE Wang-yui, Eddie	Architect (Works) <sup>7</sup> , Home Affairs Department
Mr WONG Ying-ming	District Leisure Manager (Tuen Mun), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LEE Lai-fan, Jenny	Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Tuen

Mr MA Kam-wing, Anthony	Mun, Leisure and Cultural Services Department 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 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

Absent with Apologies

Mr LAU Ip-keung, Kenneth, MH, JP	TMDC Member
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**I. Opening Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed Members to the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the District Facilities Management Committee (“DFMC”). He also extended welcome to the representatives of government departments in attendance at the meeting. And on behalf of the DFMC, the Chairman welcomed Ms Gladys LAW, Senior Executive Officer of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”), and Mr Eddie LEE, Architect of the Home Affairs Department, who attended a DFMC meeting for the first time.

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

**II. Absence from Meeting**

3. The Secretariat had received no applications from Members for leave of absence.

**III. Confirmation of Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting Held on 12 April 2016**

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

**IV. Discussion Items**

**(A) Improvement Works to Beaches in Tuen Mun**

(DFMC Paper No. 26/2016)

5. A Member enquired whether the department could provide design drawings or photos of the electronic time display panel (“display panel”) to facilitate a better understanding of how this type of display panel was different from the clock in Golden Beach in terms of functionality and cost. She indicated that according to her understanding, both Tuen Mun Swimming Pool and Tuen Mun North West Swimming Pool were fitted with the above type of display panel, but there were some rough edges in the information displayed.

6. Mr WONG Ying-ming of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) responded that the project cost stated in the paper would be borne by the

Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (“EMSD”). He further said the display panel was equipped with the Global Positioning System (“GPS”) and the synchronisation function, which ensured not only high accuracy but consistency between the time displayed on two clocks. After the meeting, the LCSD would request the EMSD to provide specifications and design drawings of the display panel for Members’ reference.

7. Member made comments and enquiries in the first round of discussion on the display panel, which are summarised as follows:

- (i) A Member opined that as swimmers might wear waterproof watches, it was a waste of resources spending \$220,000 on installing display panels, which was also of less practical value than providing hot shower facilities;
- (ii) A Member remarked that though welcomed by swimmers, it was costly to install clocks. The Member was unclear about how the display panel was different from an ordinary clock;
- (iii) A Member indicated that such display panels had been installed in Tuen Mun Swimming Pool and Tuen Mun North West Swimming Pool in the previous term of the DFMC. The Member wondered if the EMSD could further adjust the cost; and
- (iv) A Member said the cost was too high and thus did not support the installation.

8. Mr WONG Ying-ming of the LCSD responded that the cost of the display panel was higher than that of a clock for indoor use because it was equipped with the GPS and water-resistant capabilities and the installation thereof entailed outdoor works and laying of cables. He indicated that such display panels were installed in other districts, liked and well-received by the general public. Earlier on, Members had relayed the public’s opinion to the LCSD, suggesting installation of such timepieces at beaches. In light of this, the LCSD decided to apply for funding for installation of the display panels. Despite this, the LCSD kept an open mind on the above project. If Members agreed with the project, the LCSD would request the EMSD to provide more details, including specifications on the appearance, design, functions and other fronts of the display panel, for Members’ reference.

9. Members made comments and enquiries in the second round of discussion, which are summarised as follows:

- (i) A Member raised no objection to the project but hoped the LCSD would

- provide more details and enhance its transparency;
- (ii) A Member suggested that the LCSD provide storage cages first and the discussion on the display panel be subject to the availability of further details;
  - (iii) A Member raised no objection to the project but considered the cost quite high;
  - (iv) A Member attributed the high cost to the laying of cables;
  - (v) An enquiry was made as to whether the members of the public who supported the project knew that the installation of the two display panels would cost \$220,000;
  - (vi) A Member who supported the installation of display panels said it was not necessarily true that everyone had a waterproof watch; and
  - (vii) An enquiry was made as to whether the display panel could provide other information, such as the weather and temperature.

10. A Member would like to speak for the third time. The Chairman responded that Members' speaking should be in compliance with the Standing Orders and the proceeding of the meeting would be affected if he made an exception by allowing each Member another minute for speaking.

11. A Member asked the Secretary whether Members were allowed to speak for three times and about the relevant details in the Standing Orders.

12. The Secretary explained that according to Order 28 of the Standing Orders, unless otherwise arranged by the Chairman, each Member of the TMDC and its committees might speak for two times at most during the discussion or debate on an item at a meeting (except a meeting of a working group). A Member was allowed three minutes to speak for the first time and, if time permitted, would be allowed an additional one minute to speak for the second time. But in case of a submission of paper, the Chairman might allow the Member of the TMDC or its committees who submitted the paper to give a three-minute introduction to the paper, following which an additional three-minute speaking time would be allowed.

13. A Member suggested allocating the speaking time of Paper No. 32 for the discussion of this agenda item.

14. The Chairman turned down the above suggestion, saying that discussion should be conducted in accordance with the procedure for meetings.

15. A Member enquired whether the proposals in the paper could be split up. Moreover, the Member suggested that the “provision of self-service storage cages” be endorsed first and the discussion on the display panel be subject to further information provided by the LCSD.

16. Mr WONG Ying-ming of the LCSD suggested this proposed project be endorsed first as Members in general supported the installation of display panels. He said that after the meeting, the LCSD would discuss the cost with the EMSD and request it to provide more details for reporting to Members at the next meeting.

17. Still sceptical about the rather high cost, a Member refused to support the installation of display panels and reckoned the proposal should not be endorsed.

18. The Chairman concluded by saying that the project proposed above was endorsed. He would like the LCSD to provide additional information at the next meeting, and announced that the project costing about \$620,000 was endorsed. LCSD

**(B) Naming Proposal for District Minor Works Facilities - Nursery on Government Land Adjacent to Fu Tei Fire Station**

(DFMC Paper No. 27/2016)

19. As Members raised no objection, the Chairman announced that the proposal to name the government land adjacent to Fu Tei Fire Station as “Tuen Fu Road Community Garden” was endorsed.

**(C) Improvement Plan for Facilities in Children’s Play Area of Tuen Mun Park**

(DFMC Paper No. 28/2016)

20. Mr WONG Ying-ming of the LCSD indicated that the above plan was a pilot initiative rolled out by the LCSD to improve children’s play equipment, and if the improvement plan in Tuen Mun was well-received by residents, the department would consider extending it to other districts.

21. Mr CHUNG Pui-shun of the Architectural Services Department (“ArchSD”) briefed Members on the above plan, saying that with the support of the LCSD and the ArchSD, the Playright Children’s Play Association (“the Association”), the Hong Kong Committee for UNICEF and the Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects had jointly organised the Inclusive Play Space Design Ideas Competition from

February to October 2015, inviting participants to submit design blueprints for the children's play area in Tuen Mun Park. At the TMDC meeting held on 4 November 2014, Members had been consulted on the plan and the TMDC had agreed to act as a supporting organisation of the competition. After the competition, the ArchSD adopted the design concepts of the winners and applied them to the overall design in the plan, with a view to optimising and improving facilities in the park.

22. Mr CHUNG Pui-shun of the ArchSD indicated that the works covered a children's play area of some 4 300 square metres at the southwestern corner of Tuen Mun Park. With the theme of "Climbing Fun", the southern playground was designed based on the winning entry in the student category and comprised of the following four zones:

- (i) Spinning Zone: a merry-go-round for wheelchair users would be provided;
- (ii) Egg Hunter: a sand pit would be provided for persons with disability to play together;
- (iii) Reptile Fun: a slide and a contour rope course and climbing frame would be provided; and
- (iv) Sensory Zone: a textured wall decorated with materials of different textures would be provided to stimulate children's sense of touch.

Moreover, with the theme of "Message of Lotus", the northern playground was designed based on the winning entry in the professional category and comprised of the following three zones:

- (i) Contour Play Zone: fluctuating patterns of water would be displayed by making use of the up-and-down topography;
- (ii) Musical Zone: percussion tubes and a trampoline for wheelchair users would be provided; and
- (iii) Flower Dew Plaza: a small water play zone would be provided.

Pavilions and seats would be provided in the playgrounds for sun shading and for the convenience of parents looking after their kids. As more play equipment would be provided, some 40 trees would have to be removed to facilitate the works, but among them there were neither rare tree species nor trees on the list of old trees. The department would replant trees in Tuen Mun and neighbouring places.

23. Mr CHUNG Pui-shun of the ArchSD further said the department suggested the works for both the southern and northern playgrounds be carried out concurrently

and the whole play area be closed during the works period to save construction time and minimise the works' nuisance to users of the park. The department expected that the works could be commenced in July 2016 and completed in the third quarter of 2017. The ArchSD suggested two options on the routes for works vehicles' access to and from the works site, which included (i) the riverside cycle track from the West Rail station and (ii) the cycle track from Yau Oi Estate. If option (i) was adopted, there would be no need for the department to lodge applications with the relevant departments because the entrance would be located at an emergency access. But as the works site was next to the Tuen Mun River footbridge to be completed in late 2016, this option would affect the users of the Tuen Mun Park cycle track and the footbridge. If option (ii) was adopted, some road signs in Yau Oi Estate would have to be removed to facilitate vehicles' access and the department would have to make temporary traffic arrangements. Therefore, this option might not fit in with the construction time and would have impacts on roads in Yau Oi Estate. Despite this, the department would wherever possible adopt option (ii) to minimise the impact on the users of the Tuen Mun Park cycle track and the to-be-opened Tuen Mun River footbridge.

24. Ms Kathy WONG of the Association said that as the children's play area would be temporarily closed during the works period, the Association would actively seek funds or district resources to provide replacement game opportunities for children in Tuen Mun. The Association would cooperate with Link in running the Mobile Playborhood Project on the podium of the H.A.N.D.S shopping centre in On Ting Estate at 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. every Saturday from July to October 2016. It also planned to hold games at public space in children's play areas near Tuen Mun Park every Saturday from November 2016 to March 2017 to provide children with quality games and opportunities for participation. The Association had lodged an application with the Hongkong Bank Foundation to secure support for the initiatives concerned.

25. Ms Kathy WONG of the Association went on to say that it planned to run the "Playground Ambassador Training Programme" to recruit children aged 8 to 15 in Tuen Mun. The Association would provide playground ambassadors with knowledge about the concept of inclusive play, playground design and safety, etc. and arrange for them to meet with architects to understand the relevant design concepts, so that they could help promote the inclusive playgrounds in Tuen Mun Park from January to June 2017. The Association had lodged an application with the Chen Yet-Sen Family Foundation to seek support for the programme.

26. Members made comments and enquiries in the first round of discussion, which are summarised as follows:

- (i) A Member supported the above plan, believing that it could provide diversified facilities for children. Besides, the Member suggested referring to the repair and maintenance experience of other works to ensure prompt repairs and re-opening of damaged facilities;
- (ii) A Member had safety concerns about works vehicles' movement, opining that the department should put residents' safety first, keep residents informed about any changes such as road sign removal as early as possible, and communicate more with TMDC Members when the works started;
- (iii) A Member reminded the department that works vehicles could enter Yau Oi Estate via Tuen Mun Heung Sze Wui Road only. The Member worried that the movement of numerous works vehicles would give rise to more problems and cause nuisance to residents, because cars were often illegally parked at the turnaround there;
- (iv) A Member enquired how the LCSD would tackle the noise created by people who often gathered and sang in Tuen Mun Park;
- (v) A Member said the department must be mindful of residents' safety and should minimise the use of large vehicles, because a relatively high number of residents used the emergency access next to the West Rail station and many people waited for buses at the bus stop there. Besides, as the works for the Tuen Mun River footbridge were nearing completion, departments should also pay attention to safety issues after the opening of the footbridge;
- (vi) A Member supported the above plan, believing that it could upgrade Tuen Mun Park. Noting that the children's play area was next to a self-entertainment zone, the Member enquired how the LCSD would tackle noise problems;
- (vii) A Member asked whether additional toilets would be provided in Tuen Mun Park;
- (viii) A Member opined that diversified and novel play equipment might not necessarily be suitable for every child and parent, and asked whether the Association could extend the playground ambassador programme until one year after the completion of the works;
- (ix) A Member opined that the removal of 40 trees would render the park bare, and asked whether the department would consider providing

lightning protection facilities and rain shelters;

- (x) A Member supported the improvement works and reckoned that the LCSD should not tackle noise problems in Tuen Mun Park in a piecemeal manner. Moreover, she asked the department to bear in mind students' safety at all times, because dump trucks would certainly pass Ho Yat Tung Primary School when they travelled to Tuen Mun Park via Yau Oi Estate;
- (xi) Member worried that the activities to be held by Link and the Association on the podium of the shopping centre would cause noise problems;
- (xii) A Member supported the above plan, saying that the relevant departments might work in coordination with the Housing Department ("HA") on matters concerning roads in Yau Oi Estate; and
- (xiii) A Member enquired how the departments would separate the children's play area and the self-entertainment zone.

27. Mr CHUNG Pui-shun of the ArchSD responded that given the nature of the works, large vehicles would not travel to and from the works site frequently, adding that appropriate traffic arrangements, such as requesting the contractor to assign staff to maintain order and implement temporary road closures, would be made for any entry or exit of works vehicles. He also indicated that if necessary, the ArchSD would seek cooperation with the HA and other relevant departments. Mr CHUNG Pui-shun further said there were four rain shelters and seats in the proposed design drawings for the southern and northern playgrounds, the same quantity as the existing ones. In addition, toilets for males, females and persons with disability were already available beside the badminton court in the northern playground for public use.

28. Ms Kathy WONG of the Association responded that the Association would provide information on its cooperation with Link for Members' reference later. For the suggestion about extending the playground ambassador programme, she indicated that as the Association was a voluntary agency, all its activities could be carried out only with funding support. The Association would study whether there were district resources and funding support for extension of the programme.

29. Members made comments and enquiries in the second round of discussion, which are summarised as follows:

- (i) A Member said that even if signs were put up in the children's play area to remind them to be careful while playing with sand and water,

- children might not notice them;
- (ii) A Member asked where the Association would provide replacement games for children during works period;
  - (iii) A Member suggested the ArchSD communicate more with TMDC Members during the works period;
  - (iv) A Member believed that children would find it difficult to use toilets for adults and hygiene problems would arise if no toilets were provided beside the children's play area;
  - (v) A Member opined that activities were held by the Association in the name of the TMDC, and management problems would arise if activities were organised at LCSD venues in the future; and
  - (vi) A Member said Members could rest assured that LCSD venues must be managed by the LCSD.

30. Mr CHUNG Pui-shun of the ArchSD responded that the department would put up signs with images and words in suitable font size near the sand pit and the water play zone to remind users to use the facilities properly and be careful. Moreover, the ArchSD was actively studying the feasibility of providing changing rooms. He indicated that works vehicles would enter the works site not only from Yau Oi Estate, and the TMDC Member of the constituency concerned would be contacted before the works started.

31. Mr WONG Ying-ming of the LCSD added that the ArchSD had not yet decided which place, the West Rail station or Yau Oi Estate, would be chosen for access to the works site. He believed the department would minimise the works' impacts on the public as far as possible. In response to a Member's comment that there should be separation between the self-entertainment zone and the children's play area, he said the LCSD had drawn the ArchSD's attention to the matter concerned, and the self-entertainment zone would be relocated in the future having regard to the progress of the works, so as to separate it from the children's play area. He further indicated that the department was aware of children's need for toilet facilities, but due to financial constraints, no solution had been worked out to address the need despite a number of deliberations with the ArchSD. According to the ArchSD's preliminary estimation, the construction might cost up to \$1.8 million, which exceeded the budget for the plan. As Tuen Mun Park was an LCSD-managed area, the department would exercise control according to the established procedures and rules if any organisation held an activity there; whereas activities jointly organised by Link and the Association did not come under the management of the LCSD.

32. The Chairman concluded by saying that while all Members were in support of the above plan, the works which would last for about one year would inevitably cause inconvenience to the nearby residents and the users of the park and the cycle track. He hoped Members could appeal to the public for their understanding. He would also like the ArchSD and the LCSD to further follow up on the works and make effective liaison, so as to ensure prompt completion of the works.

**(D) Universal Accessibility Programme**

**Enhancement of Site of Proposed Lift at Footbridge over Tuen Mun Road between Tsing Hang Path and San Wo Lane (Structure No.: NF174)**

(DFMC Paper No. 29/2016)

33. Ms Maye NG of the Civil Engineering and Development Department indicated that the lift retrofitting works to the above footbridge had been commenced in September 2015 and the subsurface exploration had also been carried out. As there were a large number of underground public utilities at the site for the proposed lift (Exit A), any full displacement of these public utilities would not only lead to a longer works period but cause nuisance to the public. The department proposed that Exit A, the site for the proposed lift, be moved slightly northwards to Tseng Choi Sitting Out Area, which would result in part of a planter area of some nine square metres being occupied permanently. Besides, the works for Exit B were smooth and expected to be completed in late 2017.

34. Members made comments and enquiries as follows:

- (i) While supporting the change of works site, a Member reminded the LCSD that when carrying out the acceptance inspection of the planter re-provisioning works at Tseng Choi Sitting Out Area, it should ensure that the neighbouring areas affected by the works had been restored to their original appearance;
- (ii) A Member supported the change of site, saying that the works could provide residents in Area 4B with convenient access to Tuen Mun Hospital;
- (iii) A Member reminded departments to pay attention and minimise the noise problems that the works could bring for the residential flats and shops; and
- (iv) A Member said the whole-glass design might cause inconvenience to ladies wearing dresses and suggested the department consider using opaque glass.

35. As Members raised no objection, the Chairman announced that the proposal to change the site of the lift was endorsed.

**(E) Installation of LED Television Systems in Five Community Halls/Centres in Tuen Mun**

(DFMC Paper No. 30/2016)

[The Vice-chairman took over the chairmanship of the meeting hereafter.]

36. Mr Endy CHEUNG of the Tuen Mun District Office (“TMDO”) said the TMDO proposed LED television systems be installed in the lobbies of three heavily-used community halls and two community halls not yet fit with outdoor LED screens on their external walls for broadcast of messages and information, such as Announcements in the Public Interest and government messages, notices of major events in the district, as well as snapshots of activities held by the Government and the TMDC. After that, the TMDO would evaluate the effectiveness of the project and consider installing similar systems in the remaining community halls.

37. Members made comments and enquiries as follows:

- (i) A Member raised no objection to the installation, but suggested site inspections be conducted beforehand to understand the exact locations for installation and thus ensure the best performance of the systems;
- (ii) A Member asked whether the Announcements in the Public Interest broadcast by the new systems would overlap with the information broadcast by the existing outdoor LED screens. Besides, the Member agreed that site inspections should be conducted;
- (iii) A Member said it was doubtful that the public would stop and watch the broadcast and suggested broadcasting popular programmes such as football matches;
- (iv) A Member opined that the new systems would only benefit people who used facilities in the community halls and suggested the TMDO install large outdoor screens similar to the one on the external wall of Tuen Mun Government Offices;
- (v) A Member suggested seats be provided in the halls so that residents could cozily view the information broadcast by the systems;
- (vi) A Member considered the project cost reasonable;
- (vii) A Member remarked that the brightness of the existing outdoor LED screen at the community hall in Leung King was too strong and dazzling

for viewers, and

- (viii) A Member suggested the TMDO provide drawings of the installation locations for Members' reference.

38. Mr Endy CHEUNG of the TMDO added that currently, all community halls except Wu Shan Road Community Hall and Lung Yat Community Hall were fit with outdoor LED screens on their external walls for information broadcast. These screens had been installed many years before, and only the one installed outside Tuen Mun Government Offices were capable of video and image broadcast, whereas the others could merely display texts or simple graphics due to their low resolution. The proposed new systems could make up for the deficiencies of these screens. The TMDO had considered broadcasting weather, traffic and other information on the LED televisions, but broadcast of such information entailed internet connection and the design of specific computer programmes, which would result in a significant increase in cost. Therefore, the TMDO did not consider this arrangement for the time being. Separately, the TMDO would follow up on the problem concerning the brightness of the outdoor LED screen at the community hall in Leung King.

39. As Members raised no objection, the Vice-chairman announced that the project costing about \$350,000 was endorsed and asked the TMDO to email the location maps for installation of LED televisions to Members for reference. He also said Members might express their views on the installation locations to the TMDO direct.

TMDO

[Post-meeting note: Information on the installation locations for the above works was emailed to Members on 14 July 2016.]

**(F) Request for Provision of Study Rooms at Community Halls in the District**

(DFMC Paper No. 31/2016)

[The Chairman resumed chairmanship of the meeting.]

40. The Chairman said the Social Services Committee had discussed the above issue at its meeting on 10 May this year. Its Members had proposed opening conference rooms in the district's community halls to the public for use as study rooms during their unallocated sessions, and they had decided to refer the proposal to the DFMC for follow-ups.

41. Members made comments and suggestions, which are summarised as follows:

- (i) A Member agreed with and requested prompt implementation of the above suggestion;
- (ii) A Member suggested that the proposal, if endorsed by Members, be passed to the Working Group on Community Involvement for discussion on its details;
- (iii) Noting that there were scarcely any unallocated sessions in the heavily-used community hall in Leung King, a Member wondered how various interests could be catered for and balanced if its conference rooms were reserved for use as study rooms;
- (iv) A Member reckoned that the youth centres operating in some community halls should disclose to the public the availability of study room facilities in their premises;
- (v) A Member agreed with the above suggestion, reckoning that the working group might discuss and explore the possibility of implementing the proposal in each hall; and
- (vi) A Member explained that under this arrangement, conference rooms would be opened for use as study rooms during their unallocated sessions only, so organisations' hiring of community halls would not be prejudiced.

42. The Chairman concluded by saying that the DFMC had decided in February this year that all matters relating to community halls and centres be referred to the Working Group on Community Involvement for discussion and handling, so the above issue would be passed to the Working Group on Community Involvement for follow-ups.

**(G) Request for Provision of Self-service Storage Cages and Hot Shower Facilities at Butterfly Beach and Other Beaches in Tuen Mun**

(Written Response of LCSD)

(DFMC Paper No. 32/2016)

43. A proposer of the paper was glad about the LCSD's undertaking to provide self-service storage cages in five beaches in Tuen Mun in this year and the next. To his understanding, the department would provide hot shower facilities at beaches with winter lifeguard services, i.e. Tuen Mun Golden Beach. He enquired of the LCSD how long it would take to complete the feasibility study on the provision of hot shower facilities at all other beaches. Besides, he would like to know what criteria the department used in calculating the usage rates of beaches. He said he had visited Butterfly Beach for inspection and knew that there were some 150 people swimming

at the beach every morning, adding that residents had voiced to him their demand for hot shower facilities.

44. Mr WONG Ying-ming of the LCSD responded that Golden Beach was the only beach in Tuen Mun providing all-season and full lifeguard services, and its supporting facilities, beach facilities and services were among the primary considerations of the department. There were many difficulties in installing the cages at Golden Beach, such as the locations, supporting facilities and resources for the installation. He pointed out that the DFMC of the previous term had discussed the fuels for the water heating installation, such as green energy, electricity or coal gas. As the LCSD was stilling discussing this with the ArchSD and no concrete solution had been worked out at the moment, so focus was put on the provision of hot shower facilities at Golden Beach for the time being. The department was aware of the need of residents, but due to limited resources, it could consider providing this kind of facilities at other beaches at a later time only.

45. Members made comments and enquiries, which are summarised as follows:

- (i) A Member asked about the completion date of the works for providing hot shower facilities at Golden Beach, and indicated that the LCSD could provide such facilities at other beaches by learning from experience;
- (ii) A Member noted that there were many swimmers at Butterfly Beach in winter, and hoped the department could provide lifeguard services there;
- (iii) A Member said the LCSD's study had started in the previous term, and the representatives of the LCSD and the ArchSD had conducted site visits and sought Members' views at that time. The Member did not understand why there was still no study result available from the LCSD as yet;
- (iv) A Member reckoned that the Government might impose a charge on the public if it did not have enough funds for the daily operation of the shower facilities;
- (v) A Member indicated that users of Butterfly Beach were mostly grassroots members of the public, and the LCSD should not care only about the reputation of Golden Beach but pay no heed to the needs of users of other beaches;
- (vi) A Member said many retirees and elderly people liked winter swimming, and hoped the LCSD could provide full lifeguard services and hot shower facilities at Butterfly Beach;

- (vii) A Member hoped the LCSD could provide the facilities at all beaches in Tuen Mun in the long run, striving welfare for Tuen Mun residents;
- (viii) A Member said residents had complained that many fences had been put up at Cafeteria Beach. The Member opined that the LCSD had not consulted the DFMC when putting up the fences; and
- (ix) A Member said that currently there were no storage cages and hot shower facilities at beaches in any district in Hong Kong, so Tuen Mun would become the first district having these facilities if the LCSD implemented the proposal.

46. Mr WONG Ying-ming of the LCSD responded that it had urged the ArchSD to provide a progress report, adding that the LCSD would further follow the matter up and report on it to Members as soon as possible.

47. A Member reckoned that the LCSD's written response failed to meet the expectations of Members and suggested passing the above issue to the Working Group on Facilities and Works for follow-ups.

48. The Chairman concluded by saying that the above issue was passed to the Working Group on Facilities and Works for follow-ups.

**(H) Request for Provision of Pet Garden and Related Facilities at Butterfly Bay**

(DFMC Paper No. 33/2016)

49. The proposer of the paper said that while many residents kept pets today, there was no suitable dog walking venue near Tuen Mun Ferry Pier. He said some residents had told him that they had been summoned directly by the LCSD as they put their pets on the ground when strolling along Tuen Mun Promenade. He suggested the Government make good use of land resources by beautifying Mei Lok Lane into a green environment that provided ample spaces for pets' activity. He added that the works would not be very costly as they just involved formation of lawns, provision of dog latrines, installation of water pipes and so forth.

50. Ms Gladys LAW of the LCSD responded that Tuen Mun Promenade had been gazetted as a "public pleasure ground" and its use was governed by the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance, which provided that no person should arrange for or allow any dog or other pets to enter or remain in any pleasure ground. Therefore, the department could hardly provide pet latrines in Tuen Mun Promenade. As for

the matter about the provision of such facilities in the green area of Mei Lok Lane, the department suggested keeping an open mind and it would be glad to have a site visit with the proposer of the paper.

51. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to arrange a site visit for the proposer of the paper and the LCSD. Secretariat

[Post-meeting note: The Secretariat arranged a visit to the place for the proposer of the paper and the LCSD on 12 July 2016. The proposer of the paper agreed that pet latrines should be provided in the place and the proposal concerned was referred to the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department.]

**V. Reporting Items**

**(A) Report of Working Group on Community Involvement**

(DFMC Paper No. 34/2016)

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

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

(DFMC Paper No. 35/2016)

53. The Chairman, who was concurrently the Convenor of the working group, indicated that the working group had, by circulation of papers, decided to adopt the three-sea gull design for the works of “Beautification of TMDC Logos on Tuen Mun Road”.

54. The Chairman said he had joined other members of the working group and the relevant departments for on-site inspections of several works that were under preparation and the phase two of the walkway cover works. He made a report to Members as follows:

- (i) Developing a relatively large site between Tuen Mun Road and Fuk Hang Tsuen into a leisure area
  - After an on-site inspection with the LCSD, the project proponent agreed with developing the site into a sitting-out area and passing the project to a consultant firm for study;
- (ii) Provision of children’s play equipment beneath the elevated Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Corridor
  - After an on-site inspection by the project proponent, the TMDO and the LCSD, it was agreed that passive play equipment for children could be provided in that place;

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- (iii) Developing the roadside of Lok Yi Street in Castle Peak Road - Siu Lam into an open space
  - The LCSD would take into account the surroundings including the existing refuse depot and dog latrine, and study the works with the consultant firm;
- (iv) Phase Two of Walkway Cover Works (between Hing Tak School and bus stop)
  - As the cover might cause an obstruction for the school, hillside graves and the nearby housing estates, the working group would consult the relevant stakeholders in due course;
- (v) Phase Two of Walkway Cover Works (Tai Sang House, Kin Sang Estate)
  - There were three trees on the pavement between the bridge and the bus stop. The project proponent indicated that the cover could be extended from the bridge to the bus stop if the trees could be removed, or alternatively, the cover could be provided from the pavement to the bus stop. The TMDO would study the feasibility;
- (vi) Phase Two of Walkway Cover Works (bus stop on Ming Kum Road)
  - The working group would write to the bus company in due course requesting it to widen the cover at the bus stop. It would refer the proposal to the Traffic and Transport Committee for follow-ups;
- (vii) Phase Two of Walkway Cover Works (walkway off Yuet Wu Villa)
  - Further study on feasibility was needed as there were several streetlights along the pavement outside Lau Tak Yung Primary School;
- (viii) Phase Two of Walkway Cover Works (between Town Centre Light Rail Stop and lift at footbridge leading to The Trend Plaza)
  - Given a high passenger flow, it was recommended that a featured cover be provided; and
- (ix) Phase Two of Walkway Cover Works (Tuen Hing Road bridge between Parklane Square and New Town Mansion)
  - The Highways Department did not recommend providing covers at the above location, so feasible alternatives had to be explored.

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

**(C) Report of Working Group on Tuen Mun Large Scale Festive Displays and Lighting Decorations**

(DFMC Paper No. 36/2016)

56. The Chairman, who was concurrently the Convenor of the working group, reported that the working group had approved the application for funding of some \$1 million in respect of the works for large scale festive displays and lighting decorations for this year.

57. As Members raised no objection, the Chairman announced that the funding application was endorsed by the DFMC. The application would be brought up at the meeting of the Finance, Administration and Publicity Committee on 17 June 2016 and the TMDC meeting on 5 July 2016 for consideration and approval.

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

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

(DFMC Paper No. 37/2016)

59. Members noted the above paper.

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

(DFMC Paper No. 38/2016)

60. Members noted the above paper.

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

(DFMC Paper No. 39/2016)

61. Members noted the above paper.

**VI. Any Other Business**

**(A) Tree Planting in Works for Provision of Noise Barriers along Tuen Mun Road (Town Centre Section)**

62. The Chairman said that the Traffic and Transport Committee ("TTC") of the TMDC had discussed the above issue at its meeting on 13 May 2016. TTC Members had offered different views on tree compensation and the TTC had decided to pass the issue to the Working Group on Tuen Mun Greening under the DFMC for discussion and follow-ups.

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63. Members agreed with the above arrangement and the Chairman asked the Working Group on Tuen Mun Greening to follow up on this issue.

64. There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 12:10 p.m. The next meeting would be held at 9:30 a.m. on 2 August 2016 (Tuesday).

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