

Minutes of the 5th Meeting of
the District Facilities Management Committee (2016-2017) of
the Tuen Mun District Council

Date: 9 August 2016 (Tuesday)

Time: 9:32 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	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr LEE Hung-sham, Lothar, MH	TMDC Vice Chairman	9:37 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr SO Shiu-shing	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr KWU Hon-keung	TMDC Member	9:40 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHU Yiu-wah	TMDC Member	9:33 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
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
Ms WONG Lai-sheung, Catherine	TMDC Member	9:58 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms HO Hang-mui	TMDC Member	9:35 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 CHAN Manwell, Leo	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHEUNG Hang-fai	TMDC Member	9:34 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr HO Kwan-yiu, JP	TMDC Member	11:36 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms CHU Shun-nga, Beatrice	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	9:33 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
Miss NGAI Tsz-yan, Tina (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council) ² , Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department		

Absent with Apologies:

Mr CHAN Yau-hoi, BBS, MH, JP
Mr LAM Chung-hoi
Mr LAU Ip-keung, Kenneth, MH, JP
Mr TSANG Hin-hong
Mr MO Shing-fung

In Invitation:

Mr Wong Shiu-fu, Andy	Senior Manager (Planning & Development), Hong Kong Housing Society
Mr Wong Chi-ming	Senior Manager (Project Management), Hong Kong Housing Society
Dr H T Cheng	Divisional Director - Hong Kong of Mott MacDonald
Mr. CHAN Hon-cheung, John	Senior Landscape Architect/VM(U&Is), Highways Department
Mr. MUI Tung-king, Tony	Senior Landscape Architect /VM(NT), Highways Department
Mr. WONG Cheuk-him, Jason	Landscape Architect/ VM(SD), Highways Department
Ms Gloria SO	Architect, Spence Robinson Ltd.

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
Mr CHEUNG Chi-keung, Endy	Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department
Ms SIU Wai-mei, Minnie	Liaison Officer i/c (District Facilities), Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department
Mr LEUNG Kam-wai	Senior Inspector of Works, Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department
Mr LEE Wang-yui, Eddie	Architect (Works)7, Home Affairs Department
Mr WONG Shu-yan, Francis	Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories North), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr WONG Ying-ming	District Leisure Manager (Tuen Mun), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LEE Lai-fan, Jenny	Deputy District Leisure Manager (Tuen Mun), Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Mr MA Kam-wing, Anthony	Senior Manager (New Territories West) Promotion, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr CHAN Tak-cheung, Eric	Senior Librarian (Tuen Mun) (atg), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LAW Lai-chun, Gladys	Senior Executive Officer(Panning)2, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr CHOU Chi-ming	Senior Land Ex/Disposal & Lease Enforcement (District Lands Office, Tuen Mun), Lands Department
Mr CHOW Wai-yip	Police Community Relations Officer (Tuen Mun District), Hong Kong Police Force

I. Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all to the 5th meeting of the District Facilities Management Committee (“DFMC”) and welcomed representatives of government departments to be in attendance.

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 4th Meeting Held on 7 June 2016

4. The minutes of the above meeting were confirmed.

IV. Discussion Items

**(A) Tuen Mun River Beautification Scheme
(DFMC Paper No. 40/2016)**

5. Mr WONG Siu-fu of the Hong Kong Housing Society (“HKHS”) briefed on the progress of the footbridge project across the Tuen Mun River with a slideshow. He said the overall structure of the footbridge had been completed in June with redecoration work in progress, including the provision of cladding on the cover tile, painting, installation of electric lamps and planting of flowers, etc. Besides, it was expected that road rehabilitation and removal of temporary rubble platform would be completed in the last ten days of October. The HKHS would discuss with the departments concerned in mid-August for handover arrangements. The completion ceremony would be held on 14 September and Members would be given letters of invitation later.

6. The Chairman said opening ceremony should be held upon the completion of all the works. The HKHS was asked to arrange for the members of the Working Group on Facilities and Works to pay a site visit on or after 4 September.

7. Members offered their views and made enquiries in the first round, which

were summarised as follows:

- (i) All the ancillary facilities including the cycle track should not be open to the citizens until the completion of rehabilitation works;
- (ii) The opening ceremony should not be held hastily even though the footbridge had to be transferred to the government;
- (iii) It would be more appropriate to hold the opening ceremony upon acceptance by the government department. It was enquired whether it would be managed by the government after the opening ceremony; and
- (iv) It was agreed to pay a site visit.

8. Mr WONG of the HKHS replied that he had discussed the date of the opening ceremony with the Tuen Mun District Office (“DO”). If Members did not think the date was fine, the HKHS could make another arrangement.

9. Mr LO Chun-hang, Simpson, Assistant District Officer (Tuen Mun) 1 said that the footbridge was one of the items of the Tuen Mun River Beautification Scheme, which was built by the HKHS and subsidised by the Hong Kong Jockey Club. What the HKHS intended to do on 14 September 2016 was only a completion ceremony mainly to commemorate the completion of works. Besides, the footbridge had to go through gazetting procedure. The department would accept and scrutinise the footbridge to see whether it was different from the initial design and suitable for access by pedestrians, examine the progress of the cycle track’s rehabilitation and decide on the date of opening.

10. The Chairman said the completion ceremony of the footbridge could be held on 14 September as scheduled and it would be open officially upon completion of the cycle track and other ancillary facilities.

11. Members offered their views and made enquiries in the second round, which were summarised as follows:

- (i) It was hoped that the cycle track could be restored;
- (ii) It was enquired whether the metal railings could go with the Chinese-style design of the footbridge;
- (iii) If the HKHS failed to arrange for a site visit between 4 September and the date of completion ceremony, the HKHS might be misunderstood for not allowing Members to pay a visit;
- (iv) It would not matter if the site visit was paid before or after the

completion ceremony. However, the HKHS had to promise to take follow-up action if Members made any improvement proposals; and

(v) It was enquired about the naming of the footbridge.

12. Mr WONG of the HKHS replied that the HKHS could arrange for a site visit between 4 September and the date of the completion ceremony. He would liaise with the DO for this.

13. The District Officer (Tuen Mun) said she would take follow-up action on the naming of the footbridge after the meeting, and would timely submit the proposal to Members for consideration.

14. The Chairman concluded by saying that the naming proposal should be discussed at the meeting of the district council. He would ask the HKHS to arrange for Members to pay a site visit before the completion ceremony. HKHS

(Post-meeting note: the site visit concerned had been paid on 12 September)

**(B) Enhancement Programme of Vegetated Slopes of Highways Department
(Phased Replacement of Senescent Acacia)
(DFMC Paper No. 41/2016)**

15. Mr MUI Tung-king, Tony of the Highways Department (“HyD”) said that there were 75,000 Acacia managed by the department throughout Hong Kong. Of them, quite a few were planted in the 1950s-1960s and had been senescent gradually. Coupled with accidents of tree collapse in recent years, the department intended to launch the Enhancement Programme of Vegetated Slopes in many districts in Hong Kong to replace the senescent Acacia. Preparations for the above enhancement programme started in May 2015 after consulting local and overseas tree experts, professors and government departments. The department had also consulted the expert panel on trees of the Tree Management Office (“TMO”) and the programme was then revised upon their advice. The trees planted under this enhancement programme would be indigenous species. The department would introduce them to the DC members of the constituency concerned and listen to their advice after completion of the design proposal.

16. Mr MUI of the HyD added that there were 6700 Acacia in Tuen Mun district, accounting for 9 percent throughout Hong Kong. The department had

conducted preliminary assessments on the Acacia in Tuen Mun district and found that their structure and health were normal. However, individual trees had shown signs of senescence. The department would observe the principle of safety and would not remove all the Acacia in Tuen Mun district at one time. Currently, there were pilot programmes implemented in Shatin, Tai Po and Kowloon City districts. The department was waiting for the outcome of the programmes and would consult the DFMC again pending the review.

17. Mr WONG Cheuk-him, Jason of the HyD introduced the above enhancement programme. He said that the Acacia at the intersection of Tuen Hing Road and Tuen Mun Highway near the Yan Oi Tong Madam Lau Wong Fat Primary School had showed serious signs of senescence. Therefore, the department would use that location as a pilot scheme, and the headmaster was informed of the replacement programme.

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

- (i) In 1970s and 1980s, government departments (including the Housing Department) planted a lot of Acacia but their average life expectancy was about 30 to 40 years. It was time the trees should be replaced and the above programme was supported;
- (ii) In many estates or courts under the Tenants Purchase Scheme, there were Acacia planted by the Housing Department. It was enquired whether the government would expand the programme to replace the Acacia in these estates or courts. Besides, there were more than 100 Acacia planted on the slopes of the Shan King Estate by the Housing Department. For the past ten years, there had been tree collapses occasionally thus bringing heavy burden on the incorporated owners;
- (iii) It was hoped that the HyD would fully consult the DC members of the constituency concerned and the residents' representatives before replacing the trees. It was suggested that the department would not choose to plant those trees which had cotton particles as their seeds would trigger allergic signs and symptoms in nose;
- (iv) It was suggested that names and characteristics of the new species could be displayed next to the trees after the replacement so residents could gain more knowledge;
- (v) This programme was supported and it was pointed out that Leung King Estate was also under the Tenants Purchase Scheme. Last year, some

trees collapsed, crushing the cars beside them. The owners of the cars then pursued compensation;

- (vi) The growth of trees depended on soil and maintenance. Some time ago, staff of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) and he inspected artificial slopes together and found perfunctory work. Workers mixed different sand and stone in the construction materials with soil laid on top, thus making the trees grow unhealthily;
- (vii) If the HyD had good maintenance on soil and foundation, it was believed there would not be any problem no matter what species of trees was planted;
- (viii) It was enquired whether the department would keep the Acacia which were relatively healthy, and whether the government would consider increasing funding to private areas and the Housing Department in order to assist them with tree management;
- (ix) The departments at the meeting could reflect to the department concerned about how to carry out good risk management on trees in their own management areas;
- (x) The trees in Leung King Estate were too crowded. They had to scramble for sunlight so some vulnerable ones collapsed. Besides, environmental protectionists often raised objections when the incorporated owners wanted to prune trees. Therefore, there should be more publicity when the department launched the enhancement programme;
- (xi) It was a pity that the trees had to be removed. It was expected that the department could provide them with good maintenance and nursing;
- (xii) It was enquired whether the department could stabilise the slopes and prevent mudslides when they planted new trees in the future;
- (xiii) It was enquired about the schedule of the enhancement programme, and whether the diagram of the Acacia could be provided so Members could communicate with residents first;
- (xiv) The enhancement programme was supported. The new trees planted after the improvement of Tuen Mun Highway were quite beautiful. It was also enquired about the follow-up action to be taken by the department after support was obtained from the district council, and how to replant the trees; and
- (xv) It was enquired whether the department would replant or remove the Acacia which were healthy. It was hoped the department would make

a balance between slope beautification and tree maintenance.

19. Mr WONG of the HyD replied that the department would launch the enhancement programme as soon as possible and would supervise the whole working process cautiously to ensure that the contractor's works would meet the requirements. The department had been providing maintenance to the trees and would continue optimizing the process of maintenance enhancement. The above enhancement programme would be coordinated by the TMO, which would reflect to the departments concerned. Besides, the department was prepared to arrange a meeting with the DC members of the constituency concerned at the above locations between mid-August and the last ten days of August for consultation, and introduce the flow and design concept of the programme.

20. Mr MUI of the HyD added that the pilot scheme would be completed before December tentatively. The department understood the importance of soil in the planting of trees and there would be more attention when the pilot scheme was conducted. On the configuration of plants, the department would consider protophyta and choose the species which could stabilise slopes, and would report to DFMC timely. The department, the TMO and other departments would maintain close contacts. It would reflect the information it knew and Members' views to the TMO, hoping to launch tree management further in other areas. Besides, Members said the trees were overcrowded, thus making the trees slant and scramble for nutrients. The department would learn from the past experience and increase the distance between the trees. He continued to add that there was a division in the department which was responsible for regular management. Any trees found to have the danger of collapse would be removed.

21. Mr CHAN Hon-cheung, John of the HyD said the department would study the feasibility of the provision of a display board beside the tree as suggested by Members. Moreover, the department would keep the young trees and remove the senescent ones gradually according to their level of senescence. On the other hand, the department could provide Members with the diagram of Acacia in Tuen Mun so Members could communicate with residents beforehand.

22. The Chairman concluded by saying that the DFMC supported this

Highways
Department

enhancement programme and asked the HyD to report to the DFMC after the pilot scheme at Siu Chi area (i.e. the slope near Yan Oi Tong Madam Lau Wong Fat Primary School) was completed.

(Post-meeting note: apart from the pilot scheme near Yan Oi Tong Madam Lau Wong Fat Primary School, the HyD received concerns from residents that there were a lot of senescent Acacia at the junction of San Wo Lane (Sun Hui constituency). The department immediately contacted the DC member of the constituency concerned and consulted him/her. After discussions, it was decided that San Wo Lane would also become a pilot scheme for the time being)

(C) Application for Additional Funding for Recreation and Sports Activity Programmes Organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in Tuen Mun District between 4/2016 and 3/2017

(DFMC Paper No. 42/2016)

23. A Member supported the application for funding by the Leisure and Cultural Service Department (“LCSD”) but he said there were unreasonable arrangements on the public finance of the whole government. He said the public expenditure of regular activities had been increasing but the Policy Address did not increase the funding on recurrent expenditure to government departments and the funding to district councils. He would like the department to reflect the matter.

24. Mr WONG Ying-ming of the LCSD said he would reflect to the department.

25. As there were no objections from Members, the Chairman announced that the DFMC supported the application for funding and would pass the application to the meeting of the Finance, Administration and Publicity Committee (“FAPC”) held on 12 August 2016 and the TMDC meeting held on 6 September 2016 for consideration and endorsement.

(D) Improvement Works to Children's Play Equipment in Tuen Mun District

(DFMC Paper No. 43/2016)

26. A Member enquired whether the project by LCSD included the San Wai Tsai Children's Playground and pointed out that the flower planter and perimeter wall had been damaged.

27. Mr WONG Ying-ming of the LCSD replied that the project included the Castle Peak Bay Children's Playground and the Tsing Min Children's Playground only. San Wai Tsai Children's Playground was not included for the time being. The department would contact the maintenance department concerned for follow-up action on maintenance.

(Post-meeting note: the LCSD went to the San Wai Tsai Children's Playground on 15 August with the Member concerned for a site visit and take follow-up action on the maintenance of the site)

28. As there were no objections from Members, the Chairman announced that this project amounting to some \$580,000 was endorsed.

(E) Improvement Works to the Plant Room Facilities of Tuen Mun Swimming Pool
(DFMC Paper No. 44/2016)

29. A Member enquired whether the LCSD could submit the paper of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department for Members' reference when applying for funding in future. The project cost of the "replacement of 41 old gate valves of sand filters and carbon filters in the plant room" under item 2 was \$410,000. It was enquired whether the replacement of one gate valve as shown in the picture needed \$10,000.

30. Mr WONG Ying-ming of the LCSD replied that the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department would submit to the LCSD detailed information for the proposed replacement of components and the works each time. The department had fully listed the information submitted by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department in the proposed application. Besides, what the picture had shown was only part of the component. The replacement cost of the whole set of component (including the gate valves) was \$10,000 per set on average.

31. As there were no objections from Members, the Chairman announced that this project amounting to some \$1,538,000 was endorsed.

(F) **(DFMC Paper No. 26/2016) Supplementary Information on the Leisure and Cultural Services Department's District Minor Works Proposal on Improvement Works to Beaches in Tuen Mun District**

(DFMC Paper No. 45/2016)

32. Members noted all the contents of the above paper.

(G) **Tuen Mun District Planter Beautification Works 2016**

(DFMC Paper No. 46/2016)

33. A Member supported the project and enquired about the species of the seasonal flower as stated in the paper.

34. Another Member enquired whether the project covered the planting of flowers and the display of flower pots only.

35. Mr LEUNG Kam-wai of the DO replied that the flowers displayed at Christmas were normally Poinsettia euphorbia and those in the Lunar New Year were festive flowers like Rhododendron hybrid or yellow chrysanthemum. Besides, flower pots that would be used were old ones.

36. As there were no objections from Members, the Chairman announced that this project amounting to some \$750,000 was endorsed.

(H) **Maintenance and Improvement Works to the Solar Lighting at the Section between the Entrance of Por Lo Shan and the Rain Shelter**

(DFMC Paper No. 47/2016)

37. Ms SIU Wai-mei, Minnie of the DO said that some citizens reflected some time ago that the solar lighting system at the section between the entrance of Por Lo Shan and the rain shelter was not functioning normally. After inspection by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, they found that some of the components were suffering loss and aging so they suggested replacing the internal components. Upon completion of the works, the efficiency of the solar lamps would be improved effectively and more stable lighting would be provided.

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

(i) The works were supported. It was enquired whether there was any deviation between the works this time and the original design;

- (ii) The works were completed in 2009. Some of the solar lamps failed to provide light so electric lamps were used. However, the solar lamps were damaged gradually after many years. In the long run, efficiency of the solar lamps at that section had to be considered to avoid replacement many years later;
- (iii) There was not enough sunlight or there were trees which had blocked the solar panels so the solar panels failed to provide light. It was suggested that the department should pay more attention to the trees near the solar panels in future with timely pruning. Besides, there were some solar lamps damaged in Tuen Mun Path. As the sunrise was a bit late in October, the lack of lighting would affect the people who had morning walks. She hoped the department would expedite the progress of the works; and
- (iv) The solar lamps in Por Lo Shan functioned well at the beginning and could provide lighting to hikers. As certain solar lamp could not provide light, electric lamps were installed to supplement the lighting but sometimes they did not work. She opined that electric lamps with accumulator battery might not be like that. It was hoped that materials of better quality would be used for this project.

39. Ms SIU of the DO replied that the components to be replaced this time were those in the middle of the solar lamps and did not include the solar panels. The components to be replaced were used to store and convert energy to the battery when the solar panels received energy. Then they could provide light. In the past, solar lamps could produce light in dark nights with photosensitive function. If there was no day light for several days, the solar energy was not able to make the solar lamps function effectively. On the project, there would be time adjustment function fitted which could provide light two hours after sunset and two hours before dawn. The department expected the lamps could provide stable lighting after the works were completed. Ms SIU added that the department would pay attention to the trees near the solar panels. If the trees needed pruning, the department concerned would be contacted for it. Besides, the department knew in the last ten days of July that there were three solar lamps in Tuen Mun Path which were not working. The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department had been told to carry out inspection and quotation. As the quotation would take some time, the department had not received a confirmed quotation before the meeting. Therefore, the works for the Tuen Mun Path was not included in the works this time. The department

would continue follow-up action and submit a paper to the DFMC.

40. Mr LO, Assistant District Officer (Tuen Mun) 1 said that the solar lamps were situated in rural area so it was normal for them to have loss faster than electric lamps. Besides, when the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department examined the control box, some ant nests were found inside which would affect the operation of the electronic system. As the solar lamps had no timer, they would still provide light in the day time when they were blocked by tree shades and ran out of energy at night. He said that the department had considered several proposals including full solar energy operation, mixed energy (i.e. solar energy and electricity) and traditional electric lamps. When Electrical and Mechanical Services Department carried out an inspection in Por Lo Shan and Tuen Mun Path, they found that there was no power supply in the neighbourhood. If the mixed energy and traditional electric lamps were used, there needed to be power lines reconnected which would take some time. Therefore, the department suggested that time adjustment function should be installed first.

41. Mr LO, Assistant District Officer (Tuen Mun) 1 added that on the electric lighting installation work in the Shan King morning walk path, it was decided to use traditional electric lamps after discussing with the DC member of the constituency concerned. He pointed out that supply of sunlight was relatively stable on ground level and riverside so it would be suitable to install solar lamps. The department would suggest the replacement of the above components. If the situation did not improve, the department would discuss with the DC member of the constituency concerned to see whether it was necessary to replace them with lamps powered by mixed electricity or traditional lighting. It was hoped that Members would understand if electricity connection was required, the work was rather complicated with much higher project cost. The department would conduct a study again to see whether it was suitable to install solar lamps. If not, they would not be used in the future.

42. A Member agreed that it might not be suitable to install solar lamps at some places. Por Lo Shan was exactly like this. She said the solar lamps installed in the second section there were not blocked by trees but the trees near the rain shelter were very tall, which would usually block the solar panels. Therefore, it was decided in that year that the solar lamps nearest to the rain

shelter would be replaced by electric lamps.

43. Another Member said the types of lamps used for hiking path and pavement should not be discussed together. The electric lamps at the hiking path should be controlled with a timer. It would not be appropriate to use photosensitive function for the power supply. Besides, he opined that maintenance was one of the important issues.

44. As there were no objections from Members, the Chairman announced that this project amounting to some \$165,000 was endorsed.

(I) Improvement to Community Hall Facilities in Tuen Mun District
(DFMC Paper No. 48/2016)

45. A Member supported the replacement of the projector in the community hall and suggested that officers at the community hall should try to tell the organisations which had rented the community hall what kind of equipment could not be used so there would not be any adverse impact on their budget.

46. As there were no objections from Members, the Chairman announced that this project amounting to some \$361,000 was endorsed.

(J) Follow-ups to the Pending Items of the District Minor Works Programme
(DFMC Paper No. 49/2016)

47. A Member said that each item of the minor works programme submitted by Members was related to the livelihood of citizens. She opined that the government should increase the allocation of resources to Tuen Mun district.

48. Mr LO, Assistant District Officer (Tuen Mun) 1 replied that Tuen Mun district had obtained more resources compared with 18 districts. The provision for the district minor works was \$20,447,000 but the budget for the works in progress was about \$30,000,000 or above. The actual expenditure for past few years also exceeded \$20,000,000. As there was difference in the progress of the works in each district, the Home Affairs Department (“HAD”) had reserved some room for the districts to initiate works exceeding the provision. The department would try to increase works within its capacity. He added that the scope of each project varied. On minor works (e.g. rain shelter, notice board, etc) below 1 million dollars, the department could handle

it with flexibility. However, on some major works like the breakwater and plant nursery works just completed at the cost exceeding ten million dollars, several major projects could not be launched within one year.

49. Mr LO, Assistant District Officer (Tuen Mun) 1 added that appendix one of the paper had set out the projects suitable to be followed up by the DFMC. Part one in appendix two contained the recommendations for provision of cover for pedestrian walkway. The recommendations concerned would be put on the waiting list of the provision of cover for pedestrian walkway. The recommended projects in part two of appendix two overlapped with the current work of other departments so it would be more appropriate to pass them to other departments for follow-up action. As the land rights of the recommended projects in part three were complicated, it was not suggested that the DFMC should continue follow-up action.

50. Mr LO, Assistant District Officer (Tuen Mun) 1 also pointed out that project programmes were divided into three categories. Category A was project completed. Category B was project being followed up. Category C was project being organised. The major criteria for Category C to be upgraded to Category B were resources. He said that if there was a surplus of 1 million dollars this year, the department would choose those projects with project cost of about 2 million dollars from Category C for organising work. If a major project had just been completed, a major project would be transferred from Category C to Category B in order to maintain the launch of projects exceeding \$20,000,000 each year. He suggested that Members should choose five projects from appendix one and transfer them to item C of the project programme. If the five projects had good progress or the department had some room to launch another project again, the DFMC would be timely consulted again.

51. A Member said eight Members had submitted technical proposals. It was enquired whether eight projects could be chosen to be transferred to item C of the project programme.

52. A Member agreed with the above suggestion and opined that choosing eight programmes was fairer.

53. After discussions, Members chose eight proposed projects, including

the provision of fitness facilities and bicycle warning sign at the sitting out area in front of the Lung Yat Estate, formation of the path behind the Prime View Garden, provision of hot shower facilities at the Butterfly Beach, rain shelter at the open space outside the memorial arch and fish pond of So Kwun Wat Village, pavilions, fitness facilities at the Wu Shan Riverside Garden and rain shelter next to the Kei Lun Light Rail Station. A Member said the provision of rain shelter at the open space outside the memorial arch and fish pond of So Kwun Wat Village and the provision of pavilions at Po Tong Ha Tsuen and Siu Hang Village were pending location confirmation by the head and representative of the villages.

54. Mr LO, Assistant District Officer (Tuen Mun) 1 said that the department would contact the department concerned and decide on the project agent. Later, the proposer of the paper would be invited to pay a site visit. The proposed project sites at So Kwun Wat Village, Po Tong Ha Tsuen and Siu Hang Village could be confirmed during the site visit.

55. As there were no objections from Members, the Chairman announced that the above proposed projects and project initiation follow-up were endorsed. The above project would be transferred to item C of the project programme.

(K) Extension of the Term of the Working Group on Tuen Mun District Organising Committee for the Sixth Hong Kong Games and the Working Group on 2016-2017 Tuen Mun Large Scale Festive Displays and Lighting Decorations
(DFMC Paper No. 50/2016)

56. The Chairman said that the term of the two non-standing working groups above would end in the middle of October 2016. As the two working groups still had follow-up action to take, it was suggested that the DFMC should recommend to the DC that the term of the two working groups would be extended until the term of the DFMC ended.

57. As there were no objections from Members, the Chairman announced that the DFMC supported the extension of the term of the two non-standing working groups above until the term of the DFMC ended. The arrangements concerned would be submitted to the DC for endorsement and confirmation.

III. Reporting Items

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

(DFMC Paper No. 51/2016)

58. The working group's report was endorsed.

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

(DFMC Paper No. 52/2016)

59. Mr CHEUNG Chi-keung of the DO briefed Members on the progress of the Acoustic Equipment Enhancement Works in the Shan King Community Hall with a slideshow. He said the window replacement works concerned had been completed except two windows near the air-conditioning plant room. The noise reference values before and after the commencement of the project measured by the department were 73 and 60 decibels respectively, which showed that the acoustic effect after the window replacement had been improved. He added that the department had consulted the residents and agent-managed organisations nearby. They said that the community hall became more beautiful and noise was abated after the replacement of windows. Besides, the contractor explained that the two windows near the air-conditioning plant room were too close to the plant room. If the metal windows needed to be replaced, there should be protective facilities erected at a very high cost. It would also cause inconvenience to the users of the community hall and the residents nearby during the period of construction. Therefore, the department decided to shelf the replacement of the two windows. He said that the whole project estimate was 1 million dollars and the total actual expenditure of the project was \$860,000.

60. A Member who was also a DC member of the Shan King constituency said that the DO failed to consult the Incorporated Owners of Shan King Estate and him on the project concerned. He enquired whether the department would arrange for the Incorporated Owners and him to pay a visit to the community hall.

61. Mr CHEUNG of the DO noted Member's views and said he would enhance communication with the Incorporated Owners and the DC member of the constituency concerned. He was also pleased to arrange for them to visit the community hall and consult them on other works of the community hall in progress.

62. Another Member said that there were many cars which were parked at the entrance of the breakwater causing congestion and danger to pedestrians. He had suggested at the meeting of the working group that it should be enclosed with columns and the road should be repaired.

63. The Chairman said that the breakwater works in Area 27 had almost been completed. He suggested that Members should submit a paper for the provision of additional works.

64. Mr LO, Assistant District Officer (Tuen Mun) 1 said that the proposed location mentioned by Members was situated at the entrance of Sam Shing Street, which was scores of metres away from the current crash barrier and was much farther away from the breakwater works. Therefore, the project cost of the breakwater could not be used for the works concerned. As the location just mentioned was on the roadside, it was suggested that the HyD could erect railings on the roadside and take follow-up action. Besides, Members could also submit a paper for the provision of additional works.

65. The Member who made the above suggestion said he hoped the DO would propose to the HyD for the erection of railings and take follow-up action if the works were related to the HyD.

66. The Chairman said the breakwater works in Area 27 was completed and the issue concerned had been discussed at the Working Group on the Castle Peak Bay. Members were asked to write to the HyD for follow-up action through the above working group.

67. Moreover, Mr CHEUNG of the DO added that the department was liaising with the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department for the provision of dog excreta collection bins in the front, middle and rear part of the breakwater respectively.

68. As there were no other comments, the Chairman announced that the working group's report was endorsed.

(C) **Report of the Working Group on Tuen Mun Greening**
(DFMC Paper No. 53/2016)

69. The working group's report was endorsed.

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

(DFMC Paper No. 54/2016)

70. Members noted all the contents of the above paper.

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

(DFMC Paper No. 55/2016)

71. Members noted all the contents of the above paper.

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

(DFMC Paper No. 56/2016)

72. Members noted all the contents of the above paper.

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

(DFMC Paper No. 57/2016)

73. Members noted all the contents of the above paper.

IV. Any Other Business

74. Mr LO, Assistant District Officer (Tuen Mun) 1 added that Members had chosen eight from twenty nine project proposals and put them in item C of the project programme. Of them, two project proposals did not have technical proposals. He asked the Secretariat to send the electronic template of the technical proposal to the two proposers of the projects later and asked the Members concerned to return them upon completion for follow-up action.

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(Post-meeting note: the Secretariat sent the electronic template of the technical proposal to the two Members on 11 August)

75. Moreover, Members made enquiries and offered their views on the use of the available time slots of the community hall/centre for study room purpose:

- (i) It was worried that the study room would be used for commercial tuition purpose and opined that officers of DO did not have any right to

ask the users to keep silent and observe discipline. Besides, an organisation reflected that it was difficult to rent the On Ting Community Hall on Sunday and public holidays. If the conference room concerned was open for use as a study room, it was worried the situation would worsen;

- (ii) It was enquired how the department decided on the opening hours of the study room. It was hoped that relevant rules for the use of the study room would be worked out;
- (iii) It was enquired how the general public know the opening time slots of the study room and whether it would involve additional expenditure;
- (iv) It was enquired about the management arrangement of the study room;
- (v) Acceptance of Members' views on the provision of study room service was welcome; and
- (vi) It was enquired how the department would publicise the arrangements concerned to the public.

76. The convenor of the Working Group on Community Involvement replied that Members' concerns had been discussed at the working group. The working group had considered using the community halls as a pilot study in each area. It was finally decided that relevant arrangements would be made on trial basis for the unused time slots exceeding three hours on Sunday and public holidays. Therefore, it should not affect the organisations which wanted to rent the conference room normally and the DO would be responsible for the management. The trial period of the programme was between 1 September and 31 December and the working group would review it later.

77. A member of the Working Group on Community Involvement added that the above arrangement was to use the available time slots of the conference room as a study room. It would not affect the opportunities of the organisations using the conference room.

78. Mr CHEUNG of the DO said the department would accept applications from the public three working days before the booking day if there was vacant venue on Sunday or public holidays (i.e. on-the-session booking). If there was no application, the venue would be used as a study room during that time slot. This would not affect the organisations which wanted to rent the venue. As it would not help the students much if the time slots concerned were too short, it was suggested that the time slot should exceed three hours for using

the venue as a study room. He said that in light of the booking limitation of the above “three working days”, the department could only announce the actual time slots on the day available for using it as a study room one day and a half in advance. On management, users had to sign and write down simple personal particulars as record upon entry. Besides, the DO would arrange for an attendant to patrol the study room every 15 minutes. The department would also work out rules of using the study room. If any user failed to observe any rules, the attendant could ask the person to leave. On publicity, the department would write to the secondary schools in the district telling them about the programme concerned and invite them to assist with the promotion. The LED panel managed by the DO in the district would also release the information concerned.

79 There being no other business, the Chairman announced that the meeting closed at 11:55 pm. The next meeting would be held at 9:30 am on Tuesday, 4 October 2016.

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