

**Minutes of the 6th Meeting of
the District Facilities Management Committee (2018-2019) of
the Tuen Mun District Council**

Date: 9 October 2018 (Tuesday)

Time: 9:31 a.m.

Venue: Tuen Mun District Council (“TMDC”) Conference Room

<u>Present</u>		<u>Time of Arrival</u>	<u>Time of Departure</u>
Mr TO Sheck-yuen, MH (Chairman)	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr MO Shing-fung (Vice-chairman)	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr LEUNG Kin-man, BBS, MH, JP	TMDC Chairman	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr LEE Hung-sham, Lothar, BBS, MH	TMDC Vice-chairman	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr SO Shiu-shing	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr KWU Hon-keung	TMDC Member	9:33 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHU Yiu-wah	TMDC Member	9:45 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, BBS, MH, JP	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms WONG Lai-sheung, Catherine	TMDC Member	9:41 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr AU Chi-yuen	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms HO Hang-mui	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr LAM Chung-hoi	TMDC Member	9:36 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr TSUI Fan, MH	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms CHING Chi-hung	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms LUNG Shui-hing, MH	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHAN Man-wah, MH	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHAN Manwell, Leo	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHEUNG Hang-fai	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
The Hon HO Kwan-yiu, JP	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	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms SO Ka-man	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr KAM Man-fung	TMDC Member	9:30 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 LEE Yan-chi, Blair (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council) ³ , Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department		

By Invitation

Mr Ken TONG

Senior Project Manager, Spence Robinson Ltd.

In Attendance

Miss TSUI Man-ye, Joanna

Assistant District Officer (Tuen Mun)1,
Home Affairs Department

Mr NG Chi-keung, Vincent

Senior Liaison Officer (3), 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

Ms HUI Ka-wai, Minerva

Architect (Works)5, Home Affairs Department

Mr WONG Shu-yan, Francis

Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories North),
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms TAM Yin-ting, Pat

District Leisure Manager (Tuen Mun),
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms LEE Lai-fan, Jenny

Deputy District Leisure Manager (Tuen Mun),
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms LAM Pui-yin, Gloria

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(Planning)2,
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Mr TAM Kwok-leung

Administrative Assistant/Lands (Acting) (District Lands
Office, Tuen Mun), Lands Department

Mr YU Yun-sang

Neighbourhood Police Co-ordinator,
Police Community Relations Office (Tuen Mun District),
Hong Kong Police Force

I. Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed Members to the 6th meeting of the District Facilities Management Committee (“DFMC”). He also extended welcome to the government department representatives in attendance at the meeting, especially Mr Vincent NG, Senior Liaison Officer (3) of Tuen Mun District Office (“TMDO”), who attended the DFMC meeting for the first time.

2. The Chairman reminded that Members who were aware of their personal interests in any matters discussed at the meeting should declare the interests before the discussion. The Chairman would, in accordance with Order 39(12) of the Tuen Mun District Council Standing Orders, decide whether the Members who had declared interests might speak or vote on the matters, might remain at the meeting as observers, or should withdraw from the meeting. All cases of declaration of interests would be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

II. Absence from Meeting

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

III. Confirmation of Minutes of the 5th Meeting (2018-2019)

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

IV. Discussion Items

(A) Phase II of the Landscaping Works of Tuen Mun District

(DFMC Paper No. 61/2018)

5. Ms Pat TAM of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) said she hoped that Members could support this works project which focused on landscaping footbridges in the district.

6. As Members had no objections, the Chairman announced that the works project costing \$1.6 million was endorsed.

(B) Provision of Benches and Rain Shelters Adjacent to the Bus Stops on Ng Lau Road both Bounds (near San Hing Tsuen) and Tsing Lun Road (near Yan Tin Estate)

(DFMC Paper No. 62/2018)

7. The proposer of the paper said that to shelter residents from the elements and provide residents from nearby rural areas (e.g. San Hing Tsuen) with suitable complementary facilities, she suggested providing benches and rain shelters adjacent to the bus stops on Ng Lau Road both bounds and Tsing Lun Road. She hoped to receive Members' support.

8. A Member enquired about the difference between the District Minor Works ("DMW") Programme and the Rural Public Works ("RPW") Programme and said that since the captioned locations were near rural areas, it was unsure whether the project should be followed up under the RPW Programme separately.

9. Mr LEUNG Kam-wai of the TMDO said that the RPW Programme mainly followed up on facilities or infrastructure works within rural areas. In the captioned proposal, for example, the provision of rain shelters involved locations beyond rural areas so it would generally be followed up under the DMW Programme.

10. The Chairman asked the proposer of the paper whether the bus stop(s) on Tsing Lun Road referred to the two bus stops on Tuen Mun-bound side and Kowloon-bound side.

11. The proposer of the paper pointed out that bus route no. B3A travelled via the bus stops on Ng Lau Road and many members of the public waited for minibus route no. 44A on Tsing Lun Road during morning peak hours. She opined that the utilisation rates of the bus stops on Ng Lau Road and Tsing Lun Road were very high. For the convenience of nearby residents in the wait, she suggested providing benches and rain shelters adjacent to the bus stops on Ng Lau Road both bounds (including Tuen Mun-bound and Kowloon-bound) and the bus stop on Tsing Lun Road (Kowloon-bound) under the noise barrier. In addition, from her understanding, the captioned proposal did not fall into the scope of the RPW Programme.

12. The Chairman said that the responsibility for the provision of stop shelters and benches generally rested with bus or minibus operators. He suggested arranging a site inspection to confirm whether the captioned proposal could be followed up under the DMW Programme.

13. The proposer of the paper said that at the previous DFMC meeting, a

Member had put forward the proposal “Provision of Rain Shelter and Benches next to Bus Stop on Tsing Lun Road near Siu Hong Road”. The proposal had been endorsed by the DFMC and included in the DMW Programme for follow-up actions. She opined that the captioned proposal and the proposal put forward by that Member involved similar locations so the DFMC should consider them in parallel. She added that if a site inspection was needed, one should also be conducted for the proposal “Provision of Rain Shelter and Benches next to Bus Stop on Tsing Lun Road near Siu Hong Road” at the same time.

14. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to arrange a site inspection for the two proposed works projects above to confirm whether the captioned proposal could be followed up under the DMW Programme. Secretariat

[Post-meeting note: DFMC Members conducted a site inspection on 22 October 2018.]

(C) **Refurbishment of the Open Space and Flower Bed outside Tsing Tsuen Wai**

(DFMC Paper No. 63/2018)

15. The Chairman, who was also the proposer of the paper, said that the open space and flower bed mentioned in the paper had fallen into disrepair. In addition, the plants in the flower bed had been destroyed under the strike of typhoon Mangkhut. Therefore, he proposed to conduct repairs and reinstate plants at that site to beautify the environment.

16. As Members had no objection, the Chairman announced that the captioned proposal would be included in the waiting list of the DMW Programme and he asked the Secretariat to follow the matter up in due course. Secretariat

(D) **Request for Provision of Drinking Fountains at Community Halls and Community Centres in Tuen Mun District**

(DFMC Paper No. 64/2018)

17. The first proposer of the paper said that currently, a large number of people used community halls and community centres. To dovetail with environmental protection and provide facilities for public convenience in the community, she suggested providing drinking fountains at community halls and community centres in the district. She pointed out that drinking fountains had been provided at community halls in Tin Shui Wai and she hoped that the

department would agree with the plan.

18. Mr Endy CHEUNG of the TMDO said that the department was open to the proposal. If Members agreed to take follow-up actions under the DMW Programme, the department could consider installing drinking fountains in two stages. In the first stage, drinking fountains would be installed at five community halls with higher utilisation rates and a review would be conducted with regard to, among others, the utilisation and model of the facility. If the result was satisfactory, the second stage of installation could be carried out to install drinking fountains at the remaining five community halls.

19. The first proposer of the paper did not object that the department installed the drinking fountains in two stages. Also, she hoped that the department could consult District Council Members of the constituencies concerned about the location and design of the drinking fountains before the commencement of the works project so as to better suit users' needs.

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

V. Reporting Items

(A) Report of the Working Group on Community Involvement

(DFMC Paper No. 65/2018)

21. The DFMC endorsed the captioned working group report.

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

(DFMC Paper No. 66/2018)

22. Members made enquiries on the progress of the works projects in the captioned report. The enquiries are as follows:

- (i) A Member enquired about the commencement dates of the projects "Provision of Rain Shelter at Open Area next to Fish Pond at Pai-fong of So Kwun Wat Tsuen" and "Provision of Rain Shelter and Benches at Open Area outside Lee Uk Tsuen Village Office on So Kwun Wat Tsuen Road";

- (ii) A Member enquired about the progress of the funding application for the “Improvement Works to Display System of Clock Tower at Cafeteria New Beach in Tuen Mun”; and
- (iii) A Member enquired about the progress of the “Improvement Works to Castle Peak Bay Waterfront Promenade”.

23. Mr LEUNG Kam-wai of the TMDO replied that the department was currently producing drawings for the project “Provision of Rain Shelter at Open Area next to Fish Pond at Pai-fong of So Kwun Wat Tsuen”. The department expected to invite tenders for the works in late October and commence the works in early November. In addition, the department was inviting tenders for the project “Provision of Rain Shelter and Benches at Open Area outside Lee Uk Tsuen Village Office on So Kwun Wat Tsuen Road” and producing drawings for the “Improvement Works to Castle Peak Bay Waterfront Promenade” at the moment. Preliminary drawings were expected to be submitted for members’ reference at the next working group meeting.

24. Ms Pat TAM of the LCSD responded that the funding application for the “Improvement Works to Display System of Clock Tower at Cafeteria New Beach in Tuen Mun” had been completed and the design stage was underway.

25. A Member enquired about the progress of the works project “Provision of Hot Shower Facilities at Butterfly Beach”.

26. Ms Jenny LEE of the LCSD responded that the department learnt that the Architectural Services Department had commenced a feasibility study on the above works project and contacted the gas company to explore the feasibility of connecting gas pipelines to Butterfly Beach.

27. The Member who had made the above enquiry said that swimmers had expressed concern over the lack of hot shower facilities at Butterfly Beach in winter during which the swimmers felt particularly inconvenienced. He hoped that the department could provide more information so that he could give an account of the progress of the project to the public.

28. Ms Jenny LEE of the LCSD would provide information to the relevant Member after the meeting.

29. The DFMC endorsed the captioned working group report.

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

(DFMC Paper No. 67/2018)

30. The DFMC endorsed the captioned working group report.

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

(DFMC Paper No. 68/2018)

31. Members noted the captioned paper.

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

(DFMC Paper No. 69/2018)

32. A Member pointed out that at the previous DMFC meeting, an LCSD representative had said that the department had a plan to carry out improvement works to the display systems of clock towers in other beaches in Tuen Mun. The Member enquired about the timetable and work progress of the plan.

33. Ms Pat TAM of the LCSD responded that the department had been in close contact with the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department to follow up on the work concerning the improvement works to the display systems of clock towers in other beaches in Tuen Mun. She would provide more information for the relevant Member's reference after the meeting.

34. Members noted the captioned paper.

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

(DFMC Paper No. 70/2018)

35. Members noted the captioned paper.

VI. Any Other Business

36. A Member said that the air-conditioning facilities of the hall in Shan King Community Hall had broken down before summer holiday and windows could not be opened due to the fixed glass panel design. As a result, residents had to

endure the heat when they used the hall. He enquired about the progress of repairs to the air-conditioning facilities and he hoped that the TMDO could improve the situation as soon as possible.

37. Mr Endy CHEUNG of the TMDO said that he would follow up on the above situation and make a report to the relevant Member after the meeting. TMDO

38. The Chairman asked the TMDO to follow the matter up.

39. A Member said that at the previous DFMC meeting, he had put forward the “Request for Additional Facilities in Tsing Yin Garden”. The LCSD representative had replied that she would invite him for a site visit after the meeting but so far he still had not heard from the LCSD. He hoped that the department could take follow-up actions proactively.

40. The Chairman said that proposals from the DFMC should be followed up and handled properly. He asked the relevant department to follow up on the matter concerned after the meeting.

41. A Member said that after the strike of typhoon Mangkhut, tree collapse was severe in the areas managed by the LCSD on Tin King Road and in Tsing Tin Garden. The Member hoped that the department could provide a timetable for clearing the fallen trees.

42. The Chairman said that clearing trees was beyond the DFMC’s scope of discussion. Members could express their views to the relevant department anytime.

43. A Member said that since LCSD representatives might not be in attendance at meetings of other committees, he hoped to use this opportunity to convey views about replanting to the department. Having learnt that the Development Bureau might amend the replanting plan, he asked whether the LCSD would get in touch with the local community proactively and consult them about the species of trees to be replanted.

44. Mr Francis WONG of the LCSD replied that after the strike of typhoon Mangkhut, trees had suffered extensive and severe damage. Government departments would follow the same guideline in dealing with affected trees.

Those posing immediate risks would be cleared by the departments immediately and the clearance of the remaining trees without immediate risks of collapse would be prioritised depending on the situation. The departments would give priority to handling trees affecting trunk roads, footpaths and cycling tracks. Bulkier trunks would be trimmed into smaller pieces for easier clearance by contractors. In addition, the department had deployed manpower to work overtime to clear fallen trees managed by the LCSD expeditiously. Although the department had commenced a tender exercise to hire additional contractors to assist in tree clearance, no tenders had been received so far. Since the department had not been able to engage additional contractors, it could only utilise available resources and work with other departments to clear the trees at this stage so that the situation in the district could resume normal expeditiously. Therefore, at the moment, the department could not provide a timetable for tree clearance. He hoped that Members would understand that tree clearing might take longer than expected.

45. He added that after the strike of typhoon Mangkhut, there were about 1 400 tree collapse cases in the district. Among them, a total of 1 200 trees required pruning and 130 trees required correction. He understood that Members were concerned about the species of trees to be replanted. However, numerous trees were awaiting handling and clearing them would take about two to three months. After clearing the trees, the department would commence replanting work. It would then deliberate the species of trees to be replanted and give a report to the Members when appropriate.

(A) Hong Kong Flower Show 2019

46. The Chairman said that the LCSD had written to the TMDC Chairman on 5 September and invited the TMDC to join the “green promotional game stalls” activity of the Hong Kong Flower Show (“Flower Show”) again in March the following year to promote greening awareness to the public. The TMDC Chairman agreed to follow the previous practice and pass the matter concerned to the DMFC for follow-up actions. He added that as in the previous practice, three awards would be given out at the Flower Show this year to encourage participants. They included “best designed green stall”, “most educational green stall” and “most eco-friendly green stall”. The LCSD would provide a subsidy of \$2,000 to the activity. This activity had all along been followed up by the LCSD and the Secretariat in the past. He asked Members whether they agreed that the TMDC would join the Flower Show again the following year.

Action

47. As Members had no objection, the Chairman indicated that the TMDC would join the “green promotional game stalls” activity of the Flower Show again the following year. He also asked the LCSD and the Secretariat to follow the matter up. LCSD Secretariat

48. There being no other business, the Chairman announced the meeting closed at 10:05 a.m. The next meeting would be held at 9:30 a.m. on 4 December 2018 (Tuesday).

Tuen Mun District Council Secretariat

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