

Minutes of the 9th Meeting of
the District Facilities Management Committee (2016-2017) of
the Tuen Mun District Council

Date: 11 April 2017 (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 LEUNG Kin-man, BBS, MH, JP	TMDC Chairman	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr LEE Hung-sham, Lothar, MH	TMDC Vice-chairman	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr SO Shiu-shing	TMDC Member	9:31 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr KWU Hon-keung	TMDC Member	9:42 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHU Yiu-wah	TMDC Member	9:52 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms KONG Fung-yi	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms HO Hang-mui	TMDC Member	9:32 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	9:31 a.m.	End of meeting
The Hon HO Kwan-yiu, JP	TMDC Member	9:46 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms CHU Shun-nga, Beatrice	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr TSANG Hin-hong	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
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 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
Ms SHU Pui-ki, Becky (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council) ³ , Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department		

Absent with Apologies

Mr TSUI Fan, MH (Vice-chairman)	TMDC Member
Mr NG Koon-hung	TMDC Member
Mr CHAN Yau-hoi, BBS, MH, JP	TMDC Member
Ms WONG Lai-sheung, Catherine	TMDC Member
Mr LAM Chung-hoi	TMDC Member
The Hon LAU Ip-keung, Kenneth, MH, JP	TMDC Member
Mr TAM Chun-yin	TMDC Member

By Invitation

Ms Gloria SO	Architect, Spence Robinson Ltd.
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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
Ms WONG Sau-kuen, Sarah	Manager(New Territories West)Marketing & District Activities, 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

I. Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all to the 9th 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 received no applications by Members for leave of absence.

III. Confirmation of Minutes of the 8th Meeting Held on 7 February 2017

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

IV. Discussion Items

(A) Provision of Hot Shower Facilities at Golden Beach, Tuen Mun

(DFMC Paper No. 12/2017)

5. As Members had no objections, the Chairman announced that this project amounting to some \$1,800,000 was endorsed.

(B) Improvement Works to the Plant Room Facilities of Tuen Mun Swimming Pool

(DFMC Paper No. 13/2017)

6. As Members had no objections, the Chairman announced that this project amounting to some \$1,180,000 was endorsed.

(C) The Jockey Club Tuen Mun Butterfly Beach Sports Centre – Improvement Works to the Central Air-conditioning System

(DFMC Paper No. 14/2017)

7. As Members had no objections, the Chairman announced that this project amounting to some \$800,000 was endorsed.

(D) Naming Proposal for District Minor Works Facilities – Provision of a

Sitting-out Area in Ho Pong Street

(DFMC Paper No. 15/2017)

8. As Members had no objections, the Chairman announced that the provision of a sitting-out area in Ho Pong Street would be named Tsing Yin Garden.

(E) Minor Maintenance and Improvement Works to District Facilities under the Management of Tuen Mun District Office

(DFMC Paper No. 16/2017)

9. As Members had no objections, the Chairman announced that this project amounting to some \$800,000 was endorsed.

(F) Arrangements for Tuen Mun Large Scale Festive Displays and Lighting Decorations 2017-2018

(DFMC Paper No. 17/2017)

10. The Chairman, who was also the convenor of the working group, said that the works of the Tuen Mun large scale festive displays and lighting decorations 2016-2017 had been completed and there were no outstanding works to be handled, so he suggested that the Working Group on 2016-2017 Tuen Mun Large Scale Festival Displays and Lighting Decorations should be dismissed.

11. As Members had no objections, the Chairman announced that the Working Group on 2016-2017 Tuen Mun Large Scale Festival Displays and Lighting Decorations was dismissed immediately.

12. The Chairman further asked Members to go through paper No. 17/2017. As Members had no objections, the Chairman agreed to form a non-standing working group according to what was done last year in order to prepare the large scale festival displays and lighting decorations in Tuen Mun for 2017-2018. Members were asked to note that DFMC's tenure would expire on 31 December 2017, so the Tuen Mun District Office ("TMDO") would be commissioned to assist with the implementation of the works for the large scale festival displays and lighting decorations in Tuen Mun for 2017-2018 after the working group had prepared the initial works.

13. Then the Chairman invited Members to nominate candidates as convenor of the Working Group on 2017-2018 Tuen Mun Large Scale Festival Displays and Lighting Decorations. Mr LEE Hung-sham, Lother nominated the Chairman as convenor of the working group and Mr SO Shiu-shing and Chan Man-wah seconded. As there were no other nominations, the Chairman was elected convenor of the working group ipso facto.

Secretariat

He asked the Secretariat to send letters to Members inviting them to join the above non-standing working group, and hoped that Members would show active participation.

(Post-meeting note: the Secretariat sent letters to Members on 11 April 2017 inviting them to join the above working group)

V. **Reporting Items**

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

(DFMC Paper No. 18/2017)

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

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

(DFMC Paper No. 19/2017)

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

(C) **Report on LCSD's Cultural Activities Plan for Tuen Mun District for 2017-2018, Cultural Activities in Tuen Mun District and Usage of Tuen Mun Town Hall**

(DFMC Paper No. 20/2017)

16. A Member said that pay Cantonese opera singing performances were often held by groups at the Tuen Mun Town Hall ("Town Hall") so there should be diversified arts programmes provided by the Town Hall. Therefore, it was suggested the department should strike a balance between Cantonese opera singing performances and other performing arts when approving the applications for holding activities in order to avoid one type of performance only.

17. A Member understood that the LCSD would follow established procedures when approving the applications for holding activities. He suggested that the department should work out a percentage according to the type of arts so that some arts programmes which were not popular might have an opportunity to be held at the Town Hall.

18. Ms Sarah WONG of the LCSD replied that the Town Hall was open to the public or groups for them to apply for hire. Upon receipt of applications, the department would give marks for the activities according to established criteria. The criteria of different arts were similar and there would be no preference on the approval of the applications for the Cantonese opera singing performances. Moreover, different types of arts programmes would be held by the LCSD at the Town Hall every year for local

people to participate. The department also note Members' views, which would be studied after the meeting.

19. Members noted the content of the above paper.

(D) **Work Report on Management of Recreation, Sports and Passive Facilities in Tuen Mun District by Leisure and Cultural Services Department**
(DFMC Paper No. 21/2017)

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

- (i) There were winter maintenance works at the Tuen Mun Swimming Pool and the Jockey Club Yan Oi Tong Swimming Pool in February so the attendance to the Tuen Mun North West Swimming Pool had a great increase. Residents needed to wait for an hour or so before entry. She hoped that the department would study the coordination of the maintenance time of the swimming pools in the district. It was suggested the maintenance months of the main pool of the Tuen Mun Swimming Pool should be changed to September - October from January - March;
- (ii) Some residents were seen acting indecently when they tipped the singers in the Tuen Mun Park. The department was requested to step up inspections and management of the Tuen Mun Park. Another Member enquired whether the LCSD could carry out law enforcement actions on the above situation;
- (iii) The noise problem in the Tuen Mun Park had not been solved for many years. The LCSD set up self-entertainment zones in the Tuen Mun Park many years ago but not many people used them. Singing groups still sang outside the self-entertainment zones, thus causing nuisance to residents nearby;
- (iv) There was also noise nuisance in the Tsing Tin Playground. It was hoped the department would step up law enforcement;
- (v) It was requested to seek out land for the provision of a multi-storey complex with entertainment facilities and to amend the Pleasure Grounds Regulation. A letter of complaint was also sent to the Legislation Council;
- (vi) A spot inspection had been conducted at the Tuen Mun Park with the LCSD officers. At the time, the department initiated two prosecutions. Moreover, there was discussion about the noise problems at the Tuen Mun Park, Tsing Tin

Playground and Butterfly Beach Park at the meeting of the Working Group of Community Participation every time. The LCSD was also often urged to study the amendment of the laws with the Department of Justice as soon as possible; and

- (vii) The usage of the Tuen Mun Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground and Siu Lun Sports Ground was 100 per cent and they were opened at 6:30 am. It was suggested the department should consider to open earlier or postpone the closing time so residents could go jogging before going to work or after work.

21. Mr WONG Ying-ming of the LCSD responded that the maintenance works of all the swimming pools throughout Hong Kong would be carried out in the months of the non-swimming season to minimise the impact on the residents. There were three swimming pools in Tuen Mun district. The department would close the Jockey Club Yan Oi Tong Swimming Pool for maintenance first. Then the Tuen Mun Swimming Pool would be closed temporarily for maintenance. Therefore, attendance to the Tuen Mun North-west Swimming Pool would be higher in February. Individual parents would arrange for their children to join swimming classes in February or March so the waiting time might be longer. However, when the swimming pools were opened in April again, the situations would be improved. On the suggestion about the maintenance time and the opening hours of sports grounds, the department would forward the views concerned to the Architectural Services Department (“ASD”) and study the feasibility concerned.

(Post-meeting note: the opening hours of the Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground were 6:15 a.m. to 10 p.m.; the opening hours of the Siu Lun Sports Ground were 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.)

22. Mr WONG of the LCSD further said that the department had been paying attention to the noise problem in the Tuen Mun Park and carried out the following measures for the management of the parks in the district, including (i) enhance publicity and education; (ii) conduct inspections of the parks in the district and gave advice to the alleged offenders; and (iii) step up law enforcement. The department would carry out irregular special inspections. If Members had interest, the department would invite Members to join. Moreover, as there were inadequacies in the current legislations, causing difficulties in law enforcement, the department would continue to seek legal advice from the Department of Justice on the proposal to amend the legislation concerned.

23. The Chairman said that the Working Group of Community Involvement under

the DFMC had been responsible for the follow-up actions on matters about the Tuen Mun Park and the Tsing Tin Playground, so the above views would be passed to the working group for follow-up actions.

24. Members noted the content of the above paper.

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

(DFMC Paper No. 22/2017)

25. Members noted the content of the above paper.

VI. Any Other Business

26. The convenor of the Working Group on Tuen Mun District Organising Committee for the Sixth Hong Kong Games said that latest results were sent to Members by email on 10 April. Tuen Mun district obtained good results in several events, including women volleyball team gaining top eight, women's tennis doubles and men's tennis singles gaining top four, mixed badminton doubles would challenge the 2nd runner up while men's tennis double would challenge the champion. The events would be held between 23 April and 28 May. Members could go the venue to cheer up the players. Moreover, he appealed to Members to surf the web site of the Hong Kong Games for the On-line Voting of My Favourite Sports District and the Paper-voting for My Favourite Sports District.

27. Members offered other views and made further enquiries, which were summarised as below:

- (i) It took more than two years for the provision of hot shower facilities at the Golden Beach. It was hoped the LCSD would enhance efficiency for the provision of the above facilities at other beaches and would consider the provision of hot shower facilities using solar energy;
- (ii) The LCSD was reminded to check whether water pressure was sufficient when installing hot shower facilities.
- (iii) Some of the works which had not sought consultation from the DC, e.g. the provision of railings and the cubicle alteration works in the changing rooms were completed quickly but the progress of works for the provision of drinking fountains, lockers and hot water showers was slow;

- (iv) The ASD was reminded to monitor the contractors to use water pipe materials of the right specifications;
- (v) The use of solar energy for electricity generation was supported but the repair cost was exorbitant, thus causing technical restrictions. The solar lamps in Por Lo Shan and Tuen Mun Path were one of the examples; and
- (vi) Members could contact the department concerned on local matters.

28. Mr WONG of the LCSD responded that the Golden Beach was the only beach that was open all the year round in Tuen Mun district so the department installed hot shower facilities in the Golden Beach first. As there was no life-saving service in other beaches in winter in the district, the department would not extend this plan to other beaches in the district for the time being.

29. A Member said that the audience could not listen to what the speakers said on the stage at an owners' meeting in the Lung Yat Community Hall. She learned that officers of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department ("EMSD") had visited the venue for examination but there was no improvement. She enquired whether there was a thorough improvement proposal.

30. Mr Endy CHEUNG of the TMDO replied that the department had known the problem concerned and was exploring a long-term improvement proposal with the EMSD and studied whether the problem was related to the acoustic design at the hall so the sound (especially human voice) could not focus.

31. The Chairman requested the TMDO to take follow-up action for this problem concerned. Moreover, in view of several Members speaking on other matters at the meeting, he said Members should submit papers to the DFMC first if they wanted to make enquiries to government departments before the latter could make appropriate replies.

32. There being no other business, the Chairman announced that the meeting closed at 10:28 a.m. The next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 6 June 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

Tuen Mun District Council Secretariat

Date: 28 April 2017

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