

Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of
the District Facilities Management Committee (2020-2021) of
the Tuen Mun District Council

Date: 2 June 2020 (Tuesday)

Time: 9:33 a.m.

Venue: Tuen Mun District Council (TMDC) Conference Room

<u>Present</u>		<u>Time of Arrival</u>	<u>Time of Departure</u>
Ms WONG Lai-sheung, Catherine (Chairman)	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr LAM Kin-cheung (Vice-chairman)	TMDC Member	9:36 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms CHAN Shu-ying Josephine	TMDC Chairman	9:41 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr WONG Tan-ching	TMDC Vice-chairman	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms KONG Fung-yi	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHAN Yau-hoi, BBS, MH, JP	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	12:47 p.m.
Ms HO Hang-mui	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr LAM Chung-hoi	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	11:42 a.m.
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 YEUNG Chi-hang	TMDC Member	9:32 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr YAN Siu-nam	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting.
Mr WONG Tak-yuen	TMDC Member	13:46 p.m.	End of meeting..
Mr LEE Ka-wai	TMDC Member	9:32 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr HO Kwok-ho	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr LAM Ming-yan	TMDC Member	9:32 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHOW Kai-lim	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr MA Kee	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHEUNG Ho-sum	TMDC Member	9:36 a.m.	13:21 p.m.
Mr CHEUNG Kam-hung Kenneth	TMDC Member	9:48 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr LEUNG Ho-man	TMDC Member	9:39 a.m.	13:30 p.m.
Mr WONG Hung-ming	TMDC Member	9:56 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr TSANG Chun-hing	TMDC Member	9:32 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr TSANG Kam-wing	TMDC Member	9:47 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr YAN Pui-lam	TMDC Member	9:32 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr POON Chi-kin	TMDC Member	10:48 a.m.	13:11 p.m.
Mr LAI Chun-wing Alfred	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms LAI Ka-man	TMDC Member	9:34 a.m.	12:30 p.m.
Ms LAW Pei-lee	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	14:45 p.m.
Mr FUNG Ying-chee, Derek (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council)3, Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department		

Absent with Apologies

Mr LO Chun-yu

TMDC Member

By Invitation

Ms WONG Sau-kuen, Sarah

Manager (New Territories West), Marketing and District Activities, Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Miss HO Yuen-ching, Jessica

Senior Town Planner/Tuen Mun 1, Tuen Mun & Yuen Long West District Planning Office, Planning Department

Mr LEUNG Chun-yeung

Police Community Relations Officer (Tuen Mun District), Hong Kong Police Force

Miss WONG Ying, Samantha

Senior Engineer/Parking Project 4, Transport Department

Mr TSE Ming Yip

Senior Engineer/Special Duties, Transport Department

Ms QIU Yujing, Eugene

Engineer/Parking Project 5, Transport Department

Mr. WONG Yui Wai, Rex

Engineer/Special Duties 2, Transport Department

In Attendance

Ms FUNG Ngar-wai, Aubrey

District Officer (Tuen Mun), Home Affairs Department

Ms 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 LEE Kit-wai

Senior Inspector of Works, Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department

Mr HO Chung Ho, Clarence

Architect (Works)7, Works Section, Headquarters Division II, Home Affairs Department

Ms LO Lai Fong, Jackie

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 MAN Pui Shan, Erica

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

Ms LAW Lai Chun, Gladys

Senior Executive Officer (Planning)32, Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms LAM Pui-yin, Gloria

Senior Manager (New Territories West) Promotion, Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms LAM Fong

Senior Librarian (Tuen Mun),

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Mr TAM Kwok-leung

Administrative Assistant/ Lands (District Lands Office,

Tuen Mun), Lands Department

Ms LEE Ying-chi

Police Community Relations Officer (Tuen Mun District),

Hong Kong Police Force

I. Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all to the 3rd meeting of the District Facilities Management Committee (“DFMC”). She also extended welcome to representatives of government departments in attendance at the meeting.

2. The Chairman said that to minimise the risk of community transmission of the virus, the Tuen Mun District Office (“TMDO”) would implement the following measures at the meetings of TMDC and its committees/working groups: Before entering the conference room, participants and media representatives must put on their own surgical masks, fill in health declaration forms and have their body temperature checked by the Secretariat staff. Those with body temperature higher than 37.6°C would be denied entry; no members of the public were allowed to observe the meeting except media representatives, whose personal particulars (e.g. name, respective media organisation and staff number) would be recorded properly so that health authorities could trace all media representatives admitted to the conference room when necessary; and tea service was suspended and participants could bring water and drinking utensils on their own. The TMDO also arranged for a cleaning team to conduct thorough cleaning and disinfection of the conference room after the meetings.

3. 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. She would, in accordance with Order 38(12) of the Tuen Mun District Council 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

4. The Secretariat had received no applications by Members for leave of absence.

III. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

5. The minutes of the 2nd meeting held on 21 April 2020 were confirmed.

IV. Matters Arising

(A) Request Planning Department to Report Immediately on Detailed Planning Arrangements for Community Facilities Currently Lacking in Tuen Mun

(DFMC Paper No. 9/2020)

6. The Chairman welcomed Miss HO Yuen-ching, Jessica, Senior Town Planner/Tuen Mun 1 of the Planning Department (“PlanD”) to the meeting.

7. The Chairman continued to say that the DFMC had discussed this agenda item at its 1st and 2nd meeting. The PlanD representative had said at the 2nd meeting that the PlanD would explore with the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) for the earmarking of a suitable site for the construction of a sports centre according to the population growth and distribution in the Tuen Mun District.

8. Miss Jessica HO of the PlanD said that the PlanD had participated in the inter-departmental meeting organised by the TMDO. She said that there were few “Government, Institution or Community” (“GIC”) sites available for immediate development in the district. Therefore, the departments had explored the locations available for development one by one. The departments concerned had initially explored locations for the construction of the sports centre and would make further discussion about this.

9. The District Officer (Tuen Mun) said that the TMDO convened an inter-departmental meeting after the 2nd meeting of the DFMC. The participating government departments including the PlanD, LCSD, TD and the Tuen Mun District Lands Office (“TMDLO”) had examined the planning and arrangement of the overall community facilities in the Tuen Mun District together. The PlanD representative said that according to the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines (“HKPSG”), there should be additional provision of one clinic and one sports centre in the Tuen Mun District. However, there were few “GIC” sites available for immediate development in the Tuen Mun District so there was certain difficulty for the additional provision of the facilities concerned in the Tuen Mun East. Nevertheless, the PlanD agreed to proactively recommend to the Food and Health Bureau (“FHB”) for the construction of a clinic in the Tuen Mun District. The LCSD would study whether there could be provision of a non-standard sports centre in the district and the TD would also consider whether metered parking spaces could be increased appropriately in the district to meet the demands.

10. The first proposer of the paper said that she was dissatisfied with the follow-up action of the departments and the directions set at the inter-departmental meeting. She said that she merely requested the government to provide sufficient community facilities according to the proportion of population in the Tuen Mun District in accordance with the HKPSG and she was not requesting more. For many years, the government had been looking for land for the construction of houses in the Tuen Mun District but it said that there were insufficient "GIC" sites in the district currently. She emphasised that there were sufficient "GIC" sites in the district and she queried why a non-standard sports centre should be constructed. She also requested the department representative to provide information on the locations mentioned at the meeting.

11. The Chairman said that there were vacant school premises in the Tuen Mun East and enquired whether community facilities could be provided there.

12. The District Officer (Tuen Mun) said that the inter-departmental meeting had examined the "GIC" sites at the Sam Shing Temple near the Sam Shing Estate, on the south of the A.D. & F.D. of Pok Oi Hospital Mrs Cheng Yam On Millennium School and outside the Aegean Coast and the open spaces outside Area 59 and the Hong Kong Gold Coast.

13. Miss Jessica HO of the PlanD said that the "GIC" site at the Sam Shing Temple near the Sam Shing Estate was triangular and it was restricted by its shape. The one located on the south of the A.D. & F.D. of Pok Oi Hospital Mrs Cheng Yam On Millennium School was also restricted by its shape and area. Therefore, she believed that it was difficult for the LCSD to build a standard sports centre at the above "GIC" sites. The department was enquiring the FHB about the feasibility on the provision of a clinic at those locations. Moreover, the elongated "GIC" site outside the Aegean Coast was not wide enough and it was not suitable for the provision of a clinic or a sports centre. The PlanD and the departments concerned would study on the feasibility of the provision of a sports centre at the open space outside the Hong Kong Gold Coast. The departments concerned could follow up further according to Members' views.

14. Ms Jackie LO of the LCSD added that the gross floor area of a sports centre would not be less than 7,000 square metres generally speaking. There was more flexibility in the design, which could provide basic sports centre facilities such as multi-purpose courts for basketball, volleyball and badminton, activity rooms, fitness rooms and children play rooms, etc. The department was open on the construction of a

new sports centre. If there was a suitable location, there could be a preliminary feasibility study conducted first to explore the proposed sports centre facilities on the suggested site. If the plot ratio was suitable, there could be further discussion for the implementation of the development concerned.

(Post-meeting note: the standard site area of a sports centre was 6,000 square metres in accordance with the HKPSG of the PlanD.)

15. A Member said that he had suggested the formation of a Working Group on Development and Planning of Tuen Mun District under the TMDC in 2004 but it was a pity that the working group had little use. He said that complementary transport measures needed to be considered together for the planning of the clinic and the sports centre. He also suggested that land should be developed on the principle of “Single Site, Multiple Use” for the provision of community facilities. He suggested that this agenda item should be passed to the TMDC so that the TMDC would form a working group to follow up on the development and planning.

16. A Member said that resources in the Tuen Mun District should be allocated equally but there were insufficient sports facilities in the Tuen Mun Northeast. The Member suggested the construction of a sports centre at the “GIC” site at that location.

17. A Member said the open space outside the Hong Kong Gold Coast had been idle for nearly 20 years. There were many residential buildings in the perimeter so it was suitable for the construction of a sports centre. He said that there were 14 “GIC” sites in the Tuen Mun Southeast. It was improper to choose just some of them for study. He continued to say that the “GIC” site at the Sam Shing Temple near the Sam Shing Estate was close to the town centre. There were Yan Oi General Out-Patient Clinic in the neighbourhood and Tuen Mun Wu Hong Clinic at the pier area so there was no need for the provision of a community clinic at Sam Shing. It should be provided at another place. He suggested the provision of community facilities along the Castle Peak Road instead of focusing on the town centre. He suggested the provision of a clinic at the “GIC” site on the south of the A.D. & F.D. of Pok Oi Hospital Mrs Cheng Yam On Millennium School and he opined that the site could be used for anti-epidemic and quarantine.

18. Ms Jackie LO of the LCSD said that the area of the open space outside the Hong Kong Gold Coast was 6,899 square metres but it was trapezoidal which would increase

difficulty in the design of a sports centre. However, the department could make a preliminary feasibility study if Members suggested the construction of a sports centre at that location.

19. A Member agreed with the formation of a working group under the TMDC to follow up on the development and planning. She opined that the LCSD could study the feasibility on the provision of a sports centre at the open space outside the Hong Kong Gold Coast and she said that there was sufficient area for the construction of a sports centre at that location. She continued to suggest building the sports centre by way of low density so that the facility could be integrated into the community.

20. A Member said that the population in the Tuen Mun Northeast had been increasing but there was a shortage of different community facilities in the area. Residents needed to use the community facilities at the San Hui or Ho Fook Tong. He said that there was land available in the Tuen Mun Northeast and he suggested that the government should consider the provision of community facilities in the Tuen Mun Northeast.

21. A Member said that the government had promised the provision of ancillary facilities having regard to the development of the Tuen Mun Northeast. It should not have cold feet owing to the limitation of land.

22. The Chairman concluded that this agenda item would be passed to the TMDC to follow up. She had asked the TMDO to distribute minutes of the interdepartmental meeting for Members' reference and requested Members to check whether there was any land available for development in their constituencies.

TMDC
TMDO

(Post-meeting note: the summary of the inter-departmental meeting was distributed to Members on 20 July 2020 for reference.)

(B) Follow Up on Works Concerning Sports Ground in Area 16 and Tuen Mun South Extension

(DFMC Paper No. 10/2020)

23. The Chairman said that the DFMC had discussed this agenda item at its 1st and 2nd meeting. At the 2nd meeting, the LCSD representative had briefed Members on the procedures for the government to implement capital works projects exceeding \$30 million such as the sports ground in Area 16 and said that it would consult the DFMC after the conceptual design of the works was completed. It was the department's target

to complete the project definition statement within this year before submission to the policy bureau for approval. It was hoped that the Architectural Services Department (“ArchSD”) would be entrusted to commence technical feasibility study within this year.

24. Ms Gladys LAW of the LCSD said that it was the LCSD’s target to complete the project definition statement, apply to the policy bureau for approval and entrust ArchSD to commence technical feasibility study within this year. Pending the preliminary design and progress, the department would consult the DFMC.

25. The Chairman enquired the LCSD when they expected the project definition statement would be completed this year.

26. Ms Gladys LAW of the LCSD said that the project definition statement would be completed within this year expeditiously.

27. The first proposer of the paper enquired about the progress in the project definition statement during the period between 2017 and 2019.

28. A Member said that the government had just announced the Tuen Mun South Extension. In this connection, the Member enquired whether the Tuen Mun South Extension would affect the progress and original plan of the sports ground in Area 16.

29. A Member said that there was a proposal to upgrade the district sports ground to the scope of a regional sports ground between 2005 and 2006 but there had been no completion time so far. He suggested that there should be a schedule worked out for the works project.

30. Ms Gladys LAW of the LCSD said that it was the department’s schedule to complete the project definition statement and then entrust the ArchSD to commence technical feasibility study upon approval from the policy bureau within this year. She said that according to the existing information of the policy bureau and department concerned, the proposed facilities of the works project would not be affected by the project of the Tuen Mun South Extension. The department would have close communication with the policy bureau and department concerned on the project for mutual co-operations to cope with the interface issue. Besides, the LCSD was supported by the DFMC in 2019 on the provision of a large underground carpark for

500 to 600 parking spaces in the works project. As the large underground carpark would affect the facilities on the ground, the project definition statement needed revisions in response to the above changes.

31. The Chairman enquired the LCSD whether the works for the sports ground in Area 16 would need the revisions of the project definition statement owing to the large public carpark project.

32. Ms Gladys LAW of the LCSD said that the project definition statement needed revisions as a large public carpark would be included in the proposed facilities of the works project. Besides, the sports ground in Area 16 needed to meet the requirements of the Asian Football Confederation for organising major events so the ancillary facilities in the sports ground needed revisions too.

33. A Member said that the newly-built turf soccer pitches in Hong Kong could meet the standards of the Asian Football Confederation for organising major events to a large extent except ancillary facilities such as lighting and spectator stands. He opined that these ancillary facilities were not related to the structure of the soccer pitches so the works progress should not be delayed owing to the ancillary facilities. Moreover, he said that many MTR stations had subsidence problem so the Tuen Mun South Extension might affect the sports ground in Area 16 accidentally.

34. A Member said that the LCSD did not have a works schedule so the works progress of the sports ground in Area 16 was unsatisfactory. He expected that the LCSD could provide a specific schedule when discussion about this agenda item continued.

35. A Member said that the Tuen Mun South Extension would affect the Tuen Mun Swimming Pool. In this regard, he enquired the LCSD whether there was a preliminary plan for the Tuen Mun Swimming Pool. Besides, he enquired whether the Tuen Mun South Extension would affect other LCSD facilities.

36. Ms Gladys LAW of the LCSD said that she understood Members' concern about the project. She said that she would study to work out a specific schedule and then report at the next meeting.

37. A Member said that some government planning had been implemented without

consulting the TMDC recently. The Member hoped that the District Officer (Tuen Mun) would co-ordinate with other government departments and consult the TMDC on the project planning.

38. A Member said that the Tuen Mun South Extension might cause subsidence problem and affect the works. The Member also said there should be an overall planning for the distribution of the community facilities in the Tuen Mun District.

39. A Member said that DFMC could pass this agenda item to the TMDC and discuss it together with the agenda item submitted to the TMDC by the Traffic and Transport Committee on the Tuen Mun South Extension.

40. The Chairman said that the TMDC intended to form a working group to follow up on the development and planning so this agenda item would be submitted to the level of TMDC to follow up.

(C) **Request for Expeditious Construction of Community Hall and Sports Centre in Area 54, Tuen Mun**

(DFMC Paper No. 12/2020)

41. The Chairman said that the DFMC had discussed this agenda item at its 1st and 2nd meeting. The LCSD representative had said at the 2nd meeting that after consulting the Tree Team, the department opined that the two big trees in the works site needed to be kept thus causing constraints in the design of the facilities. The LCSD was consulting the department concerned whether the facilities of the complex could comply with the plot ratio. Pending consent from the department, the LCSD would submit the paper to the TMDC as soon as possible.

42. Ms Gladys LAW of the LCSD said that the LCSD was consulting the department concerned on the plot ratio of the works project and hoped that the works would meet the principle of making the most use of the land. The department would consult the DFMC on the proposed facilities of the project as soon as possible.

43. The first proposer of the paper said that there should be arrangement of site inspections if the two big trees in the works site had great impact.

44. The Chairman agreed with the arrangement of site inspections.

45. Ms Gladys LAW of the LCSD said that the LCSD decided to keep the two big trees in the works site after consulting the Tree Team. However, the proposed facilities might not comply with the requirements of the plot ratio so the department needed to conduct a study on other facilities that might be provided.

46. The Chairman said that the land was wide and there could still be provision of more facilities apart from sports centre and community hall.

47. The first proposer of the paper said that there was rarely a case in which land could not be made the most use in the district so Members needed to conduct site inspections to have a better understanding of the real situation. She suggested that a much larger sports centre should be constructed to avoid a waste of time in looking for a joint operator.

48. A Member agreed with the site inspections and said that the LCSD representative could have made better preparations for the meeting, e.g. showing photos of the big trees. She said that the problem of illegal parking in the area was serious and suggested the provision of a multi-storey carpark in the project. She also agreed with the construction of a much larger carpark that Member proposed earlier and she suggested the provision of indoor children play facilities.

49. A Member enquired whether there was a schedule for the planning and completion of the works and she requested the department to provide the list of proposed facilities as soon as possible. She continued to suggest the provision of indoor children play facilities, a library and a heated swimming pool.

50. Ms Gladys LAW of the LCSD said that the proposed facilities of the project would include a carpark, indoor children play facilities, a small library, a community hall and swimming pools.

51. A Member suggested that the LCSD should refer to the design of the Tseung Kwan O Library, consisting of several facilities in the same building.

52. A Member said that there was only one outdoor cricket pitch in Tuen Mun and suggested the provision of an indoor cricket pitch to meet the demands of the ethnic minorities in the Tuen Mun District.

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53. Ms Gladys LAW of the LCSD said that Member's views would be considered and she would thoroughly consider the facilities that were suitable for provision in the project.

54. The Chairman requested the LCSD to consider Member's views on the provision of facilities and she hoped the LCSD would provide the DFMC with the report on the proposed facilities expeditiously. She also asked the Secretariat to arrange site inspections and announced that discussion about this agenda item would continue at the next meeting.

LCSD
Secretariat

(Post-meeting note: the Secretariat had arranged site inspections in July and August respectively. However, the Chairman decided to postpone the site inspections owing to the development of the COVID-19.)

(D) Urgent and Minor Improvement Works for Recreation and Leisure Grounds Managed by the LCSD

(DFMC Paper No. 35/2020)

55. The Chairman said the LCSD representative had said at the 2nd meeting of the DFMC held on 21 April that this was a regular application for funding. There might be unexpected situations in the daily operations, which required funding provision for maintenance and minor improvement works. At the time, the DFMC requested the LCSD to provide the breakdown of the expenditure so that Members could monitor whether the funding had been used properly. The supplementary document concerned was distributed to Members.

56. Ms Pat TAM of the LCSD said that the breakdown of the expenditure for the similar application in 2019-2020 had been provided for Members' reference upon Members' view. The total expenditure for the project was \$844,326 and the balance had been returned to the TMDC. She hoped that Members would support this application for funding to carry out daily urgent and minor improvement works.

57. There being no objections from Members, the Chairman announced that this project funding of \$1,000,000 was endorsed.

LCSD

V. Discussion Items

(A) Enhancement Works to the Artificial Lake of Tuen Mun Park

(DFMC Paper No. 43/2020)

58. Ms Pat TAM of the LCSD said that this application for funding would be used for the improvement of the facilities at the artificial lake of Tuen Mun Park. Currently, the model boat pond was connected to the artificial lake divided by a line only. There were often speeding model boats hitting the tortoises that floated to the water surface suddenly and the model boats would be damaged easily. Therefore, the department proposed the provision of a dividing net outside the boom line of the model boat pond to stop the creatures in the lake from entering the model boat pond and reduce the chance of the creatures in the lake being hit by model boats.

59. A Member said that there would be maintenance problem after the provision of a dividing net and there might be accumulation of refuse. In this regard, he enquired the LCSD how often it expected the dividing net would be cleaned.

60. A Member queried about the effectiveness of the dividing net and said that the tortoises could crawl on the land to enter the model boat pond. He also said that the dividing net might cause the problem of algae, thus affecting the water quality and aquatic ecology.

61. A Member queried how big was the mesh of the dividing net and whether they would trap the fish or tortoises. He enquired whether there were any precedents in other parks.

62. Ms Pat TAM of the LCSD said that the dividing net would be extended to either side of the planters and there would be spherical barrier on the banks so that the tortoises could not crawl over. As far as the water quality was concerned, she said that the mesh of the dividing net was 3.5 cm big so lake water could flow freely into the circulation system of the artificial lake to maintain the water quality. Moreover, the department would pay attention to the problem of algae and arrange for manpower to clean it regularly.

63. There being no objections from Members, the Chairman announced that this LCSD funding of \$150,000 was endorsed.

(B) Improvement Works to the Entrance to Reptile House of Tuen Mun Park

(DFMC Paper No. 44/2020)

64. Ms Pat TAM of the LCSD said that the Reptile House was the most popular facility of the Tuen Mun Park, attracting many members of the public to watch the reptiles from the old and the young. In this application for funding, it was proposed to replace the manual sliding door at the entrance to the Reptile House with an automatic door to facilitate the access by the wheel chair and baby trolley users while members of the public did not need to touch the door handle for better hygiene.

65. The Chairman said that although the automatic door would facilitate the wheel chair users and families, she was worried whether it would close too quickly.

66. A Member opined that the retractable canopy on the door should also be replaced.

67. The Chairman said that Member's suggestion might involve new works.

68. A Member enquired whether the automatic door would open inward or outward. He was worried that the automatic door might be damaged by rain if it opened outward. He continued to say that the existing canopy was not satisfactory. Even if the automatic door opened inward, it might be damaged by rain. She further enquired whether the automatic door would be built with one door or two doors.

69. Ms Pat TAM of the LCSD said that the automatic door would open outward. She continued to say that the existing canopy was retractable with the space widened as shelter when it rained. The Works Section had considered the impact of rain on the lifespan and operations of the automatic door.

70. The Chairman enquired whether the automatic door would open inward or outward and whether opening outward would meet the standard.

71. Ms Pat TAM of the LCSD said that the automatic door would open outward.

72. A Member said that if the automatic door opened outward, members of the public might hit it when walking past and it might cause obstruction to the wheel chair users. Therefore, she suggested the provision of an automatic sliding door in so far as the space permitted.

73. A Member queried whether there would be 500,000 people benefited and enquired whether the automatic door would open when there was little activity.

74. A Member said that automatic doors would open inward generally. If automatic doors would open when there was little activity, hot air outdoors might go inside thus causing a waste of resources.

75. A Member said that if there was higher pedestrian flow, automatic doors would open easily by mistake. In this regard, he was worried that the automatic door might not open normally when members of the public sought shelter for rain at the canopy or line up outside the door. He continued to say that the existing manual sliding door should not be replaced if there was no major problem in operation.

76. Ms Pat TAM of the LCSD said that as the Tuen Mun Park was a large regional park in the Tuen Mun District, the expected number of people benefited was calculated according to the population of 500,000 in the whole Tuen Mun District. On the issue that the automatic door would often open owing to over-sensitivity about which Member was worried, the automatic door met the requirements of barrier-free facilities which could provide convenience to the access of wheel chair users according to the information provided by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department. She noted Member's views. If this project was endorsed, the department would relay Member's views to the Works Section for improvements in design.

77. The Chairman enquired Members whether they supported this project amounting to \$147,000.

78. A Member suggested that the funding should be endorsed after the LCSD had modified the works design.

79. The Chairman requested the LCSD to submit the paper to the DFMC again for LCSD discussion after the works design was improved.

(C) Landscape Beautification Works to Tuen Mun Park

(DFMC Paper No. 45/2020)

80. Ms Pat TAM of the LCSD said that this project aimed to improve the planters in the vicinity of the Tuen Mun River along the Tuen Mun Park, which was approximately

1,000 metres long along the river. The department proposed to replace the old plants and plant bougainvillea at that location. She said that bougainvillea would blossom all the year round and provide better scenery. Besides, the LCSD found that some people gambled together at the location along the riverside in the Tuen Mun Park. Although the location did not fall within the purview of the LCSD, the department hoped that the bougainvillea would grow to the riverside after it was planted so that the offenders would find it difficult to go into the riverside and gamble together.

81. A Member said that somebody gambled illegally by the Tuen Mun River from time to time and there was a ladder by the fences so they could go into the location at the riverside. Even if the ladder was removed, the gamblers could enter the riverside by other ways. In this connection, he suggested building higher fences apart from planting bougainvillea.

82. A Member was worried that there would be management problem in future and enquired which department would take up the management of the planters along the river if the riverside did not fall within the purview of the LCSD.

83. Ms Pat TAM of the LCSD said that the area of the Tuen Mun Park extended to the fences at the riverside. Therefore, this beautification works of planting bougainvillea at the planters along the Tuen Mun River was located inside the area of the Tuen Mun Park so it would be managed by the LCSD. On the suggestion for higher fences, she said that bougainvillea would need to grow higher than the fences and up to the riverside to have effectiveness. Besides, bougainvillea had thorns so they were able to stop members of the public from entering the riverside. Therefore, there was no plan to build higher fences at the current stage.

84. The Chairman said that many housing estates used the same method to stop people from opening up paths. She continued to enquire the LCSD what colour of bougainvillea would be planted in the plan.

85. Ms Pat TAM of the LCSD said that currently it was planned to plant purple bougainvillea and she welcomed Members to provide advice.

86. Ms Jackie LO of the LCSD said that it would be more striking by cultivating the plants of the same colour. Generally speaking, different colours would be used for shrub designs to show the effect. In terms of management and aesthetics, it would

have better effect to plant the same colour of bougainvillea by the Tuen Mun River.

87. There being no objections from Members, the Chairman announced that this funding of \$220,000 was endorsed. LCSD

(D) Landscape Beautification Works to Butterfly Beach Park

(DFMC Paper No. 46/2020)

88. Ms Pat TAM of the LCSD said that this landscape beautification works would be carried out at the Butterfly Beach Park. The department found people often gambling together at the planters of the Butterfly Beach Park so it was proposed to cultivate tall plants such as Ficus macrocarpa and Fagraea ceilanica at the planters concerned. She said that the proposed Ficus macrocarpa had a similar height of man thus achieving the beautification effect of fences and preventing people from gambling together.

89. A Member did not agree with this beautification works, saying that there were many members of the public who used drones at that location. There were not many locations where drones could be used without affecting other members of the public in Hong Kong. If there were tall plants cultivated at that location, they might affect the people who used drones. Moreover, he queried whether tall plants could stop crowd gathering.

90. A member enquired about the length of the planters for the proposed plants and said that it seemed the planters were not long as shown in the paper. However, this project had a higher cost than the one in the Tuen Mun Park. The Member hoped that the LCSD would provide the information concerned.

91. A Member agreed with this beautification works, saying that the problem of vocal performance at the Tuen Mun Park had spread to the Butterfly Beach Park. Many vocalists performed at the cycling track in the Butterfly Beach Park and the spectators gathered at the planters for the proposed plants. He said that the original trees were aging so cultivating plants could not only beautify the environment but it could also prevent crowd gathering.

92. Ms Pat TAM of the LCSD said that the planter for the proposed plants were approximately 300 metres long. As there were different species of plants, this project had a higher cost than the beautification works to the Tuen Mun Park. The proposed

bougainvillea for the beautification works to the Tuen Mun Park were relatively common and cheaper. The proposed *Ficus macrocarpa* for this beautification works needed to reach a certain height to have the function of fences so the price of the plants was higher. On the views about drones, she believed that the location where members of the public used drones was not within the area of the Butterfly Beach Park. Otherwise, the use of drones at certain altitude would affect the safety of passers-by.

93. A Member enquired whether tall plants would affect people's access to the soccer pitch inside the Butterfly Beach Park.

(Post-meeting note: the entrance/exit of the soccer pitch in the park was on the other side so it would not be affected by the beautification works.)

94. A Member agreed with this beautification works, saying that the orange fences might affect the users of the cycling track so he supported the replacement of the existing orange fences with trees. However, he hoped that the LCSD would explain why the planters of such length would cost \$400,000.

95. Ms Jackie LO of the LCSD said that \$400,000 was an estimate only. Any balance would be returned to the TMDC. Besides, she said that although there were many trees beside the cycling track, their roots might outgrow and cause cracks on the cycling track and danger. Therefore, the department tried not to plant trees beside the cycling track. The planting of shrubs would be more flexible in design, which could achieve the effect as fences and allocate space for the entrance/exit. Moreover, another proposed plant *Fagraea ceilanica* could purify the air. Cultivating two plants of different height could produce a feeling of layered texture.

96. The Chairman said that most Members supported this project but they had different views on the details only.

97. A Member said that the LCSD was an expert in the procurement of plants. In this regard, the Member enquired about the price for the purchase of a *Ficus macrocarpa* and a *Fagraea ceilanica*.

98. Ms Jackie LO of the LCSD said that the price of plants would fluctuate according to supply and demand. The estimated cost of the works would include planter formation, materials and labour cost for the cultivation of plants apart from the

procurement of plants. Therefore, the estimated cost of the works did not include the cost for the purchase of plants only. The department estimated that the cost of this project was approximately \$400,000 according to the actual expenditure of the beautification works in the past. The department would choose a qualified contractor for this beautification works according to the established tendering process.

99. The Chairman said that the expected number of people benefited by this project was 300,000, which was different from 500,000 being the expected number of people benefited by the works earlier. She suggested that the figures in the paper should be standardised. Moreover, she enquired whether there was maintenance period of the plants.

(Post-meeting note: the expected number of people benefited by the works was revised to 500,000.)

100. Ms Jackie LO of the LCSD said that the contractor of beautification works would generally provide around 3 to 6 months of maintenance period for the plants. If the plants had unsatisfactory growth, the department could request the contractor for replacement of the plants. During the maintenance period, the contractor would be responsible for the watering and trimming work to ensure the healthy growth of the plants.

101. There being no objections from Members, the Chairman announced that this funding of \$400,000 was endorsed. LCSD

(E) Improvement Works to the Grass Soccer Pitch of Tuen Mun Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground

(DFMC Paper No. 47/2020)

102. Ms Pat TAM of the LCSD said that the underground drainage pipes at the Tuen Mun Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground had been used for over ten years. The drainage effect during heavy rain was not satisfactory causing stagnant water on the turf. It would not only affect the quality of the turf, but the turf could not be re-opened in time for the members of the public. Besides, the Tuen Mun Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground was one of the venues for the Hong Kong Premier League in 2019-2020. To ensure that the quality of the turf could meet the requirements of the matches, the department wanted to apply for funding to improve the drainage facility of the sports ground. The works project included excavation of earth and removal of the old drainage pipes under

the turf, installation of two major drainage plastic pipes and 22 ancillary drainage plastic pipes and the resurfacing of the affected turf.

103. A Member supported the above works and enquired the LCSD how to maintain the underground drainage pipes of the venue.

104. A Member said that there were repair and maintenance works carried out during the summer vacation from time to time at the Tuen Mun Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground. In this connection, the Member enquired whether the venue would be closed when the works was being carried out, and whether members of the public would be allowed to continue to use the running tracks during the construction period.

105. Ms Pat TAM of the LCSD said that the Tuen Mun Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground was the major venue of school sports days in the district. As there would be resurfacing of the whole turf for the works, the department had arranged to carry out the works during the summer vacation to avoid affecting the school sports days. On the issue of maintenance, the department needed the excavation of earth for the replacement of the drainage pipes under the turf when the water pipes were blocked as the drainage pipes were under the turf. She said that the water pipers could be used for a long time and would not need replacement again in the near future. She also said that this was the first time the drainage pipe had been replaced since the completion of the sports ground.

106. The Chairman enquired whether the venue needed closure during the construction period.

107. Ms Pat TAM of the LCSD said that the department needed to close the venue for the excavation of the turf in the whole sports ground for the replacement of the water pipes. Therefore, this project would be carried out together during the maintenance period of the turf of the sports ground in summer in order to reduce the impact on the public.

108. The Chairman said that many people used the Tuen Mun Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground currently and many more people might go to the venue during the summer vacation. She hoped that the LCSD would shorten the construction period to avoid affecting members of the public owing to the closure of the venue.

109. A Member said that the quality of the turf at the soccer pitches in Hong Kong was not good generally. It was hoped that the LCSD would pay attention to the quality of the turf when resurfacing it.

110. Ms Jackie LO of the LCSD noted Member's views to open the sports ground during the construction period. She said that the department also had the same concern to provide convenience to members of the public. However, there would be large machines moving in and out of the venue during the construction period which would cause danger to the users of the venue. Considering the public safety, the department needed to close the venue during the construction period. Nevertheless, it might be possible that the running tracks at the sports ground could be opened for members of the public after the works ended at night and the venue was cleared.

111. A Member thanked the LCSD for their adjustment and suggested that the running tracks should be opened for general public before the commencement of the works.

112. Ms Jackie LO of the LCSD thanked Members for their views and said that she would consider the feasibility of opening the running tracks for members of the public before the commencement and after the completion of the works every day. The department would post up notices at the sports ground pending confirmation of the details on the opening.

(Post-meeting note: after con-ordinating with the contractor for the works after the meeting, the department would open the running tracks to members of the public for jogging during the non-construction period, i.e. before 8 a.m. and after 6 p.m. every day. The time table for the opening of the jogging facility would be displayed on the notice boards of the venue and uploaded onto the web page of the LCSD in advance for members of the public.)

113. The Chairman requested the LCSD again to pay attention to the quality of the turf when it was resurfaced.

114. There being no objections from Members, the Chairman announced that this LCSD funding of \$550,000 was endorsed.

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

(DFMC Paper No. 48/2020)

115. Mr LEE Kit-wai of the TMDO said that he wanted to apply for a funding of \$1,000,000 for the maintenance and minor improvement works of approximately 100 different works facilities. The paper had set out the TMDO's urgent maintenance and minor improvement works in the past year for Members' reference.

116. There being no objections from Members, the Chairman announced that this funding of \$1,000,000 was endorsed. TMDO

(G) Open Space with PVP in Area 27 (Sites A & B1), Tuen Mun

(DFMC Paper No. 49/2020)

117. The Chairman welcomed Miss WONG Ying, Samantha, Senior Engineer/Parking Project 4, Mr TSE Ming-yip, Senior Engineer/Special Duties, Ms QIU Yujing, Eugene, Engineer/Parking Project 5 and Mr WONG Yiu-wai, Rex, Engineer/Special Duties 2 of the Transport Department to the meeting.

118. Miss Samantha WONG of the TD said that the DFMC had discussed the open space at Area 27, Tuen Mun last April and agreed with the commencement of the Phase 1 works (i.e. Site B2) and the progress of Site A & B1 would be reported at this meeting. She said that the TD wanted to keep the open space and provide parking spaces at that location as well. Therefore, it was proposed to construct a building on the land with the provision of open space on the building and a carpark in the building. If the DFMC supported the proposal, the above proposal needed to be approved by the Town Planning Board ("TPB") before implementation. Besides, the department also understood that residents in that area had strong demands for parking spaces so it had studied different plans for the past one odd year and hoped that more parking spaces would be provided in the project. However, there was a seawall adjacent to the site for the proposed parking spaces with a large area of drainage reserve so there could not be any large building constructed on it. After several discussions between the TD and the Civil Engineering and Development Department ("CEDD"), the CEDD eventually proposed to exchange Site A with the site earmarked for the CEDD's development of a Cycling Entry/Exit Hub in the north originally so that the TD could provide more parking spaces at Site A after the exchange. The department wanted to construct a carpark building at Site A & B1 respectively and provide open space on the carpark building. After completion of the works, Site A, the Cycling Entry/Exit Hub and Site

B1 would be connected completely and become one whole open space. The department hoped that this project would provide open space for members of the public and more parking spaces as much as possible. If the DFMC supported the above proposal, the TD would do endeavours to obtain resources expeditiously to conduct technical study and design.

119. A Member said that the above works had been discussed by the TMDC for many terms but it was still at the discussion stage. Last year, the LCSD submitted an open space proposal without a carpark but there had been a shortage of parking facilities at that area. She said that Site B1 was a temporary carpark currently providing about 70 to 80 parking spaces. However, the carpark at that location would cease operation as Site B1 would become an open space after the commencement of the works. When the DFMC discussed this last year, it had relayed the views on the parking spaces to the LCSD. Having regard to the actual needs in the area, she supported the provision of 120 parking spaces at that location in principle. She said that this project provided recreational facilities which were very important to the community in the perimeter. It was hoped that the TD could provide specific information so that Members could consult residents.

120. A Member wanted to know more specific information to have a better understanding of the scope of the open space and he opined that the TD should conduct public consultation. He supported the provision of more parking spaces at that area and said that insufficient parking spaces was the problem of the whole Tuen Mun District.

121. A Member said Site A was adjacent to the Tuen Mun Public Cargo Working Area. There were insufficient parking spaces at that area so vehicles were parked in the streets outside causing road congestion nearby. He opined that the TD should consult the stakeholders in the neighbourhood and study whether to provide parking spaces for heavy vehicles. He suggested the arrangement of site inspections to have more understanding.

122. Miss Samantha WONG of the TD said that the paper aimed to consult the DFMC and obtain initial consensus on the land use and works area so that the TD could design a more detailed plan. She said that provision of public carparks on open spaces needed approval from the TPB first. If the DFMC agreed with the direction of the works, the department would commission a consultant to conduct various technical

studies to prepare the application for planning approval. After the preparation of a detailed plan, the TD would submit a paper to the DFMC before the submission of the application to the TPB so that Members would have more detailed information to consult members of the public. On the issue of the scope of open space, she said that Site A, Site B1 and the Cycling Entry/Exit Hub shown in the paper would be developed into an open space too. At the location of part of the proposed carpark, the open space would be situated on the roof so the whole Site A, Site B1 and the Cycling Entry/Exit Hub would be open space from panoramic view. From the horizontal angle, two blocks of buildings would be seen. She continued to say that the TD had reserved the area near the seawall as a promenade so that members of the public could admire the seashore. She welcomed Members to offer their views and she said that the TD would try to adopt Members' views when making the detailed design. On the provision of parking for heavy vehicles, she said that most of the vehicles which were parked at the temporary carpark in Site B1 were private cars or motor-cycles. As the area of Sites A & B1 was not large, the number of vehicles which could be parked would be reduced drastically if there was a building constructed for parking heavy vehicles. Therefore, the carpark being planned would provide parking spaces for private cars or motor-cycles mainly. She welcomed Members to conduct site inspections on this agenda item.

(The Chairman left the venue at this moment and the meeting was chaired by the Vice-chairman for the time being.)

123. A Member said that it was too slow to submit the paper to the TPB at this moment and hoped that the TD would provide the detailed design as soon as possible. She enquired about the arrangement of the cycling track between Chi Lok and Sam Shing and said the paper showed that the TD had reserved an area for connection with the cycling track. She hoped that works should be carried out at Site A, Site B1 and the Cycling Entry/Exit Hub at the same time. She also said that there was no toilet provided in the design of Sites A & B1 and enquired whether there were toilets at the Cycling Entry/Exit Hub. She suggested that the DFMC could agree with the application for planning approval first. At the same time, the TD could conduct the detailed design and the DFMC could conduct site inspections with the TD and the CEDD representatives.

124. A Member enquired about the arrangement on the entrance/exit of the carpark. He said that there were light rail tracks outside Site A and there was little space for the entrance/exit. He continued to enquire about the connection details of the cycling

track and the entrance/exit arrangements for the cyclists. Moreover, he opined that there were only 120 parking spaces provided at the carpark. It might not comply with the principle of maximum use of land and he said that the TD could study the construction of one more storey. As the open space was on the roof of the building, he suggested the provision of facilities such as lifts or escalators in the building. He also hoped that works would be carried out at Site A, Site B1 and the Cycling Entry/Exit Hub at the same time.

125. A Member agreed with this works project but opined that there were not sufficient parking spaces. He said that there were no clear explanations provided on the connection details of the cycling track. She continued to say the paper mentioned that there were no toilets provided in the works project. She opined that this design was not satisfactory.

126. Miss Samantha WONG of the TD said that there were no toilets provided at the open space in Sites A & B1 because there would be toilets at the Cycling Entry/Exit Hub. As these locations were close, she opined that there was no need to have additional toilets provided. Apart from toilets, there were cycle path/cycle practicing area and cycle parking facilities, etc. in the Cycling Entry/Exit Hub. At that time, there would also be cycle path extended to the inside of the Cycling Entry/Exit Hub. On the arrangement of the entrance/exit, it was necessary to pass through the existing pedestrian crossing no matter whether one went to the Cycling Entry/Exit Hub from the existing cycling track (shown as green in the diagram attached to the paper) or the proposed cycling track (shown as orange in the diagram attached to the paper). The TD would not recommend cycling at the pedestrian crossing. Cyclists needed to push the bicycles across the road and walk to the cycling track or cycle path area before cycling. The pink line shown in the paper showed the area whether cyclists needed to get off and walk across. On the enquiry about the entrance/exit of the carpark at Site A, she admitted that the entrance/exit of the carpark was close to the light rail tracks. However, if the entrance/exit was moved to the seaside, the cyclists needed to walk for longer section of road after getting off so the TD needed to make a choice. The TD would consider the factors such as safety and convenience when making a detailed design. On whether the works at Site A, Site B1 and the Cycling Entry/Exit Hub could be carried out at the same time, she said that the TD and the CEDD also wanted to carry out the works at the same time as far as possible so that they could be open to members of the public at the same time eventually. She agreed with the joint site inspections with the CEDD. After the works proposal received support from the DFMC, the TD

would co-ordinate with the CEDD and fight for the implementation of the works at the same time.

127. A Member said that many residents cycled instead of taking public transport in Tuen Mun but the policy on bicycles for the whole Tuen Mun District was not satisfactory. Cyclists often needed to get off and walk so members of the public would feel inconvenient.

128. A Member said that it was not satisfactory to connect the Cycling Entry/Exit Hub with pedestrian crossings as cyclists needed to get off and walk. Besides, he suggested the implementation of animal-friendly measures at the open space.

129. A Member agreed with the suggestion for the implementation of animal-friendly policy at the open space.

130. A Member said that many cyclists did not get off at pedestrian crossings. He opined that it was dangerous to cross the road near the entrance/exit of the carpark. In this connection, he suggested the provision of more road signs and stepping up enforcement action at the beginning of the commissioning of the open space.

131. Mr TSE Ming-yip of the TD said that the new cycling track would be built by the CEDD. He would relay Member's views so that the CEDD would consider Member's views when designing new cycling tracks. As far as the existing cycling tracks were concerned, he said that the TD needed to consider geographical and safety factors. He welcomed Members to offer views so that the TD could improve the cycling facilities.

132. Ms Pat TAM of the LCSD said that she noted Member's view on the implementation of animal-friendly policy and would conduct a study on it.

133. Ms Jackie LO of the LCSD said that if Members agreed with the implementation of animal-friendly policy, the department could implement the trial scheme of "Inclusive Parks for Pets" in the new open space. She suggested that the DFMC should approve the implementation of the trial scheme together when discussing the details of the open space.

134. A Member enquired which department would take the lead of the works and

enquired about the progress and schedule of the phase 1 development.

135. Ms Gladys LAW of the LCS D said that the DFMC supported the implementation of the projects in phases last year. Phase 1 would be implemented by the LCS D for the construction of recreational facilities at Site B2. Phase 2 would be implemented by the TD covering Sites A & B1 which included public carpark and passive recreational facilities. After the development plan of Site B2 in phases was supported by the DFMC last year, the LCS D was applying for funding and would consult the DFMC on the design of the works project. It was expected that the works project would commence at the beginning of the following year and the construction period would last about two years.

136. The Vice-chairman said that this project needed to be approved by the TPB. At that time, the TD would submit the paper to the DFMC again. He requested the Secretariat to arrange site inspections after the meeting. He requested Members to submit a paper to follow up on the overall planning of the cycling track in the Tuen Mun District.

Secretariat

(Post-meeting note: the Secretariat had arranged to conduct site inspections in July and August. However, the Chairman decided to postpone the site inspections owing to the development of the COVID-19.)

137. A Member requested the TD to allow the DFMC to examine the details first before submitting the paper to the TPB for approval.

138. Miss Samantha WONG of the TD said that she would consult the DFMC first before submitting the application to the TPB.

139. The Vice-chairman hoped that the TD would submit more detailed paper at that time and suggested that the project should be briefed by PowerPoint presentation. There being no objection from Members, the Vice-chairman supported this project in principle.

(The Chairman returned to the venue at this time and she continued to chair the meeting.)

(H) **Enquiry about Noise, Illegal Gambling and Hygiene Problems Caused by Singing Performances at Tsing Tin Playground and Relevant Improvement Suggestions**

(DFMC Paper No. 50/2020)

140. The proposer of the paper said that the paper set out the causes and situations of the problems at the Tsing Tin Playground, hoping to respond to the reply from the LCSD. He agreed that the gambling problem had been reduced owing to the implementation of the Prohibition of Group Gathering Regulation. However, the gambling problem might happen again when the Prohibition of Group Gathering Regulation ended eventually. According to the observation at the scene, news report and observations from members of the public, he believed that the gambling problem at the Tsing Tin Playground was controlled by an organisation illegally. He continued to say that the gambling problem had existed for many years and opined that it was necessary to work out solutions in the long run. In this regard, he supported the LCSD to make a planning on the facilities again to reduce the gambling problem. On the agenda item earlier, a Member said that the problem of vocal noise at the Tuen Mun Park had spread to the Tsing Tin Playground. He clarified that the nature of the problems at the two parks was different. Although the vocal performances at the two parks both caused noise problems, the one at the Tsing Tin Playground was relatively healthy and did not involve any illegal monetary transaction. After the target affected in the future “Pleasure Grounds Regulation” changed from “Person who used the Pleasure Ground” to “Person”, he hoped that the LCSD could improve the way of management and enforce the newly-amended regulation. Moreover, as the problem of vocal noise might spread to different parks in the district so he hoped that the LCSD would tackle the problem systematically.

141. Ms Pat TAM of the LCSD said that the police regularly took enforcement action on the gambling problem at the Tsing Tin Playground according to record. From February to March 2020, eight people were arrested for alleged gambling. To prevent the gamblers from escaping through the planters during the police operations, the department had built tall fences at the planters nearby hoping to reduce the problem by doing so. Owing to the current provisions of the Prohibition of Group Gathering Regulation, the LCSD had cordoned off the pavilion and the vicinity nearby where many people gathered. In the long run, the department intended to make a planning again on the pavilion concerned and the planters nearby, e.g. demolition of the pavilion and provision of large fitness corner nearby, hoping to increase the people flow and making it difficult for members of the public to gather. When there was a specific plan,

the department would consult the DFMC in due course and apply for funding from the district minor works programme for improvement works. On the problem of noise nuisance, she said that there were two vocalists singing and a group of people enjoying “Square Dance” at the Tsing Tin Playground at night from time to time and the complaints were made against the dancers mainly. To have a more effective control of the problem of noise nuisance in the park, the department published the proposed amendment on gazette on 22 May and submitted it to the Legislative Council on 27 May for the commencement of the negative vetting procedure after the proposed amendment to the Pleasure Grounds Regulations was supported by the Panel on Home Affairs of the Legislative Council on 11 May 2020. She briefed on the content of the proposed amendment and said that, the LCSD needed “a person who use the playground” to bear witness for the prosecution under the current “Pleasure Grounds Regulations”. After the amendment, “a person who use the playground” would be replaced with “anyone”. At that time, the LCSD could follow up on the complaints made by the residents in the perimeter. It was believed that the effectiveness of enforcement action could be strengthened. She continued to say that the new regulation would prohibit any form of reward through music or other activities concerned to reduce the singer’s incentive to perform for the receipt of reward. The department had once worked out the Codes for Parks at the Hoi Sum Park to regulate the performers, e.g. restrictions on the size of loud speakers. However, it was ruled null and void by the courts for ultra vires subsequently. After the amendment, the LCSD was authorised to work out restrictions on the music performance by notices displayed in the park. For example, the LCSD could display notices at the Tuen Mun Park to set restrictions on the use of loud speakers by performers. Besides, the penalties after the amendment would be increased from level 1 i.e. maximum fine of \$2,000 and imprisonment for 14 days to level 3, i.e. maximum fine of \$10,000 and imprisonment for 14 days. The department hoped that the noise problem would be controlled effectively through the above amendment to the regulation.

142. A Member said that she had conducted inspections of the Tsing Tin Playground with the LCSD representative twice. She agreed that the gambling problem at that location was organised. When she conducted the first inspection at the scene, the gamblers had left perhaps they were tipped off. Moreover, she said that the gamblers were very evil-looking. When she conducted the second inspection, the police was called for assistance eventually. On the enforcement action by the police, she said that there were people gambling at the Tsing Tin Playground every day. In this regard, she enquired about the number of arrests after the operation in March and enquired about

the number of people who were issued fixed penalty tickets for contravention of the Prohibition of Group Gathering Regulation. She received complaints from the residents of Kin Sang Estate about noise problem from time to time and hoped that the police could step up enforcement action at the Tsing Tin Playground to increase the deterrent effect.

143. Ms Angela LEE of the Hong Kong Police Force (“HKPF”) said that the police had always paid attention to the gambling problem at the Tsing Tin Playground. From January 2018 to May 2020, the police conducted a total of 14 operations against street gambling. The police conducted five operations in the first half of 2019 and arrested 30 people. In February and March 2020, the police also conducted operations at the Tsing Tin Playground and arrested eight gamblers in total. In the future, the police would step up operations against gambling. There would be firm enforcement action in the event of such cases. On the enquiry about the Prohibition of Group Gathering Regulation, the police received three reports on alleged contravention of Prohibition of Group Gathering Regulation at the Tsing Tin Playground until May 2020. However, the police found nothing upon arrival of the scene. She said that the police would give advice before warning when taking enforcement action on the Prohibition of Group Gathering Regulation. The police would issue fixed penalty tickets when there was no response after giving warning. As in the past, the police would step up patrols at the Tsing Tin Playground against acts of street gambling and contravention of the Prohibition of Group Gathering Regulation.

144. A Member said that the amendment to the ordinance was positive, which could strengthen the enforcement of the LCSD to control the performances which had not been approved. She suggested that the LCSD’s enforcement should not be limited whether there were loud speakers. Otherwise, the vocalists might dance and sing without loud speakers and the activities concerned might not be prohibited. She continued to say that some vocalists would not only conduct performance, but they also sell cigarettes and beverages like alleged illegal hawking. She hoped that the LCSD would strengthen alertness and plug the loophole. Besides, she suggested that the department should prohibit anyone from entering the park with an injunction if they did not rectify upon repeated advice. She enquired whether the law had vested any power on the injunction.

145. A Member said that there was a vocalist who could sing loudly without loud speakers at the Tuen Mun Park. He was concerned that the department might not take

enforcement action effectively at that time. Besides, he said that some members of the public had organised private Chinese New Year fair at the Tuen Mun Park and did not receive red packets like the vocalists. As a result, they were accused of hawking and asked to leave by the LCSD. Somehow, the vocalist could still hawk at the Tuen Mun Park so he opined that the LCSD had double standard. Therefore, he enquired about the LCSD's standard of taking enforcement action. He continued to say that experienced gamblers would not use cash for gambling and they would use ring pulls, etc. as chips. He enquired the HKPF whether they were able to take enforcement action against these cases.

146. A Member said that there were also gambling problems in many areas of the Tuen Mun District. Recently, the problems of gambling in parks and housing estates had become serious. He opined that the police should conduct operations in the whole Tuen Mun District. Otherwise, the gamblers might continue to gamble at other areas.

147. Ms Pat TAM of the LCSD said that nobody was allowed to hawk in the venues of pleasure grounds under the "Pleasure Grounds Regulation". If the department found anybody hawking, it would be stopped. If there was evidence, the offenders concerned would be prosecuted. Moreover, she said that even if the vocalist sang without loud speakers, they would be regulated under the "Pleasure Grounds Regulation" as long as they caused nuisance. As far as the views on the use of injunction were concerned, she said that the LCSD had sought legal advice on this. As the entry into parks would not be deemed as an act of contravention, the department wanted to use the newly-amended regulation first to step up regulation on the problem of noise nuisance at the current stage.

148. Ms Jackie LO of the LCSD said that the department had few examples of successful prosecutions in the past. It was believed that the record of contraventions could not be used to apply to the court for an injunction. She hoped that with the successful amendment, the department could take enforcement action effectively and prosecute the offenders to reduce the noise problem. Moreover, the department could seek legal advice again and study whether it could apply for an injunction when there was an increase of successful precedents. On the receipt of reward, the department could initiate prosecution if the LCSD had sufficient evidence to prove that there was no associated relationship between the parties but there was monetary transaction. She hoped that it would help the enforcement action in future if there was experience accumulated on the provision of evidence after repeated prosecutions.

149. Ms Angela LEE of the HKPF said that it was an offence for anybody to gamble in an establishment other than a casino regardless of the use of any gambling tools. It was still against the law no matter whether cash, ring pulls of soft drink tins or chips were used. The difference was that the presence of various gambling tools would make the police more difficult to take enforcement action and collect evidence. The police would step up patrols to prevent members of the public from gambling. Regarding the views on conducting operations in the whole Tuen Mun District, she said that the police would pay attention to the gambling problems in different areas of Tuen Mun and step up patrols and enforcement action.

150. The Chairman said that the meeting had overrun for one hour. Members were requested not to repeat what they had said.

151. A Member said that somebody gambled in parks for a long time. The Member enquired the police whether it had sufficient ability to continue to collect evidence on the gambling problem. The member queried about the effectiveness of enforcement action.

152. The proposer of the paper said that he supported the reduction of the gambling problem by making a planning on the pavilion again. It was hoped that the LCSD would submit a paper to the DFMC as soon as possible. He hoped that Members would support this works proposal at that time.

153. Mr LEUNG Chun-yeung of the HKPF said that if somebody gambled in parks for a long time and members of the public made a report to the police, the police would send officers to make observations for a long period of time and study whether there was sufficient evidence for prosecution. At the same time, the police would observe whether the gamblers would commit other illegal acts during the gambling. The police would take enforcement action together thus increasing the deterrent effect.

154. Ms Pat TAM of the LCSD said that she would contact the Works Section and submit the improvement proposals to the DFMC in due course.

155. The Chairman said that the amended "Pleasure Grounds Regulation" would come into effect at the end of July. She hoped that the LCSD would take enforcement action firmly and requested the LCSD and the HKPF to consider Members' views.

(I) Request for Better Management of Storage Cages at Beaches in Tuen Mun East

(DFMC Paper No. 51/2020)

156. The proposer of the paper said that Tuen Mun District was the first to have the provision of storage cages at beaches in 2015 with the Kadoorie Beach as the pilot location before gradual introduction to other beaches to the convenience of the swimmers. However, she received reports from many swimmers that some people occupied the storage cages for a long time. She had conducted site inspections to five beaches on 15 May and found that many storage cages were occupied. Even if the LCSD had posted up notices telling the swimmers to remove the belongings in the storage cages, the department did not take corresponding action after the designated grace period. The department had posted up notices near the storage cages telling the swimmers about the codes on the use of storage cages. Therefore, she did not want to see swimmers occupying public facilities for personal purpose. The written reply from the LCSD said that it would enhance management. However, she found that the problem had not been reduced when she conducted an inspection again on the night before last. She understood that the department might not be able to increase manpower in a short time but she still hoped that the department would pay attention to it and take action as soon as possible.

157. The Chairman said that there were complaints about storage cages because of bad management so it was the problem of management and enforcement.

158. Ms Pat TAM of the LCSD thanked Member for her views and said that the department would employ more security guards to step up patrols at night. It would continue the management of storage cages on beaches according to the established guidelines of the department.

159. The Chairman said that there was problem in the LCSD's enforcement action and she suggested that this agenda item should be passed to the Working Group on Facilities Management under the LCSD to follow up.

160. A Member agreed to pass this agenda item to the Working Group on Facilities Management under the LCSD to follow up and said that there were storage cages in the parks, sports centres and sports grounds apart from beaches. These storage cages might have the same problem so the LCSD should have standardised measures to follow

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161. The Chairman announced that this agenda item would be passed to the Working Group on Facilities Management under the LCSD to follow up and requested the LCSD to consider Member's views.

(J) Review of the Functions and Management Problems of Community Halls (and Conference Rooms)

(DFMC Paper No. 52/2020)

162. The Chairman clarified that the Working Group on Community Facilities Management in the paper should have been Working Group on Community Involvement ("WGCI").

163. The first proposer of the paper hoped that more information could be obtained before this agenda item was passed to the WGCI to follow up. She said that the TMDO had delegated management organisations because it was worried that nobody would use community centres in the year concerned. However, the current demands for community halls were greater than supply so she opined that the TMDO should revise the delegation of management organisations. Moreover, the WGCI had initially explored the priority use scheme. The TMDO said that there was little relationship between the priority use scheme and the management organisations. However, the fact was quite the contrary. She said that if the management organisations were not delegated the management of community halls, they could not have priority use of the facilities in the community halls. She cited that the management organisations had priority use of the Tuen Mun Town Centre Community Hall. She said that the TMDO should review the policy on community halls so that people in need could use the community halls. She cited that the TMDO should set limits on the number of priority use by the organisations. Besides, she said that community halls were used as shelters currently so the facilities in the community halls should be improved.

164. A Member said that the Tuen Mun Town Centre Community Hall was situated in his constituency. Some members of the public and organisations found that there were no free time slots for their booking upon arrival of the community hall because too many time slots had been booked by the organisations with priority use. He said that the current demands for community halls were greater than supply, allowing some organisations to have priority use of community halls was like allowing private organisations to abuse public resources. He said that the activities held by the priority

use organisations at weekends (such as drawing and dancing classes) could also be held by other organisations. As the priority use scheme might cause unfairness, the WGCI had not approved the priority use scheme. Therefore, the priority use organisations could not have priority booking of the time slots of the community halls for the time being. The DFMC could take this opportunity to review the priority use scheme.

165. A Member agreed with the proposal for the improvement of community halls in Point 1 of the paper, saying that some organisations in the district could not hold annual general meeting because they could not hire community halls. He said that many owners corporations in the district and housing estate concern groups needed to look for venues to hold meetings so he supported the proposal set out in Point 1 of the paper.

166. Responses from Mr Endy CHEUNG of the TMDO were summarised as follows:

- (a) Currently, there were designated time slots reserved for owners corporations, owners committees and mutual aid committees to hold owners' meeting at the community halls. There was also one time slot at night each week reserved for the district councillors' office to apply for urgent business in the community or important matters related to livelihood. He said that the time slot reserved for owners organisations was 2 to 7 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month. Owners organisations could lodge applications one month before the use of the venue. There was also a time slot at night each week reserved for district councillors' office at the community halls. Different community halls would have different days reserved and the time was from 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.;
- (b) As far as temporary shelters were concerned, he said that currently the TMDO reserved the Butterfly Community Hall for emergency relief purpose. The Butterfly Community Hall would also be used as cold or heat shelter while the Tseng Choi Street Community Hall was a stand-by centre. When the Butterfly Community Hall could not be open or there were too many people using it, the Tseng Choi Street Community Hall would be used. If there were special needs, the TMDO would open other community halls depending on the circumstances;
- (c) On the proposals for the venue booking arrangements, fees and priority use time slots, he said that the TMDO needed the consent of the HAD for the fee revisions. It might be unfair if organisations were not allowed to hold training courses consecutively. If organisations could provide evidence to prove that

the training courses were free of charge, the TMDO could exempt them from paying the fees. Currently, the training courses held by many organisations lasted over four lessons. If organisations were not allowed to hold training courses for over four lessons, the arrangements of the existing organisations would be affected certainly. He believed that this restriction was not satisfactory and lacked substantial justifications as support. He said that the TMDO had guidelines to prevent continuous activities from monopolising the time slots of the community halls. Currently, there would be a chosen night in a week, all the public holidays (except the first to third days of the Chinese New Year), Saturday afternoons and nights, and the whole day of Sunday reserved for the organisation of one-off activities at community centres. He welcomed Members to offer views on the current mechanism; and

- (d) On the arrangements of the “Priority Use Scheme on Reservation of Hiring Time Slots for Two Organisations”, currently the TMDO reserved some of the time slots at the Tuen Mun Town Centre Community Hall and the Kin Sang Community Hall for the Tuen Mun Arts Promotion Association and the Tuen Mun Sports Association for their priority use. He said that the priority use scheme had nothing to do with the management organisations. The scheme aimed to assist with the promotion of the arts and sports development in the district and the training of arts and sports elites in the district. The two organisations needed to submit reports to the WGCI every six months. The priority use scheme had been implemented since 2009. At the time, the TMDC invited the organisations concerned of the specific organisations in the TMDC, i.e. the Tuen Mun Arts Promotion Association, the Tuen Mun Sports Association and the Tuen Mun Children Choir. Subsequently, the Tuen Mun Children Choir did not participate in the scheme as the venue was not suitable. He opined that there was a need to extend the priority use scheme, saying that the Children Drawing, Marital Art and Ball Games Training Courses needed to be organised continuously. If there was no priority use scheme, the organisations would find it difficult to continue to organise training courses thus hindering the arts and sports developments. He said that there were many other organisations which hired community halls for holding popular music performance and fitness dance training, etc. If the priority use scheme was cancelled, it could be predicted that there would be many more such kind of activities in the future. At that time, the diversity of activities at the community halls would drop drastically. Moreover, many activities which were held in

reserved time slots targeted at young people and children mainly. If the priority use scheme was cancelled, young people and children would not be benefited. He believed that Members would not be pleased to see these situations so he hoped that Members would agree to extend the priority use scheme. He opined that Members could discuss whether the reduction of priority use time slots and spreading of the reserved time slots to other community halls could make other organisations to have the booking more easily. The TMDO had initial contacted the Tuen Mun Arts Promotion Association and they had positive response but they were worried that it was difficult to organise training courses which needed instrument such as musical instrument training courses.

167. A Member suggested working out a similar system like the LCSD's hiring of swimming pool. There would be different kinds of organisations allocated with different priority. He said that there were many owners corporations and mutual aid committees in some areas and these organisations needed to share the reserved time slots at the community halls. In this regard, he queried that there were insufficient time slots. On the arrangements of reserved community halls for district councillors' office, he said that there was no community hall in some constituencies and the district councillors might need to use the community halls in other constituencies. He was worried that there were insufficient reserved time slots for the councillors. Besides, he said that the management organisations could use the community halls when no organisations hired the community halls. He opined that the hiring time slots reserved for the management organisations should be reduced. He continued to say that there was alleged unfairness when some organisations hired the community halls free of charge and provided free training courses to the students who participated in fee charging care service.

168. A Member said that the priority use scheme allowed organisations to reserve the time slots at weekends so other organisations would find it difficult to hire community halls to organise large scale activities. Therefore, he suggested that the priority use scheme should be cancelled. He opined that there could be a transitional period for this. Then the scheme could be cancelled at the end of the transitional period.

169. A Member said that there were too many time slots reserved for the priority use organisations currently. He said if the TMDO was worried that the activities held at the community halls would be similar in nature after the scheme was changed, he

suggested that the time slots should be reserved according to the nature of the activities. Moreover, he enquired why there were no time slots reserved for district councillors' office at the Shan King Community Hall.

170. A Member clarified that the "Arts Association" mentioned by the TMDO earlier should mean the Tuen Mun Arts Promotion Association but not the Hong Kong Association for Democracy and People's Livelihood to avoid misunderstanding. Moreover, she did not support that prestigious specific organisations could have priority use of community halls. She opined that prestigious organisations had sufficient strength. They needed not worry about the problem of venue even if they received no assistance from community halls. Therefore, she said that other organisations should be given priority use of community halls. She suggested that there should be a transitional period for the change of priority use scheme for the organisations to adapt.

171. A Member suggested referring to the venue partnership scheme of the LCSD. The proposals of the organisations should be examined first before it was decided whether the organisations would be allowed to have priority use of the community halls so that more organisations could participate thus boosting competitions. She opined that there would be larger role in the improvement of the district venues after the functions of the TMDC were enhanced. It was expected that the TMDO would render full assistance.

172. Mr Endy CHEUNG of the TMDO said that the priority use organisations needed to submit application forms too. There was also ballot procedure so it was not true that they could use the venues at any time. Besides, he said that the management organisations did not have the priority use right currently when they assisted the government with the management of community halls. Therefore, the Tuen Mun Arts Promotion Association and the Tuen Mun Sports Association still needed to participate in the priority use scheme. On the venue partnership scheme that Member mentioned, he said that the priority use organisations were invited from the list of specific organisations of the TMDO. Therefore, the TMDC could consider to put other organisations in the list of specific organisations. He continued to say that the Tuen Mun Arts Promotion Association and the Tuen Mun Sports Association had a lot of experience in organising training courses and their achievements spoke for themselves.

173. The Chairman enquired about the term of the management organisations and whether there was any way of changing the system. She said that the management

organisations needed to submit reports regularly in the past to account for the time slots they used.

174. Mr Endy CHEUNG of the TMDO said that the management organisations would assist the government with the management only with no priority use of community halls. The Tuen Mun Arts Promotion Association and the Tuen Mun Sports Association could have the priority use of community halls because they had participated in the priority use scheme so these two should not be mixed up. As far as the figures on the use of community halls by the priority use organisations were concerned, the overall utilisation rate of the hall in the Kin Sang Community Hall in the second half of 2019 was 66.6%. Of it, the utilisation rate of the Tuen Mun Sports Association was 22.1% while other organisations had a utilisation rate of 77.9%. The overall utilisation rate of the hall in the Tuen Mun Town Centre Community Hall was 77.26% and the utilisation rate of the Tuen Mun Arts Promotion Association was 27.63% while other organisations had a utilisation rate of 72.37%. He said that the utilisation rate of 77.26% was already very high because it had included the time slots such as lunch and dinner which did not have high utilisation rates.

175. The Vice-chairman enquired whether there was any room for the adjustment of the priority use scheme.

176. Mr Endy CHEUNG of the TMDO proposed that the scheme should be extended but he welcomed Members offered views to finetune the scheme.

177. A Member said that the utilisation rates of the priority use organisations might seem low according to the data provided by the TMDO. However, she said that if the priority use time slots concentrated on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, other organisations could not book these time slots. In this connection, she hoped that the TMDO would provide the utilisation rate of the priority use organisations on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

178. Mr Endy CHEUNG of the TMDO said that he did not have the information concerned for the time being. He said that interest classes organised by the priority use organisations normally concentrated on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays to facilitate the participants. He welcomed Members to offer views on the change of time slots.

179. The Chairman announced that this agenda item would be passed to the WGCI to WGCI

follow up for a comprehensive review.

(K) Ramp Installation Works at Kin Sang Estate Bus Stop on Tsun Wen Road

(DFMC Paper No. 53/2020)

180. The proposer of the paper said she hoped that the barrier free facilities could be improved by the ramp installation at the bus stop. She said that there was a staircase at that location currently, which was not convenient to the elderly and the people who carried baby trolleys and large luggage. She said that the problem had lasted 20 to 30 years and she wanted the provision of barrier free access.

181. A Member said that the barrier free access was valuable and suggested the provision of barrier free accesses at all housing estates.

182. A Member said that the Kin Sang Estate was under the Tenants Purchase Scheme and enquired whether the area shown in the paper belonged to the housing estate or government land. The Member said that the ramp needed to be installed by Kin Sang Estate if the area fell within the housing estate.

183. The proposer of the paper said that the location of the staircase in the photo of the paper was within the housing estate but she suggested that the location for the provision of the ramp should fall within the purview of the Highways Department (“HyD”). She had written a letter to ask the owners corporation of the Kin Sang Estate whether it would agree to allow the government to install a ramp at the location of the staircase. She was waiting for a reply but she believed the owners corporation would not have objections.

184. The Chairman said that as part of the location fell within the housing estate, she was worried that the owners corporation of the Kin Sang Estate would have objections and the works could not be implemented. She announced that the works would be passed to the Working Group on Facilities and Works (“WGFW”) to follow up.

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(L) Installation of Railings on the Footpath along Tong Hang Road

(DFMC Paper No. 54/2020)

185. The proposer of the paper said some residents reflected that there were some vehicles which were parked on the footpath along Tong Hang Road from time to time and the pedestrians had to walk on the road. The conditions at the areas near the Po Wah Garden Phase 3 and the Siu On Garden were the most serious. As there was a

construction site for a new housing estate nearby, the population in the future would increase. In this connection, she hoped that there would be provision of railings at the suitable area along Tong Hang Road to avoid vehicles being parked on the footpath.

186. The Chairman enquired whether Tong Hang Road was a private road or government road. The proposer of the paper responded that Tong Hang Road was government road and it was the TMDO which was responsible for its repair and maintenance.

187. The Chairman said that there were some vehicles parked on the footpaths in the area from time to time and enquired whether it should be the TD or the HyD to install the railings instead of using the funding under the district minor works (“DMW”) programme.

188. Mr LEE Kit-wai of the TMDO said that the TMDO would carry out the road works which fell within the purview of the TMDO. The works proposed at the DFMC would be implemented with the funding under the DMW programme.

189. A Member said that there were fire hydrants and street lamps on the road so it might be more appropriate for the HyD to install the railings.

190. The proposer of the paper said that roads fell within the purview of the HyD while village roads normally fell within the purview of the TMDO. As Tong Hang Road was a village road, the improvement works would be carried out by the TMDO. Therefore, this installation of railings should be carried out by the TMDO.

191. A Member hoped that the TMDO would brief on the arrangements of road management.

192. Mr LEE Kit-wai of the TMDO said that some roads fell within the purview of the HyD and the TD while the TMDO was responsible for the maintenance of some village roads.

193. The Chairman enquired whether Tong Hang Road fell within the purview of the TMDO, whether this installation of railings should be carried out by the TMDO and whether funding under the DMW programme should be used.

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194. Mr LEE Kit-wai of the TMDO said that the TMDO was responsible for the maintenance of Tong Hang Road so it would also be responsible for the installation of railings.

195. A Member said that the funding should be endorsed if the works would benefit members of the public. The TMDO should confirm the responsibility for the works on Tong Hang Road early.

196. The Chairman announced that the works proposal concerned was endorsed to be put in the waiting list of DMW and the Secretariat was asked to follow up in due course.

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(M) Installation of Railings on the Uphill Road next to Street Lamp VD1254

(DFMC Paper No. 55/2020)

197. The proposer of the paper said that the above location was situated at the boundary of the Tuen Tsz Wai and the San Hing Tsuen. There were at least three accidents which happened on the uphill road shown in the photo of the paper. There was an old man who was involved in an accident and fell to the roadside when he was riding a bicycle across the road. He had written a letter to the TMDO on this works proposal and the TMDO replied that the village heads agreed with the works initially. Although there were few villagers, he suggested the installation of railings for the safety sake of the villagers during their access as there were accidents at that location.

198. A Member suggested the provision of handrails on the railings to benefit the elderly and the mobility-handicapped.

199. The proposal of the paper said that all kinds of railings could achieve the aim of providing convenience to the villagers. It would be fine whether there was provision of handrails or not.

200. The Chairman announced that the works proposal concerned was endorsed to be put in the waiting list of DMW and the Secretariat was asked to follow up in due course.

Secretariat

(N) Enhancement to Government Land Surrounding Site 1&1A in Area 54

(DFMC Paper No. 56/2020)

201. The proposer of the paper said that the government had conducted land resumption at that area and built public housing on part of the site while the surrounding site was returned to the TMDLO and left idle until now. She said that the TMDLO

would clear the weeds from time to time currently but this did not get to the root of the problem. When the TMDLO did not have sufficient resources in the future, it might stop clearing. In this regard, she hoped that the site would be used properly with the provision of planters for greening purpose and there should be a slip road to facilitate access of the public.

202. A Member hoped that the TMDLO would clear the weeds more often. She said that the agenda item should be followed up by the Commerce, Industry and Housing Committee (“CIHC”) so that its Working Group on Housing Affairs would follow up on the development of Area 54. She said that the working group could have a macro review on the proper use of the site to see what was in the best interest of the community with a better understanding of the policy of the Housing Department (“HD”) and the long-term planning of the PlanD.

203. Mr TAM Kwok-leung of the TMDLO said that the HD returned the narrow and long government site surrounding the Site 1&1A in Area 54 to the TMDLO under its purview. Since March 2019, the TMDLO had cleared the weeds at that area every month at the request of the district councillor of the constituency concerned. If this project was endorsed, it should be led by the Works Section and the TMDLO would co-ordinate the land administration work.

204. The Chairman enquired about the area of the site.

205. Mr TAM Kwok-leung of the TMDLO said that he would provide Members with the plan for reference.

(Post-meeting note: the plan provided by the TMDLO would be attached to the annex after the meeting.)

206. The proposer of the paper agreed that matters related to the overall development of Area 54 should be followed up by the CIHC. After she enquired the HD, CEDD, TMDLO and TMDO, however, the only way to improve the situation of the site was the application for funding under the DMW programme for the implementation of the works. She said that the intake of the residential developments built at site 1 & 1A would commence in the following year. To avoid the surrounding environment to the residents from being unsatisfactory after the intake, the DFMC should implement the project expeditiously. She was worried that the TMDLO would stop clearing the weeds when it did not have sufficient resources in the future so this long-term plan

should be implemented.

207. The Chairman enquired the TMDO about its views on this project.

208. Mr LEE Kit-wai of the TMDO said that the TMDO would follow up in due course if the DFMC put the works proposal on the waiting list of DMW.

209. A Member said that the TMDLO had management responsibility before the government land had a specific purpose. He said that he did not know the number of pedestrians at that location and opined that the implementation of improvement works should be considered according to needs. At the current stage, he agreed that the HD should follow up on matters related to the land.

210. The Chairman hoped that Members would be told the size of the site so that Members could consider the use of the site. She opined that the responsibility on the land improvements should be clarified and there should be a study whether it should be followed up by the HD.

211. A Member said that there should be more information before making a decision, e.g. the use of the site in the future planning. In this connection, she suggested conducting site inspections first to obtain more information before making a decision.

212. The Chairman said that the DFMC of the previous term had conducted site inspections at that location. However, this term was different from the previous term and she opined that there could be site inspections arranged for this.

213. The proposer of the paper welcomed the arrangement of site inspections and said that the HD had returned the site to the TMDLO so there would not be follow-up on this. As this was a government land in the rural area, she said that it would be more appropriate for the TMDO to follow up.

214. A Member said that he did not know the location, the area and even the connection arrangement with pavement of the captioned site.

215. A Member suggested that there should be arrangement for the site inspections of the works progress in the community hall and sports centre at Area 54 on the same day.

216. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to arrange site inspections and announced that discussion of this agenda item would continue at the next meeting.

(Post-meeting note: the Secretariat had arranged site inspections in July and August. However, the Chairman decided to postpone the site inspections owing to the development of the COVID-19.)

(O) **Request for Provision of DC Notice Boards at the Vacant Ground opposite Tin Tsui House, Tin King Estate in Northwest Area**

(DFMC Paper No. 57/2020)

217. As the first proposer of the paper, the Chairman said that the Tuen Mun Northwest was densely populated but there was no notice board in that area. There was a notice board at the Shan King Constituency only. She said that the pedestrian flow in the area concentrated outside the Tin Tsui House of the Tin King Estate, i.e. the location of telephone booth shown in the photo of the paper. As the telephone booth would be demolished soon, she suggested the provision of a notice board at the above location to enhance the transparency of the TMDO.

218. A Member supported the above suggestion, saying that the area which had higher pedestrian flow was managed by owners corporations and commercial complex normally. The TMDO would usually find it difficult to post up notices at commercial complexes and the owners corporations might screen the content of the notices. He cited that owners corporations might not allow the legislative councillors of some political parties to post up notices. Therefore, it was difficult to display information of the TMDO at the areas with higher pedestrian flow currently and the above suggestion could achieve this result exactly.

219. There being no objections from Members, the Chairman announced that the works proposal concerned was endorsed to be put in the waiting list of DMW and the Secretariat was asked to follow up in due course.

(P) **Fence Heightening Works under Yuet Wu Footbridge on Wu Sau Street, Tuen Mun**

(DFMC Paper No. 58/2020)

220. The proposer of the paper said that there were often shop tenants and scavengers who put sundry articles under the footbridge near the Yuet Wu Villa. Although there were fences at that location, they were not high enough so some people could climb

over the fences and put sundry articles there. He said that it was not easy to remove the sundry articles because it needed the presence of three government departments at the same time to be responsible for opening the lock, investigation and removal respectively. Therefore, the government could not clear the area under the footbridge frequently. He said that putting sundry articles under the footbridge would give rise to hygiene problem. As there were many food establishments nearby, there would also be rodent problems. In this regard, he suggested heightening the fences so that people would find it difficult to climb over and put sundry articles there.

221. There being no objections from Members, the Chairman announced that the works proposal concerned was endorsed to be put in the waiting list of DMW and the Secretariat was asked to follow up in due course.

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VI. Reporting Items

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

(DFMC Paper No. 59/2020)

222. Members noted the content of the captioned paper.

(B) Report on LCSD's Performing Arts Activities in Tuen Mun District and Usage of Tuen Mun Town Hall

(DFMC Paper No. 60/2020)

223. Members noted the content of the captioned paper.

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

(DFMC Paper No. 61/2020)

224. Members noted the content of the captioned paper.

(D) Report of the Working Group on Community Involvement

(DFMC Paper No. 62/2020)

225. The convenor of the working group said that the working group did not intend to organise major events but wanted to organise minor events. The working group hoped that more organisations would take this opportunity to organise activities in different areas instead of holding one off activities which would waste a large amount of public money. Besides, the Steering Group on Leisure & Sports Development wanted to organise recreation and sports training courses.

226. The DFMC endorsed the captioned working group report.

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

(DFMC Paper No. 63/2020)

227. The convenor of the working group, who was also the Vice-chairman of the DFMC, said that the working group had not discussed “other projects which were being organised” in the financial and progress report of the DMW. That part would be followed up at the next meeting. He continued to say that Members could submit DMW proposals at any time to allow the DFMC and the working group to discuss and follow up after the works location was confirmed and public consultation was conducted.

228. The DFMC endorsed the captioned working group report.

VII. Any Other Business

229. The Chairman said that according to the “Draft Budget of TMDC Funds (2020-21)” approved by Finance, Administration and Publicity Committee (“FAPC”) and the TMDC, the funding earmarked for the DFMC was \$3,804,777, including the general funding of \$2,259,597 and the dedicated funding of \$1,545,180 for promoting local arts and culture. She requested Members to consider allocation of financial resources for its working groups so that the working groups could work out the action plan for the coming year.

(Post-meeting note: according to the revised “Draft Budget of TMDC Funds (2020-21)” approved by the FAPC at its meeting on 12 June 2020 and the TMDC at its meeting on 21 August 2020, the funding earmarked for the DFMC was \$3,804,777, including the general funding of \$2,223,561 and the dedicated funding of \$1,581,216 for promoting local arts and culture.)

230. There being no objections from Members, the Chairman announced that the Working Group on Community Reading of the WGCI was allocated funding of \$500,000, the Steering Group on District Arts was allocated funding of \$1,025,837, the Steering Group on Leisure and Sports Development was allocated funding of \$500,000, and funding of \$548,940 was earmarked for the extension of the opening hours of the community hall/centres in the Tuen Mun District. As the WGFW and the Working Group on Facilities Management of the LCSD had no funding request, there was no

need for funding earmarked. Moreover, she enquired the convenor of the Working Group on Tuen Mun District Organising Committee for the Eighth Hong Kong Games how much funding the working group would need as estimated.

231. The convenor of the Working Group on Tuen Mun District Organising Committee for the Eighth Hong Kong Games said that the budget was \$50,000 in the past. It was suggested that a higher amount should be earmarked but it should be lower than \$100,000 for the organisation of the Eighth Hong Kong Games.

232. The Chairman said that the convenor's suggestion was within the reasonable scope of financial commitment so she announced that a funding of \$80,000 was earmarked for the Working Group on Tuen Mun District Organising Committee for the Eighth Hong Kong Games. She also said that the DFMC of the previous term used a total of \$1,218,000 on the large-scale festive display and lighting decorations. She had consulted Members whether there should be a funding earmarked this year for the large-scale festive display and lighting decorations. She said that other district councils had resolved to use the original financial resources for display and lighting decorations on other events instead. She hoped that Members would offer their views on this and decide whether funding should be earmarked for the working group which would follow up on the festive display and lighting decorations.

233. A Member said that this agenda item should be discussed at the working group first before it was submitted to the DFMC for decision. She said that the DFMC had followed up on the festive display and lighting decorations in different ways in the past, including following up on the lighting decorations by forming a non-standing working group and at the existing standing working group. She opined that if there were sufficient lighting displays at the commercial complexes nearby, the DFMC did not need to allocate additional resources for the lighting decorations. If the DFMC eventually resolved to put resources on lighting decorations, it should ensure that the lighting displays could be recycled.

234. A Member suggested that the DFMC should earmark a limited funding of \$100,000 to \$200,000 for the working group on lighting decorations and also invite companies in the district to sponsor the works. Eventually, the scale of the lighting display could be adjusted depending on the sponsors' responses.

235. A Member said that it was not necessary to discuss whether to form a working

group on lighting decorations if the DFMC rejected the allocation of resources for the lighting decorations.

236. The Chairman said that she had consulted Members on the large-scale festive display and lighting decorations and found that there were different opinions so she hoped that this matter could be decided at this meeting.

237. A Member opined that the large-scale festive display and lighting decorations in the past was a waste of money and not environmentally friendly. There were few people who admired at the lighting displays so he did not agree to provide funding again for the large-scale festive display and lighting decorations. Moreover, the expenditure of lighting decorations of the Yuen Long District Council was over \$1,000,000 according to the data of the light decorations of the Yuen Long District Council and the news report in the previous year. Somehow, the cost was only \$70,000 if the materials for the lighting displays were procured from the on-line platforms together with transportation and labour charges. In this connection, he said that if the DFMC resolved to carry out large-scale festive display and lighting decorations, there should not be a funding of over \$100,000 earmarked. He opined that if the lighting design was not beautiful, the lighting decorations should not commence. If there were companies which sponsored the large-scale festive display and lighting decorations and the design was beautiful, he would support the works.

238. A Member enquired how the funding for the large-scale festive display and lighting decorations in the past would be allocated if the DFMC decided not to earmark funding for the large-scale festive display and lighting decorations.

239. The Secretary said that the DFMC was allocated a funding of approximately \$3,800,000 in total according to the Draft Budget of TMDC Funds approved by the FAPC and the TMDC. There was no provision for funding to be used for a specific purpose so the DFMC could allocate the funding allotted flexibly.

240. A Member said that the budget had set out the proportion of the dedicated funding for arts and culture.

241. The Secretary said that in the amount allocated to the DFMC, there was dedicated funding of \$1,500,000 for arts and culture to be used for the organisation of activities covering arts and culture.

242. The Chairman said that if the DFMC agreed to carry out lighting decorations, it could form a non-standing working group on lighting decorations while the amount of funding could be decided later. If the DFMC decided not to carry out lighting decorations, the unallotted funding could be allocated for other working area of the DFMC. The Chairman wanted Members to offer their views on this.

243. The Vice-chairman hoped that Members would discuss whether there was a need to carry out lighting decorations. The DFMC could decide whether it agreed to carry out the lighting decorations first while the content of the works and the amount of funding could be discussed later.

244. A Member said that the works could be carried out if the design of lighting decorations was satisfactory. However, the lighting decorations should not be carried out if the DFMC decided to reduce the funding making the design of the lighting decorations unsatisfactory. Besides, some other district councils had decided not to carry out lighting decorations so that the resources could be used on other more meaningful projects. He said that many members of the public criticised the TMDC about the lighting decoration projects. They hoped that the resources of the TMDC would be used properly and the resources could be used more effectively to organise activities or provide meaningful services. Therefore, he opined that the DFMC should not carry out lighting decorations.

245. A Member agreed that Members made decisions on the funding carefully because they felt that they should be accountable to their electors. However, she said that Members should look after the needs of other electors who did not vote for them. She was from the grassroot family in Tuen Mun so she understood that not every Tuen Mun resident could admire the lighting decorations in the urban area. Some members of the public could stay in the district only to admire lighting decorations. Therefore, she opined that the DFMC should keep some festive lighting decorations like Christmas lighting decorations.

246. A Member said that there were discussion items which would be discussed in Any Other Business at the meetings of different committees in the past. In this regard, he said that the Secretariat could set out the discussion items in Any Other Business in the agenda in future so that Members could be prepared for the discussion items. As far as the agenda item on lighting decorations was concerned, he said that the works was

against the greening principle. He said that there was no need to hold a vote at this meeting in a hurry. He suggested that the Chairman should replace festive lighting decorations with “Festive Display” and form a non-standing working group so that Members could have more in-depth discussion at the working group.

247. The Chairman apologised for the matters related to the agenda and thanked Members for their suggestions. She also hoped that Members would offer their views whether to form a non-standing working group to follow up on the lighting decorations.

248. A Member said that if the DFMC decided to form a non-standing working group to follow up, it needed to decide its name, way forward of work and terms of reference.

249. The Chairman suggested that the lighting decorations should be passed to the WGFW to follow up for in-depth discussion and she said that the Vice-chairman, who was also the convenor of the working group had no comments on this.

250. A Member said that there were more Members present at this meeting so he hoped that the DFMC would decide the specific direction of the lighting decorations.

251. A Member agreed to decorate and form a non-standing working group in the name of “Festive Decorations” for it to discuss details of the festive decorations.

252. A Member had the following proposals: First, the DFMC could form a working group on decorations to follow up on the works, which aimed to beautify the community. She said that the DFMC should not reject the needs for lighting displays owing to the unsatisfactory lighting displays in the past while the greening factors could be discussed later. Second, the DFMC could allocate this funding of \$1,000,000 to the WGCI first before deciding whether to carry out the lighting decorations later. If the WGCI decided not to carry out the lighting decorations, this amount could be put on other projects of the WGCI without DFMC’s resolution in order to increase efficiency.

253. The Chairman said that there should not be further postponement on the discussion whether to carry out the lighting decorations. Otherwise, she was worried that there would not be sufficient time to implement the work concerned.

254. A Member said that the DFMC should hold a vote today. He was worried that if the DFMC accepted the second proposal that Member had just made, i.e. the funding

would be allocated to the WGCI and the working group was allowed to decide whether to carry out the lighting decorations but it decided not to carry out the lighting decorations, the working group and the DFMC would find it difficult to arrange the return of the funding to the FAPC and the DFMC for discussion in time so much so that the amount could not be properly used.

255. A Member said that even if the DFMC resolved to form a working group on lighting decorations, it would be difficult to carry out decorations for the HKSAR Establishment Day and the National Day in time. In view of this, he suggested that the DFMC should earmark \$300,000 to \$500,000 to decorate the Tuen Mun District at Christmas so that members of the public could take photos for remembrance.

256. A Member suggested that the DFMC should hold a vote whether to carry out lighting decorations and to follow up by a non-standing working group or the WGFW.

257. The DFMC held a vote whether to carry out festive decorations and the voting results were as follows:

In favour (9 votes in total)	Ms Josephine CHAN, Mr WONG Tan-ching, Ms SO Ka-man, Mr YEUNG Chi-hang, Mr WONG Tak-yuen, Mr LEE Ka-wai, Mr HO Kwok-ho, Mr TSANG Kam-wing, Mr Alfred LAI
Against (6 votes in total)	Mr LAM Ming-yan, Mr MA Kee, Mr Kenneth CHEUNG, Mr TSANG Chun-hing, Mr YAN Pui-lam, Ms LAW Pei-lee
Abstention (7 votes in total)	Mr LAM Kin-cheung, Ms KONG Fung-yi Ms HO Hang-mui, Ms Beatrice CHU, Mr YAN Siu-nam, Mr CHOW Kai-lim, Mr WONG Hung-ming

258. The Chairman announced that the DFMC approved the implementation of festive decorations by absolute majority. She said that Members could discuss whether to follow up on the works by a non-standing working group or a standing working group. As there were more members of the WGFW and the Vice-chairman, who was also the convenor of the working group, agreed as well, the Chairman said that it would be more satisfactory to pass the decorations to the WGFW to follow up.

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259. A Member said that it would not be satisfactory to hold a vote on the arrangements of the festive decorations rashly without sufficient discussion.

260. The Chairman apologised for not setting out the discussion items in Any Other Business of the agenda and said that this voting did not determine the amount of the festive decorations, which could be discussed in-depth at the meeting of the working group in future. She continued to announce that the festive decorations would be passed to the WGFW to follow up and she requested the Vice-chairman to hold a meeting as soon as possible. She also appealed to Members to participate in discussion at the working group proactively.

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261. There being no other business, the Chairman announced that the meeting closed at 2:48 p.m. The next meeting would be held at 9:30 a.m. on 25 August 2020 (Tuesday).

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