

**Minutes of the 1st Meeting in 2023 of the District Facilities Management
and Culture, Recreation and Sports Committee
of the Tai Po District Council**

Date: 13 January 2023 (Friday)

Time: 9:33 a.m. – 11:26 a.m.

Venue: Conference Room, Tai Po District Council

<u>Present</u>	<u>Time of Arrival</u>	<u>Time of Withdrawal</u>
<u>Chairman</u>		
Mr. MO Ka-chun, Patrick	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
<u>Vice-chairman</u>		
Mr. AU Chun-ho	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
<u>Members</u>		
Mr. HO Wai-lam	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. LAM Yick-kuen, MH	10:47 a.m.	End of the meeting
Mr. LAU Yung-wai	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. LI Yiu-ban, BBS, MH, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. TAM Yi-pui	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
<u>Secretary</u>		
Miss LO Tin-wai, Tiffany	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Executive Officer (District Council) 1 / Tai Po District Office / Home Affairs Department		

In attendance

Ms. CHAN Hau-man, Eunice, JP	District Officer (Tai Po), Home Affairs Department
Mr. CHU Ka-chun, Gordon	District Leisure Manager (Tai Po), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr. YAU Wan-po, Wallace	Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Tai Po, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr. CHAN Kam-shing, Eddie	Senior Executive Officer (Planning) 23, Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms. WONG Chit-hei, Heidi	Executive Officer (Planning) 23, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms. OR Hiu-man, Stella	Senior Manager (New Territories East) Promotion, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr. NG Chi-keung, Barry	Senior Librarian (Tai Po), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr. TSUI Chun-sing	Administration Assistant, Lands (Atg.), District Lands Office, Tai Po, Lands Department
Ms. CHAN Yi-sa, Yisa	Architect (Works)1, Home Affairs Department
Mr. WONG Wilson	Architect (Works) 10, Home Affairs Department
Miss CHAN Sui-king, Madeline	Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Tai Po District Office, Home Affairs Department
Mr. WU Chi-hung, Derek	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Tai Po District Office, Home Affairs Department
Ms. WONG Sze-man, Queenie	Senior Liaison Officer (2), Tai Po District Office, Home Affairs Department
Mr. SO Wing-kai	Senior Inspector of Works, Tai Po District Office, Home Affairs Department
Mr. LAU Chun-ming	Inspector of Works (3), Tai Po District Office, Home Affairs Department
Miss YIP Lisa	Liaison Officer (7), Tai Po District Office, Home Affairs Department
Mr. Darren S. W. LI	Design Manager, Ho & Partners Architects Engineers & Development Consultants Limited
Mr. CHAN Ka-long, Angus	Assistant Building Surveyor, Ho & Partners Architects Engineers & Development Consultants Limited
Mr. TO Pui-ka, Kenny	Senior Architect, WCWP International Limited
Ms. HUI Tung-ching	Architect, WCWP International Limited
Ms. LI Fong-chi, Chilli	Architectural Assistant, WCWP International Limited
Mr. LUI Chi-hing	Assistant Coach, Wofoo Tai Po
Ms. Lily LEE	Secretary, Pak Hei Sports Association
Ms. Annie LEUNG	Treasurer, Pak Hei Sports Association

Opening remarks

The Chairman welcomed Members and departmental representatives to the 1st meeting of the District Facilities Management and Culture, Recreation and Sports Committee (“DFMC”) in 2023, and welcomed Ms. WONG Sze-man, Queenie, Senior Liaison Officer of Tai Po District Office (“TPDO”), who replaced Ms. WONG Yu-hang, Anita who had transferred out, to attend DFMC meetings from now on.

I. **Confirmation of the minutes of the 6th meeting in 2022 of the DFMC on 11 November 2022**
(TPDC Paper No. DFM 1/2023)

2. The Chairman reported that neither had the Secretariat received any proposed amendments to the minutes prior to the meeting, nor had Members put forward any amendments at the meeting, the captioned minutes were thus confirmed.

II. **Government Departments and Term Consultants — Position of the District Minor Works Funds and progress report on the approved District Minor Works Projects**
(TPDC Paper Nos. DFM 2/2023 and DFM 2a/2023)

3. The Chairman requested that Members note the position of the District Minor Works Funds and the progress report on the approved District Minor Works (“DMW”) Projects. He reported that the DFMC currently had an approved project estimates of \$108 million, of which around \$24.75 million was for 2022/23 and approximately \$83.60 million for 2023/24 and thereafter.

4. The Chairman asked representatives of the term consultant, Tai Po District Office (“TPDO”) and Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) to report the progress of projects, and welcomed the following persons to attend the meeting for the discussion of this item:

Ho & Partners Architects Engineers & Development Consultants Limited

Mr. Darren S. W. LI, Design Manager

Mr. CHAN Ka-long, Angus, Assistant Building Surveyor

WCWP International Limited

Mr. TO Pui-ka, Kenny, Senior Architect

Ms. HUI Tung-ching, Architect

Ms. LI Fong-chi, Chilli, Architectural Assistant

Home Affairs Department

Ms. CHAN Yi-sa, Yisa, Architect (Works)¹

Mr. WONG Wilson, Architect (Works)¹⁰

(A) **DMW projects with the term consultant Ho & Partners Architects Engineers & Development Consultants Limited and WCWP International Limited as works agent**
(Items (1) to (20) in Annex 2 to TPDC Paper No. DFM 2/2023 and TPDC Paper No. DFM 2a/2023)

5. Mr. TO Pui-ka, Kenny introduced TPDC Paper No. DFM 2a/2023 and indicated that Civil

Engineering and Development Department (“CEDD”) would widen the existing lay-by to provide a lay-by for buses. Since the location of the said works overlapped in part with the site of the proposed rainshelter, confirmation of the project schedule and the actual location of bus and minibus stops was pending. As such, the proponent agreed that it was not suitable to take forward the project at this stage, and the proposal to construct a rainshelter was therefore infeasible.

6. DFMC noted the above feasibility study report.

7. Mr. CHAN Ka-long, Angus reported the progress of project items as follows:

- (i) Project Item (1) “TP-DMW227 Provision of sitting-out area and children’s playground at Nai Chung, Tai Po”: LCSD, the term consultant and relevant departments had already completed the inspection and acceptance work of the venue on 22 November 2022. The venue had been opened for public use on 19 December. As the whole project had completed, it would be removed from the progress summary of projects.
- (ii) Project Item (2) “TP-DMW231 Provision of a Sitting-out Area in Care Village, Tai Po”: Due to the rather remote location of the project site, vehicles transporting construction materials could not park near the works area, and workers would need to transport the materials manually. As regards the comments of the tender analysis report, LCSD (Planning Section) had conducted an on-site inspection on 4 January 2023 with Home Affairs Department (“HAD”) (Works Section), the term consultant and TPDO to look into the matter. After discussion, HAD (Works Section) would provide LCSD (Planning Section) similar cases for reference to facilitate follow up. The project contract was expected to commence in the first quarter in 2023.
- (iii) Project Item (3) “TP-DMW232 Provision of sitting-out area at Po Sam Pai, Tai Po”: Preliminary foundation construction had completed and preparation of ground level works was currently underway.
- (iv) Project Item (4) “TP-DMW241 Provision of sitting-out area at San Wa On Lane, Tai Po Tau, Tai Po”: The term consultant was working on the detailed design, consulting relevant departments and preparing the tender invitation. It had been initially expected that tender invitation would take place in December 2022 and the project contract would commence in the first quarter in 2023, both of which would be deferred.
- (v) Project Item (5) “TP-DMW242 Provision of sitting-out area at San Uk Tsai, Lam Tsuen, Tai Po”: Since some trees at the said site were in poor condition, the play equipment might be affected. The term consultant had submitted to LCSD a tree replanting proposal on 11 November 2022, and received the department’s comments on 19 December. The term consultant would submit a revised tree replanting

proposal to the department shortly. Besides, the term consultant was following up on the arrangements of the retaining wall, working on the detailed design and consulting relevant departments. Tender invitation had initially been expected to take place in the first quarter in 2023 and would now be deferred.

- (vi) Project Item (6) “TP-DMW255 Provision of covered walkway at Tai Po Road Yuen Chau Tsai section near Kwong Fuk Estate, Tai Po”: TPDO had filed an application for short-term site allocation with District Lands Office, Tai Po (“TPDLO”) on 23 November 2022. Since underground pipe facilities did not have sufficient room for constructing drainage to connect to existing facilities of Drainage Services Department (“DSD”), HAD (Works Section) had proposed to Highways Department (“HyD”) on 25 November to connect the existing drainage facilities. HyD replied on 23 December that in response to the special circumstances, it agreed in principle to the arrangement concerned. HAD (Works Section), the term consultant and HyD had an on-site inspection and discussed the arrangements regarding drainage connection on 28 December. The term consultant was currently preparing the tender invitation which was expected to take place in January 2023.
- (vii) Project Item (7) “TP-DMW256 Provision of sitting-out area at Tseng Tau, Sai Sha Road, Sai Kung North, Tai Po”: Preliminary foundation construction had completed and preparation of ground level works was currently underway.
- (viii) Project Item (8) “TP-DMW263 Provision of fitness equipment and elderly facilities near the morning trail at Wan Tau Tong, Tai Po”: The term consultant had submitted to LCSD a tree replanting proposal on 28 October 2022, received the department’s comments on 7 November, submitted a revised tree replanting proposal to the department on 8 December, and received the department’s comments on 14 December. The term consultant would submit a revised tree replanting proposal to the department shortly. The term consultant had submitted an application for temporary road closure measures to Transport Department (“TD”), HyD and Hong Kong Police Force (“HKPF”) on 5 October 2022, which was approved by HKPF, TD and HyD on 11 November, 9 December and 15 December respectively. The term consultant was currently preparing the tender invitation which was expected to take place in the first quarter in 2023.
- (ix) Project Item (9) “TP-DMW264 Provision of elderly fitness equipment near Hing Wo House, Po Nga Court, Tai Po”: The term consultant had submitted documents for site allocation approval application and preliminary design to LCSD for consideration on 12 July 2022. LCSD would study the documents and the design, and would file an application for site allocation with TPDLO shortly. Mr. MO Ka-chun, Patrick, the Chairman, had enquired at the Working Group on District Works and Facilities Management (“WGDWFM”) meeting on 14 December about the progress of removal of abandoned objects and waste on government land. TPDLO had responded at the meeting on that day that it had already arranged for cleaning

contractor to remove garbage abandoned within the wire fencing. For objects beyond the wire fencing, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department had been requested to follow up.

- (x) Project Item (10) “TP-DMW266 Provision of rainshelter near Wan Tau Tong Estate at Fung Wan Road, Tai Po”: The term consultant, HAD (Works Section) and TPDO had discussed the construction date with Mr. Patrick MO, the Chairman and follow-up Member, on 11 November 2022, who had agreed to commence the construction site works after the Chinese New Year so as to avoid causing any impact on and inconvenience to members of the public. Prior to the commencement of the construction site works, TPDO would arrange for the term consultant and HAD (Works Section) to explain to Mr. MO, the Chairman and follow-up Member, on-site the works area and the arrangement of temporary traffic and road closure measures.
- (xi) Project Item (11) “TP-DMW270 Provision of shelters at Po Nga Road connecting Tai Wo Plaza, Tai Po”: The term consultant, HAD (Works Section), TPDO and Housing Department (“HD”) had conducted an on-site inspection with Mr. Patrick MO, the Chairman on 4 January 2023 to discuss the design of shelters, peripheral lighting, stormwater discharge to the underground wellhead and future repair and maintenance options, etc. HD had indicated during the inspection that it agreed to the arrangements in principle and put forward suggestions for improvement. The term consultant would submit the updated detailed design to HD.
- (xii) Project Item (12) “TP-DMW295 Provision of a sitting-out area at Pak Shek Kok”: The term consultant had already submitted preliminary design and documents for proposed land boundary area to LCSD for consideration and filed a site allocation application with TPDLO. The term consultant was seeking views from relevant departments and working on the detailed design.
- (xiii) Project Item (13) “TP-DMW296 Provision of a sitting-out area at Cheung Muk Tau Tsuen”: Since cables of China Light and Power Company Limited (“CLP”) were found at the works site area, the term consultant had already arranged for the project contractor to follow up. Trial pit works were expected to be carried out in end of January 2023.
- (xiv) Project Item (14) “TP-DMW309 Construction of Shelter at Chuen On Road near Tai Po Hospital, Tai Po”: The term consultant had conducted tender invitation on 30 September 2022, which ended on 3 November, and completed the tender analysis report on 14 December. TPDO had followed up on the tender approval on 30 December, and the project contract was expected to commence in the first quarter in 2023.
- (xv) Project Item (15) “TP-DMW322 Provision of Rainshelter at Tai Po Tai Wo Road near the lay-by outside Yata Department Store, Tai Po”: The term consultant had

conducted tender invitation on 12 October 2022, which ended on 9 November, and had submitted the tender analysis report to HAD (Works Section). TPDO had followed up on the tender approval on 30 December, and the project contract was expected to commence in the first quarter in 2023.

8. Ms. LI Fong-chi, Chilli reported the progress of project items as follows:

- (i) Project Item (16) “TP-DMW337 Construction of rainshelters at Tai Po Tau and Tai Wo (Serenity Villa, Serenity Park II and Tai Po Government offices)”: The term consultant would explain to the principal proponent Mr. LAU Yung-wai matters concerning the colour and design of the rainshelter’s cover in due course. The overall estimated project cost of the two rainshelters was \$3 million (including consultants’ costs and resident project supervisors’ fees at construction sites), allocation of which had already been granted by TPDO on 12 December 2022. The project was expected to commence in July 2023 and complete in January 2024.
- (ii) Project Item (17) “TP-DMW338 Provision of Rain Shelter at Wan Tau Square, Tai Po”: The term consultant noted Members’ requests and would consult Members in a timely manner. The overall estimated project cost was \$1.2 million (including consultants’ costs and resident project supervisors’ fees at construction sites), allocation of which had already been granted by TPDO on 12 December 2022. The term consultant was working on the detailed design and seeking views from relevant departments. The project was expected to commence in July 2023 and complete in January 2024.
- (iii) Project Item (18) “TP-DMW349 Provision of rainshelters at Pak Shek Kok, Tai Po (Chong San Road, Fo Yin Road and Fo Chun Road)”: As regards the rainshelter (with benches) next to the minibus stop on Fo Yin Road near Mayfair By The Sea 8, the term consultant had completed the revised location map on 30 November 2022. Since the initially proposed location was close to a fire hydrant, the length of the rainshelter had been revised from 7 metres to 6 metres, while the width and height remained unchanged. TPDO had obtained consent from the proponent Mr. HO Wai-lam on 14 December. The term consultant currently prepared the trial pit works.
- (iv) Project Item (19) “TP-DMW351 Provision of rainshelter at Po Heung Street near Tai Po Community Centre, Tai Po”: The overall estimated project cost was \$1.7 million (including consultants’ costs and resident project supervisors’ fees at construction sites), allocation of which had already been granted by TPDO on 12 December 2022. The term consultant was working on the detailed design and seeking views from relevant departments. The project was expected to commence in July 2023 and complete in January 2024.
- (v) Project Item (20) “TP-DMW352 Provision of rainshelter at Chung Nga Road, Tai

Po”: The term consultant had already briefed on the feasibility study concerned just now.

9. Miss Lisa YIP supplemented that as regards Project Item (6) “TP-DMW255 Provision of covered walkway at Tai Po Road Yuen Chau Tsai section near Kwong Fuk Estate, Tai Po”, TPDLO had already approved the short-term site allocation application on 3 January 2023. The project item had been referred to HAD (Works Section) and the term consultant for follow up.

10. Mr. Darren S. W. LI supplemented as follows:

- (i) As regards Project Item (11) “TP-DMW270 Provision of shelters at Po Nga Road connecting Tai Wo Plaza, Tai Po”, tender invitation was deferred from the fourth quarter in 2022 to the first quarter in 2023.
- (ii) For Project Item (12) “TP-DMW295 Provision of a sitting-out area at Pak Shek Kok”, in response to the road widening works which HyD carried out, the term consultant had held a meeting with TPDO, LCSD and TPDLO for matters concerning the updating of land boundaries on 12 January 2023. The term consultant would submit relevant information to LCSD shortly.

11. Mr. TAM Yi-pui raised the following views and questions:

- (i) As regards Project Item (7) “TP-DMW256 Provision of sitting-out area at Tseng Tau, Sai Sha Road, Sai Kung North, Tai Po”, the term consultant had already provided him information about the lighting option. He agreed to the option concerned and hoped that the updated design could prevent the lighting from causing nuisance to residents nearby.
- (ii) As far as Project Item (13) “TP-DMW296 Provision of a sitting-out area at Cheung Muk Tau Village” was concerned, he enquired if the term consultant had ever discussed with CLP how to bypass the cables to construct the sitting-out area. Besides, since there had all along been a circuit box at the said site, he wished to know the reason for carrying out trial pit works again and would like to have an on-site inspection.

12. Mr. LAU Yung-wai said that as many projects had been taken forward for years, he asked if the progress could be accelerated such that they could complete within the current term of District Council (“DC”). For instance, he was dissatisfied with the deferral of Project Item (4) “TP-DMW241 Provision of sitting-out area at San Wa On Lane, Tai Po Tau, Tai Po”, and wished to know the work progress of the term consultant during the period concerned and the reason for the deferral. Besides, Project Item (16) “TP-DMW337 Construction of rainshelters at Tai Po Tau and Tai Wo (Serenity Villa, Serenity Park II and Tai Po Government offices)”, which was only to

construct two rainshelters, should not need to take half a year to complete. He hoped that the term consultant could convince him why it had to take so long.

13. The Chairman raised the following views and questions:

- (i) Regarding Project Item (1) “TP-DMW227 Provision of sitting-out area and children’s playground at Nai Chung, Tai Po”, he had seen that construction waste being placed on the periphery of the works area during the on-site inspection while there were many ants at the site too. He enquired if LCSD had already addressed the said situation.
- (ii) He concurred with the view in paragraph 12 above. For Project Item (2) TP-DMW231 “Provision of a Sitting-out Area in Care Village, Tai Po”, the term consultant had in previous meetings indicated that the project was only awaiting TPDLO’s approval of the site allocation application. However, the term consultant now indicated that discussion with other departments was required. He also found that many projects took three to four years or longer to complete, which was undesirable. He hoped that the departments could be more specific and quicker when putting forward amendment or revision requests.

14. Mr. Darren LI responded as follows:

- (i) For Project Item (13) “TP-DMW296 Provision of a sitting-out area at Cheung Muk Tau Village”, the term consultant had found cables in the middle of the works area in August 2022. The trial pit works would take place at 5:00 p.m. on 13 January 2023. The term consultant would request CLP to move the cables once the latter finished the on-site inspection.
- (ii) As regards Project Item (4) “TP-DMW241 Provision of sitting-out area at San Wa On Lane, Tai Po Tau, Tai Po”, tender invitation was being carried out currently and construction was expected in the second quarter in 2023.

15. Mr. Wilson WONG indicated that as regards Project Item (4) “TP-DMW241 Provision of sitting-out area at San Wa On Lane, Tai Po Tau, Tai Po”, tender invitation had begun early this month and project commencement would follow. The works progress would be updated shortly.

16. Mr. CHAN Kam-shing, Eddie indicated that as far as Project Item (2) “TP-DMW231 Provision of a Sitting-out Area in Care Village, Tai Po” was concerned, LCSD was following up with the term consultant on the supplementary information in connection with the assessment of tender quotations, and conducted an on-site inspection with relevant departments on 4 January 2023 to gain some understanding about the works area, including whether or not roads were available to access the project site etc.

17. Mr. YAU Wan-po, Wallace said that regarding Project Item (1) “TP-DMW227 Provision of sitting-out area and children’s playground at Nai Chung, Tai Po”, the contractor had already finished cleaning up on the next day after Members’ on-site inspection.

18. Mr. TAM Yi-pui asked in connection with Project Item (13) “TP-DMW296 Provision of a sitting-out area at Cheung Muk Tau Village” by how long the removal of cable would delay the project, and whether or not the term consultant could handle work in other parts concurrently.

19. The Chairman indicated that the responses which the departments and the term consultant had given were rather vague, and he recommended that Members put forward more specific questions or question more closely.

20. Mr. LAU Yung-wai said that he wished to know the reason for the deferral of Project Item (4) “TP-DMW241 Provision of sitting-out area at San Wa On Lane, Tai Po Tau, Tai Po”.

21. Mr. Darren LI advised that the term consultant had obtained the site allocation approval in the fourth quarter in 2022 and commenced tender invitation work once the approval was received. As such, the project had to be deferred.

22. Mr. LAU Yung-wai enquired if the term consultant had expected to obtain the site allocation sooner and carry out tender invitation in December 2022 but TPDLO had not completed vetting and approval until 29 November such that tender invitation had to be deferred to January as a result. Besides, the project item concerned had been put forward in 2014, i.e. some eight years ago. He enquired if this project could complete within this year after tender invitation.

23. Mr. Darren LI indicated that Mr. LAU Yung-wai’s understanding was correct.

24. Mr. Wilson WONG said that Project Item (4) “TP-DMW241 Provision of sitting-out area at San Wa On Lane, Tai Po Tau, Tai Po” had been created in 2019 and then referred to the term consultant for follow up. After the term consultant had obtained the site allocation approval on 29 November 2022, HAD started the tender invitation in early January 2023. Besides, projects in general took 12 months to complete and there would be certain difficulties in compressing the schedule. Taking Project Item (4) “TP-DMW241 Provision of sitting-out area at San Wa On Lane, Tai Po Tau, Tai Po” as an example, the project content included multiple facilities such as a park, a pavilion, lighting equipment and elderly fitness facilities, and therefore required about a year to complete.

25. The Chairman asked the term consultant about the expected commencement date of Project Item (4) “TP-DMW241 Provision of sitting-out area at San Wa On Lane, Tai Po Tau, Tai Po”. Besides, Mr. TAM Yi-pui had asked just now how long Project Item (13) “TP-DMW296 Provision

of a sitting-out area at Cheung Muk Tau Village” would be delayed by the removal of cables.

26. Mr. Darren LI responded as follows:

- (i) As regards Project Item (4) “TP-DMW241 Provision of sitting-out area at San Wa On Lane, Tai Po Tau, Tai Po”, tender invitation for the project was currently underway and would take three to four months approximately. The project was proposed to commence in the second quarter in 2023.
- (ii) As far as Project Item (13) “TP-DMW296 Provision of a sitting-out area at Cheung Muk Tau Village” was concerned, the project was awaiting trial pit works to find out if there were electricity or optical fibre cables of other companies at the site. Upon completion of trial pit works, a report would be submitted to relevant departments.

27. The Chairman enquired how long the term consultant estimated Project Item (13) “TP-DMW296 Provision of a sitting-out area at Cheung Muk Tau Village” would in general take.

28. Mr. Darren LI indicated that no estimation could be made at this stage and an assessment would need to be made after the trial pit report became available. The term consultant could report at the next meeting.

29. The Chairman said that Members were very concerned about the progress of projects. Some projects had taken five to eight years from application submission to completion. He understood that the term consultant and the departments had to handle a lot of work, but hoped that they could review the progress in a timely manner. For simpler projects (such as construction of rainshelters), he recommended that attempts be made to compress the consultation and works duration.

30. Mr. LAU Yung-wai said HAD had indicated that Project Item (4) “TP-DMW241 Provision of sitting-out area at San Wa On Lane, Tai Po Tau, Tai Po” had been created in 2019 and the initially proposed site area was about 135 square metres, while Project Item (5) “TP-DMW242 Provision of sitting-out area at San Uk Tsai, Lam Tsuen, Tai Po” had been created in 2020 and the site area was approximately 1 388 square metres. The two project items differed significantly in scale, but were expected to complete at about the same time. He only wished to know if Project Item (4) “TP-DMW241 Provision of sitting-out area at San Wa On Lane, Tai Po Tau, Tai Po” could complete sooner. Moreover, he hoped that the term consultant could accelerate the progress of Project Item (16) “TP-DMW337 Construction of rainshelters at Tai Po Tau and Tai Wo (Serenity Villa, Serenity Park II and Tai Po Government offices)” as far as practicable to complete it one month earlier, i.e., within this year.

31. Mr. TO Pui-ka, Kenny indicated that Project Item (16) “TP-DMW337 Construction of rainshelters at Tai Po Tau and Tai Wo (Serenity Villa, Serenity Park II and Tai Po Government offices)” was at the design stage. The term consultant hoped to finish the design and commence the project as quickly as possible too, and would maintain close communication with government departments in the hope that approval could be obtained as soon as practicable. The project item would be carried out in accordance with established procedures. Once the works were commenced, the term consultant would discuss with the project contractor how construction time could be compressed as much as possible with a view to completing the project soon.

32. Mr. Wilson WONG said that HAD and the term consultant could consult Mr. LAU Yung-wai on the project design after the meeting.

33. The Chairman said that the term consultant could raise the issue to the follow-up Members should individual departments be found to respond slowly and delay the progress of projects, such that Members could put pressure on the departments concerned. He hoped that all projects mentioned above could commence within the current DC term.

34. DFMC noted the above report.

(B) DMW projects reported by TPDO

(Items (21) to (39) in Annex 2 to TPDC Paper No. DFM 2/2023)

35. Mr. LAU Chun-ming reported the progress of projects as follows:

- (i) Project Item (22) “TP-DMW184 Provision of rainshelters at Ma Po Mei, Chai Kek and San Tong, Lam Tsuen, Tai Po”: For the provision of rainshelter at San Tong, the Works Section currently filed a temporary site allocation application with TPDLO. Tender invitation was expected to take place in the first quarter in 2023.
- (ii) Project Item (23) “TP-DMW265 Construction of Shelters at Paved Area adjacent to Lam Tsuen Wishing Square, Ng Tung Chai and Tai Om Tsuen, Tai Po”: For the construction of shelters at the paved area adjacent to Lam Tsuen Wishing Square, the Works Section was currently carrying out tender invitation. Construction was expected to commence after the Chinese New Year holiday.
- (iii) Project Item (24) “TP-DMW267 Improvement works of Wilson Trail Section 8 (near Hong Lok Yuen), Tai Po”: The Works Section currently filed a temporary site allocation application with TPDLO, and tender invitation was expected to take place in the first quarter in 2023.
- (iv) Project Item (25) “TP-DMW286 Provision of signage and improvement of footpath near the entrance of Tai Po Tau, Shui Wai, Tai Po”: The Works Section was

currently carrying out tender invitation, and construction was expected to commence after the Chinese New Year holiday.

- (v) Project Item (27) “TP-DMW326 Maintenance and improvement of facilities under Tai Po District Council Minor Works Programmes (2021-22)”: The costs of maintenance and improvement works currently underway were about \$6.5 million. As the maintenance and improvement works of the current year had by and large completed, this project item would be removed from the progress summary of projects.
- (vi) Project Item (28) “TP-DMW355 Construction of rainshelters and benches at Tong Hang Tung, Ha Hang Village and Yuen Leng”: For the construction of rainshelter at Ha Hang Village, the Works Section was currently carrying out tender invitation. Construction was expected to commence after the Chinese New Year holiday.
- (vii) Project Item (29) “TP-DMW356 Improvement to planter boxes at Luk Heung Lane, Tai Po”: The Works Section was currently carrying out tender invitation, and construction was expected to commence after the Chinese New Year holiday.
- (viii) Progress of Project Items (21), (26) and (30) to (39) had already been enumerated in the progress summary of projects for Members’ reference.

36. DFMC noted the above report.

(C) DMW projects followed up by the Tai Po District Leisure Services Office of the LCSD (Items (40) to (47) in Annex 2 to TPDC Paper No. DFM 2/2023)

37. Mr. Wallace YAU gave supplementary remarks on the following projects:

- (i) Project Item (42) “TP-DMW320 Improvement Works at Tai Po Tau Playground”: Construction of the parent-child swing was expected to commence in early February 2023 and installation would complete in February. The elderly fitness equipment had just arrived in Hong Kong and installation was expected to be carried out in early February.
- (ii) Project Item (44) “TP-DMW328 Improvement Works for Fitness Station at Tai Po Waterfront Park”: The project had already completed in November 2022 and would be removed from the progress summary of projects.
- (iii) Progress of Project Items (40) to (41), (43) and (45) to (47) had already been enumerated in the progress summary of projects for Members’ reference.

38. DFMC noted the above report.

(D) DMW projects followed up by the Cultural Services Branch of the LCSD

(Items (48) to (50) in Annex 2 to TPDC Paper No. DFM 2/2023)

39. Mr. NG Chi-keung, Barry reported that the progress of Project Item (48) “To set up a 24-hour self-service library station at Yuen Shin Park”, Project Item (49) “To set up a 24-hour self-service library station at Tai Po Old Market”, and Project Item (50) “To set up a 24-hour self-service library station at Tai Wo MTR station lobby” had already been enumerated in the progress summary of projects for Members’ reference, with no further updates for the time being.

40. Mr. LAU Yung-wai said he wished to know if the absence of updates was because of the relevant committee meetings not being held. LCSD had mentioned previously that a new computer system would be provided in the library. He enquired if the department could relay to the relevant committee that the DC hoped that the department would provide the facility concerned at the self-service library stations (“SSLs”) at the three aforementioned locations.

41. Mr. Barry NG responded that the Smart Library System of the library was divided into two parts, namely, software and hardware. As regards software, the library was currently carrying out system analysis and development to achieve a seamless transition between the old and new systems. As far as hardware was concerned, the library had performed a latest Radio Frequency Identification (“RFID”) update, provided a new self-charging terminal (“SCT”), a new anti-theft system and a full upgrade of wires at Tai Po Public Library (“TPPL”) on 15 December 2022. The new SCT used ultra-high frequency RFID which enabled concurrent check-out of multiple books. At present, the SCT in TPPL was the first one territory-wide for testing and perfecting the design. SSLs would require a complete refurbishment and design update too. He would keep checking with personnel of the team responsible and report to DFMC should there be any updates.

42. Mr. LAU Yung-wai said that the programme concerned had been launched for several years already and he hoped that the library would include Tai Po in the programme. Besides, he would like to visit the new SCT at TPPL with other Members.

43. DFMC noted the above report.

(E) DMW projects followed up by the Planning Section of the LCSD

(Items (51) to (52) in Annex 2 to TPDC Paper No. DFM 2/2023)

44. Mr. Eddie CHAN reported the progress of the following projects:

- (i) Project Item (51) “Provision of a Pet Garden at the Open Space near Block 10 and 19 of Tai Po Centre, On Pong Road, Tai Po”: The greening works of CEDD would complete in mid-January 2023 (before Chinese New Year). LCSD would continue

to examine with HAD (Works Section) and the term consultant how the design of this project could tie in with the greening works area.

- (ii) Project Item (52) “Provision of Inclusive Playground in Tai Po”: LCSD was drafting the proposed inclusive play facilities.

45. Mr. AU Chun-ho indicated that CEDD had not contacted him regarding the latest development of the greening works of Project Item (51) “Provision of a Pet Garden at the Open Space near Block 10 and 19 of Tai Po Centre, On Pong Road, Tai Po”. He became aware of the completion of the greening works only through the meeting papers. He asked LCSD to urge CEDD to contact him so that he could gain some understanding about the situation. Also, he asked if the pet garden project would commence upon completion of the greening works and if LCSD had already been granted the funding.

46. Mr. LAU Yung-wai said he hoped that Project Item (52) “Provision of Inclusive Playground in Tai Po” would have some progress within this year, and asked the department to contact him when there was any progress.

47. Mr. Eddie CHAN responded as follows:

- (i) As regards Project Item (51) “Provision of a Pet Garden at the Open Space near Block 10 and 19 of Tai Po Centre, On Pong Road, Tai Po”, LCSD would urge CEDD again to report the situation to Mr. AU Chun-ho. The design of the pet garden project was carried out concurrently with the greening works. The department would consult Mr. AU shortly on the location of facilities so as to continue taking forward this project item.
- (ii) For Project Item (52) “Provision of Inclusive Playground in Tai Po”, LCSD would follow up on the project further and report to Mr. LAU Yung-wai shortly.

48. Mr. AU Chun-ho said that he had not received any reply from CEDD since 5 January 2023, and asked LCSD to urge CEDD to contact him as soon as possible.

49. DFMC noted the above report.

III. Leisure and Cultural Services Department — Progress of leisure and recreation facilities works projects in Tai Po District
(TPDC Paper No. DFM 3/2023)

50. Mr. Eddie CHAN introduced TPDC Paper No. DFM 3/2023 about the progress of the leisure and recreation facilities works projects in Tai Po District as follows:

- (i) At present, there were five leisure and recreation facilities works projects in Tai Po District, including one which had recently completed and opened as well as four under construction or planning.
- (ii) Regarding the project which had recently completed and opened, “Sports centre, community hall and football pitches in Area 1, Tai Po” had been opened for public use.
- (iii) For projects under construction, the project of Ha Hang Village Playground in Area 31, Tai Po had already commenced in the third quarter in 2021 and was expected to complete in the fourth quarter in 2023, while the facility upgrading of Tai Po Civic Centre had already commenced in December 2021 and was expected to complete in the second quarter in 2024.
- (iv) As regards projects under planning, the technical feasibility study (“TFS”) for “Football-cum-rugby pitch with public vehicle park in Area 33, Tai Po”, of which TD was the lead department, had completed and LCSD would continue to take forward the project with TD. The TFS for the “Sports centre, social welfare facilities and car park in Area 6, Tai Po” was being conducted currently, and relevant departments would continue to take forward the project.

51. Mr. LAU Yung-wai indicated that when LCSD reported works projects to the DC in the past, the drawings were already in the stage where no alteration was possible. He considered such practice undesirable and recommended that the department consult Members prior to reporting. He asked the department to notify the DC as early as practicable should there be any preliminary ideas and additional equipment for the above project items.

52. The Chairman asked LCSD to furnish more information about “Football-cum-rugby pitch with public vehicle park in Area 33, Tai Po”, such as the progress and completion date. There were some 300 parking spaces at the said vehicle park, thus he enquired if the department had the distribution of parking spaces for various vehicle categories.

53. Mr. Eddie CHAN responded as follows:

- (i) He noted Mr. LAU Yung-wai’s opinion. LCSD was at the project design stage now and would communicate with Members as early as practicable before submitting the design to DFMC.
- (ii) “Football-cum-rugby pitch with public vehicle park in Area 33, Tai Po” was at the design stage now and the overall project could only be confirmed upon completion of design. The layout was expected to complete within this year. LCSD would maintain close liaison with TD and report to Members should there be any progress.

54. The Chairman hoped that the department would take note of the opinion of the residents in the neighbourhood of the sports centre who were rather concerned about the distance between the sports centre and the residential buildings.

55. DFMC noted the above report.

IV. Leisure and Cultural Services Department — Report on the participation in community activities held between November and December 2022 in Tai Po and proposed community activities to be held in January and February 2023 in Tai Po
(IPDC Paper No. DFM 4/2023)

56. Mr. Wallace YAU introduced Annex I to TPDC Paper No. DFM 4/2023. He indicated that LCSD had organised 116 recreational and sports activities in November and December 2022, and the number of participants was 6 225. About 100 recreational and sports activities were proposed to be held in January and February 2023, and the expected number of participants was 2 053. Details of the above were contained in Appendices I and II respectively for Members' reference.

57. Ms. OR Hiu-man, Stella introduced Annex II to TPDC Paper No. DFM 4/2023. She indicated that the two appendices to Annex II were regular reports of cultural activities and usage of facilities. Appendix A contained attendance report of cultural programmes held and sponsored in Tai Po District between October and December 2022, while Appendix B contained details of cultural programmes proposed to be held and sponsored in Tai Po District in January and February 2023.

58. Mr. Barry NG reported in connection with Annex III to TPDC Paper No. DFM 4/2023 as follows:

- (i) Appendices 1 and 2 contained the situation of library extension activities and the usage situation of mobile library service points between November and December 2022 respectively, while Appendix 3 contained promotion activities proposed to be held in January and February 2023 for Members' reference.
- (ii) Two years ago, the then DC Member Ms. CHAN Wai-ka, Olive had suggested that the library organise activities at Tai Po Waterfront Park. However, no activity could be held owing to the epidemic previously. At present, Tai Po Waterfront Park was re-opened and the department would hold a mobile library activity at the said park on 19 February. Publicity posters for the activity were currently not available yet, but he would like to inform Members of the activity in advance.

(Post-meeting note: LCSD had notified Members via the Secretariat on 1 February 2023 that owing to the repair and maintenance works which needed to be done at the Amphitheatre of Tai Po

Waterfront Park, the parking space in the park which had been arranged earlier for the mobile library on 19 February was cancelled. As such, the activity “Joyful Reading at Your Neighbourhood: Library-on-Wheels” originally scheduled to be held at Tai Po Waterfront Park on that date would be cancelled.)

59. Mr. LAU Yung-wai said that an aerobic dance training course would be held between 14 February and 23 March at Tai Wo Sports Centre (“TWSC”) which, however, was still a community testing centre at present. That the said activity could be held, did it mean that TWSC would be re-opened on 14 February? If yes, he hoped that the department would increase the number of recreational and sports activities (badminton activities in particular) for members of the public to participate.

60. The Chairman asked whether LCSD would adjust the participant quota of activities or conceive new activities as the social distancing measures had been relaxed.

61. Mr. Wallace YAU responded as follows:

- (i) At present, TWSC was one of the community testing centres in the district. LCSD would maintain close contact with health departments in the hope that the said centre could be returned to LCSD as soon as possible where circumstances so warranted for organisation of more activities and for public use.
- (ii) With the relaxation of social distancing measures, LCSD would reinstate the participant quota of activities to the original.

62. DFMC noted the above report.

V. **Pak Hei Sports Association and Wofoo Tai Po — Work reports of Tai Po District five-a-side and 11-a-side district football teams**

(TPDC Paper Nos. DFM 5/2023 and DFM 6/2023)

63. The Chairman welcomed Ms. Lily LEE and Ms. Annie LEUNG, Secretary and Treasurer of Pak Hei Sports Association (“Pak Hei SA”) respectively, and Mr. LUI Chi-hing, Assistant Coach of Wofoo Tai Po (“Wofoo”) to attend the meeting for the discussion of this agenda item. He said that Pak Hei SA and Wofoo had respectively been selected Tai Po District five-a-side and 11-a-side football teams earlier, and thanked the two teams for taking the time to attend this meeting to report to Members their work during the past six months. Each team would have 10 minutes to report, upon completion of which Members would have a 10-minute question and answer session. He then asked Wofoo to report.

64. Mr. LUI Chi-hing went through Paper No. DFM 6/2023. He supplemented that there were

nine district youth football teams under Wofoo (including U6 (meaning “under 6 years of age”, similar meaning applies hereinafter), U8, U10, U12, U13, U14, U15, U16 and U18, with some 260 players in total), three new teams for Hong Kong Premier Youth League which were closer to professional standards (namely, U14, U16 and U18, with some 60 players in total), women teams (including U15, U18, U23 and adults, with some 60 players in total), and the leading team, totalling 16 teams (with about 400 players in total).

65. The Chairman raised the following questions:

- (i) He asked if Wofoo had received any sponsorship through “Project Phoenix”.
- (ii) It had been mentioned in the past that the average salary of players was \$10,000-odd. He wished to know if it was the case currently.
- (iii) Wofoo had been promoted only recently and might not have satisfactory results. He asked if training would be strengthened in the future for better results.

66. Mr. LUI Chi-hing responded as follows:

- (i) As far as he was aware, “Project Phoenix” would not provide football clubs any sponsorship.
- (ii) Players’ salary was affected by multiple factors. For instance, some players were offered the chance to take part in professional football teams by the football clubs, salary of such players would be lower, while players who possessed the qualification to take part in Hong Kong Premier League and were experienced would receive higher salary. Players received a five-figure monthly salary on average.
- (iii) In the matches between late November and December 2022, some three to four main players on average had been unable to play owing to COVID-19 or injuries in each match, which resulted in re-deployment and had a certain impact on the performance. Wofoo had accepted the invitation of Hong Kong Football Association to promote to the top-tier division, while the management of the football club requested players to play as hard as they could. The goal of the football club was to foster district youth players for a stable development and continuous growth.

67. Mr. LAU Yung-wai enquired if football promotion activities targeted at secondary school students in the district would be increased in the future.

68. Mr. LUI Chi-hing said that being affected by the epidemic, the football team had conducted football promotion only at Hong Kong & Kowloon Kaifong Women’s Association Sun Fong Chung College. He agreed that football promotion activities targeted at secondary school students, primarily for secondary schools in the district, could be increased. The football team had contacted several district coaches and all of them had indicated their wish to promote football in

schools. As long as training would not be affected, the football team would be happy to carry out football promotion activities at different schools.

69. The Chairman thanked Wofoo's representative and asked Pak Hei SA to give a report.

70. Ms. Lily LEE went through TPDC Paper No. DFM 5/2023.

71. Mr. LAU Yung-wai said that Pak Hei SA focused more on promoting football to primary schools. He asked if it would in the future focus on promoting to young people aged between 14 and 18 in the district so that they could take part in football activities in the district. Besides, in addition to the funding received between September and November 2022 from TPDO, he enquired if the football team had received any funding in December.

72. The Chairman indicated that in comparison with Wofoo, Pak Hei SA organised friendly matches relatively seldom. As the epidemic gradually subsided, he enquired if Pak Hei SA would organise cup matches, friendly matches between schools or work together with Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation to promote football. Moreover, he wished to know the routine operation of the football club, for instance, whether or not it encountered difficulties in identifying venues.

73. Ms. Lily LEE responded as follows:

- (i) Pak Hei SA had contacted secondary schools in the district to organise football promotion activities, but there were not many students who took part in football, or the majority of them had already joined their respective school teams. It was rather difficult to recruit young people in the district, hence, young players were now being trained mainly.
- (ii) As the epidemic currently subsided, Pak Hei SA was contacting primary schools to organise football promotion activities. The curriculum of secondary schools was more intensive, rendering it hard to make time available. However, they would try contacting the schools again.
- (iii) The funding of TPDO covered the period between September 2022 and February 2023. Operation of Pak Hei SA was still being funded currently and it was hoped that the funding application for the next year could be approved too.
- (iv) Pak Hei SA had only participated in matches held by other organisations, and would try organising cup matches or friendly matches in the future. However, organising matches would involve issues with venues. At present, LCSD reserved regular venues for the football teams to practise every week, with 1.5 hours per session and eight sessions in total per month. Yet, it would take at least a half or a full day to hold a match. She had learnt just now that Wofoo would rent the venue of Tai Po Sports Association Li Fook Lam Indoor Sports Centre, and Pak Hei SA would in the

future consider the venue concerned to organise cup matches in the second half of 2023.

74. Mr. LAU Yung-wai enquired if LCSD could provide the venue for football teams, for instance, for one day per season to organise activities should the teams apply in advance.

75. The Chairman asked LCSD to respond and brief Members on the routine policy regarding district football teams.

76. Mr. Wallace YAU indicated that LCSD co-ordinated the venue applications of both football teams and made use of the three venues available for practice in the district, namely, Tai Po Sports Ground, Kwong Fuk Park Football Pitch and Kwong Fuk Football Ground. Upon receipt of an application, LCSD would process the football teams' applications to organise practice and matches in accordance with relevant procedures. At present, both district football teams could reserve the venues 12 months in advance of an activity.

77. Mr. LAU Yung-wai said that as a 1.5-hour session was not enough for organising any major event, he enquired if LCSD could give the football clubs a day per season to organise major events.

78. The Chairman indicated that if the football teams wished to organise matches in the next few months, they could make a request to LCSD to see if the department could make any arrangements. He also asked the department to make suggestions to the football teams. In addition, he requested that TPDO announce details of funding applications under the Community Involvement Fund to the groups as early as practicable should such details for the new year become available.

79. Ms. Lily LEE said that Pak Hei SA would hold a U12 match against Wofoo Tai Po at the football pitch of Hoi Bun Road Park, Kwun Tong at 12:00 noon on 15 January 2023 (Sunday). Interested persons were welcome to come and watch the match. Besides, Pak Hei SA would take part in the Jockey Club Futsal League (Division 1) at Moreton Terrace Temporary Playground on 17 January and 7 February, details of which would be sent to Members shortly.

80. DFMC noted the captioned reports.

VI. Report of working group - Working Group on District Works and Facilities Management

81. The Chairman reported as follows:

- (i) WGDWFM had held its fourth meeting in 2022 on 14 December 2022, and had followed up on the progress of approved DMW projects as well as taken note of the feasibility study report of "TP-DMW352 Provision of rainshelter at Chung Nga

Road, Tai Po”.

- (ii) Members had noted the report by TPDO on the management of community centre / community halls in September and October 2022, and spot-checked the income and expenditure statements of five of the fee-charging activities held in October 2022 in community centre / community halls. Members had also noted the airing of programmes on LED display panels at Tai Po Community Centre.
- (iii) Members had taken note of LCSD’s report on the management of facilities in Tai Po District in September and October 2022.

82. DFMC noted the above report.

VII. Any other business

83. The Chairman indicated that the Tai Po DC had received an invitation last year to provide Hong Kong Flower Show 2023 “Recommended green sightseeing spots in 18 Districts” photos of the top green spots to recommend in the district. WGDWFM had agreed that each DC Member would provide one to two photos which the Chairman would gather for submission to LCSD. He had received no photo so far and thus would submit photos on behalf of the DC.

84. DFMC agreed to the Chairman’s approach.

VIII. Date of next meeting

85. The next meeting would be held at 9:30 a.m. on 17 March 2023 (Friday).

86. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:26 am.