

**Minutes of the 5th Meeting in 2021 of the District Facilities Management
and Culture, Recreation and Sports Committee
of the Tai Po District Council**

Date: 12 November 2021 (Friday)

Time: 9:33 a.m. – 11:21 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	9:36 a.m.	11:18 a.m.
Mr. LAU Yung-wai	9:35 a.m.	End of the meeting
Mr. LI Yiu-ban, BBS, MH, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. TAM Yi-pui	9:40 a.m.	End of the meeting
Mr. YIU Kwan-ho	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
<u>Secretary</u>		
Miss TANG Lok-man, Julie	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Executive Officer (District Council) 4 / Tai Po District Office / Home Affairs Department		

In attendance

Ms. CHAN Hau-man, Eunice, JP	District Officer (Tai Po), Home Affairs Department
Mr. CHAU Chun-wing	Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories East), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms. TAM Wai-chu	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
Miss LO Wai-yin, Phoenix	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
Ms. SAM Fung-mei, Esther	Manager (New Territories East) Marketing & District Activities, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr. NG Chi-keung, Barry	Senior Librarian (Tai Po), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr. TUNG Wai-lam	Senior Land Executive (Land Management) (Atg.), District Lands Office, Tai Po, Lands Department
Ms. CHAN Ho-shan, Susana	Architect (Works) 9, Home Affairs Department
Mr. SO Ka-yu, Tel	Senior Executive Officer (District Council) (Atg.), Tai Po District Office, Home Affairs Department
Miss CHAN Sui-king, Madeline	Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Tai Po District Office, Home Affairs Department
Ms. WONG Yu-hang, Anita	Senior Liaison Officer (2), 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. LING Kin-man, Kevin	Senior Architect / Associate Director, Ho & Partners Architects Engineers & Development Consultants Limited
Mr. LI Darren S.W.	Design Manager, Ho & Partners Architects Engineers & Development Consultants Limited

Opening remarks

The Chairman welcomed Members and departmental representatives to the 5th meeting of the District Facilities Management and Culture, Recreation and Sports Committee (“DFMC”) in 2021, and thanked Mr. CHAN Chun-chit, Richard, Ms. CHAN Wai-ka, Olive, and Mr. SO Tat-leung, who had already vacated office, for their contribution during their tenure.

2. The Chairman advised that the Secretariat had received no notice for absence from Members, and asked Members to note.

I. Confirmation of the minutes of the 4th meeting in 2021 of the DFMC on 17 September 2021
(TPDC Paper No. DFM 33/2021)

3. 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 34/2021, DFM 34a/2021 and DFM 34b/2021)

4. 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 \$131 million, of which around \$30.11 million was for 2021/22 and approximately \$101 million for 2022/23 and thereafter.

5. 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 Mr. LING Kin-man, Kevin, and Mr. LI S.W. Darren, Senior Architect / Associate Director and Design Manager of Ho & Partners Architects Engineers & Development Consultants Limited respectively, as well as Ms. CHAN Ho-shan, Susana, Architect of Home Affairs Department (“HAD”), to the meeting for the discussion of this item.

(A) DMW projects with the term consultant Ho & Partners Architects Engineers & Development Consultants Limited as works agent
(Items (1) to (20) in Annex 2 to TPDC Paper No. DFM 34/2021, DFM 34a/2021 and DFM 34b/2021)

6. Mr. LING Kin-man, Kevin briefly introduced the TPDC Paper No. DFM 34a/2021 with regards the pre-feasibility study of Project Item (52) “Provision of Rain Shelter at Wan Tau Square, Tai Po” in Annex 2 to TPDC Paper No. DFM 34/2021. He supplemented that the overall construction cost would be \$1.10 million, and the construction cost for the advance works would be \$0.19 million.

7. DFMC endorsed the above report.

8. Mr. Kevin LING briefly introduced the TPDC Paper No. DFM 34b/2021 with regards the feasibility study of Project Item (20) “TP-DMW322 Provision of Rainshelter at Tai Po Tai Wo Road

near the lay-by outside Yata Department Store, Tai Po” in Annex 2 to TPDC Paper No. DFM 34/2021. He supplemented that the overall construction cost would be \$1.90 million. The project was expected to commence in the fourth quarter in 2022, and it would take eight months to complete.

9. DFMC endorsed the above report.

10. Mr. Kevin LING reported the progress of project items as follows:

- (i) Project Item (1) “TP-DMW209 Provision of recreational and sports facilities near Ting Nga Court, Ting Kok Road, Tai Po”: The term consultant, LCSD and HAD (Works Section) had conducted an on-site inspection and discussed matters concerning pipe diversion with Water Supplies Department (“WSD”), Highways Department (“HyD”) and China Light and Power Company Limited on 19 October 2021. WSD had indicated that HyD and Hong Kong Police Force (“HKPF”) would vet and approve the application of temporary traffic management measures only upon receipt of the reply of the Cycling Associations. WSD had not received the reply so far and the pipe diversion works could not be carried out in end of October 2021 as scheduled, this project might as a result be delayed.
- (ii) Project Item (2) “TP-DMW227 Provision of sitting-out area and children’s playground at Nai Chung, Tai Po”: The term consultant had discovered in mid-October 2021 that AECOM Asia Company Limited (“AECOM”) and Sanfield-Gammon Construction Joint Venture Company Limited (“Sanfield-Gammon”) had already enclosed the entrance to the proposed work ramp. The term consultant, HAD (Works Section) and the follow-up Member of the constituency concerned had discussed a viable option with AECOM and Sanfield-Gammon on 28 October 2021. The term consultant, HAD (Works Section), District Lands Office, Tai Po (“TPDLO”), the follow-up Member of the constituency concerned and the Chairman of Sai Kung North Rural Committee had conducted an on-site inspection on 2 November 2021 and requested that AECOM and Sanfield-Gammon remove a set of temporary men public toilets or open an entrance at the location of the proposed work ramp for transport of construction materials to avoid delay of works. AECOM and Sanfield-Gammon subsequently agreed to open the entrance. The project had resumed and would accelerate as far as practicable.
- (iii) Project Item (3) “TP-DMW231 Provision of a Sitting-out Area in Care Village, Tai Po”: At present, replies of LCSD and relevant departments were being awaited regarding subsequent maintenance and repair of existing drainage ditches within the boundaries. The term consultant was currently finishing up the tender documents.
- (iv) Project Item (4) “TP-DMW232 Provision of sitting-out area at Po Sam Pai, Tai Po”: The term consultant was preparing the tender documents. Tender invitation was

expected to take place in the fourth quarter in 2021.

- (v) Project Item (5) “TP-DMW241 Provision of sitting-out area at San Wa On Lane, Tai Po Tau, Tai Po”, and Project Item (6) “TP-DMW242 Provision of sitting-out area at San Uk Tsai, Lam Tsuen, Tai Po”: The term consultant was working on the detailed design.
- (vi) Project Item (7) “TP-DMW252 Provision of Rainshelters in Tai Po Kau Constituency (Chong San Road, Deerhill Bay and Chung Tsai Yuen Lookout)”: The project was expected to complete in December 2021.
- (vii) Project Item (8) “TP-DMW255 Provision of covered walkway at Tai Po Road Yuen Chau Tsai section near Kwong Fuk Estate, Tai Po”: The term consultant was consulting relevant departments and started working on the preliminary design.
- (viii) Project Item (9) “TP-DMW256 Provision of sitting-out area at Tseng Tau, Sai Sha Road, Sai Kung North, Tai Po”: The term consultant had completed tender invitation. The project was expected to commence in the first quarter in 2022.
- (ix) Project Item (10) “TP-DMW260 Provision of shelter at Nam Wan Road near NF132 footbridge, Tai Po”: TPDO had already arranged for the term consultant, HAD (Works Section) and TPDO (Works Section) to inspect with the Chairman (temporarily on behalf of the follow-up Member of the project) the effect of the water seepage test which the contractor had done on the rain shelter on 28 October 2021, and to accept the project. Since the project had already completed, it would be removed from the progress summary of projects.
- (x) Project Item (11) “TP-DMW263 Provision of fitness equipment and elderly facilities near the morning trail at Wan Tau Tong, Tai Po”, and Project Item (12) “TP-DMW264 Provision of elderly fitness equipment near Hing Wo House, Po Nga Court, Tai Po”: The term consultant was working on the detailed design.
- (xi) Project Item (13) “TP-DMW266 Provision of rainshelter near Wan Tau Tong Estate at Fung Wan Road, Tai Po”: As it had been found out earlier that the underground concrete structure might clash with the foundations of the rainshelter, the term consultant was consulting relevant departments and studying if the concrete structure could be removed or a solution at the level of the design of the foundations could be identified. As such, the date of tender invitation might be delayed.
- (xii) Project Item (14) “TP-DMW270 Provision of shelters at Po Nga Road connecting Tai Wo Plaza, Tai Po”: The term consultant was consulting relevant departments and started working on the preliminary design.
- (xiii) Project Item (15) “TP-DMW295 Provision of a sitting-out area at Pak Shek Kok”: Tree and topographical survey works had been carried out on 15 October 2021. Tender invitation for tree and topographical surveying had completed on 29 October 2021 and tenders were being analysed currently. The term consultant would

consult relevant departments and commence the preliminary design shortly.

- (xiv) Project Item (16) “TP-DMW296 Provision of a sitting-out area at Cheung Muk Tau Tsuen”: LCSD, HAD (Works Section), the term consultant and the Member of the constituency concerned had conducted an on-site inspection on 28 October 2021. Since there would be a road development project in the vicinity of the project site, LCSD had indicated that the said site was not suitable for building a sitting-out area owing to safety considerations.
- (xv) Project Item (17) “TP-DMW309 Construction of Shelter at Chuen On Road near Tai Po Hospital, Tai Po”: The term consultant was currently working on the detailed design.
- (xvi) Project Item (18) “TP-DMW315 Extension of Construction Works of Existing Covered Walkway at Nam Wan Road near Sun Hing Garden, Tai Po”, and Project Item (19) “TP-DMW316 Provision of Covered Walkway at Nam Wan Road connecting the Lift of Footbridge NF 132, Tai Po”: The term consultant was following up on the feasibility study reports.
- (xvii) Project Item (20) “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 already reported the progress in the meeting.

11. Miss Lisa YIP supplemented that as regards Project Item (14) “TP-DMW270 Provision of shelters at Po Nga Road connecting Tai Wo Plaza, Tai Po”, the term consultant had on 5 November 2021 furnished the proposed temporary traffic road closure measures which TPDO had forwarded to DFMC Chairman for information. The term consultant would schedule an on-site inspection with relevant departments and units, elaborate on the content of the proposed temporary traffic road closure measures to the Chairman, and discuss with the attendees practicable options with a view to commencing the project.

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

- (i) As regards Project Item (2) “TP-DMW227 Provision of sitting-out area and children’s playground at Nai Chung, Tai Po”, he thanked Sanfield-Gammon for having agreed to relocate the temporary men public toilets to avoid delaying the project of children’s playground.
- (ii) Regarding Project Item (16) “TP-DMW296 Provision of a sitting-out area at Cheung Muk Tau Tsuen”, LCSD had conducted an on-site inspection with him on 28 October 2021 and indicated that the project was infeasible. He had discussed with Civil Engineering and Development Department (“CEDD”) prior to the meeting and CEDD indicated that it had reflected to LCSD that the project was feasible. At present, new public rental housing estates (“PRH”) would be built and roads would

be developed in the vicinity of the project site. The roads to be developed would pass by the park area of the project mentioned above. According to the statement of the department, the “provision of a pavilion and benches” in the project overview could be retained, whereas “provision of children’s play equipment” could not because of the construction of roads. Children’s play equipment could still be built should the project area be reduced. Per his understanding, villagers and village representatives of Cheung Muk Tau Tsuen hoped that a sitting-out area would be built. Hence, he recommended that LCSD contact CEDD as soon as possible to discuss the construction of recreation facilities such as pavilion, while he did not hope that the project would be delayed by communication issues among departments. LCSD had mentioned the location of facilities and safety issues of the entrance/exit earlier, whereas CEDD had indicated that a pavement of about five metres in width could be built next to the road for children to access safely. This project had been discussed since the last District Council (“DC”) term and the term consultant had already completed the project report. He therefore opined that the project was still feasible and did not want to see its being cancelled because of the subsequent PRH development. He opposed the said PRH development. CEDD would explain matters concerning the construction of pavement at the Planning, Housing and Works Committee meeting on 16 November 2021, which he hoped LCSD would note for the discussion of the matter concerned.

13. Mr. YIU Kwan-ho raised the following views and questions:

- (i) As regards Project Item (7) “TP-DMW252 Provision of Rainshelters in Tai Po Kau Constituency (Chong San Road, Deerhill Bay and Chung Tsai Yuen Lookout)”, concrete base works and pillar installation were being carried out for the rainshelters at Chong San Road near Phase 2, Providence Bay and near Fo Shing Road. He enquired if the project was expected to complete on 16 December 2021.
- (ii) As regards Project Item (8) “TP-DMW255 Provision of covered walkway at Tai Po Road Yuen Chau Tsai section near Kwong Fuk Estate, Tai Po”, he enquired when the consultant had submitted documents to relevant departments for approval and whether or not the departments had replied. If they had already replied, when would the construction commence? He also hoped that the term consultant would send him the design of this project by email.
- (iii) As regards Project Item (15) “TP-DMW295 Provision of a sitting-out area at Pak Shek Kok”, the project had been discussed for quite some time and he was glad to see some progress and result. He enquired about the works after tree and topographical surveying and when the works would be carried out. He also enquired about the completion date of the project, whether or not the completion date could be set only upon completion of tree and topographical surveying, and if

the project design had been altered.

14. Mr. LAU Yung-wai indicated that regarding Project Item (1) “TP-DMW209 Provision of recreational and sports facilities near Ting Nga Court, Ting Kok Road, Tai Po”, it had been mentioned several times in the project progress that WSD had to consult the cycling association. As far as he was aware, there was currently no group named “cycling association” in Hong Kong, hence, he enquired if the cycling association was an official organisation. If yes, he enquired about its official name. If not, he asked what its formal name was. Besides, he also wished to know why the said group would need to be consulted in advance on the approval of temporary traffic management measures.

15. Mr. Kevin LING responded as follows:

- (i) As regards Project Item (1) “TP-DMW209 Provision of recreational and sports facilities near Ting Nga Court, Ting Kok Road, Tai Po”, the English name of the cycling association was “Cycling Associations”. Since the project required road excavation, of which the locations involved cycling tracks, reply from the Cycling Associations was required. The Cycling Associations was not any official organisation and there were seven cycling organisations under it. As such, it took some time to gauge views from the seven cycling organisations.
- (ii) As far as Project Item (7) “TP-DMW252 Provision of Rainshelters in Tai Po Kau Constituency (Chong San Road, Deerhill Bay and Chung Tsai Yuen Lookout)” was concerned, the project was expected to complete on 16 December 2021.

16. Mr. CHAN Kam-shing, Eddie indicated that LCSD had taken note of CEDD’s views on Project Item (16) “TP-DMW296 Provision of a sitting-out area at Cheung Muk Tau Tsuen”. During the on-site inspection on 28 October 2021, LCSD had explained the effect of road development to the sitting-out area, including the lack of space and safety distance for installation of children’s play facilities, etc. Having considered factors such as the air quality upon completion of road development, usable area of the proposed project site and its being close to the road, LCSD opined that the said site was not suitable for building a sitting-out area with children’s play facilities.

17. Mr. YAU Wan-po, Wallace advised that as regards Project Item (16) “TP-DMW296 Provision of a sitting-out area at Cheung Muk Tau Tsuen”, the proposed project area was required to have sufficient space and safety distance for provision of children’s play equipment. During the on-site inspection of Mr. TAM Yi-pui and LCSD on 28 October 2021, it was noticed that the project site was enclosed by roads and therefore not necessarily suitable for building the facilities concerned owing to safety considerations. Relevant departments would continue to follow up should the project overview be amended.

18. With regard to Project Item (16) “TP-DMW296 Provision of a sitting-out area at Cheung Muk Tau Tsuen”, Mr. TAM Yi-pui raised the following views:

- (i) As regards the park’s being adjacent to roads, he recommended that LCSD erect fences inside the park to prevent residents from crossing the road, but to enter the park by using the newly built pavement instead, so as to not only solve the safety problem, but also provide residents a sitting-out space.
- (ii) He had reviewed other locations available for carrying out the project earlier, such as the vicinity of Ma On Shan Bypass which, however, was a bit away from Cheung Muk Tau Tsuen that residents would need to make a detour to get there. The project site currently proposed was near the entrance to the pedestrian subway of Cheung Muk Tau Tsuen and he therefore opined that the proposed site could provide residents a suitable sitting-out space.
- (iii) He had also submitted a DMW project proposal to the Secretariat earlier in which he had recommended that a children’s playground be built in Sai O Village. The proposed project site was a rectangular lawn between Villa Rhapsody and Sai O Village. Should construction of recreation facilities be infeasible owing to the reduction of project area of this project, he opined that consideration could be given to building such facilities at the lawn between Villa Rhapsody and Sai O Village as a replacement option.
- (iv) CEDD representative had not attended the last on-site inspection. Hence, he recommended that a discussion be held with CEDD shortly to see if the amended project was practicable.

19. With regard to Project Item (16) “TP-DMW296 Provision of a sitting-out area at Cheung Muk Tau Tsuen”, Mr. LI Yiu-ban raised the following views:

- (i) The safety issues which LCSD had referred to were for sure important. However, when the Government had first advocated for the construction of PRH in Cheung Muk Tau, villagers had invariably voiced strong opposition. The plan to build PRH was now confirmed and villagers could do nothing but to accept it. While this project had been planned for quite a long time, villagers were deprived of the recreation facilities because of the PRH development, there would bound to be resentment among the villagers. He did not want to see the discontentment among the villagers as a result.
- (ii) He opined that LCSD and CEDD could schedule a meeting with Mr. TAM Yi-pui to discuss this project at the village office of Cheung Muk Tau Tsuen, explain to village representatives why the project could not be carried out and whether or not replacement options were available or to carry out the project at other locations. He also indicated that he could help arrange for a meeting.

- (iii) He hoped that the Government would implement its policies smoothly. As to whether or not the project would need to be deferred or another site need to be identified, he was open-minded while he hoped that the villagers would not have any confrontation with government officials because of this.

20. Mr. YIU Kwan-ho raised the following views and questions:

- (i) As regards Project Item (8) “TP-DMW255 Provision of covered walkway at Tai Po Road Yuen Chau Tsai section near Kwong Fuk Estate, Tai Po”, he asked when approximately the term consultant would submit applications to relevant departments, and how long it would take to have the applications approved.
- (ii) As regards Project Item (15) “TP-DMW295 Provision of a sitting-out area at Pak Shek Kok”, he enquired about the work procedure following tree and topographical surveying, and how long the work procedure would take.

21. Mr. LAU Yung-wai said that regarding Project Item (1) “TP-DMW209 Provision of recreational and sports facilities near Ting Nga Court, Ting Kok Road, Tai Po”, the Cycling Associations was not any official organisation and had not responded so far, so he asked if the departments would follow up further. He also indicated that it had been recorded in the progress summary of projects in September 2020 that the reply of the Cycling Associations was being awaited. However, there had been no reply so far, which was far from desirable. There were seven cycling organisations under the Cycling Associations and it was impossible for the departments to wait endlessly for a non-official organisation to respond, while such opinions were not supposed to override other aspects and works progress. Given that the Cycling Associations needed to be consulted because this project involved some sections of cycling tracks, he enquired if the said organisation would by the same token need to be consulted beforehand too on other matters (such as repair of water pipes) involving cycling tracks. He hoped that the Secretariat would report to and ask WSD how to deal with the situation of the project’s being delayed by the consultation of the said organisation, and whether or not all cycling organisations would need to be consulted before the project could continue. WSD might as well respond that since the Cycling Associations had not replied yet, no road closure or diversion arrangement could be made on the cycling tracks and the project as a result could not continue. Given that the project had been suspended for quite some time, he hoped that WSD would give an explanation at the next meeting.

22. Mr. HO Wai-lam said that in connection with Project Item (17) “TP-DMW309 Construction of Shelter at Chuen On Road near Tai Po Hospital, Tai Po”, which was expected to commence in August 2022, he enquired when construction of shelter on the road section, for which Tai Po Hospital was responsible, would commence. The rainshelter in this project aimed primarily to provide shelter from rain for residents accessing the hospital, it would be even more convenient for the residents if there would be co-ordination between the two projects. Hence, he would like to know the concrete schedule of Tai Po Hospital for carrying out the works.

23. Mr. Kevin LING indicated that as regards Project Item (17) “TP-DMW309 Construction of Shelter at Chuen On Road near Tai Po Hospital, Tai Po”, the detailed design was being carried out. There would be co-ordination with the hospital in terms of project design while liaison would be enhanced. TPDO would help follow up on matters concerning contact with Tai Po Hospital.

24. Miss Lisa YIP said regarding Project Item (17) “TP-DMW309 Construction of Shelter at Chuen On Road near Tai Po Hospital, Tai Po” that prior to the commencement of the project, TPDO had once scheduled an on-site inspection with the original project proponent and the hospital to discuss the project. The term consultant was currently working on the detailed design, while funding allocation for the project had been approved earlier. TPDO would communicate with the term consultant and the hospital, and consult the hospital on the project design in the hope that designs of the two projects could tie in with each other so as to prevent technically, for instance, water seepage at the gap between the two covers. TPDO would contact Mr. HO Wai-lam after following up on the matter.

25. Mr. Eddie CHAN indicated that LCSD would follow up on the opinions of Mr. TAM Yi-pui and Mr. LI Yiu-ban regarding Project Item (16) “TP-DMW296 Provision of a sitting-out area at Cheung Muk Tau Tsuen”.

26. Mr. Kevin LING responded as follows:

- (i) As regards Project Item (1) “TP-DMW209 Provision of recreational and sports facilities near Ting Nga Court, Ting Kok Road, Tai Po”, the term consultant had once invited WSD to elaborate on the matter concerning consultation of the Cycling Associations but the latter had not replied so far. It was not the case that the project had stopped, and the term consultant had all along been making enquiries with relevant departments and the Cycling Associations. The term consultant had in September 2020 consulted the Cycling Associations when the detailed design was being carried out at that time. On the other hand, the project was currently in the construction stage, and the consultation this time had begun in August 2021 and it was in progress now. So the two were not the same incident. Besides, should there be any main burst at a cycling track, which was an emergency and single incident, the Cycling Associations would not need to be consulted. However, the underground water pipe diversion works concerned would last for several weeks. Given that it would take longer time, views of the Cycling Associations would need to be obtained officially before HyD and HKPF would vet and approve the applications for temporary traffic management measures and only then could WSD carry out the underground water pipe diversion works concerned.
- (ii) As regards Project Item (8) “TP-DMW255 Provision of covered walkway at Tai Po Road Yuen Chau Tsai section near Kwong Fuk Estate, Tai Po”, the term consultant

had already submitted an application for road excavation permit to HyD earlier, now pending HyD's reply. The term consultant would maintain close liaison with HyD in the hope that the application would be approved as soon as possible.

- (iii) As regards Project Item (15) "TP-DMW295 Provision of a sitting-out area at Pak Shek Kok", upon completion of the tree and topographical surveying, detailed design would be worked on and relevant departments would be consulted, which would take some four to six months. Progress of the detailed design would be accelerated as much as practicable.

27. Mr. YIU Kwan-ho indicated that as regards Project Item (8) "TP-DMW255 Provision of covered walkway at Tai Po Road Yuen Chau Tsai section near Kwong Fuk Estate, Tai Po", he was aware that the term consultant had already submitted the application. He enquired if HyD had not granted a road excavation permit yet, or HKPF had not yet approved the temporary traffic road closure measures. He wished to know if the departments concerned would need to handle certain problems, such as whether or not inconvenience would be caused if works were carried out at the locations concerned, and whether DC intervention was required to help accelerate the processing of the applications.

28. Mr. LAU Yung-wai asked in connection with Project Item (1) "TP-DMW209 Provision of recreational and sports facilities near Ting Nga Court, Ting Kok Road, Tai Po" if the Cycling Associations had supported, opposed or had no comment when the detailed design of the project was being worked on. He opined that had the Cycling Associations agreed to the project at that time, the progress of the project should not have been delayed for as much as a year. He supplemented that there had been no update on the progress of this project since January 2021, and therefore hoped that WSD would give an account as soon as possible. Should the project progress remain stagnant in January 2022, he opined that WSD would be required to send representatives in this connection to attend DFMC meetings to give an explanation.

29. Mr. Kevin LING responded as follows:

- (i) As regards Project Item (1) "TP-DMW209 Provision of recreational and sports facilities near Ting Nga Court, Ting Kok Road, Tai Po", the term consultant had consulted the Cycling Associations on the project overview during the project's detailed design stage, and the Cycling Associations had no objection to the construction of a park. At present, the Cycling Associations was being consulted on matters concerning road excavation permit application and road closure. The contents of the two consultations were not the same and the term consultant was following up closely. It was also mentioned in the progress summary of projects that HyD carried out repainting works at the nearby cycling track, which meant that the project had obtained the consent of the Cycling Associations and was approved by HKPF. The term consultant was currently negotiating with HyD in the hope

that the time required for approval could be shortened as much as practicable. It was not the case that the progress of this project had not be updated since January 2021. Tender invitation of this project had been carried out on 13 November 2020, and the project had commenced on 2 March 2021.

- (ii) As regards Project Item (8) “TP-DMW255 Provision of covered walkway at Tai Po Road Yuen Chau Tsai section near Kwong Fuk Estate, Tai Po”, the term consultant had already submitted to HyD and HKPF earlier the applications for road excavation permit and temporary traffic road closure measures respectively. This project was located near an elevator, and the design would require amendments to divert pedestrian flow. The applications were being vetted for approval. It was believed that the project progress would not be delayed.

30. Mr. YIU Kwan-ho indicated in connection with Project Item (8) “TP-DMW255 Provision of covered walkway at Tai Po Road Yuen Chau Tsai section near Kwong Fuk Estate, Tai Po” that he understood it took time to approve applications for road excavation permit. Nonetheless, he would like to know if the time required for approval was reasonable. However, the term consultant had not responded directly and he would not ask further.

31. With regard to Project Item (1) “TP-DMW209 Provision of recreational and sports facilities near Ting Nga Court, Ting Kok Road, Tai Po”, Mr. LI Yiu-ban raised the following views:

- (i) The term consultant had indicated that the Cycling Associations would need to be consulted and its approval was pending. He enquired if the Cycling Associations had the authority to approve projects and whether it was appropriate to use the term “approval”.
- (ii) He would like to share a case of WSD and hoped that government departments would understand the idea of “addressing the needs of the people”. A villager had applied for Government land to build a small house earlier, and the approval time took as much as three years while a “consent to the commencement of building works” would need to be obtained too. However, since WSD’s fire main passed through the site concerned, the small house of the resident had to be relocated. The small house applicant had already paid the relocation cost of about \$70,000 on 1 April 2019, but still failed to have the small house relocated, so the applicant sought assistance from him in October 2021. Hence, he had asked TPDLO why the resident concerned could not relocate the small house after 2.5 years. TPDLO had replied that there had been objections when the resident applied for the excavation permit which had to be dealt with by WSD. TPDLO had contacted WSD and the latter had indicated that several letters expressing opposition had been received, and it turned out that the tenant who had submitted the letters had already moved away from the village concerned. As regards the failure of government

departments to deal with oppositions properly in 2.5 years or to contact the objectors to look into the opposing views, he considered such attitude not proactive and a failure to “address the needs of the people”. The villager might lose the construction cost as a result. He was of the view that government departments should take responsibility and hoped that the departments would look into the situation and identify solutions carefully.

32. With regard to Project Item (1) “TP-DMW209 Provision of recreational and sports facilities near Ting Nga Court, Ting Kok Road, Tai Po”, Mr. Kevin LING responded as follows:

- (i) The term consultant had once invited WSD to attend DFMC meetings to answer questions regarding the project. However, WSD had not replied as to whether or not it would attend meetings.
- (ii) The term consultant would need to obtain views of the Cycling Associations before HyD would vet and approve temporary traffic measures.

33. Mr. LI Yiu-ban indicated that regarding the case he shared just now, WSD had called him one week prior to this meeting that it would commence works at the said site as quickly as possible. He had called the applicant before the meeting, but the applicant did not seem to have been notified. He considered it undesirable for WSD to have procrastinated in handling the case. Had the case been dealt with as early as possible, the villager would not have had to wait for such a long time. This also reflected if government departments served members of the public whole-heartedly.

34. The Chairman indicated that Members had discussed the above agenda item for quite some time. He asked the Secretariat to note the discussion just now, in particular that of Project Item (1) “TP-DMW209 Provision of recreational and sports facilities near Ting Nga Court, Ting Kok Road, Tai Po”. He hoped that the Secretariat would write to WSD to gain some understanding of the situation and to invite the department to attend the next meeting to give an explanation.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat had written to WSD on 22 December 2021 with regard to the concerned matter.)

35. DFMC endorsed the above report.

(B) DMW projects reported by TPDO

(Items (21) to (49) and (50) to (54) in Annex 2 to TPDC Paper No. DFM 34/2021)

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

- (i) Project Item (24) “TP-DMW265 Construction of rainshelters at paved area adjacent to Lam Tsuen wishing square, Ng Tung Chai and Tai Om Tsuen, Tai Po”: As regards construction of rainshelter cum benches at the junction of Tung Chai next to Lam Kam Road, works had already commenced on 11 November 2021, completion of which was expected in March 2022. As for the construction of rainshelter at Tai Om Tsuen, the works had commenced on 11 November 2021 and were expected to complete in April 2022.
- (ii) Project Item (28) “TP-DMW306 Improvement to access road and sitting out area at Ha Tei Ha, Tai Po”: Owing to the need to amend some parts of the location, the Works Section had filed an application for temporary site allocation again with TPDLO on 7 September 2021.
- (iii) Project Item (30) “TP-DMW308 Maintenance and improvement of facilities under Tai Po District Council Minor Works Programmes (2020-21)”: Costs of the maintenance and improvement works currently underway were approximately \$3.36 million.
- (iv) Project Item (32) “TP-DMW323 Improvement to existing walking trail at Pinehill, Tai Po”: The Works Section had already completed the project design and submitted the working drawing to HAD for approval.
- (v) Project Item (33) “TP-DMW324 Improvement to access road near lamp post no. V4743 to V4741 at A Shan, Tai Po”: The Works Section had received a letter from the village head on 4 October 2021 to request that the works area be expanded. An on-site inspection had been arranged on 10 November 2021 to ascertain the new works area.
- (vi) Project Item (35) “TP-DMW326 Maintenance and improvement of facilities under Tai Po District Council Minor Works Programmes (2021-22): Tender invitation was being carried out for the project.
- (vii) Project Item (42) “Provision of rainshelters with sitting benches at Tong Hang Tung, Ha Hang Village and Yuen Leng”: As regards the provision of rainshelter at Tong Hang Tung, WSD had replied on 3 September 2021 that since the proposed rainshelter was located on Dongjiang water mains and WSD’s waterworks reserve, the proposed site was unsuitable.
- (viii) Project Item (48) “Provision of rainshelters at Shan Liu Road and Tung Tsz Road”: As regards the provision of rainshelter at Tung Tsz Road, Drainage Services Department (“DSD”) had replied on 31 August 2021 that the proposed rainshelter was located near DSD’s underground sewerage facilities, rendering the proposed site not suitable. The Works Section would discuss with the follow-up Member.
- (ix) Progress of Project Items (21) to (23), (25) to (27), (29), (31), (34), (36) to (41), (43)

to (47), and (49) had already been enumerated in the progress summary of projects for Members' reference.

37. Mr. HO Wai-lam said that regarding Project Item (32) "TP-DMW323 Improvement to existing walking trail at Pinehill, Tai Po", during an on-site inspection with other follow-up Members earlier, he had noticed that the damaged surface of the walking trail was rather large in area while the two rainshelters nearby required repairs. Thus, he opined that the project was not small in scale. However, the project was allocated only \$1 million of funding. Hence, he enquired if the department could furnish detailed information of rebuilding the road surface and rainshelters after the meeting.

38. Mr. LAU Chun-ming said that he would provide the project drawings and detailed information to Mr. HO Wai-lam after the meeting.

39. DFMC endorsed the above report.

40. Miss Lisa YIP gave supplementary remarks on the following projects:

- (i) Project Item (50) "TP-DMW 337 Construction of rainshelters at Tai Po Tau and Tai Wo (Serenity Villa, Serenity Park II and Tai Po Government offices)": As regards construction of rainshelter at Tai Po Tau near Serenity Villa, the pre-feasibility study report and the pre-construction costs of \$210,000 had already been endorsed earlier at the DFMC meeting on 17 September 2021. As far as the rainshelter at Tai Po Tau near Serenity Park II was concerned, HAD (Works Section) had already completed the location map of the rainshelter on 11 November 2021 and recommended that the rainshelter be eight metres in length, 2.5 metres in width and 2.75 metres in height. TPDO had already forwarded the location map to the principal proponent. Once the principal proponent's consent was obtained, the term consultant would follow up on the pre-feasibility study report, upon completion of which the pre-construction costs would be reported, followed by the commencement of trial pit works for both "rainshelter at Serenity Park II" and "rainshelter at Serenity Villa".
- (ii) Project Item (51) "Provision of rain shelter and benches next to Tai Po Community Centre": Progress had already been enumerated in the progress summary of projects for Members' reference.
- (iii) Project Item (52) "Provision of Rain Shelter at Wan Tau Square, Tai Po": The term consultant had reported just now the content of the pre-feasibility study report and that the pre-construction costs were \$190,000.
- (iv) Project Item (53) "Provision of Rain Shelters at Pak Shek Kok, Tai Po (Chong San Road, Fo Yin Road and Fo Chun Road)": TPDO had forwarded the updated

information provided by HAD (Works Section) to the follow-up Member just now. TPDO would discuss with the Member further.

- (v) Project Item (54) “Provision of rain shelter at Chung Nga Road near Ting Kok Road, Tai Po”: Progress had already been enumerated in the progress summary of projects for Members’ reference.

41. Mr. LAU Yung-wai indicated that as regards Project Item (50) “TP-DMW337 Construction of rainshelters at Tai Po Tau and Tai Wo (Serenity Villa, Serenity Park II and Tai Po Government offices)”, he agreed to the location map of “rainshelter at Serenity Park II”.

42. DFMC endorsed the above report.

(C) DMW projects followed up by the Tai Po District Leisure Services Office of the LCSD (Items (55) to (76) in Annex 2 to TPDC Paper No. DFM 34/2021)

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

- (i) Project Item (55) “TP-DMW244 Provision and upgrading of drinking fountain facilities at the recreational and sports venues in Tai Po District”, Project Item (56) “TP-DMW303 Provision and upgrading of drinking fountain facilities at Tai Po Waterfront Park”, Project Item (57) “TP-DMW305 Improvement works at Mui Shue Hang Playground”, and Project Item (58) “TP-DMW313 Improvement Works of Toilets and Changing Rooms for Leisure Venues in Tai Po District”: Progress had already been enumerated in the progress summary of projects for Members’ reference.
- (ii) Project Item (59) “TP-DMW318 Provision of arbours for existing sitting benches at Kwong Fuk Sitting-out Area”: The project had substantially completed, now pending inspection by the works departments.
- (iii) Project Item (60) “TP-DMW319 Improvement works at Kwong Fuk Bridge Garden”: Progress had already been enumerated in the progress summary of projects for Members’ reference.
- (iv) Project Item (61) “TP-DMW320 Improvement works at Tai Po Tau Playground”: LCSD would confirm the project details with the proponent and invite tender shortly.
- (v) Project Item (62) “TP-DMW321 Provision of fitness equipment at Kwong Fuk Sitting-out Area”: Progress had already been enumerated in the progress summary of projects for Members’ reference.
- (vi) Project Item (63) “TP-DMW327 Improvement Works for the Filtration Plant System

at Tai Po Swimming Pool”, Project Item (64) “TP-DMW328 Improvement Works for the Fitness Station at Tai Po Waterfront Park”, Project Item (65) “TP-DMW329 Beautification Works for the Entrance of Tai Po Waterfront Park at Yuen Shin Road”, Project Item (66) “TP-DMW330 Improvement Works of Facilities at Parks and Playgrounds in Tai Po District”, Project Item (67) “TP-DMW331 Beautification Works at the Recreational Venues, District Focal Interchanges and Roadside Planters in Tai Po District”, Project Item (68) “TP-DMW332 Installation of Braille and Tactile Numbering Signs on the Lockers at Sports Centres in Tai Po District”, Project Item (69) “TP-DMW333 Contingency Fund for Urgent and Minor Improvement Works at the Recreation and Sports Venues in Tai Po District”, Project Item (70) “TP-DMW334 Provision of Mosquito Trapping Devices at Parks and Playgrounds in Tai Po District”, Project Item (71) “TP-DMW335 Provision of Air Purifiers in the Toilets at the Recreation and Sports Venues in Tai Po District”, and Project Item (72) “TP-DMW336 Installation of Touchless Buttons at the Lift of Tai Po Sports Centre”: The above projects had progressively commenced and progress had already been enumerated in the progress summary of projects for Members’ reference.

- (vii) Project Item (73) “Improvement Works for the Elderly Fitness Equipment at Yuen Shin Park”, Project Item (74) “Improvement Works for Kau Lung Hang Playground”, Project Item (75) “Provision of Fitness Equipment near Hang Wo House, Tai Wo Estate, Tai Po”, and Project Item (76) “Provision of Indoor Climbing Room with bouldering facility by converting a squash court in the Squash and Tennis Centre of Tai Po Sports Centre”: Progress had already been enumerated in the progress summary of projects for Members’ reference.

44. Mr. LAU Yung-wai said that with regard to Project Item (61) “TP-DMW320 Improvement works at Tai Po Tau Playground”, he agreed to confirm the project details with LCSD and hoped that LCSD would commence the project as soon as possible.

45. DFMC endorsed the above report.

(D) DMW projects followed up by the Cultural Services Branch of the LCSD
(Items (77) to (79) in Annex 2 to TPDC Paper No. DFM 34/2021)

46. Mr. NG Chi-keung, Barry reported that regarding Project Item (77) “To set up a 24-hour self-service library station at Yuen Shin Park”, Project Item (78) “To set up a 24-hour self-service library station at Tai Po Old Market”, and Project Item (79) “To set up a 24-hour self-service library station at Tai Wo MTR station lobby”, LCSD had in May 2021 conducted a survey to gauge views from members of the public in connection with the pilot scheme and taken follow-up actions immediately, which included the redesigning of labels on book machines, adding various

collections in light of opinions of members of the public, and holding promotion activities to attract members of the public to use the services of self-service library stations (“SSLs”). The survey report was still being compiled and LCSD would, subject to the review outcome, examine if the SSLs service would be provided in the existing format in other districts, and would apply for additional funding where necessary.

47. Mr. LAU Yung-wai enquired if LCSD could furnish more information about SSLs in Tai Po District, such as when to take forward the new phase of SSLs in Tai Po District. As land acquisition issues were involved in the provision of SSLs, should there be further delay in LCSD’s report of progress, he would be worried about TPDLO’s resumption of the site for the proposed SSLs in his constituency by using the excuse of the site’s being idle. Hence, he hoped that LCSD would reply further.

48. The Chairman indicated that as the service of SSLs had been launched as a pilot scheme earlier, he enquired about the frequently seen issues and operational difficulties during the trial run.

49. Mr. Barry NG responded as follows:

- (i) Some members of the public had reflected that the usage instruction labels at SSLs lacked clarity, design not attractive, and they hoped that more books about travelling and leisure would be added to the collections. Having received the said opinions, LCSD had decorated three SSLs without delay in September 2021, which included putting up promotional stickers and usage instructions on the machines at SSLs. LCSD would also conduct thematic promotions of books in November 2021, including books about culinary arts and scientific exploration, with a view to attracting more readers.
- (ii) The working group was still compiling the usage data of SSLs in the hope that the report could complete as soon as possible. The library had already briefed the Public Libraries Advisory Committee (“PLAC”) on the SSLs with a view to winning PLAC’s support for launching the SSLs scheme. After discussion, PLAC would upload the discussion summary to its website. Upon receipt of the information concerned, LCSD would forward the link and information to Members via the Secretariat for information.

(Post-meeting note: Please refer to the following website with regards the summary of discussion of the PLAC on the Interim Report on Trial Scheme for Library Station Service: [https://www.hkpl.gov.hk/en/common/attachments/about-us/intro/Discussion%20Summary%20for%20Meeting_41st%20PLAC%20Meeting%20\(English\).pdf](https://www.hkpl.gov.hk/en/common/attachments/about-us/intro/Discussion%20Summary%20for%20Meeting_41st%20PLAC%20Meeting%20(English).pdf))

50. DFMC endorsed the above report.

(E) DMW projects followed up by the Planning Section of the LCSD
(Items (80) to (81) in Annex 2 to TPDC Paper No. DFM 34/2021)

51. Mr. Eddie CHAN gave supplementary remarks on the following projects:

- (i) Project Item (80) “Provision of a Pet Garden at the Open Space near Block 10 and 19 of Tai Po Centre, On Pong Road, Tai Po”: LCSD, HAD (Works Section), the term consultant, Transport Department (“TD”) and the follow-up Member had conducted an on-site inspection on 14 September 2021 to discuss the arrangement to relocate bicycle parking spaces.
- (ii) Project Item (81) “Provision of Inclusive Playground in Tai Po”: LCSD, HAD (Works Section) and the term consultant had conducted an on-site inspection with the proponent on 28 October 2021, during which the project content had been discussed.

52. DFMC endorsed the above report.

(F) DMW projects followed up by other lead departments
(Item (82) in Annex 2 to TPDC Paper No. DFM 34/2021)

53. The Chairman reported that TD had for the time being no update regarding Project Item (82) “TP-DMW274 Provision of pavement in Tai Po Tau Road”. He indicated that owing to the departure of some DC Members, the position of follow-up Member of some project items had become vacant. As such, he followed up on the projects concerned in the capacity of temporary follow-up Member.

54. Mr. LAU Yung-wai said that he had requested at the last meeting that TD inform him of the negotiation between TD and objectors. TD had so far neither replied nor attended meetings to respond. He opined that the project location might be convenient only for certain individuals to access. Hence, he wished to know more about the concrete progress of TD’s negotiation with the objectors. He asked if the Secretariat had contacted TD in this connection and requested TD to attend meetings.

55. The Secretary indicated that the Secretariat had contacted TD earlier in connection with the matter concerned. TD had indicated that no update was currently available. An arrangement could be made again shortly to invite TD to attend the next meeting to elaborate on the case.

56. Mr. LAU Yung-wai said that TD had indicated earlier that it had been negotiating with the objectors. Hence, he hoped that TD would attend meetings to elaborate on its negotiation with

the objectors, rather than being absent from meetings because the project had no progress. He hoped that the Secretariat would ask TD to contact him as soon as possible to explain and handle the situation and the opinions of objectors. He considered it unreasonable that no signage was erected at the said site while works on the pavement section continued to be carried out. Hence, he hoped that DFMC would instruct TD to contact him. He was of the view that some departments might think that they were not duty bound to explain the situation because they were not standing departments at a meeting, just as the project item mentioned above which involved WSD and there had been no progress after a year's delay. He opined that departments present at this meeting followed up on the projects meticulously, whereas other departments did not take the projects seriously and were absent from the meetings. Hence, he hoped that the Chairman would handle the matter concerned.

57. The Chairman recommended that the Secretariat write a letter to TD to urge the department to give an account on the details and current situation, and to actively invite TD to attend the next meeting.

58. Mr. LAU Yung-wai said that such matters should have been handled after the last meeting. It would be the responsibility of the department concerned should it be absent from meetings despite its having been urged to attend meetings. Hence, he was of the view that it was not necessary to waste time on sending letters. He only hoped that TD would contact him to elaborate on the details as soon as possible.

59. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to note the views and to actively request TD to handle the case.

60. DFMC endorsed 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 35/2021)

61. Mr. Eddie CHAN reported the progress of the leisure and recreation facilities works projects in Tai Po District in Paper No. DFM 35/2021 as follows:

- (i) At present, there were five leisure and recreation facilities works projects in Tai Po District, including two under construction and three under planning.
- (ii) As regards projects under construction, major construction works of the project of sports centre, community hall and football pitches in Area 1, Tai Po had substantially completed while internal decoration and installation of equipment were underway. 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 mid-2023.

- (iii) For projects under planning, the Architectural Services Department (“ArchSD”) was inviting tender for the facility upgrading of Tai Po Civic Centre (“TPCC”), of which commencement was expected in end of 2021 and the project would take about 2.5 years to complete. As far as the project football-cum-rugby pitch with public vehicle park in Area 33, Tai Po was concerned, relevant government departments had already completed the project’s technical feasibility study while TD and LCSD would continue to take forward the project. As regards sports centre in Area 6, Tai Po, relevant departments were reviewing the proposed facilities with a view to reducing the height of the main building as far as practicable so as to keep the impact on nearby residents to a minimum. The DFMC would be consulted in a timely manner.

62. Mr. YIU Kwan-ho said that regarding the facility upgrading of TPCC, in addition to providing more public spaces for the enjoyment of members of the public, Members had also raised earlier that the linkage between the design and software of TPCC with those of the adjacent Tai Po Arts Centre (“TPAC”) could be enhanced. For instance, a passage could be provided between the building for access. Hence, he enquired if the current design had taken into consideration the opinions and concepts put forward by Members earlier.

63. The Chairman raised the following questions:

- (i) In connection with the project of sports centre, community hall and football pitches in Area 1, Tai Po, he enquired if tender invitation for venue management had already completed.
- (ii) Regarding sports centre in Area 6, Tai Po, he enquired when relevant departments would report on the progress of project and views gauged via consultation.

64. Mr. Eddie CHAN responded as follows:

- (i) As regards the facility upgrading of TPCC, given that the project had already commenced, the representative responsible had indicated at the DFMC meeting on 17 September 2021 that his subsequent attendance at DFMC meetings for reporting purpose would suspend, and hence the said representative was not present at this meeting. He would note and relay Members’ opinions to the representative concerned, who would explain to Members again once the project had any progress.

(Post-meeting note: To facilitate DFMC Members’ understanding of the development scope of “Facility upgrading of Tai Po Civic Centre”, LCSD had joined ArchSD, the term consultant and relevant departments to arrange for an on-site inspection for Members at 10 a.m. on 16 November 2020, during which Members had also been briefed on relevant details of the

project. Regarding Members' opinions, the linkage between TPCC and TPAC had already been covered in the design of the project item, while TPDO would be responsible for acting as the lead department for the minor works of the facilities concerned.)

(ii) Regarding sports centre in Area 6, Tai Po, departments including Social Welfare Department, TD, ArchSD and LCSD were reviewing the content of the proposed facilities with a view to accommodating Members' opinions as much as practicable to make optimal use of space. Discussion of the content of facilities at DFMC was expected in the first half of 2022.

65. Ms. TAM Wai-chu indicated that as far as the project of sports centre, community hall and football pitches in Area 1, Tai Po was concerned, upon completion, the venue would be managed by LCSD directly while services would be provided by the outsourced contractor.

66. The Chairman enquired if the tender had already been invited for the management service provider for sports centre, community hall and football pitches in Area 1, Tai Po.

67. Ms. TAM Wai-chu said that once LCSD took over the venue, it would be managed by LCSD and serviced by the existing outsourced service provider.

68. Mr. AU Chun-ho asked in connection with the project of sports centre, community hall and football pitches in Area 1, Tai Po, whether the facilities of community hall would be managed by TPDO or LCSD.

69. Mr. LAU Yung-wai indicated that the opinions about enhanced linkage between TPCC and the adjacent TPAC in terms of design and software had been put forward by a Member some years ago but there had been nil progress. Different departments or organisations might have been involved. He hoped that apart from LCSD's reflecting views to the representative concerned, relevant departments would seriously discuss improvement measures and handle the problems.

70. Mr. Eddie CHAN indicated that LCSD had all along followed up on the linkage between TPCC and TPAC. He would follow up and discuss the arrangements with representatives of relevant departments after the meeting, and schedule on-site inspections with relevant Members to elaborate on details where necessary.

71. Mr. YIU Kwan-ho said that during Members' on-site inspection at TPCC earlier, LCSD representative had promised to make arrangements and design in connection with the linkage between TPCC and TPAC to enhance the linkage in arts, cultural and recreational development of the said area. He would move a motion at the Working Group on Signature Projects to discuss in detail the design concerned and to arrange for on-site inspections.

72. Mr. Eddie CHAN indicated that facilities of the community hall under sports centre, community hall and football pitches in Area 1, Tai Po fell under the purview of TPDO.

73. DFMC endorsed the above report.

IV. **Leisure and Cultural Services Department — Report on the participation in community activities held in September and October 2021 in Tai Po and proposed community activities to be held in November and December 2021 in Tai Po**
(TPDC Paper No. DFM 36/2021)

74. Mr. Wallace YAU reported in connection with Annex I to TPDC Paper No. DFM 36/2021 as follows:

- (i) LCSD had since October 2021 resumed organisation of some individual and team games. Large-scale games during which a larger number of participants would gather, such as swimming gala and sports day, would be suspended further to minimise social contact and infection risk.
- (ii) Since facilities improvement works were expected to be carried out at the natural turf bowling greens at Tai Po Waterfront Park between 6 December 2021 and May 2022, organisation of lawn bowls training courses and fun days would be suspended at the said venue.
- (iii) LCSD had held approximately 137 recreational and sports activities between September and October 2021, and the number of participants was about 2 347 persons, while about 107 recreational and sports activities were proposed to be held in November and December 2021, and the expected number of participants was 2 320, details of which were contained respectively in Appendices I and II to Annex I to Paper No. DFM 36/2021 for Members' reference. He added that the total number of "expected number of participants" on P.4 of Appendix II should be 2 320 instead of 7 049.

75. Ms. OR Hiu-man, Stella introduced Annex II to TPDC Paper No. DFM 36/2021. She indicated that the five appendices to the Annex II were regular reports of cultural activities and usage of facilities. Appendix A contained cultural programmes held and sponsored in Tai Po District between September and October 2021, some of which had been cancelled or held in other formats owing to the epidemic. Appendix B contained programmes scheduled to be held in November and December 2021. Appendix C contained the usage situation of TPCC between September and October 2021. Appendix D contained the cultural and arts programmes under "18dART - Tai Po" held in September and October 2021. Appendix E contained details of activities proposed to be held in November and December 2021.

76. Mr. Barry NG reported in connection with Annex III to TPDC Paper No. DFM 36/2021 as follows:

- (i) Appendix 1 to Annex III contained the situation of library extension activities between September and October 2021. Appendix 2 contained the usage situation of mobile library service points between September and October 2021. Appendix 3 contained promotion activities proposed to be held in November and December 2021.
- (ii) He had discussed with the then DC Member of Shuen Wan Constituency, Mr. SO Tat-leung on 12 May 2020 and applied for the provision of a mobile library station at Lung Mei Bathing Beach. However, a reply had been received on 29 September 2021 that the application had been rejected, and LCSD would identify a suitable parking space elsewhere. Since it would take rather long to identify a parking space and to provide distribution boxes, while LCSD would also like to make use of existing facilities as much as possible, it was therefore recommended that the service hours of Shuen Wan mobile library station be temporarily transferred to other mobile library stations so as to make optimal use of existing resources. LCSD recommended that one mobile library station be chosen from the three mobile library stations with higher usage rate (including the ones at Fu Heng Estate, Tai Yuen Estate and Tai Wo Estate) to provide services at the timeslots concerned. He hoped that Members would give advice.

77. The Chairman enquired about the content of the improvement works of the natural turf bowling greens and the participation in the arts and cultural programmes under “18dART - Tai Po”.

78. Mr. Wallace YAU said that the said improvement works included the replacement of irrigation system and drain covers of the bowling greens, improvement of the barrier-free access while the spectator stand refurbishment works covered the replacement of canopies, installation of seats at the spectator stand, provision of floor coating and decoration of the outer walls. LCSD had already notified Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association and Tai Po Lawn Bowls Club of the works arrangements concerned.

79. Ms. SAM Fung-mei, Esther indicated that as far as participation in the arts and cultural programmes under “18dART - Tai Po” was concerned, public response had been very favourable and members of the public had been particularly keen on taking part in programmes organised by the Fantasy Puppet Theatre.

80. The Chairman said that as regards LCSD’s recommendation to temporarily transfer the service hours of Shuen Wan mobile library station to other more popular mobile library stations to provide services, he supplemented that as far as identification of parking place for Shuen Wan

mobile library station was concerned, he would continue to visit and search for suitable sites with Mr. LAM Yick-kuen. Members could contact them for discussion.

81. Mr. Barry NG advised that among those three mobile library stations recommended just now, the one at Fu Heng Estate had the highest usage rate. Should Members have no objection, he would recommend that the service hours be temporarily transferred to the mobile library station at Fu Heng Estate.

82. No Members had raised objection. The Chairman agreed to the recommendation and that adjustments could be made according to the service demand of mobile library stations.

83. DFMC noted the above report.

V. Reports of working groups

(I) Working Group on District Works

84. The Chairman reported that the Working Group on District Works (“WGDW”) had held its fifth meeting in 2021 on 15 October 2021. WGDW had at the meeting followed up on the progress of approved DMW projects and endorsed the estimates and adjustments of the construction costs of the following two DMW projects:

- (i) Item (20) in the Paper “TP-DMW322 Provision of Rainshelter at Tai Po Tai Wo Road near the lay-by outside Yata Department Store, Tai Po”; and
- (ii) Item (52) in the Paper “Provision of Rain Shelter at Wan Tau Square, Tai Po”.

85. DFMC endorsed the report of WGDW.

(II) Working Group on Facilities Management

86. The Chairman reported as follows:

- (i) The Working Group on Facilities Management (“WGFM”) had held its fourth meeting in 2021 on 15 October 2021. At the meeting, Members noted the report by the TPDO on the management of community centre/community halls from August to September 2021, and spot-checked income and expenditure statements of seven fee-charging activities in community halls/community centres in accordance with the principle of spot-checking 5% of the total number of fee-charging activities. In order to streamline the procedures, Members agreed that only five fee-charging

activities were to be spot-checked from the next WGFM meeting onwards. Members had also noted the airing of programmes on LED display panel at Tai Po Community Centre.

- (ii) LCSD had reported on the management of facilities in Tai Po District between July and August 2021 at the meeting. Members had taken note of and endorsed the concerned report.

87. Mr. AU Chun-ho said that he hoped relevant department would report on the usage rate and condition of the stage platform lift of Tai Yuen Community Hall at the next WGFM meeting.

88. DFMC endorsed the report of WGFM.

VI. Any other business

(1) Hong Kong Flower Show 2022 “Recommended Greening Attractions in 18 Districts” Exhibition (TPDC Paper No. DFM 37/2021)

89. The Chairman said that at the Tai Po District Council (“TPDC”) meeting on 12 November 2021, it was agreed that DFMC would follow up on the matter with regards Hong Kong Flower Show 2022 “Recommended Greening Attractions in 18 Districts”, such as inviting district organisations to participate. Members might refer to TPDC Paper No. DFM 31/2021 for details of the activity.

90. Mr. LAU Yung-wai said that the registration deadline of previous Flower Shows had failed to fit the meeting schedule for discussion and preparation. Despite the fact that the invitation letter this year was issued in mid-October, DFMC held its meeting in mid-November, rendering it difficult to invite and vet applications of interested groups by the reply deadline of 30 November. Should it be infeasible to invite groups to participate in the activity by the deadline, it would in his opinion be not necessary for the organiser to write to TPDC anymore. He was of the view that the Secretariat could reflect to LCSD that the Secretariat of Show Committee, Hong Kong Flower Show (“Flower Show Secretariat”) should be reminded to issue invitation as early as practicable in the coming years, so as to avoid making it impossible for the DC to invite groups to take part in the activity at such short notice.

91. Mr. Wallace YAU said that he would relay Mr. LAU Yung-wai’s comments to the Flower Show Secretariat.

92. Mr. LAU Yung-wai indicated that LCSD could at present only remind the Flower Show Secretariat of the Flower Show in 2022, while the Flower Show in 2023 would have another

chairman and other members in its secretariat. He did not want to see the same incident happen again. Hence, he hoped that LCSD would record the said opinions to remind the Flower Show Secretariat next year to issue invitations in September instead, so that the DC could have ample time to prepare and participate in the activity.

93. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to take note of the abovementioned matter. In view of the tight schedule, he appealed for Members' support to liaise with interested groups in Tai Po District to take part in the activity in the hope of making the flower show this year a success.

(2) **Mandatory use of "LeaveHomeSafe" before entering government premises in Tai Po District**

94. Mr. TAM Yi-pui said that he had earlier raised the issue of the use of "LeaveHomeSafe" mobile application ("LeaveHomeSafe") at the Healthcare, Education and Social Services Committee, and mentioned about the DC receiving a large number of complaints from members of the public against the mandatory use of "LeaveHomeSafe". These complaints involved premises such as leisure facilities and libraries. The mandatory use of "LeaveHomeSafe" for entering government premises led to a significant drop of interest of members of the public in using public facilities and their being refused access to the premises as a result of issues such as failure in downloading "LeaveHomeSafe" because of incompatibility of certain mobile phone models with "LeaveHomeSafe" and mobile phones' running out of battery and memory. As such, he wished to reflect the situation to LCSD. He considered reading and sports beneficial to physical and mental health. Should access to the premises be denied due to the above reasons, members of the public would have difficulties using the facilities concerned while their desire to use such facilities would diminish, too. He also hoped that LCSD would provide usage statistics of "LeaveHomeSafe" at the DFMC meeting in January 2022 to facilitate the understanding of whether or not the measure of using "LeaveHomeSafe" would cause a drop in the usage rate of LCSD's premises.

95. The Chairman said that there were a library and LCSD offices in Tai Po Complex. As such, he asked LCSD if the overall operation and flow of the premises had been affected since the implementation of the "LeaveHomeSafe" measure.

96. Mr. Barry NG said that the measure of using "LeaveHomeSafe" had been implemented for some time and there was no significant impact on the operation of the library. Persons who filled out the forms to register their entry to the library were mainly elderly people, and 40 to 50 forms were received on average per day. As the measure had been first implemented, it had taken some time to revise the forms for registration. The library had already deployed additional manpower to assist members of the public. No significant change had been seen in the overall number of persons entering the library and the usage rate. On 2 November 2021, Cable TV had filmed the

situation in the library and during the report, some members of the public had indicated that they were in general satisfied with the arrangement concerned. LCSD would continue to deploy additional manpower to assist members of the public in the hope that members of the public would familiarise themselves with the use of the said application.

97. Mr. Wallace YAU indicated that since the implementation of the measure of using “LeaveHomeSafe”, operation of recreational venues and offices managed by LCSD had remained by and large smooth. LCSD had already arranged for staff to assist persons in need, and the overall entry and registration situation had been smooth.

98. Mr. TAM Yi-pui said that after attending TPDC meeting on 2 November 2021, he had visited Tai Po Public Library on 5/F of Tai Po Complex and seen a member of the public being denied access to the library because of the incompatibility of his mobile phone model and “LeaveHomeSafe”. The said person had argued with the staff member in this connection and had to fill out a form in the end to register his entry. Per his observation, the member of the public concerned was under 60 years old. He had at that time identified himself as a DC Member and helped the said member of the public gain access to the library. He opined that similar incidents were not rare while it was not a minor problem as departmental representatives had suggested. Hence, he wished to reflect the problem to the department.

99. The Chairman asked LCSD to take note of the above comments. As the mandatory use of “LeaveHomeSafe” to enter government premises was implemented since 1 November 2021, he believed that government departments would need time to review the effectiveness and operational procedures. Members were most welcome to continue to keep an eye on the situation and follow up on this matter.

VII. Date of next meeting

100. The next meeting would be held at 9:30 a.m. on 14 January 2022 (Friday).

101. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.