

Minutes of the 2nd Meeting in 2026
of the District Facilities and Works Committee
of the Tai Po District Council

Date: 3 March 2026 (Tuesday)
Time: 2:30 p.m. – 4:21 p.m.
Venue: Conference Room, Tai Po District Council (“TPDC”)

<u>Present</u>	<u>Time of Arrival</u>	<u>Time of Withdrawal</u>
<u>Chairman</u>		
Mr. CHAN Siu-kuen, MH, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
<u>Vice-chairman</u>		
Mr. LI Wah-kwong, Rex, MH	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
<u>Members</u>		
Mr. YU Chi-wing, MH	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. LEE Man-kit	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. LI Yiu-ban, BBS, MH, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. LAM Yick-kuen, MH	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. WU Cheuk-him	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. MUI Siu-fung	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. MUI Ching-hung, MH	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. CHAN Tsz-kin	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. CHAN Cho-leung, MH, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Ms. CHAN Kin-kwan	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. CHAN Pok-chi, MH, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. MAK Shing-ho, Gary	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. WAN Koon-kau	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. WONG Wai-tung	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Ms. WONG Pik-kiu, SBS, MH, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Ms. LOK Siu-luen	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. LO Hiu-fung, MH	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. LEONG Chung-ming	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Ms. NG Bun-bun, Catherine	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting

- (iii) Ms. CHUNG Chi-yuen, Candy, Senior Librarian (Tai Po) (Atg.) of LCSD was attending the meeting in place of Ms. WONG Yuen-yee, Queenie.

I. Confirmation of the minutes of the 1st meeting in 2026 of the DFWC on 6 January 2026

- 2. The Chairman reported that as the Secretariat did not receive any proposed amendments prior to the meeting, and no Members on the floor had put forward any amendments, the captioned minutes therefore were confirmed.

II. Strengthening supervision on the use of electric bicycles in Yuen Shin Park
(TPDC Paper No. DFW 3/2026)

- 3. A Member went through Paper No. DFW 3/2026.
- 4. The representative of LCSD responded as follows:
 - (i) Parks and pleasure grounds managed by the LCSD were regulated by the Pleasure Grounds Regulation (Cap. 132BC), under which Section 14 stipulated that the use of bicycles was prohibited in pleasure grounds. Based on daily observation, most bicycle users travelled directly through Yuen Shin Park to nearby housing estates.
 - (ii) In light of the situation, the department had stepped up the display of notices “no cycling” / “please do not ride bicycles” in Yuen Shin Park, including at the entrances / exits and footpaths of the park, and had installed barriers at the entrances / exits of footpaths in the park to deter the entry of bicycles into the park area.
 - (iii) The department had also arranged for security guards to carry out regular inspections in Yuen Shin Park. Verbal advice would first be given to any offender found cycling, and prosecution actions would be taken in due course. For example, a person cycling in the park area was successfully prosecuted in November 2025. The department would continue to closely monitor the situation of members of the public cycling illegally in the park.
- 5. Members’ comments and questions were as follows:
 - (i) They asked whether the department would establish a licensing system to regulate electric mobility devices (“EMDs”).
 - (ii) They suggested the introduction of an uneven road surface designed to deter the entry of bicycles and skateboards into the park area.

- (iii) They suggested that the public's expectations for the expeditious enactment of legislation to regulate EMDs be relayed to the relevant authorities.
- (iv) They asked about the penalties for cycling offences within LCSD venues.
- (v) They suggested that the relevant departments conduct district-level consultation on the regulation system of EMDs.
- (vi) They suggested that adequate manpower be reserved for carrying out law enforcement at the early stage of implementation of the relevant legislation.

6. The representative of LCSD noted Members' comments. The department would prosecute offenders cycling within LCSD venues by way of summonses. Such offenders would be liable on summary conviction to a fine at level 1 (\$2,000 maximum) and imprisonment for 14 days.

III. Enquiry on the overall progress and works arrangements of the works for connecting public sewers to villages in Tai Po District

(TPDC Paper No. DFW 4/2026)

7. A Member went through Paper No. DFW 4/2026.

8. The Chairman referred Members to the written replies by the Environment and Ecology Bureau ("EEB"), Environment Protection Department ("EPD") and Drainage Services Department ("DSD") at Paper No. DFW 4a/2026.

9. Members' comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) They asked about the current works progress at Sai Kung North (including Shap Sze Heung and Symphony Bay).
- (ii) It was hoped that the relevant departments would set out detailed updates and relevant information regarding the 28 villages where works had yet to be completed.
- (iii) It was hoped that the relevant departments would strengthen communication with Members and complete the works expeditiously.
- (iv) They enquired about the reasons for the absence of representatives from the relevant departments at the meeting.
- (v) They suggested conducting regular inspections in village areas under the Village Sewerage Programme ("Programme"), and sustaining the implementation of the Programme.
- (vi) It was hoped that the relevant departments implement the Programme at Shap Sze

Heung expeditiously.

10. The Chairman said that in conjunction with the Rural Committee, he would invite the relevant departments to a meeting, and ask these departments to provide a works schedule for following-up.

(Post-meeting note: The EEB, EPD and DSD supplemented that the Government had noted Members' comments on the Programme, and provided supplementary information on the latest progress of the remaining works projects in Tai Po District as follows:

At present, the Programme included a total of 116 villages in Tai Po District, of which 84 had completed the installation of public sewerage systems. The latest progress of the remaining 32 villages was as follows:

Village or area	Latest progress of works project
Shuen Wan Chim Uk (Part 2), Shuen Wan Chan Uk	The scope of works had been gazetted on 6 March 2026
Cheung Muk Tau, Sai O, Nai Chung, Kwun Hang, Che Ha, Tai Tung Wo Liu, Ma Kwu Lam, Tai Tung, Sai Keng, Nga Yiu Tau (Tai Po), Tseng Tau, Kei Ling Ha San Wai, Kei Ling Ha Lo Wai, Lin Au, Tai Po Tau, Ma Wo, Nam Hang (Part 2), Fung Yuen, Tai Po Mei, Wong Nai Fai, Cheung Shue Tan, Yuen Leng, Wong Yue Tan, Ha Tei Ha, Cho Ma Wu, Pun Shan Chau, Tit Mei Tsai, Kon Hang, Tai Po Kau San Wai, Tai Po Kau Lo Wai	Planning / design in progress

Regarding Members' concerns over the current works progress at Sai Kung North (including Shap Sze Heung and Symphony Bay), the departments responded that the public sewerage systems of Shap Sze Heung were under planning. These included the construction of a section of trunk sewers at Sai Sha Road which, in addition to collecting sewage generated at Shap Sze Heung, would reserve capacity for connection by neighbouring private development projects (such as Villa Rhapsody of Symphony Bay). Furthermore, the departments were implementing another works project to build public sewers along Nin Ming Road, Nin Wah Road and Lok Wo Sha Lane, to collect sewage from other development projects in the district not covered by the Programme (including Villa Concerto of Symphony Bay) to Sai O Sewage Pumping Station. This works project was scheduled for completion in 2028.

The Government would continue to strengthen communication with stakeholders, including the

District Council, the Rural Committee and village representatives, to ensure the orderly planning and implementation of village sewerage works.)

IV. Matters arising from minutes of the 1st meeting in 2026 of the DFWC on 6 January 2026 — Proposed change of venue for the 2027 Tai Po Lunar New Year Fair at the football pitch of Tai Po Tung Cheong Street Leisure Building and the preparatory work by relevant departments

11. The Chairman welcomed Mr. POON Ming-ho, Chief Health Inspector (Tai Po)² (Atg.) of FEHD, to attend the meeting for this agenda item.

12. The representative of FEHD reported as follows:

- (i) In response to the committee's earlier suggestions, the department would fully support and facilitate the relocation of the 2027 Tai Po Lunar New Year ("LNY") Fair at the football pitch of Tai Po Tung Cheong Street Leisure Building ("Leisure Building").
- (ii) The department had proposed the installation of 63 dry / wet goods and 3 fast food stalls at the last meeting. After a site visit carried out by representatives of the FEHD, LCSD, Electrical and Mechanical Services Department ("EMSD") and China Light and Power Company Limited ("CLP"), CLP and the EMSD pointed out that there was limited spare electrical capacity available.
- (iii) CLP said that the football pitch of the Leisure Building and the Leisure Building itself were supported by separate power supply systems. As such, the electricity supply for the Leisure Building could not be used at the football pitch.
- (iv) While 13A single-phase sockets would suffice for the electricity needs of dry / wet goods stalls, fast food stalls would require a higher power load.
- (v) According to the data provided by the EMSD, fast food stalls at the 2026 Tai Po LNY Fair had hired 40A three-phase electricity, the department had therefore made estimates of the electricity needs of each fast food stall accordingly.
- (vi) Having considered the electricity needs, safety and risk management, the FEHD had re-examined the proposal and suggested increasing the number of stalls to 41 wet goods, 30 dry goods and 3 fast food stalls.
- (vii) A Member suggested taking reference from the number and distribution of types of stalls at the National Day Carnival and Clansmen Bazaar ("National Day Bazaar") event, but the LNY Fair mainly aimed to facilitate the purchase of LNY goods by the public, and its nature differed from that of the National Day Bazaar.

- (viii) Fast food stalls at the LNY Fair were subject to open bidding, with the upset price for the 2026 Tai Po LNY Fair set at \$5,480. Successful bidders would have to purchase electricity separately from the department.
- (ix) According to the records of the 2026 LNY Fair, the cost of purchasing 40A three-phase electricity for a stall was \$17,500. In addition to the expense of bidding for a stall, there was a large difference between the costs of operating a stall at the National Day Bazaar and those at the LNY Fair.
- (x) Taking reference from other LNY Fairs in 2026, such as those at Victoria Park (“VP”), Fa Hui Park in Mong Kok, and the fair in Yuen Long, fast food stalls only accounted for a small percentage of all stalls.
- (xi) Since the 2027 Tai Po LNY Fair would be held at this new venue for the first time, taking into account the expansion both in venue area and stall numbers as well as other factors, the department hoped that the current optimised and more reasonable proposal could be implemented.

13. Members’ comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) It was suggested that the stage area be reserved for Tai Po New Year Programmes.
- (ii) They suggested re-arranging the layout of dry and wet goods stalls to avoid overcrowding in specific areas.
- (iii) It was suggested that departments such as the Police, Fire Services Department and Water Supplies Department be invited to set up photo-taking installations in the venue.
- (iv) They suggested swapping the locations of the FEHD’s promotional photo-taking installations or the opening stage with certain stalls, so that the stage could be positioned near the entrance.
- (v) It was suggested that the lay-by outside the entrance of Plover Cove Road Mini-Soccer Pitch be extended.
- (vi) It was suggested that the space between stalls be reduced and the number of stalls be increased.
- (vii) It was suggested that other activities be held in the vicinity to attract crowds to the LNY Fair.
- (viii) It was suggested that directional signs be posted at MTR Tai Po Market Station to attract visitors from other districts to the LNY Fair.
- (ix) It was suggested that a large screen be installed at the stage to broadcast anti-scam promotional videos or information on government activities.

- (x) It was suggested that the full name of Tai Po Old Market Public School (Plover Cove) be supplemented on the layout plan.
- (xi) It was suggested that one-way crowd control measures be adopted at entrances and exits, with reference to other LNY Fairs.
- (xii) It was suggested that the department and other relevant departments step up publicity in advance to avoid the public's confusion with the old venue.
- (xiii) It was suggested that relevant departments report on the traffic control measures at the next meeting.
- (xiv) It was suggested that the closing time for the LNY Fair be adjusted to 12:00 midnight so as to be consistent with other districts.
- (xv) It was suggested that the publicity strategies for the LNY Fair be discussed at the Working Group on Boosting Local Economy.
- (xvi) It was suggested that tables and chairs be set up near the cooked food stalls.

14. The representative of FEHD responded as follows:

- (i) Currently, the tents at the LNY Fair designated for the Police were used as a command centre by the Police to handle emergencies.
- (ii) Other government departments were welcome to set up promotional stalls at the LNY Fair.
- (iii) The department had distributed leaflets to all stallholders at this year's LNY Fair to notify them preliminarily of the potential relocation of next year's LNY Fair to the football pitch of Tung Cheong Street Leisure Building.
- (iv) In view of the venue change, the department would step up publicity efforts accordingly.
- (v) The layout plan of the LNY Fair was still at the preliminary stage and could be adjusted according to the situation.
- (vi) The department would consider extending the opening hours to 12:00 midnight.
- (vii) Subject to the arrangements of the organiser of Tai Po New Year Programmes, the department could reserve space for the organiser to set up a stage.
- (viii) If resources allowed, the department would consider setting up a large screen at the venue.
- (ix) Prior to the LNY Fair, the department would hold inter-departmental meetings with relevant government departments to discuss arrangements for the LNY Fair, such as traffic and crowd control. Members could also invite relevant departments to

attend committee meetings for discussion.

15. The Chairman said that Members concurred with the relocation of next year's LNY Fair to the new venue, that publicity needed to be conducted as early as possible, and that arrangements such as traffic, loading and unloading of goods, and crowd control should be handled properly. In addition, he suggested that Tai Po New Year Programmes be relocated to the football pitch of Tung Cheong Street Leisure Building.

V. **Leisure and Cultural Services Department — Report on the management of facilities in Tai Po District**

(TPDC Paper No. DFW 5/2026)

16. The representative of LCSD reported as follows:

- (i) The utilisation of recreation and sports facilities in Tai Po District from December 2025 to January 2026 was enumerated in Annex I to the captioned paper for Members' reference.
- (ii) The greening works were enumerated in Annex II to the captioned paper for Members' reference.
- (iii) The enhancement of leisure facilities in Tai Po District was enumerated in Annex III to the captioned paper for Members' reference.
- (iv) The works for the male and female toilets in Yuen Shin Park would commence in recent days, and the department had installed temporary toilets for public use. Moreover, as the design of the children's play facilities required modifications, the works would be postponed and were expected to be conducted within this year.

17. Members' comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) They enquired about the reasons for the re-enclosure of the road section between Toilet No. 3 and the Viewing Terrace at Tai Po Waterfront Park ("TPWP").
- (ii) They suggested improving the wash basin design of Toilet No. 3 at TPWP, as well as improving the night-time lighting to prevent a large number of mosquitoes and insects from gathering.
- (iii) They suggested reviewing the necessity of setting up solar lights at TPWP.
- (iv) They suggested stepping up grass cutting work before the rainy season.
- (v) They suggested reminding the contractor to clear grass clippings and withered

branches as soon as possible to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes and insects.

- (vi) They asked whether the flowering periods of *Cassia bakeriana* and *Hibiscus rosa-sinensis* were aligned.
- (vii) They suggested holding fringe activities to complement the thematic floral garden, such as setting up best photo-taking spots or organising photography competitions.
- (viii) They enquired about the progress of the flagpole installation works at TPWP.
- (ix) They suggested planting flowering species along both sides of the Lam Tsuen River.
- (x) They suggested advancing the planting of *Cassia bakeriana* to springtime to enhance its survival rate.
- (xi) They asked whether the department would invite Members to attend the 2026 Hong Kong Flower Show (“HKFS”).
- (xii) They asked about the design concept of On Pong Road Sitting-out Area.
- (xiii) They suggested reviewing the tree pruning procedures of the contractor and strengthening supervision of their work to avoid drainage choking caused by weeds and withered branches.
- (xiv) They suggested that the name of Pak Shek Kok Sitting-out Area further highlight its feature as an Inclusive Park for Pets.

18. The representative of LCSD responded as follows:

- (i) The road polishing and coating works for the road section between Toilet No. 3 and the Viewing Terrace at TPWP would be conducted in phases. The department would remind the Architectural Services Department (“ArchSD”) to close the relevant road section in phases at that time so as not to affect park users.
- (ii) Regarding the wash basin issues at the TPWP toilets, the department would explore improvement plans with the ArchSD and venue staff.
- (iii) The department would remind the horticultural maintenance contractor to pay attention to pruning and clearing of fallen leaves and withered branches, especially during the summer season.
- (iv) The department would specifically remind the cleansing contractor of the points to note regarding the use of leaf blowers.
- (v) *Hibiscus rosa-sinensis* was a perennial flowering plant. The department would also enhance greening on both sides of the Lam Tsuen River, such as planting flowering species.
- (vi) The department planned to install flagpoles on the right side of TPWP overlooking

Tolo Harbour. The department had consulted the Administration Wing regarding the proposed location.

- (vii) Cassia bakeriana was a heat-tolerant tree suitable for planting in summer. The department would carry out the planting works as soon as possible.
- (viii) Regarding the greening works at On Pong Road Sitting-out Area, simple, drought-tolerant and low-maintenance green plants were usually planted in roadside flower beds.
- (ix) The Pak Shek Kok Sitting-out Area was 620 square metres. According to the department's naming guidelines for its recreation grounds, it was more appropriate to name the site as a sitting-out area. Under general circumstances, newly built parks and sitting-out areas of the department would be opened as Inclusive Parks for Pets according to the policy.
- (x) The HKFS would be held in Victoria Park from 20 to 29 March 2026. The department would send invitations to Members of all District Councils through the District Council Secretariat. Members would be invited to attend the opening ceremony and visit the gardens of Tai Po District.

19. The representative of FEHD said that the department had reminded the cleansing contractor not to use leaf blowers. During routine inspections, if the cleansing contractor was found blowing leaves and rubbish into the drainage channels without proper handling, the department would deduct the monthly service fee in accordance with the contract terms.

20. The Chairman suggested that relevant departments such as the LCSD, Highways Department and LandsD jointly study how to prevent the rapid regrowth of weeds.

VI. Minor works items of Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in Tai Po District
(TPDC Paper No. DFW 6/2026)

21. The representative of FEHD went through the captioned paper.

22. Members noted the contents of the report.

VII. Any other business

23. Members' comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) The stage backdrop and spotlights of Tung Cheong Street Community Hall had

frequently malfunctioned since its opening. It was hoped that the TPDO could propose a long-term solution.

- (ii) They suggested collecting Members' views on the conditions of community halls in the district and scheduling a discussion at the next meeting.
- (iii) It was hoped that Kwong Fuk Community Hall would be reopened for public use as soon as possible.
- (iv) It was suggested that the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department ("AFCD") consult Members on the plan to designate fairways off Wong Shek Pier as fish culture zones.
- (v) The works of Wan Tau Tong Neighbourhood Community Centre would be completed on 21 May. They enquired about the works details so as to provide opinions in a timely manner.
- (vi) They hoped that the AFCD would reflect fishermen's views and improve the plan, and said that they had contacted relevant Legislative Council ("LegCo") Members for follow-up.

24. The Chairman suggested that relevant Members relay their views to relevant LegCo Members after the meeting, and asked Members to follow up on the matters regarding the works of Wan Tau Tong Neighbourhood Community Centre with the TPDO afterwards.

25. The representative of TPDO said that Members were welcome to express their views on community facilities and the TPDO would make every effort to provide assistance.

VIII. Date of next meeting

26. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 2:30 p.m. on 5 May 2026 (Tuesday).

27. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m.