

Minutes of the 2nd Meeting in 2025
of the District Facilities and Works Committee
of the Tai Po District Council

Date: 5 March 2025 (Wednesday)
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12:05 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>		
Ms. WONG Pik-kiu, SBS, 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	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 Siu-kuen, MH, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. CHAN Pok-chi, 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. 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

Secretary

Miss CHAN Yin-ning, Elaine

Beginning of the meeting

End of the meeting

Executive Officer (District Council) 1 /

Tai Po District Office (“TPDO”) /

Home Affairs Department (“HAD”)

In Attendance

Mr. FUNG Hon-wa, Harris

District Leisure Manager (Tai Po) / Leisure and Cultural Services
Department (“LCSD”)

Ms. CHAN Wing-ye, Pion

Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Tai Po / LCSD

Ms. WONG Mei-lin, Rita

Senior Executive Officer (Planning) 23 / LCSD

Ms. WONG Chit-hei, Heidi

Executive Officer (Planning) 23 / LCSD

Miss LEE Mei-ye, May

Senior Librarian (Tai Po) / LCSD

Mr. TSUI Chun-sing

Administrative Assistant / Lands / District Lands Office, Tai Po / Lands
Department

Mr. LAM Chun-ting

Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control) Tai Po 1 / Food
and Environmental Hygiene Department (“FEHD”)

Ms. LEUNG Shing-mei, Angela

Architect (Works)1 / HAD

Mr. WONG Wilson

Architect (Works)10 / HAD

Mr. KWOK Chun-chai, Johnny

Assistant District Officer (Tai Po) / HAD

Ms. HUEN Lai-yan, Sara

Senior Executive Officer (District Council) / TPDO / HAD

Mr. LI Ka-lun

Senior Inspector of Works / TPDO / HAD

Mr. LAU Chun-ming

Inspector of Works (3) / TPDO / HAD

Miss MAN Fung-ye, Stella

Liaison Officer (7) / TPDO / HAD

Opening remarks

The Chairman welcomed participants to the 2nd meeting in 2025 of the District Facilities and Works Committee (“DFWC”).

I. Confirmation of the minutes of the 1st meeting in 2025 of the DFWC on 8 January 2025

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. Suggestion for stepping up the implementation of a planning timetable for the sports centre in Area 6

(TPDC Paper Nos. DFW 4/2025 and DFW 4a/2025)

3. A Member went through the captioned paper (No. DFW 4/2025).
4. The representative of LCSD went through the captioned paper (No. DFW 4a/2025).
5. Members' comments and questions were as follows:
 - (i) It was suggested that the department consider planning the addition of facilities for new sports at the sports centre in Area 6, and collect views from Members.
 - (ii) It was hoped that the department would take forward the project as soon as possible and report its progress to the DFWC.
 - (iii) It was hoped that the department would report the results of the feasibility study completed in 2023 to the DFWC, and provide an implementation timetable as well as project details.
 - (iv) It was suggested that the number of vehicle parks and parking spaces in the facility be increased.
 - (v) They asked about the detailed items and duration of the preliminary project procedures at the planning stage.
6. The representative of LCSD responded as follows:
 - (i) The department had noted the suggestion on facilities for new sports.
 - (ii) The relevant Government departments had completed a technical feasibility study ("TFS") of the proposed facilities (including a sports centre, social welfare facilities and a public vehicle park). The project was currently entering the planning stage, which included preliminary project procedures. The Government would continue to give due regard to priority and urgency of works projects under planning stage in order to suitably adjust their implementation schedule. The department understood the needs of Members and residents in the district for the sports centre, and was aware of their concerns.
7. The Chairman asked whether the consultation paper submitted in 2022 by the department to the District Facilities Management and Culture, Recreation and Sports Committee ("former DFMC") on the captioned project had included the detailed design and floor arrangements of the proposed facilities.

8. The representative of LCSD responded that the department consulted the former DFMC on 13 May 2022 on the revision of proposed facilities for the captioned project. The said consultation paper (TPDC Paper No. DFM 7/2022) set out only the items of proposed facilities and the location map of the project site. As the TFS was only carried out after securing support from the former DFMC, the paper did not contain the detailed design of the proposed facilities.

9. The Chairman said that in-depth discussions could only take place once the relevant departments had finalised the proposed facilities for the project.

10. Members' questions and comments were as follows:

- (i) They asked about the implementation priority of the captioned project and hoped that the department would provide more information as soon as possible for the expeditious implementation of works.
- (ii) It was hoped that the department would make the best use of the project to provide more facilities and parking spaces.

11. The representative of LCSD responded as follows:

- (i) As the scope of the TFS included the sports centre, it was one of the proposed facilities under the captioned project.
- (ii) The Government would continue to give due regard to priority and urgency of works projects under planning stage in order to suitably adjust their implementation schedule.

12. The Chairman suggested that DC Members write to the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau to express their views on the construction of a complex including facilities such as a sports centre, social welfare facilities and a public vehicle park in Area 6 of Tai Po.

III. Proposed erection of anti-Japanese aggression memorial facilities in Tai Po District **(TPDC Paper No. DFW 5/2025)**

13. A Member went through the captioned paper.

14. Members' comments were as follows:

- (i) They supported the captioned suggestion and opined that it would help enhance public knowledge of history and national education.
- (ii) Historical and cultural conservation work in Tai Po District should be refined and

enhanced, such as collecting historical information from the elderly in the district and setting up an East River Column historical and heritage trail to develop tourist attractions, thereby boosting local economy.

- (iii) The Chief Executive announced in the 2024 Policy Address that a series of commemorative activities for the 80th anniversary of victory in the War of Resistance would be held this year. It was suggested that an application be made to the HAD for the permanent display of information on the activities.
- (iv) It was suggested that a museum be constructed in Chek Keng Village to introduce the history of the War of Resistance, which would be promoted by the Hong Kong Tourism Board.
- (v) It was suggested that there be collaboration with universities and scholars to publicise the relevant history online and erect monuments.
- (vi) It was suggested that monuments, art works or introductions on history related to the War of Resistance be set up at various locations in Tai Po (e.g. Lam Tsuen).
- (vii) It was suggested that activities be held regularly to promote civic education.
- (viii) It was suggested that the War of Resistance memorial facilities be set up in Lam Tsuen for the purpose of national education teaching.
- (ix) It was suggested that applications be made to the Tourism Commission and the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department for funding under the Enhancement of Hiking Trails.

15. The representative of TPDO said that Members' comments had been noted and their suggestions would be actively considered. The TPDO would conduct a site visit with Members at the exact locations of the commemorative facilities in due course. Members and Rural Committees were welcome to assist the TPDO in researching relevant historical information.

16. Members said that as the relevant organisations had planned to erect a monument in Sham Chung between March and April this year, to tie in with its opening ceremony, consideration would be given to using other resources for the production of the monument if the Government had yet to implement the works by then.

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

(TPDC Paper No. DFW 6/2025)

17. The representative of LCSD reported as follows:

- (i) The utilisation of recreation and sports facilities in Tai Po District from December 2024 to January 2025 was enumerated in Annex I to the captioned paper for Members' reference.
- (ii) The greening works and enhancement of leisure facilities were enumerated in Annexes II and III to the captioned paper respectively for Members' reference. The works departments would have to complete the renovation of wooden bridge No. 1 of Tai Po Waterfront Park ("TPWP") and review the time and costs required for the works before the timetables for the renovation works of the remaining four wooden bridges could be projected. In addition, due to the delay in the delivery of sensor type flushing device parts, the enhancement works of the male toilet on the third floor of Tung Cheong Street Sports Centre had been postponed to be carried out from 3 to 13 March 2025, after which the enhancement works of the female toilet on the third floor would be carried out. The enhancement works of the male and female toilets on the ground floor would be carried out in April and May respectively.

18. Members' comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) It was suggested that the department set out information on the greening of Lam Tsuen River and other enhancement works in the papers for future meetings.
- (ii) It was suggested that the department invite Members to visit the Hong Kong Flower Show 2025 ("Flower Show") to help publicise the event.
- (iii) As the artificial turf at Kwong Fuk Football Ground ("KFFG") was in a state of serious wear and tear, they suggested that the football pitch be temporarily closed.
- (iv) The pavement in Yuen Shin Park had been damaged again after completion of the renovation works. They suggested that the department step up the monitoring of repair materials and maintenance works quality.
- (v) It was suggested that closed-circuit televisions be installed at TPWP to ensure public safety.
- (vi) They asked the department to expedite weed cutting before the onset of the rainy season.
- (vii) They asked about the progress of the works at Chung Nga Road Children's Playground and Senses Children's Playground at TPWP.
- (viii) It was hoped that the department would provide details on various renovation works in TPWP after the meeting.
- (ix) It was hoped that the department would expedite the implementation of the Football-cum-Rugby Pitch with Public Vehicle Park project in Area 33, Tai Po, and close the KFFG upon the commissioning of the relevant facilities for comprehensive

refurbishment works to be carried out.

- (x) It was suggested that the greening of Kwong Fuk roundabout be enhanced, such as by adopting the Reunification of Hong Kong and the National Day as the decorative themes.
- (xi) It was hoped that the sitting-out area next to Pak Kiu Tsai would be managed by a designated department as soon as possible.
- (xii) It was suggested that the department set out the details of the improvement works of Tai Wo Sports Centre in the papers for future meetings, and asked whether the works could be completed on schedule.
- (xiii) They asked when the maintenance work would be carried out at KFFG, and hoped that the refurbishment works could be carried out as soon as possible.
- (xiv) It was suggested that the renovation of Tai Mei Tuk Barbecue Area (“TMTBA”) be carried out in phases.
- (xv) They opined that there was no urgency in the renovation of TMTBA, and suggested that resources be allocated for the refurbishment of KFFG.
- (xvi) It was suggested that flagstaffs for the display of the national and regional flags be installed at the Spiral Lookout Tower (“Tower”).
- (xvii) It was hoped that the department would work with other departments to increase manpower for the improvement of greening work in the district.

19. The representative of LCSD responded as follows:

- (i) The department would include information on the beautification of Lam Tsuen River in meeting papers.
- (ii) The department would check with the Headquarters on the arrangements for Members to visit the Flower Show.
- (iii) The department had been discussing with the Architectural Services Department (“ArchSD”) on an on-going basis on the expeditious commencement of the refurbishment works of KFFG, which included a complete re-turfing of the artificial turf, replacement of fences and drainage facilities. The first half of this year was the design phase and the ArchSD would invite tenders in the second half of this year. Given the substantial amount of fund involved in the project, it was expected that the tendering period would take more than a year. The department would discuss with the ArchSD on whether the tendering period could be shortened so that the works could commence as soon as possible, and would inform Members of any progress in due course.
- (iv) The department would follow up with the ArchSD on the condition of the pavement

surface in Yuen Shin Park.

- (v) The department would continue to monitor the greening work by the horticulture contractor in the district, such as reviewing how Kwong Fuk roundabout could be enhanced.
- (vi) The department would look into including the sitting-out area next to Pak Kiu Tsai into its venues.
- (vii) The improvement works of Tai Wo Sports Centre were progressing as scheduled. The department and the Housing Department were closely monitoring the works progress with a view to completing the works on 31 July as scheduled, and would set out the works details in the paper for the next meeting.
- (viii) As the ArchSD would fully renovate TMTBA, including resurfacing the ground, re-designing the fencing and lighting, and re-planning the location of barbecue pits, the works could not be carried out in phases. The renovation works would last for nine months, and it was expected that the venue would be reopened in mid-December this year. The department would closely monitor the works progress.
- (ix) The department would study the feasibility of installing flagstaffs at the Tower with the ArchSD.

20. The Chairman's comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) She suggested that the department set out the utilisation rate of Tung Cheong Street Swimming Pool ("TCSSP") in the papers for future meetings.
- (ii) She asked about the maximum number of group users admissible at TCSSP and the maximum number of groups allowed to book the swimming pool for use at each time slot.
- (iii) She suggested that additional hooks be provided in the cubicles of the female washroom at TCSSP.
- (iv) She thanked and commended the department for planting various plants in the district to beautify the environment.
- (v) She suggested that the department display the winning garden plots of the Flower Show near the Tower or the grandstand of the Amphitheatre at TPWP in the future.

(Post-meeting note: The maximum number of users admissible at TCSSP was calculated according to the current water surface area of the training pool, teaching pool and jacuzzi, and the water surface area each user could take up. The maximum number of users for each session was 618. As the LCSD did not record the time of entry to and exit from the swimming pools of individual swimmers, the utilisation rate of TCSSP was not available. In addition, according to the swimming pool booking rules set by the department, the training pool of TCSSP had a total of ten swimming lanes, with a maximum of two lanes available for group bookings per hour, while there

were a total of four lanes in the teaching pool, with a maximum of one lane available for group bookings per hour. The said swimming pool facilities would not be made available for group bookings during peak hours.)

V. **Minor works items of Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in Tai Po District**
(TPDC Paper No. DFW 7/2025)

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

22. Members' comments were as follows:

- (i) It was hoped that the department would provide information on the Public Toilet ("PT") project at Wai Ha Village at the next meeting.
- (ii) It was suggested that the facelifting of Lin Au PT be taken forward as soon as possible.
- (iii) It was suggested that the department connect San Tong PT to a public sewer when carrying out its refurbishment works.

23. The representative of FEHD responded as follows:

- (i) The department would prepare information on the refurbishment works of Wai Ha Village PT as soon as possible and would conduct consultation in due course.
- (ii) The department would report to Members once the latest works timetable for the facelifting of Lin Au PT was confirmed.
- (iii) On the facelifting of San Tong PT, if there was a public sewerage system available for connection in the vicinity of the PT, the department would liaise with the ArchSD and the Drainage Services Department to study the feasibility of connecting the PT sewage pipes to the public sewerage system at the same time during the works period.

(Post-meeting note: The FEHD had asked the ArchSD to arrange for a feasibility study on carrying out the relevant works.)

24. The Chairman asked whether PTs or portable toilets could be provided on both sides of Lam Tsuen River.

25. Members' comments were as follows:

- (i) There was a specified location (terminal manhole) next to San Tong PT for

connection to the public sewer.

- (ii) There were no PTs at the road section north of Lam Tsuen River. It was opined that planning could be made ahead for the works to be carried out expeditiously when there were sufficient resources.
- (iii) The department should provide PTs to meet public demand if Lam Tsuen River was to be made over into a tourist attraction.
- (iv) They asked the department to provide portable toilets on both sides of Lam Tsuen River to provide data for reference in the provision of permanent PTs.

26. The representative of FEHD said that Members' suggestions had been noted, and the feasibility of constructing additional PTs at Lam Tsuen River would be reviewed. In planning for the construction of PTs, the department would take into account factors such as the number of existing toilet facilities in the vicinity, data on utilisation rate, required land, feasibility, as well as views of nearby residents, the local community and DC. Members would be informed of any progress in a timely manner.

(Post-meeting note: The FEHD conducted a site visit to Lam Tsuen River with Members on 1 April, but there were currently no suitable locations for the provision of PTs or portable toilets on both sides of Lam Tsuen River.)

VI. Any other business

27. The representative of the Works Section of HAD ("HAD (Works)") briefed Members on the progress of Works No. "TP-DMW295 Provision of a sitting-out area at Pak Shek Kok". The project was undergoing detailed design and submission to the relevant departments for vetting. If all went well, it was expected that the tender exercise and funding approval would be carried out this year. Any progress would be reported to Members forthwith.

28. Members' comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) They hoped that the department would invite tenders as soon as possible, and asked about the expected duration of the works.
- (ii) They asked whether the drainage works at the above site had been completed, or whether they were carried out together with the construction works of the sitting-out area.

29. The representative of HAD (Works) said it was tentatively expected that tenders would be invited in the second half of this year. The tendering and tender evaluation procedures were expected to take about six months, and the stormwater drain connection works would be carried

out simultaneously with the construction works of the sitting-out area.

30. A Member suggested that the footpath connecting Tai Mei Tuk Public Carpark and Tai Po Lung Mei Beach be widened.

31. The Chairman suggested that the matter be referred to the Traffic and Transport Committee for follow-up.

VII. Date of next meeting

32. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 9:30 a.m. on 7 May 2025 (Wednesday).

33. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Tai Po District Council Secretariat
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