

Minutes of the 3rd Meeting in 2025
of the District Facilities and Works Committee
of the Tai Po District Council

Date: 7 May 2025 (Wednesday)
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12:25 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

Miss LEE Mei-ye, May

Senior Librarian (Tai Po) / LCSD

Mr. YEUNG Chun-yue

Administrative Assistant / Lands (Atg.) / District Lands Office, Tai Po
 (“TPDLO”) / Lands Department (“LandsD”)

Ms. WAN Yuk-chi

Chief Health Inspector (Tai Po) 2 / Food and Environmental Hygiene
Department (“FEHD”)

Mr. CHAN Siu-cheung, Patrick

Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control) Tai Po 1 / FEHD

Mr. POON Ming-ho

Senior Health Inspector (Hawker) Tai Po / 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. LAU Chun-ming

Senior Inspector of Works (Atg.) & Inspector of Works (3) / TPDO /
HAD

Miss MAN Fung-ye, Stella

Liaison Officer (7) / TPDO / HAD

Opening remarks

The Chairman welcomed participants to the 3rd meeting in 2025 of the District Facilities and Works Committee (“DFWC”), and announced that Mr. CHAN Siu-cheung, Patrick, Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control) Tai Po 1 of FEHD and Mr. YEUNG Chun-yue, Administrative Assistant / Lands (Atg.) of TPDLO, would attend future DFWC meetings in place of Messrs. LAM Chun-ting and TSUI Chun-sing respectively.

I. Confirmation of the minutes of the 2nd meeting in 2025 of the DFWC on 5 March 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 expediting the works progress of Tolo Harbour Sewerage of Unsewered Areas Stage 2 (Public Works Programme Item No. 4125DS)
(TPDC Paper Nos. DFW 8/2025 and DFW 8a/2025)

3. A Member went through the captioned paper (No. DFW 8/2025).
4. Members' comments and questions were as follows:
 - (i) They hoped that the department would expedite the works progress of "Tolo Harbour Sewerage of Unsewered Areas" ("THSUA"), and that the Drainage Services Department ("DSD") would attend DFWC meetings to report to Members on the progress of the project.
 - (ii) They suggested that a letter be sent to the Environment and Ecology Bureau ("EEB") to express Members' concern over Stages 2 and 3 of THSUA, and requested that the project be prioritised for implementation.
 - (iii) They asked why the road excavation works for the sewers at Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary and the design of the sewerage system works at Villa Rhapsody of Symphony Bay were not being carried out concurrently.
5. The Chairman said that she would, after the meeting, request the departments to hold a meeting with Members for follow-up.
6. A Member expressed his hope that the EEB would send a representative to attend the meeting.
7. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to relay Members' comments to the relevant departments.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat had relayed Members' comments to the EEB, the Environmental Protection Department and DSD. The EEB and the departments had taken note of Members' comments, and said that they would continue to communicate and follow up with Members on the relevant matters.)

III. Suggestion for planning Tai Po District as a "Flower Appreciation City"
(TPDC Paper Nos. DFW 9/2025 and DFW 9a/2025)

8. A Member went through the captioned paper (No. DFW 9/2025).

9. Members' comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) It was suggested that natural aging or damaged trees be progressively replaced with tree species of aesthetic value.
- (ii) It was suggested that all-out efforts be made to strive to persuade the bureau to create representative scenic spots within the district.
- (iii) It was suggested that there be centralised planting of more Cherry Blossom Trees at Tai Po Waterfront Park ("TPWP"), and that appropriate supporting facilities be provided.
- (iv) It was suggested that flowering trees of a single species be planted at suitable locations along both sides of Lam Tsuen River to create a flower appreciation walkway.
- (v) The two sides of Lam Tsuen River (the section from Wong Siu Ching Clinic to Kwong Fuk Bridge), tying in with the distinctive rain shelters, were suitable for developing into a scenic spot for flower appreciation and photo-taking.
- (vi) It was suggested that funding be secured from the bureau, and plants well-suited to Hong Kong's climate be planted to beautify the streets.
- (vii) It was suggested that a special flower show be held every year.
- (viii) They asked about the factors of consideration taken by the department in planting plants of special species.
- (ix) It was suggested that the department plant suitable tree species in the district, and plant a large number of plants of aesthetic value at the same location.

10. The representative of LCSD went through the captioned paper (No. DFW 9a/2025) and responded as follows:

- (i) The department had planned to replace the aging Taiwan Acacia with flowering trees that were more popular nowadays.
- (ii) The department would plant flowering trees in newly completed venues and roadside flower beds. Meanwhile, the Purple Tabebuia currently planted along Sai Sha Road would also be handed over to the LCSD for maintenance in the future. It was anticipated that the said area would become one of the photo-taking hotspots in Tai Po District.
- (iii) When planting plants, the department would consider factors such as whether there was sufficient space for the plants to grow and whether nearby roads would be affected. When individual trees had to be removed, the department would replace them with other suitable species, which was why individual special tree species

might appear in various locations.

- (iv) The department would review whether there were suitable locations within TPWP for planting more Cherry Blossom Trees.
- (v) The department would continue to maintain the plants along both sides of Lam Tsuen River and would add distinctive plants and flowers as resources permitted.

11. The representative of TPDLO said that the LandsD was responsible for the non-routine maintenance of trees on unallocated or unleased government land that were not managed by any designated government departments. Although the planting of flowers of aesthetic value and distinctive plants did not fall within the purview of the LandsD, the department would provide timely support in terms of land administration to the relevant departments in relation to the suggestion.

12. Members' comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) They hoped that the LCSD would carry out greening work with a more creative mind-set to enhance its aesthetic appeal.
- (ii) The species and number of flowers at TPWP were already sufficient. Other elements should be introduced and supporting facilities should be upgraded, such as resolving the problem of parking space shortage, to draw people flow and facilitate members of the public to visit.

13. The representative of LCSD said that Members' comments had been noted, and that a changed mind-set would be adopted when planting flowers in the future to improve uniformity. Regarding parking spaces in TPWP, there were parking spaces managed by the Transport Department right outside Formal Garden. In addition, the department would adopt a new school of thought to figure out how to revamp the whole park to attract more members of the public to visit.

14. The Chairman said that the LCSD had recently planted many new species of plants in Tai Po, and hoped that the department would continue to put in efforts to turn Tai Po into a liveable community.

IV. Follow-up on the daily maintenance and pitch quality issue of Kwong Fuk Football Ground (TPDC Paper Nos. DFW 10/2025 and DFW 10a/2025)

15. A Member went through the captioned paper (No. DFW 10/2025).

16. The representative of LCSD responded that the Architectural Services Department (“ArchSD”) was in the course of carrying out pre-tendering work, followed by the tendering exercise and related analytical procedures, the entirety of which would take more than a year. At present, the preliminary estimation of the ArchSD was that the contract would be awarded in early 2027 to commence the works. Meanwhile, the LCSD would carry out minor repairs or larger-scale replacement of damaged turf (“large-scale turf works”) to ensure the quality of the venue. The LCSD would convey to the ArchSD its hope to shorten the tendering period so as to expedite the commencement of the refurbishment works.

17. Members’ comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) They would like to know about the details of shortening the tendering period.
- (ii) The football ground in question was refurbished in 2020 and reopened in 2021, but now it needed to be refurbished again. They asked about the useful life of the football ground after completion of the refurbishment works this time.
- (iii) They asked whether the artificial turf at Kwong Fuk Football Ground (“KFFG”) would be upgraded to the type of artificial turf used at Kwong Fuk Park Football Pitch (“KFPPF”), when was the most recent full-scale refurbishment, and whether the department had regularly checked the condition of the said artificial turf as advised by the Committee on Artificial Turf Pitches.

18. The representative of LCSD responded as follows:

- (i) It should be KFPPF that was refurbished in 2020, not KFFG.
- (ii) When full-scale refurbishment was to be carried out at KFFG, reference would be made to the third generation artificial turf style used at KFPPF as the refurbishment standard of the artificial turf. The fences of the football ground would also be refurbished at the same time.
- (iii) The ArchSD was currently preparing tender documents for the refurbishment works, and would subsequently commission a consultancy to study the tender documents to estimate the time required for the completion of tendering exercise and analytical procedures. The department would request the ArchSD to shorten the tendering period and, upon commissioning of the consultancy by the ArchSD, enquire and confirm with the ArchSD the latest works schedule.
- (iv) KFFG underwent renovation in 2016. The department would closely monitor the condition of the turf and carry out large-scale turf works as necessary before undertaking full-scale refurbishment works.

19. The Chairman asked whether it would be necessary to temporarily close the venue for turf maintenance after the large-scale turf works were carried out.

20. Members' comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) Artificial turf did not require maintenance and could be used immediately upon replacement. Carrying out large-scale turf works was more cost-effective than minor repairs. It was hoped that the department would complete the full-scale refurbishment works as soon as possible.
- (ii) As hockey activities would cause wear and tear on the turf, they suggested reducing such type of sports to be carried out at KFFG after completion of its refurbishment.
- (iii) A Member declared that he was the Chairman of Tai Po Football Club ("TPFC"), and suggested that the department work with the Club, which would assist in the refurbishment and management of KFFG to expedite works progress.
- (iv) A Member declared that she was the President of TPFC, and opined that if KFFG was to be managed and used by the Club, the football pitch of Tai Po Sports Ground and KPFP could be released for use by other parties.

21. The Chairman said that KFFG was an important sports facility in the district and hoped it would be refurbished as soon as possible.

V. Suggestion for making good use and enhancing the facilities of Tai Po Waterfront Park facilities

(TPDC Paper Nos. DFW 11/2025 and DFW 11a/2025)

22. A Member went through the captioned paper (No. DFW 11/2025).

23. Members' comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) It was suggested that famous artworks, such as art sculptures related to the Spiral Lookout Tower ("Tower"), be placed at TPWP.
- (ii) It was suggested that the Vehicle Park of Football-cum-Rugby Pitch in Area 33, Tai Po be renamed TPWP Vehicle Park to facilitate public access to TPWP, and that the vehicle park behind the office be opened up for public use on a limited basis.
- (iii) Sufficient people flow and appropriate supporting facilities were needed to attract business operators to move in.
- (iv) It was suggested that coffee takeaway shops be set up near the TPWP Cycling Kiosks to attract visitors to visit and take a break there.

- (v) It was suggested that a cycle track from TPWP to Sam Mun Tsai be constructed.
- (vi) They hoped that the department would step up efforts in dealing with the sludge under the wooden bridge at Technology Children's Playground in TPWP.
- (vii) They would like to know about the refurbishment timetable for the Tower.
- (viii) It was suggested that an application for funding be made to the Hong Kong Tourism Board for constructing a waterfront cycle track from TPWP to Tai Mei Tuk.
- (ix) They asked about the details of playground equipment for children that would be added to TPWP.
- (x) It was suggested that TPWP be renamed Reunification Park on the 30th anniversary of the reunification of Hong Kong, and that a history exhibition be set up.
- (xi) It was suggested that flagstaffs be provided at the Tower for flying the national and regional flags.

24. The representative of LCSD went through the captioned paper (No. DFW 11a/2025) and responded as follows:

- (i) The department would cope with the TPDO to adopt a unified design for the information display boards on the history of Tai Po, and display relevant historical information at TPWP.
- (ii) He noted Members' comments on the installation of artworks, and would study the matter with departments with relevant experience.
- (iii) The ArchSD was in the course of conducting a study on the refurbishment of the Tower, and had yet to prepare a refurbishment timetable.
- (iv) He was aware of the comments to add flagstaffs at the Tower, and would review relevant arrangements with the ArchSD.

VI. Suggestion for setting up a timetable for the construction of permanent public toilets in the rural areas of Tai Po

(TPDC Paper Nos. DFW 12/2025 and DFW 12a/2025)

25. A Member went through the captioned paper (No. DFW 12/2025).

26. The representative of FEHD went through the captioned paper (No. DFW 12a/2025).

27. Members' comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) They asked about the method, time period and number of times used by the department in compiling statistics of public toilet (“PT”) usage.
- (ii) The department would consider whether to provide PTs based on the daily usage of portable toilets, and the low usage of portable toilets was due to poor hygiene conditions. At present, many tourists travelled to Hong Kong to visit the countryside, and it was necessary to enhance supporting toilet facilities in rural areas.
- (iii) They hoped that the department would study the use of modular integrated construction application to expedite the provision of portable toilets in rural areas.

28. The representative of FEHD responded as follows:

- (i) PTs or portable toilets were installed with electronic sensors to keep statistics of usage.
- (ii) The department would remind the cleansing service contractors to step up toilet cleansing. The contract with the contractor would be renewed in August this year and the new contract would further enhance toilet management and cleansing services.
- (iii) The department had taken note of Members’ comments, and said that multiple factors, including drain connection, size of space, desludging conditions and usage rate, etc., had to be considered for the provision of portable toilets.

VII. Position of Tai Po District Office District Minor Works Projects

(TPDC Paper No. DFW 13/2025)

29. The representative of TPDO went through the captioned paper. The minor works projects completed under the “District Minor Works (“DMW”) Programme” in 2024-25 were enumerated in Table I, while the minor works projects under implementation or proposed in 2025-26 were enumerated in Table II, which included those to be implemented by TPDO and LCSD.

30. Members’ comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) The distinctive rain shelter named “Next Station: Lam Tsuen River” was constructed from a converted train compartment provided by the MTR Corporation Limited. They asked about what items of works were covered by the project cost, and hoped that the TPDO would minimise design and construction costs as far as possible when constructing distinctive rain shelters.

- (ii) It was not advisable for distinctive rain shelters to be too close to each other. It was suggested that they be separately erected on both sides of Lam Tsuen River.
- (iii) It was suggested that the TPDO expedite the completion of rain shelter works at Wan Tau Square, near Tai Po Community Centre and behind Uptown Plaza.
- (iv) For the works project of pavilion and benches at Sai O Village, it was suggested that benches in open locations be made of stone material.
- (v) It was hoped that the works projects of the construction of rain shelters at Serenity Park and Tai Po Tau be implemented as soon as possible.
- (vi) They asked about the content of the mural painting in the pedestrian subway (Structure No. NS78), as well as the illumination time for the tree lights at Tai Po Arts Centre (“TPAC”).

31. The Chairman asked the TPDO to follow up with Members on the location of the proposed distinctive rain shelter named “Bus Rain Shelter” after the meeting.

32. The representative of TPDO responded as follows:

- (i) The TPDO would follow up with Members on the location of distinctive rain shelters after the meeting.
- (ii) Other than the design and construction costs, the project cost of the MTR-themed distinctive rain shelter also covered the installation of electrical devices such as solar power generation, USB charging, electronic insect killer and LED screens, etc.
- (iii) The TPDO would follow up with the Works Section on matters related to the pavilion and benches at Sai O Village.
- (iv) Regarding the rain shelter projects at Serenity Park and Tai Po Tau, as one of the proposed rain shelters was very close to the recently completed Tai Po Tau North Sitting-out Area, and the said Sitting-out Area already had a shelter erected, it would lead to duplication of functions. The TPDO would conduct a site visit with relevant Members after the meeting to adjust the location of the proposed rain shelter.
- (v) The TPDO would invite young people to provide their views on the content of the mural painting in pedestrian subway No. NS78 through the Tai Po District Youth Community Building Committee. Members were also welcome to provide their views.
- (vi) At present, the tree lights at TPAC would illuminate to cope with events, and would turn off by 10 p.m.

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

(TPDC Paper No. DFW 14/2025)

33. The representative of LCSD reported as follows:

- (i) The utilisation of recreation and sports facilities in Tai Po District from February to March 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.

34. A Member asked the department about the species, distribution and tree number of the 18 removed trees, as well as the repair and maintenance of the wooden plank ground surface and fences at the Tower. He also asked the department to follow up on the refuse situation in the planters at Tai Wo Bridge and Po Heung Street.

35. The representative of LCSD said that information on the species and locations of the 18 removed trees could be provided after the meeting. The repair and maintenance as well as the condition of the planters as mentioned by the Member had also been noted and would be followed up on later.

IX. Minor works items of Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in Tai Po District

(TPDC Paper No. DFW 15/2025)

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

37. A Member hoped that the department would provide more information on the works.

38. The representative of FEHD said that the matter would be followed up with the relevant Members after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: Information on the refurbishment of Tung Ping Chau PT and Tai Po Market MTR Station PT were reported to Members at the Planning, Housing and Works Committee of TPDC on 21 March 2023 and 15 November 2022 respectively. Members could refer to meeting papers (Nos. PHW 13/2023 and PHW 43/2022) for further information.)

X. Any other business

(A) Suggestion for holding the Tai Po Lunar New Year Fair at the football pitch of Tai Po Tung Cheong Street Leisure Building
(TPDC Paper Nos. 14/2025 and 14a/2025)

39. The Chairman welcomed Ms. WAN Yuk-chi and Mr. POON Ming-ho, Chief Health Inspector (Tai Po) 2 and Senior Health Inspector (Hawker) Tai Po of FEHD, to attend the meeting for this agenda item

40. The representative of FEHD said that the department was open-minded to the captioned suggestion and would give all possible support subject to the consent of relevant departments.

41. The representative of FEHD said that the department had been in close contact with the LCSD and was already aware that the said venue had sufficient power to support the Lunar New Year Fair (“LNY Fair”). As for the remaining details of other issues related to power supply, the department would continue to discuss with the LCSD. Meanwhile, other departments would have to be consulted on arrangements for other supporting facilities of the LNY Fair at the new venue concerned.

42. The Chairman asked whether the Tai Po LNY Fair would not be held at Tin Hau Temple Fung Shui Square (“THT Fung Shui Square”), should the DC decide to hold it at the football pitch of Tai Po Tung Cheong Street Leisure Building (“Leisure Building”).

43. The representative of FEHD said that the LNY Fair would not be held at THT Fung Shui Square, should the DC decide to change venue to the football pitch at the Leisure Building.

44. Members’ comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) The football pitch at the Leisure Building was located in the town centre and was easily accessible by transport. The venue also had larger space, making it convenient for the setting up of cooked food stalls. The LCSD said that the venue had sufficient power supply, and it was suggested that the issue of electricity meters be discussed with other departments for handling.
- (ii) It was suggested that the FEHD and the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (“EMSD”) discuss the issue of electricity charges.
- (iii) A Member had received a reply from the CLP Power Hong Kong Limited, which could meet with Members and relevant departments to discuss solutions.

45. The representative of FEHD said that the department would discuss feasible solutions on the

issue of electricity charges with the LCSD and EMSD. Regarding other issues related to the venue, the department now requested the TPDO to coordinate an inter-departmental meeting for discussion.

(Post-meeting note: The TPDO discussed the relevant matters at the Tai Po District Management Committee on 25 June and the FEHD would arrange to follow up on Members' suggestions.)

46. The Chairman said that the holding of the LNY Fair required addressing issues such as toilets, public transport and the demand for loading and unloading of goods by stall tenants, and an inter-departmental meeting had to be convened as soon as possible for follow-up.

(B) Planning suggestions for Tai Ming Lane Square
(TPDC Paper No. 15/2025)

47. A Member went through the captioned paper.

48. The representative of LCSD said that the department was open-minded to the suggestion of re-planning the Square. If the above site was to be re-planned, it was hoped that funding could be secured through the DMW Programme for carrying out the works. In addition, if facilities for children and the elderly were to be provided at Tai Ming Lane Square ("TML Square"), there might not be sufficient space for the provision of a PT.

49. The representative of FEHD said that PTs were available at Tai Po Complex and Tai Po Civic Centre near TML Square, and there were no plans for now for the construction of a PT at TML Square.

50. Members' comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) It was suggested that the fences and potted plants at the stage in the centre of TML Square be removed to create an open space.
- (ii) It was suggested that play equipment for children be installed in the centre of TML Square, with benches provided at the four corners.
- (iii) TML Square was too close to residences for the provision of a PT.

51. The representative of LCSD said that Members' comments had been noted. The department would later discuss with the TPDO on how to secure funding through the DMW Programme for expeditious commencement of the works.

52. The Chairman hoped that the department would consider providing a PT at the said site to

meet the needs of the public, and hoped that there would be more planning for new developments in the area of Tai Po Market in the future.

XI. Date of next meeting

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

54. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Tai Po District Council Secretariat
May 2025