

Minutes of the 4th Meeting in 2024
of the District Facilities and Works Committee
of the Tai Po District Council

Date: 3 July 2024 (Wednesday)
Time: 9:33 a.m. – 11:22 a.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
<u>Secretary</u>		
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

Ms. LEE Sai-yin, Jeanne, BBS, JP	TPDC Member
Miss YU Wing-lam, Phoebe	Assistant District Officer (Tai Po) / HAD
Mr. CHAU Chun-wing	Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories East) / Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”)
Mr. FUNG Hon-wa, Harris	District Leisure Manager (Tai Po) / LCSD
Mr. YAU Wan-po, Wallace	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-yee, May	Senior Librarian (Tai Po) / LCSD
Ms. POON Wing-lam, Winnie	Senior Manager (New Territories East) Venue / LCSD
Ms. LAU Fung-yi, Connie	Manager (New Territories East) Marketing & District Activities / LCSD
Mr. TSUI Chun-sing	Administrative Assistant / Lands / District Lands Office, Tai Po (“TPDLO”) / 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
Ms. SING Hoi-shan, Wendy	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-yee, Stella	Liaison Officer (7) / TPDO / HAD

Opening remarks

The Chairman welcomed participants to the 4th meeting in 2024 of the District Facilities and Works Committee (“DFWC”) and welcomed Ms. LEE Sai-yin, Jeanne, District Council Members, to be in attendance of the meeting. She then asked Members to take note of the completion of Works Nos. “TP-DMW231 Provision of a sitting- out area at CARE Village, Tai Po” and “TP-DMW270 Provision of shelters at Po Nga Road connecting Tai Wo Plaza, Tai Po” and Members had been arranged to a site visit.

I. Confirmation of the minutes of the 3rd meeting in 2024 of the DFWC on 8 May 2024

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. Leisure and Cultural Services Department — Report on the progress of the facility upgrading of Tai Po Civic Centre

3. The Chairman welcomed Mses. POON Wing-lam, Winnie and LAU Fung-yi, Connie, Senior Manager (New Territories East) Venue and Manager (New Territories East) Marketing & District Activities of LCSD respectively, to attend the meeting for this agenda item and asked them to report on the works progress.

4. The representative of LCSD reported as follows:

- (i) The Tai Po Civic Centre (“TPCC”) had been providing the local community with diverse cultural services since its opening in September 1985. It was equipped with an Auditorium and two function rooms. The Auditorium, which was shared with Tai Po Government Secondary School, could accommodate a maximum seating capacity of 551 or 756.
- (ii) The facility upgrading of TPCC were carried out in two phases. The first phase of works, which was the conversion of one of the function rooms into a Black Box Theatre (“BBT”), was completed in early 2017. The BBT was an end stage venue providing 138 to 149 seats for performances by small-and-medium-sized arts groups or resident arts groups of the adjacent Tai Po Arts Centre (“TPAC”). The second phase of works was categorised as public works, and was passed by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council for funding approval in June 2021. The construction works had commenced in December 2021. The TPCC was expected to be opened in phases from the second quarter of 2025.
- (iii) The second phase of facility upgrading works comprised mainly four major items. For the Auditorium, the works had upgraded the stage, lighting and sound equipment and improved the stage machinery. Around 650 raked seats would be provided by then for improved sightline and comfort. The dressing rooms and storage space at the backstage would also be expanded. For the BBT, the performance space would be enlarged after the works. Variable stage modes would be provided, with transverse stage and thrust stage available in addition to the single end stage mode. Stage lighting equipment and hanging system would also be upgraded. The dressing rooms and storeroom would be enlarged. For the function rooms, two function rooms would be reprovisioned after the works. For the foyer and other facilities, the foyer would be expanded. Toilets, a baby care room, an escalator, passenger lifts and a cargo lift would be provided. Barrier-free access and facilities would be improved, such as the provision of an audio description room at the Auditorium. Outdoor landscaping of the open space would be enhanced to create

an artistic and cultural ambience.

5. The Chairman said that the facility upgrading of TPCC had been in progress for a few years. Site visits could not be arranged for Members for the time being on site safety reasons, but they were welcome to make enquiries to the department.

6. Members' questions and comments were as follows:

- (i) They asked whether the new escalator at the foyer could be operated two-way, and whether the public could use the passenger lifts and cargo lift.
- (ii) They asked whether the barrier-free access was located in the main building, from the foyer on the ground floor to the Auditorium, as well as whether the BBT had barrier-free access.
- (iii) They asked whether the number of toilet compartments in toilets would be increased along with the increase in seating capacity of the Auditorium by about 100.
- (iv) Upon demolition of the fence walls of TPAC, the public space on the ground floor between TPAC and TPCC would be connected, thus achieving a synergy effect of promoting the development of arts and culture in Tai Po District.

7. The representative of LCSD responded as follows:

- (i) The escalator at the foyer was two-way adjustable, and the direction of escalator movement would be adjusted in response to the running time of the programmes. The public could also use the passenger lifts.
- (ii) The barrier-free access in the TPCC would be fully upgraded to facilitate direct access to all facilities by persons with disabilities.
- (iii) Apart from the provision of male and female toilets, accessible toilets and a universal toilet on the ground floor, there would also be male and female toilets and accessible toilets on the first floor where the Auditorium was located. There would be an increase in the number of toilets as well.
- (iv) Most of the fence walls of TPCC would be demolished. Members of the public could go to TPAC via TPCC without making a detour by walking along the fence walls in the future.

8. Members' comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) They hoped that the department would provide details of the TPCC for reference.
- (ii) They asked about details of adjusting the location of bicycle parking area outside the TPCC near the subway of Po Heung Bridge.

- (iii) The TPCC would be opened in phases from the second quarter of 2025. They asked whether organisations could make venue bookings in advance as well as whether cultural programmes and performances would be provided for the public at the time of official opening to enhance the artistic ambience in the district and publicise the re-opening of the centre.

9. The representative of LCSD responded as follows:

- (i) The department would provide Members with the information on the facility upgrading of TPCC via the Secretariat after the meeting.
- (ii) The TPCC would be re-opened in phases in 2025 and programmes would be held by then.
- (iii) Prior to the re-opening of TPCC, the department would announce the arrangement of venue booking on its website.

(Post-meeting note: Supplementary papers on the facility upgrading of TPCC were set out in Annexes I to III.)

10. Members' comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) The department had mentioned about the upgrading of equipment, including immersive projection and sound systems, projection mapping system, tracking enabled audio-visual-light system and 4K live streaming system, before carrying out the upgrading works. They asked whether the TPCC would be equipped with such equipment upon completion of the works.
- (ii) They asked whether a baby care room would be provided in the TPCC.
- (iii) They asked whether artist's impressions of the project or floor plans of TPCC could be provided so that Members could learn about the latest progress of the works.
- (iv) They asked about the schedule for the phased opening of TPCC, and would like to know about details of the facilities to be opened in the first and second phases.
- (v) There was no box office in Tai Po District for selling tickets of LCSD's cultural programmes at present. They asked whether the new box office would provide such service after the re-opening of TPCC.
- (vi) They asked about the transport arrangements after the re-opening of TPCC as well as whether a car park would be provided.
- (vii) They asked about the online ticketing arrangements and publicity details of the programmes of TPCC.

11. The representative of LCSD responded as follows:

- (i) There would be a baby care room on the ground floor of TPCC.
- (ii) The department would ask the Architectural Services Department (“ArchSD”) whether the artist’s impression of the public space connecting with the TPAC was available. The ArchSD would be asked to provide such impressions for Members’ reference (Annex III).
- (iii) The department was securing resources for the acquisition of additional arts technology (“arts tech”) equipment. It was hoped that corresponding equipment would be provided for use by organisations upon completion of the upgrading.
- (iv) Ancillary facilities would be opened in the second quarter of 2025 and major facilities, including the Auditorium and BBT, would be opened by the end of the year.
- (v) There would be a box office and self-service ticketing kiosks on the ground floor of TPCC. The ticket counter design comprised a dual height counter concept to facilitate the purchase of tickets by wheelchair users.
- (vi) There was a car park in the TPCC for vehicle parking of arts groups and guests, but the number of parking spaces was limited due to space constraints.
- (vii) If there was traffic congestion in the vicinity of On Pong Road and On Chee Road, causing it difficult for vehicles to enter and exit the TPCC, the department would reflect the situation to the Police for assistance.
- (viii) The URB TIX and the websites of LCSD Programmes Offices would publicise different programmes. There were also hyperlinks on the websites of Programmes Offices to the relevant ticketing webpages of URB TIX.

12. Members’ comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) A Member pointed out that one of the purposes of the works was to meet the demand of arts groups for innovation and technology (“I&T”). As such, it was asked whether I&T elements had been incorporated in the project.
- (ii) The Auditorium would have a seating capacity of 650 upon completion of the works, but there was a seating capacity of 700 in the initial design. They asked about the reasons for the final seating capacity of the Auditorium being less than that of the original design.
- (iii) They asked about the facilities to be opened in the first phase in the second quarter of 2025, as well as when all facilities would be in full operation.
- (iv) They suggested that papers on signature and major works projects be provided for Members’ reference.

- (v) They suggested that consideration be given to different weather conditions when upgrading the outdoor facilities of TPCC so that the public could use the facilities more comfortably.
- (vi) They hoped that the department would monitor prudently the acceptance inspection of the works contractor to ensure quality of the works.
- (vii) They suggested that a canopy be provided at the performance venue to facilitate sound insulation and all-weather performances.

13. The representative of LCSD responded as follows:

- (i) The ArchSD and works contractor had to construct a fixed raked stage when designing the Auditorium, and the department, after considering the seating comfort, had also widened the spacing between the seats as well as legroom. The final seating capacity of the Auditorium was thus reduced to around 650.
- (ii) The department expected that the TPCC, including the Auditorium and BBT, would be in full operation in the fourth quarter of 2025.
- (iii) The facility upgrading works originally included some basic arts tech equipment, and resources would now be sought separately to procure additional equipment.
- (iv) Apart from the ArchSD and Electrical and Mechanical Services Department assisting in the acceptance inspection, stage professionals would also be arranged to carry out the acceptance inspection of stage equipment.
- (v) Due to the expansion of the foyer, the peripheral space had been reduced accordingly. As the access of peripheral public space had to be obstruction free, only small outdoor programmes could be organised there.

14. Members' questions and comments were as follows:

- (i) They asked whether consideration would be given to installing flagstaffs at the TPCC for flying the National Flag and Regional Flag on major festive days.
- (ii) They asked about details of the acquisition of additional tech equipment, and whether the acquisition of tech equipment was subject to the approval of funding application and the re-opening of TPCC.
- (iii) They asked whether LED screens would be installed in the upgrading, or consideration would be given to allocating additional resources for future acquisition.
- (iv) They asked whether there would be wheelchair seats in the Auditorium.

- (v) They suggested that the department discuss with the TPAC on the arrangement of shared parking spaces to alleviate the shortage of parking spaces.
- (vi) While arts groups were required to distribute free admission tickets to the public as a condition for participation in the funding scheme of the department, free tickets however would lower the attendance rate and affect the arts groups' eligibility for participation in the scheme. Members asked about the latest arrangements and details of the funding scheme.

15. The representative of LCSD responded as follows:

- (i) There was no flagstaff at the TPCC. As it was adjacent to the TPAC, the department had discussed with the TPDO and would discuss with the TPAC and TPDO again on the arrangement for the installation of flagstaffs.
- (ii) The department was applying for funding for the acquisition of additional arts tech equipment, and hoped to have the equipment in place upon the re-opening of the TPCC.
- (iii) Upon completion of the upgrading, LED screens and wheelchair seats would be provided at the Auditorium.
- (iv) A venue hirer would be provided with parking spaces for the programme. The department would discuss the arrangement of parking spaces with the venue hirer in case there were guests, and could discuss with the TPAC on the arrangement of reserved parking spaces for large-scale programmes if necessary.
- (v) The department would make arrangement for the distribution of admission tickets in response to the actual situation.
- (vi) Concessionary rates were applicable to certain organisations that fulfilled the criteria for booking venues. The department would take into account a number of factors in approving venue booking applications, and attendance rate was only one of them.

16. The Chairman thanked the department for attending the meeting and discussing the above matter. Members had been keeping a close eye on the facility upgrading of TPCC. It was hoped that the scale and equipment of TPCC would be upgraded to the level of a city hall upon completion of the works to tie in with the arts development and demand of residents in Tai Po District.

17. A Member hoped that the facility upgrading of TPCC would include arts tech equipment to cater for the needs of performing groups.

18. The Chairman asked the department to take note of the comments.

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

(TPDC Paper No. DFW 8/2024)

19. The representative of LCSD reported as follows:

- (i) The utilisation of recreation and sports facilities in Tai Po District from April to May 2024 were enumerated in Annex I to the captioned paper for Members' reference.
- (ii) The greening works and enhancement of leisure facilities in Tai Po District were enumerated in Annexes II and III to the captioned paper respectively for Members' reference.
- (iii) Some of the facilities of Tai Po Old Market Playground were planned to be closed from 1 August 2024 to 31 August 2029 to tie in with the "Drainage improvement works in Tai Po" to be carried out by the Drainage Services Department ("DSD") at the said site. Upon completion of the works, the DSD would reprovision in-situ and enhance the affected recreation and sports facilities.
- (iv) Works No. "TP-DMW231 Provision of a sitting-out area at CARE Village, Tai Po" had been completed. The Secretariat had invited Members to a site visit on 4 June 2024 and thanked Members for their comments on that day. The village head had indicated that he did not wish to see that the venue to be opened for use as an Inclusive Park for Pets. The department had opened the venue for use to the public on the same day and they were not allowed to enter with pets.

20. Members' comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) They learnt that the DSD would construct an underground stormwater storage tank beneath Tai Po Old Market Playground and thus the playground works would take a longer duration. They asked whether the department would take this opportunity to enhance the recreation and sports facilities.
- (ii) They thanked the department for constructing a sitting-out area at CARE Village.
- (iii) A large quantity of branches was often accumulated at the bottom of planters or along the footpaths after tree pruning by the department, which were prone to mosquito breeding. It was suggested that the department enhance communication with the contractor to arrange for removal as soon as possible.
- (iv) They thanked the department for the prompt replacement of the pavilion lighting as well as trimming of grass and undergrowth in Tai Po Waterfront Park ("TPWP").
- (v) They hoped that the department would continue to follow up on the issue of bicycles entering and exiting Yuen Shin Park after the meeting and strengthen communication with the responsible section.

- (vi) They asked about the commencement date and progress of the sitting-out area works at Pak Shek Kok.

21. The representative of LCSD responded as follows:

- (i) The DSD would reconstruct the original facilities upon completion of the construction of stormwater storage tank. The department would relay the comments on incorporating modern elements into elderly fitness equipment and children's play equipment.
- (ii) The department would contact the unit concerned to follow up on clearing as soon as possible upon completion of tree pruning.
- (iii) The department would follow up on the bicycle issue at Yuen Shin Park and urge the staff to enhance patrols and remind users to abide by the rules.

22. The representative of HAD said that for the works of sitting-out area at Pak Shek Kok, the LCSD was in the process of applying for a land allocation permit from the TPDLO and the term consultant was conducting detailed design. The project progress would be reported to Members in due course upon confirmation of the funding arrangement.

23. Members' comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) If the works in Tai Po District were to be completed earlier in the future, it was hoped that the department would strengthen communication with Members and provide the relevant information so that Members could provide timely responses to public inquiries.
- (ii) They would like to know about the reasons for the earlier peeling from the ceiling of Tung Cheong Street Swimming Pool ("TCS Swimming Pool") and the progress of the repair works.
- (iii) The departments concerned had provided the overview of District Minor Works ("DMW") Projects at previous DFW meetings for Members' reference. They asked about the reasons for not providing such paper for this meeting.
- (iv) Apart from Works No. "TP-DMW295 Provision of a sitting-out area at Pak Shek Kok", they asked about the works progress of Works Nos. "TP-DMW338 Provision of rain shelter at Wan Tau Square, Tai Po", "TP-DMW349 Provision of rain shelters at Pak Shek Kok, Tai Po (Chong San Road, Fo Yin Road and Fo Chun Road)" and "TP-DMW351 Provision of rain shelter at Po Heung Street, Tai Po, near Tai Po Community Centre".

24. The Chairman said that to her understanding, the 18 District Councils adopted the same

practice, i.e. reporting on the position of DMW Projects at DFWC meetings on a half-yearly basis. Members could make enquiries to the department at any time in respect of the progress of individual projects if necessary.

25. Members' comments were as follows:

- (i) Regarding Works No. "TP-DMW242 Provision of additional leisure facilities and improvement of the overall environment at San Uk Tsai Park, Lam Tsuen", they would like to reflect to the village head the different comments of villagers on the park and to deal with the related matters at the meetings of the Village Office. The departments concerned were requested to take note of the situation.
- (ii) Not a few residents of Pak Shek Kok had persistently asked about the works progress of Works No. "TP-DMW295 Provision of a sitting-out area at Pak Shek Kok". It was hoped that the departments concerned would complete the works as soon as possible.

26. The representative of LCSD responded as follows:

- (i) Regarding the repair works at TCS Swimming Pool, the swimming pools were originally scheduled to be closed from September to late October 2024 for annual maintenance. However, as there were coat peeling with air bubbles formed within from part of the ceiling and steel structure, the maintenance department had completed the initial repair and protection works. To prevent the risk of deterioration of the situation, the maintenance department had to conduct a comprehensive inspection of the coating and carry out repairs if coat peeling or air bubbles were found to ensure the safety of swimmers. The repair works would be carried out concurrently with the annual maintenance. The swimming pools would thus be closed from 2 July 2024 onwards for the works.
- (ii) The department would furnish Members with more information on the works in the future. Members were welcome to contact him directly for other enquiries.

27. The Chairman said that the Spiral Lookout Tower ("Tower") and the neighbouring wooden planks in TPWP showed signs of loosening. It was suggested that the department carry out repairs as soon as possible. She also hoped that the department and TPDO would enhance the key facilities in the district.

28. The representative of LCSD said that refurbishment and strengthening works would be carried out for the Tower, including replacement of wooden planks and reinforcement of the overall structure. The department would maintain close liaison with the relevant stakeholders and maintenance department to expeditiously take forward the maintenance plan.

29. DFWC noted the above report.

IV. Minor works items of Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in Tai Po District
(TPDC Paper No. DFW 9/2024)

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

31. Members' comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) They would like to know about the views of the department on the reprovisioning or construction of public toilets ("PTs") in Wai Ha Village, Tai Po Tau Village, Kau Lung Hang Village, San Tau Kok Village, Ting Kok Village and Fung Yuen Village.
- (ii) They asked about the follow-up status of rodent infestation on the ground floor of Block A of Greenery Plaza. It was suggested that the department strengthen monitoring and follow-up efforts.
- (iii) The poor hygiene condition and stinky smells of the aqua privy ("AP") at Tseng Tau Pier had affected the environment. As trunk sewers had been provided in Shap Sze Heung at present, it was suggested that consideration be given to refurbishing the said PT.
- (iv) They thanked the department for paying attention to the PTs in CARE Village. It was hoped that more manpower would be arranged for cleansing.
- (v) Pak Shek Kok PT was awarded "Hong Kong's Best Public Toilet" and won the gold award, which was worthy of commendation.
- (vi) As San Tau Kok Village was a travel destination for visitors and cyclists, it was hoped that the department would pay more attention to the provision of additional PTs and supporting facilities, as well as inviting the representatives of Tai Po Rural Committee and departments concerned to a site visit.
- (vii) A Member would like to inspect the rust stains on the handrails of Tai Po Plaza PT caused by water leakage and spalling from the ceiling.
- (viii) They suggested beautifying and refurbishing the PTs in the district as well as augmenting manpower for cleansing to improve hygiene condition.

32. The Chairman said that the DFWC would mainly discuss proposed works projects of district-based facilities. The routine work of existing facilities, such as regular cleansing and maintenance, should be followed up by other committees. As there was no need to refurbish or redevelop Tai Po Plaza PT, the regular cleansing and repair issues of which should be handed over to the Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee ("FEHC") for follow-up.

33. A Member suggested that the FEHD and ArchSD use materials of higher quality, such as high-quality stainless steel, in PTs, and hoped that the departments concerned would take note of this comment.

34. The Chairman said that the matter would be handed over to an appropriate committee for follow-up.

35. Members' comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) They asked about the progress of the refurbishment works for the PT in Plover Cove Road Market.
- (ii) They were aware that the PT at Kam Shan Village had not been included in the Enhanced Public Toilet Refurbishment Programme ("Programme"). It was hoped that the department would invite the relevant Members and village head after the meeting to discuss the simple repair arrangements on site.
- (iii) They hoped that the cleansing and repair issues of Tai Po Plaza PT would continue to be discussed and followed up at the FEHC meetings.
- (iv) They hoped that the department would strengthen its efforts in monitoring the hygiene condition of Nam Hang PT.

36. The representative of FEHD responded as follows:

- (i) Regarding the proposed construction of PTs in Ting Kok Village, San Tau Kok Village, Kau Lung Hang Village and Fung Yuen Village, the department had collected the views of the departments concerned and would give integrated consideration to the availability of other PTs in the vicinity, utilisation rate of the PTs, site required, feasibility and views of the local community. The progress would be reported to Members in a timely manner.
- (ii) The department had sent staff to follow up on the problem of rodent infestation at Greenery Plaza and would report at the FEHC meetings.
- (iii) The department would contact the relevant Members to a site visit at Nam Hang PT later. Apart from deep cleansing once a week, the department would also remind the toilet attendant to keep an eye on the daily cleansing of the PT and strengthening monitoring.
- (iv) He thanked Members for their appreciation of the Pak Shek Kok PT managed by the department, which would continue to step up cleansing and keep an eye on the cleanliness of PTs in Tai Po District.
- (v) The follow-up Member would be invited to a site visit at Tai Po Plaza PT in due

course. The department would arrange for the contractor to step up cleansing and notify the ArchSD to arrange for the relevant repair works.

- (vi) The department would keep in view the condition of the AP at Tseng Tau Pier and keep it clean and hygienic. The department would arrange for connecting the PTs in the district to the public sewerage system as far as practicable subject to the actual situation. There was no public sewerage system available for connection near the AP at present. The department would inform Members of updates if any.
- (vii) Information on the refurbishment works for the PT in Plover Cove Road Market was not available at the moment. Matters relating to the management of public market facilities would be announced at the relevant Market Management Consultative Committees in due course.
- (viii) The department would keep in view the repairs of PT facilities at Kam Shan Village to ensure their proper operation. The department would contact the relevant Members to a site visit later.

(Post-meeting note: The FEHD stated that the facelifting works for the AP in Wai Ha Village and Tai Po Tau Village North PT were under planning. The department had conducted a site visit with the relevant Members at Tai Po Plaza PT after the meeting (3 July) and had arranged for repair works to be carried out in August.)

37. The Chairman said that Members were most concerned about the hygiene condition and maintenance of PTs as well as whether PTs would be included in the Programme. It was hoped that the departmental representative would rationalise Members' views on PTs in the district with the departments concerned after the meeting:

- (i) Regarding the PTs that required enhanced cleansing and attention to hygiene conditions, it was hoped that the department would relay the views to the District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Tai Po) so that manpower could be deployed to strengthen the daily follow-up work.
- (ii) Regarding the projects under the Programme, the departmental representative could continue to report on the progress at the DFWC meetings.
- (iii) Regarding projects not included in the Programme but required refurbishment or repairs, it was hoped that the department would include them in the list of the two-year programme.

38. Some members of the public had reflected the cleanliness issue of Pan Chung Village Refuse Collection Point located at the entrance of the village, and suggested the provision of an additional permanent PT at Four Lanes of Tai Po Market. It was hoped that the departmental representative would take note of the comments and take follow up actions.

39. A Member noted that due to budgetary and timing issues, the PT in Plover Cove Road Market had not been included in the Programme. It was hoped that the PT would be included in the Programme as soon as possible.

40. The representative of FEHD noted Members' comments.

V. Any other business

41. Members' comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) As TPWP was the main venue for holding dragon boat races, it was hoped that the LCSD would have long-term planning on improving the parking space arrangements at Yuen Shin Park and study the upgrading of supporting facilities at the pier of TPWP.
- (ii) As Tai Po District was prone to flooding after heavy rainstorms, it was hoped that the departments concerned would deploy resources to prioritise the implementation of drainage works. They noted that the drainage plans for Shan Liu Road, Fung Yuen Village and San Tau Kok Village had been completed and it was now awaiting funding approval for the works. There were no project numbers and plans for Tung Tsz and Nam Hang. It was hoped that the relevant department would expedite the project design and carry out repair and maintenance. In addition, it was hoped that the department would allocate additional resources for clearing the blockage of bridge outfalls at Wong Yue Tan. Members would like to take this opportunity to thank the TPDO for its efforts in following up and clearing river channels to rectify the problem before the onset of rainy season.
- (iii) Some residents had expressed the hope that the number of signs placed at the subway leading from Tai Wo Road to Serenity Park should be increased to two. In addition, cyclists did not follow the instruction to dismount before entering the subway, thus posing danger to pedestrians, and there were no police constables patrolling that road section. As such, it was hoped that the departments concerned would coordinate their efforts to raise the safety awareness of cyclists.
- (iv) The recent heavy and consecutive rainstorms had caused drainage and flooding problems in a number of areas, including Tin Liu Village and Cheung Muk Tau Village in Sai Kung North. The site formation works under Public Housing Development that were in progress at Cheung Muk Tau might cause river obstruction and thus drainage failure. It was hoped that the departments concerned would pay attention to this and assist in following up the matter.
- (v) They asked about the works progress of Football-cum-Rugby Pitch with Public Vehicle Park in Area 33, Tai Po and Sports Centre in Area 6, Tai Po. They would

like to know about when the departments concerned would provide the latest updates on progress.

- (vi) At present, the Police had placed road signs of “No Cyclists” on both ends of the subway at Tai Wo Road near Greenery Plaza. The department concerned was following up on the matter.

42. The Chairman said that Members could give their views and raise questions in respect of their constituencies. The Secretary would refer them to the departments concerned and appropriate committees for follow-up after the meeting. In addition, as the works of Sports Centre in Area 6, Tai Po had been discussed for a very long time, it was hoped that the departments concerned would provide details.

43. The representative of LCSD responded as follows:

- (i) Regarding the works project of Football-cum-Rugby Pitch with Public Vehicle Park in Area 33, Tai Po, the Transport Department (“TD”) and LCSD were implementing the project according to the established procedures for public works projects, and would consult the DFWC and relevant stakeholders on the planning and conceptual design of the works project in due course.
- (ii) The Chief Executive had mapped out a 10-year development blueprint for sports and recreation facilities in the 2022 Policy Address to provide about 30 facilities by phases, with a view to providing quality and diversified sports and recreation facilities to the public continuously. “Sports Centre, Social Welfare Facilities and Public Vehicle Park in Area 6, Tai Po” was one of the 16 sports and recreation projects planned to be launched for implementation in the first five years. The LCSD, Social Welfare Department and TD consulted the District Facilities Management and Culture, Recreation and Sports Committee (“DFMC”) about the amendments to the proposed facilities of the project on 13 May 2022 and obtained the support from DFMC. The government departments concerned were taking forward the project according to the established procedures for public works projects, and would consult the DFWC and relevant stakeholders on the planning and conceptual design of the works project in due course.

44. A Member hoped that the department would clarify whether the works project of Sports Centre, Social Welfare Facilities and Public Vehicle Park in Area 6, Tai Po was under the five-year programme of the 2017 or 2022 Policy Address.

45. The representative of TPDO said that as Members had discussed the drainage works for villages at the meetings of Tai Po Rural Public Works District Working Group, the TPDO would first carry out drainage works.

46. A Member would also like to ask the LCSD and departments concerned about the progress of the works project of Sports Centre, Social Welfare Facilities and Public Vehicle Park in Area 6, Tai Po.

VI. Date of next meeting

47. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 9:30 a.m. on 4 September 2024 (Wednesday).

48. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

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