

**Minutes of the 5th Meeting in 2024**  
**of the District Facilities and Works Committee**  
**of the Tai Po District Council**

Date: 4 September 2024 (Wednesday)  
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12:01 noon  
Venue: Conference Room, Tai Po District Council (“TPDC”)

<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Time of Arrival</u></b>	<b><u>Time of Withdrawal</u></b>
<b><u>Chairman</u></b>		
Ms. WONG Pik-kiu, SBS, MH, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
<b><u>Vice-chairman</u></b>		
Mr. LI Wah-kwong, Rex, MH	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
<b><u>Members</u></b>		
Mr. LEE Man-kit	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. YU Chi-wing, MH	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. 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. MUI Siu-fung	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. MAK Shing-ho, Gary	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. MUI Ching-hung	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
<b><u>Secretary</u></b>		
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**

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. HO Wai-yan, Vivian	Senior Project Manager (Technical Section) / LCSD
Mr. LEE Chi-lung	Project Manager 1 (Project Team) / LCSD
Ms. TAM Im-fei	Project Manager 2 (Project Team) / LCSD
Mr. LAI Hiu-ping, Rex	Senior Engineer / Parking Project 4 / Transport Department (“TD”)
Mr. HO Kin-sing, Charles	Engineer / Parking Project 11 / TD
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”)
Mr. LOH Yew-leong	Senior Project Manager 337 / Architectural Services Department (“ArchSD”)
Mr. LO Ka-chi, Lawrence	Project Manager 385 / ArchSD
Ms. LEUNG Shing-mei, Angela	Architect (Works)1 / HAD
Mr. WONG Wilson	Architect (Works)10 / HAD
Ms. LAU Yin-hei	Landscape Designer / BREADstudio Limited (“BREADstudio”)
Ms. SING Hoi-shan, Wendy	Senior Executive Officer (District Council) / 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 5th meeting in 2024 of the District Facilities and Works Committee (“DFWC”), and welcomed Mr. LEONG Chung-ming, the co-opted member, to attend future DFWC meetings.

## **I. Confirmation of the minutes of the 4th meeting in 2024 of the DFWC on 3 July 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. Suggestion for stepping up the implementation of the planning and design of the sports centre in Area 6 (Ma Wo Road)**

(TPDC Paper Nos. DFW 10/2024 and DFW 10a/2024)

3. A Member went through the captioned paper (No. DFW 10/2024).
4. The representative of LCSD went through the captioned paper (No. DFW 10a/2024).
5. A Member asked about the details of the preliminary design of the captioned works.
6. The representative of LCSD said that the works project was still at the preliminary planning stage and no concrete schedule could be provided for the time being. Consultations would be conducted with the DFWC in a timely manner upon completion of the conceptual layout plan.
7. Members' questions and comments were as follows:
  - (i) They asked about the time required for taking forward the works project and the exact timetable for consulting the DFWC. Members of the public in the district were concerned about the works. It was hoped that the department would provide more information in this regard.
  - (ii) It was suggested that the department provide an indoor golf driving range in the sports centre ("SC").
  - (iii) The department proposed to provide about 160 public parking spaces for the works, which were less than the 200 parking spaces originally planned. It was suggested that the department provide more parking spaces as far as possible in the design of the works project to meet the demand in the district.
  - (iv) Following a revision to the items of welfare facilities, the number of rehabilitation service facilities had been reduced from the original six to two. They asked whether the height of the building would be reduced as a result.
  - (v) They asked about the exact location of the works project.
  - (vi) They asked how the building would be designed in such a way to accommodate or distribute both the SC and welfare facilities.
8. The representative of LCSD responded as follows:
  - (i) The department was in the course of following up on the project in accordance with

the established procedures for public works, which included consulting the TPDC on the planning concept, working on the detailed design afterwards, arranging for tendering of the project, going through Legislative Council (“LegCo”) consultation and seeking funding approval. Since the considerations and complexity of each project varied, the lead time required also varied. Generally speaking, it took around five to six years from planning to seeking funding approval from the LegCo, while the construction period depended on the complexity of the proposed facilities. For instance, it took about four years to provide a SC and a swimming pool in the complex.

- (ii) The department appreciated the strong demand from Members and local residents for an indoor SC, and would continue to take forward the project in accordance with the established procedures for public works. Consultations would be conducted with the DFWC upon completion of the relevant conceptual planning design by the ArchSD.
- (iii) Having considered carefully the district needs and site constraints, the departments concerned had made revisions to the proposed facilities under the principle of optimisation of land use in 2022, which were supported by the then District Council (District Facilities Management and Culture, Recreation and Sports Committee (“DFMC”)).
- (iv) The ArchSD was still in the process of planning the design of the vehicle park and parking spaces. Consultations would be conducted with the DFWC on the conceptual planning design in a timely manner.

9. The Chairman understood that the works project was still at the planning stage, and asked the department to take note of the comments. She asked whether there were facilities or complexes buildings in other districts of Hong Kong which were jointly managed by the LCSD and Social Welfare Department at present.

10. Members’ comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) The technical feasibility study (“TFS”) for the works project had been completed in the first quarter of 2023. It was suggested that the department provide the relevant information for reference and discussion by the DFWC as soon as possible so as not to affect the works progress.
- (ii) The TFS should include the floor area and space allocation of the proposed facilities, as well as the number of blocks and storeys of the building, for discussion by the departments concerned.
- (iii) It would take a few years to finalise the design of the captioned works project and carry out the works, and at the same period, there was a public housing development at To Yuen Tung. As such, it was hoped that the department would provide more

information.

- (iv) They asked whether an indoor bowling green would be provided having considered the demand in the district, and whether the said facility would overlap with the existing facilities in Tung Cheong Street SC.

11. The Chairman asked the department to take note of Members' comments. The indoor bowling greens in Tung Cheong Street SC were well received by residents at present. It was suggested that the department review the demand for other sports and consider providing the relevant leisure facilities. She also suggested that the department optimise welfare facilities, such as constructing covered walkways in the Day Care Centre for the Elderly, and providing additional dedicated parking spaces for disabled people and home care services teams for the elderly.

**III. Works project of "Football-cum-rugby pitch with Public Vehicle Park in Area 33, Tai Po"**  
(TPDC Paper No. DFW 11/2024)

12. The Chairman welcomed Messrs. LAI Hiu-ping, Rex, and HO Kin-sing, Charles, Senior Engineer / Parking Project 4 and Engineer / Parking Project 11 of TD respectively, and Messrs. LOH Yew-leong and LO Ka-chi, Lawrence, Senior Project Manager 337 and Project Manager 385 of ArchSD respectively, to attend the meeting for this agenda item.

13. The representative of TD went through the captioned paper.

14. The representative of ArchSD went through the design of the captioned works.

15. Members' comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) The artificial turf pitches ("ATPs") in Tai Po District had far too much wear and tear at present. They asked whether natural turf could be laid at the captioned football-cum-rugby pitch ("Pitch").
- (ii) There was a strong demand for natural turf pitches ("NTPs") by the professional football teams in Tai Po District. It was suggested that the department consider installing a NTP instead, which would be conducive to football development and training in the district.
- (iii) They asked whether spectator stands would be provided at the Pitch.
- (iv) They concurred that the works project could provide more leisure facilities for residents in the district.
- (v) They asked whether the proposed jogging track would be connected to the jogging tracks at Tai Po Waterfront Park ("TPWP").

- (vi) There was a huge demand for parking spaces in Tai Po District, and large vehicles were found parking illegally in the vicinity of the construction site from time to time. It was suggested that the department provide the allocation ratio of the 400 parking spaces in the proposed public vehicle park.
- (vii) It was suggested that the department consider constructing an additional storey of vehicle park.
- (viii) They asked whether the department would provide additional electric vehicle (“EV”) charging facilities.
- (ix) They asked about the location and details of the main entrance of the Pitch.
- (x) It was suggested that the department strengthen venue management to avoid irregularities.
- (xi) They asked whether additional coach and heavy goods vehicle parking spaces would be provided.
- (xii) They asked whether the proposed bicycle parking spaces would be considered to be connected to the cycle tracks, and whether places for bicycle rental and repairs would be provided.
- (xiii) Many members of the public drove to TPWP during holidays. It was suggested that the department provide additional parking spaces to address the problem of illegal parking.
- (xiv) It was suggested that the department consider expanding the underground vehicle park to provide more parking spaces.
- (xv) ATPs could be opened all year round, whereas NTPs were often closed for maintenance and repairs. As such, they found it more appropriate to construct an ATP.
- (xvi) They commended the department for its proper maintenance of the NTP at Tai Po Sports Ground so that football teams in Tai Po had a well-maintained football pitch as their home venue.
- (xvii) They asked about the number of toilet compartments in the male, female and accessible toilets.
- (xviii) They asked whether a pet-friendly open space would be provided at the proposed venue.
- (xix) It was suggested that the department consider designating an area to be an outdoor badminton court.

16. The representative of TD responded as follows:

- (i) The proposed ratio of parking spaces for private vehicles and commercial vehicles

was around one to one. The works would be tendered by means of a design-and-build contract. Detailed design would only be available upon commencement of the contract. The department would determine the type and number of parking spaces having regard to the need in the district. Currently, part of the site was used as a short-term tenancy car park for parking not more than 200 vehicles. Having taken into consideration the various factors, including parking demand in the district, data on illegally parked vehicles in the vicinity, site constraints and cost, etc., the department proposed to provide about 400 parking spaces.

- (ii) The ArchSD had earlier conducted an investigation at the site and, based on the geological results, proposed to provide a vehicle park at ground level with only one-storey underground vehicle park would be built. Commercial vehicle parking spaces would be provided at ground level to save the space for vehicles having to manoeuvre around extra ramps. Private vehicles would be parked underground to minimise the depth and scope of excavation as far as possible.
- (iii) They thanked the LCSD for agreeing to provide the Pitch on the upper level so that a design could be drawn up to cater for the different needs.
- (iv) According to the requirements of the latest circular on Green Government Buildings issued by the Development Bureau and Environment and Ecology Bureau, charging facilities would be provided for all parking spaces for private vehicles, light goods vehicles and motorcycles under the works project.
- (v) The 400 proposed parking spaces would all be opened for public use. No parking spaces would be reserved for government use.

17. The representative of ArchSD said that with reference to the site plans provided by the department after its investigation in the past few years, drainage facilities within the site area had to be retained, and adequate safe space was needed when carrying out the works as there were underground gas pipeline utilities in the south of the site. As such, it would be more appropriate for the underground vehicle park to be used for private vehicle parking.

18. The representative of LCSD reported as follows:

- (i) As the proposed facilities were within the consultation zone of a potentially hazardous installation (“PHI”), it was required under the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines to consult the Coordinating Committee on Land-use Planning and Control relating to PHIs, and an assessment had to be conducted in accordance with the Government’s risk guidelines if necessary. To minimise the risk posed by the relevant PHI, namely, the Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited and LPG Compound located in the vicinity of the proposed facilities, on the safety of users of the proposed Pitch, the department consulted the DFMC of TPDC on the proposed facilities of the works project on 16 November 2010 indicating that

the provision of spectator stands in the Pitch was not recommended, which was endorsed by the then DFMC.

- (ii) The proposed Pitch would be mainly for community recreation purposes, such as for practices or friendly matches by local groups. As such, no large spectator stand would be provided.
- (iii) The advantage of ATPs over NTPs was that the number of pitch sessions available could be increased substantially. NTPs were susceptible to weather conditions and so time had to be reserved for turf maintenance. They had to be closed for two months every year to carry out maintenance works for the turf in summer and winter as well as for other facilities. ATPs could be opened for use all year round, which would be more effective in meeting the strong demand of the local community.
- (iv) Upon completion of the captioned Pitch, the department would liaise and discuss with the relevant national sports associations (“NSAs”) and local groups to re-plan and re-allocate the use of the venue. A number of sessions would be reserved for use by the district football team from Tai Po.
- (v) The department would maintain Kwong Fuk Football Ground (“KFFG”) on a regular basis. The works section expected to returf the ATP of the Football Ground in 2025.
- (vi) The proposed Pitch was close to TPWP where there was a bicycle rental kiosk. The bicycle parking spaces in the Pitch mainly catered for the demand of venue users. The Pitch was also connected to the cycle track on Yuen Shin Road to facilitate public access.
- (vii) The proposed Pitch would not only be equipped with different leisure facilities but also male and female changing rooms, shower facilities and accessible toilets. In addition to active facilities such as a jogging track and a pitch, the department planned to set the rest of the area to be pet inclusive so as to tie in with the pet-friendly facilities at TPWP.
- (viii) It was expected that pedestrian flow would be high at the entrance of the Pitch and thus a badminton court would not be provided for the time being. The department noted the comments in this regard.

19. Members’ comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) They asked whether the department would set limits on the pedestrian flow in the venue. If not, it was suggested that consideration be given to providing small spectator stands for people to take short breaks and watch matches.
- (ii) The department previously outsourced the management of car parks to contractors. It was suggested that the department include in future tenders a term restricting the increase of parking fees in car parks, and the DFMC had to be notified prior to the

increase.

- (iii) It was suggested that the department address the problem of severe wear-and-tear of turf in KFFG as soon as possible.
- (iv) There would be fitness corners, a jogging track and a pitch on the first floor of the proposed Pitch. It was suggested that fences be erected on the perimeter of the Pitch to prevent users from loss of property.
- (v) They concurred that it was easier to maintain ATPs.
- (vi) The laying of natural turf required the installation of a hydrophobic layer and a soil layer, and drainage failure would pose risks to the venue. The cost of laying natural turf was also substantial. As such, they considered it more ideal to use artificial turf.
- (vii) They hoped that the departments concerned would put out to tender and proceed with the detailed design as soon as possible after giving consent to the design proposal, so as to help increase the utilisation rate and pedestrian flow of TPWP.
- (viii) There were two main sewage and gas pipe underneath the proposed Pitch. They thanked the departments concerned for solving technical issues.
- (ix) They asked about the timetable of the works project.
- (x) The works project was a composite venue. They asked whether consideration had been given as to how to promote the sport of rugby in Tai Po District in the design.
- (xi) They asked whether the department would provide relevant activities and training programmes to promote the sport of rugby to teenagers in the district upon completion of the rugby pitch.
- (xii) It was suggested that the department arrange for a small number of spectators to enter the Pitch to enjoy matches so as to help promote the sport of rugby.
- (xiii) They asked whether the design team had made reference to the design of the rugby pitch at Shek Kip Mei Park for improvement and application in the proposed venue.

20. The representative of TD responded as follows:

- (i) The proposed vehicle park, which was designed to cope with the parking needs in the district, was not ancillary to the Pitch. Tenders would be invited, and the vehicle park would be operated by an outsourced operator on a monthly rental basis. The parking fees would be set according to the market mechanism, and the proposed fees and future adjustments were subject to the consent of the Government.
- (ii) The Government would normally make reference to the market rate of car parks nearby in reviewing the parking fees.
- (iii) The department understood that Members were concerned about the charges of the

vehicle park, and would thus continue its efforts to increase the supply of parking spaces in the district.

- (iv) The department would, in accordance with the procedures for public works, garner Members' views before re-examining and revising the design. After consolidation of views of all parties, a decision would be made as to how to take forward the project based on financial priorities. A tender exercise would then be conducted and funding approval would be sought from the LegCo.

21. The representative of ArchSD would make reference to the pitch project at Shek Kip Mei Park later and apply the design to the proposed Pitch as appropriate.

22. The representative of LCSD responded as follows:

- (i) The proposed Pitch would not have large spectator stands, but temporary spectator stands would be provided at pitchside. Arbours and benches would also be provided outside the pitch area for the public to watch matches and take a rest.
- (ii) The department had been liaising with the relevant NSAs. Football and rugby groups could organise more activities, training and matches after the opening of the Pitch. The department would also host rugby training or fun days in response to the needs so as to promote the sport of rugby in Tai Po District.
- (iii) The proposed Pitch was fenced and gated, and the gates would also be closed at night to facilitate venue management by the department. Venue users might borrow lockers on-site to deposit their personal belongings.
- (iv) The department was aware of the wear-and-tear of the artificial turf in KFFG, and would returf the pitch and carry out other maintenance works as soon as possible. The department would urge the contractor to expedite to level the existing uneven surface in the venue.

23. The Chairman's comments were as follows:

- (i) She hoped that the department would follow up on the parking fees of the vehicle park. The operator would set and adjust the parking rent according to market price after winning a bid. However, setting the rent at too high a level might result in surrender of rental tenancies by members of the public and thus they could not enjoy the services in question.
- (ii) She hoped that apart from safety concerns, the department would also consider public needs to provide spectator stands.

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

(TPDC Paper No. DFW 12/2024)

24. The Chairman welcomed Ms. HO Wai-yan, Vivian, Mr. LEE Chi-lung and Ms. TAM Im-fei, Senior Project Manager (Technical Section), Project Manager 1 (Project Team) and Project Manager 2 (Project Team) of LCSD respectively, and Ms. LAU Yin-hei, Landscape Designer of BREADstudio, the consultancy, to attend the meeting for this agenda item.

25. The representative of LCSD reported as follows:

- (i) The utilisation of recreation and sports facilities in Tai Po District from June to July 2024 was enumerated in Annex I to the captioned paper for Members' reference.
- (ii) The department planted a total of 23 trees, 3 102 shrubs and 36 144 seasonal flowers in Tai Po District from June to July 2024 to beautify the environment. The locations of the greening works were enumerated in Annex II to the captioned paper. The department removed a total of 38 trees in Tai Po District during the said period, including an old and valuable tree in the Hong Kong Railway Museum.
- (iii) The enhancement of leisure facilities in Tai Po District was enumerated in Annex III to the captioned paper for Members' reference. Tai Wo SC would be temporarily closed from 1 November 2024 to 31 March 2025 for a number of facility enhancement works, including water seepage rectification of the venue ceiling and refurbishment of male and female toilets and changing rooms.
- (iv) The department had given a brief account of the project of "Transformation of Public Play Space ("PPS") under the LCSD" ("Project") at a DFWC meeting, and Members supported the inclusion of Chung Nga Road Children's Playground ("Chung Nga Road CP") and Senses Children's Playground in TPWP ("Senses CP") in the Project. The department commissioned a design consultancy to conduct public consultation of various forms to garner views from the local community, and incorporated suitable and feasible suggestions into the PPS. After consolidating the relevant information, the department would introduce the preliminary design of the said two PPS to Members.

26. The representatives of LCSD and consultancy introduced the preliminary design proposals for the said two PPS, including the site location and background, outcomes of community engagement activities, design concept and overall planning details.

27. Members' comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) Quite a number of members of the public had referred Chung Nga Road CP as “Frog Park” for there was a frog sculpture in the venue. It was suggested that the department might consider using frogs as the theme of the playground.
- (ii) There were pieces of elderly fitness equipment placed next to the swings at the entrance/exit of Chung Nga Road CP, and the pedestrian flow there was relatively high. It was hoped that the department would review the placement and safety of these facilities.
- (iii) They asked whether the department would provide water dispensers and hand washing facilities in Chung Nga Road CP.
- (iv) They asked the department whether lockers would be provided in Senses CP.
- (v) It was suggested that the department provide water dispensers as well as additional arbours and benches for sitting-out purpose.
- (vi) They asked whether the trampoline in Senses CP could be used by wheelchair users.
- (vii) It was suggested that the department expand the activity space in Senses CP.
- (viii) They asked whether the department would adjust the planting near Senses CP, such as planting fewer shrubs and replacing them with grassland to minimise mosquito infestation.
- (ix) It was suggested that covers be provided for the swing facilities.
- (x) They hoped that the department would continue to remove the weeds at roadside planters along Lam Kam Road on a regular basis.
- (xi) They thanked the department for making comprehensive planning for the transformation of PPS, and hoped that the department would engage more local residents in the design and give feedback, thereby fostering a sense of belonging.
- (xii) They asked about the repair and maintenance costs of the said two parks, and whether consideration had been given to providing loanable equipment from the perspective of carers.
- (xiii) They asked about the type and length of slides in the parks.
- (xiv) It was suggested that the department consider providing parent-child interactive activities in the play space.
- (xv) Apart from the said two parks, they asked whether transformation of the remaining four parks in Tai Po District included in the Project would be carried out as scheduled.
- (xvi) Since the tubes of the proposed slides were relatively long, they asked whether light-transmitting materials would be used for part of the tubes so that children would not feel scared while playing inside the tubes.
- (xvii) The sand pit play might have detrimental impact on environmental hygiene, and it

was suggested replacing it with small play fountains.

- (xviii) They commended the department for its efforts in transforming the play space with an industrial-styled design to complement with the nearby Tai Po Industrial Estate.
- (xix) The wooden planks of the Spiral Lookout Tower (“Tower”) were broken, which would pose danger to a certain extent. It was hoped that the department would maintain and repair the Tower and the wooden bridge alongside, as well as clear the dirt and mud on the passageway.
- (xx) There was a pet garden next to Chung Nga Road CP. It was suggested that the department prevent the odour of the pet garden from affecting users of elderly fitness equipment when considering facility placement.
- (xxi) The arbours in the said two parks would be made of metal, which might cause burns to users easily in hot weather. It was suggested that the department use plastic, resin or fabrics.
- (xxii) It was suggested that the department incorporate technology elements in the play space.
- (xxiii) It was suggested that the vacant land next to Tai Po Depot of FEHD be designated as a metered car park for the convenience of playground users.

28. The representative of LCSD responded as follows:

- (i) The trampoline in Senses CP was an inclusive facility for the use of the disabled and able-bodied. The department would also study with its works section the feasibility of providing water dispensers and lockers depending on the venue setting, and would keep a closer eye on the materials selected for the slides.
- (ii) The industrial theme of Chung Nga Road CP came from the comments collected through community engagement. The department would study the suggestion of adding frog elements, review the layout of play equipment and arrange for suitable placement.
- (iii) The department would consider the garden layout and replace the shrubs in the park with grassland according to the circumstances. Anti-mosquito measures, such as the introduction of new types of mosquito traps, would also be strengthened to eliminate mosquito breeding effectively.
- (iv) The department was working with its works section to study the maintenance of the Tower. Survey and investigation works were currently underway. It was hoped that the works schedule would be drawn up as soon as possible, and more durable eco-friendly wood planks would be used.
- (v) The department would continue to take forward the transformation projects of the remaining PPS in the district. Considerations could be given to providing play

equipment with technology elements in future transformation projects, such as Technology Children's Playground at TPWP.

29. The Chairman asked the department to take note of and consider Members' comments.

30. DFWC noted the above report.

**V. Minor works items of Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in Tai Po District**  
**(TPDC Paper No. DFW 13/2024)**

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

32. Members thanked the contractor of the department for its assistance in cleansing the district and removing the refuse left behind by GREEN@COMMUNITY. It was suggested that the departments concerned remind the operator of GREEN@COMMUNITY to make improvements.

33. The representative of FEHD thanked Members for their appreciation of the work of the FEHD contractor. The department would continue to maintain environmental hygiene in public places. Regarding the recyclables and refuse left behind by GREEN@COMMUNITY upon completion of recycling work, the department would arrange for the clear-up and had referred the case to and notified the Environmental Protection Department ("EPD"), so that the EPD could remind the operator of GREEN@COMMUNITY to be aware of disposing of the refuse upon completion of recycling work.

34. Members' comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) The public toilet ("PT") at Tai Po Tau Village would be converted into a flushing toilet. They asked about the completion date of the design.
- (ii) They asked about the commencement date of the PT project at Wai Ha Village.
- (iii) The department had garnered views in respect of the PT project at San Tau Kok Village earlier. They asked about the consultation progress.
- (iv) The temporary toilet at Ting Kok Village had been in use for seven years. They asked whether the department would consider converting it into a permanent PT.
- (v) Refurbishment of Tung Ping Chau PT was expected to commence in February 2025. The recent failure of the water supply system in Tung Ping Chau had resulted in poor hygiene condition. They asked the department whether other contingency measures would be taken to address the issue prior to the refurbishment.

35. The representative of FEHD responded as follows:

- (i) Currently, the department was planning the refurbishment of Tai Po Tau Village North PT and the PT at Wai Ha Village. Discussions on the design details of the PT at Wai Ha Village were underway at the current stage, whereas Tai Po Tau Village North PT was planned to be refurbished by means of the Modular Integrated Construction approach. Funding application was under vetting and approval.
- (ii) Regarding the PTs at San Tau Kok Village and Ting Kok Village, Members and village representatives had reflected to convert the portable PTs to permanent PTs. The department had consulted other departments earlier and considered the feasibility of constructing PTs, including water supply, electricity and public sewerage system, land required, utilisation data, existing toilet facilities in the vicinity, and views of the local community and Members. Having given integrated consideration to the above factors, the department had no plan to convert the portable PTs at San Tau Kok Village and Ting Kok Village to permanent PTs for the time being, and would review the situation in due course.
- (iii) Regarding the water supply and hygiene problems at Tung Ping Chau Public Toilet, the department had also received feedback from members of the public earlier. As there were no fresh water and power supply in Tung Ping Chau, the department transported water to the island for PT use every week by vessel. The department would arrange for the contractor to increase the frequency of transportation of water during public holidays depending on the circumstances. At present, the department had arranged for toilet attendants to be on duty on Mondays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays, and would also request the contractor to step up toilet cleansing.

36. DFWC noted the above report.

## **VI. Any other business**

37. Members' comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) They asked whether the TPDO would commence the rural sewerage works project in Tai Po North in the next three months.
- (ii) They asked whether the LCSD would install air-conditioners at the indoor basketball court of Fu Shin SC.
- (iii) Online booking was required for users under the Fitness Room Monthly Ticket Scheme of LCSD. Some elderly had reflected that it was hard for them to use the fitness room facilities under such arrangement. It was hoped that the department would pay attention to and follow up on the situation.

- (iv) There were quite a number of places, including the vicinity of schools, overgrown with weeds. It was hoped that the departments concerned would follow up and carry out weeding, as well as maintain street lamps on a regular basis.
- (v) They asked about the works progress of Works No. “TP-DMW295 Provision of a sitting-out area at Pak Shek Kok”.

(Post-meeting note: The TPDO advised that the rural sewerage works project was under the Rural Public Works Programme, and had replied to Members on the works progress after the meeting (on 4 September).

The LCSD had studied the feasibility of installing air-conditioning facilities in Fu Shin SC with its works section. However, the works could not be implemented due to factors such as building structure/space constraints of the venue, power supply and loading. Having said that, the department had provided ventilation equipment such as portable air coolers, fans, blowers or exhaust system at the arena and suitable locations to improve air circulation.

The LCSD would arrange for staff to assist members of the public at its leisure venues to use the new intelligent sports and recreation services booking and information system (SmartPLAY) to book sports and recreation facilities and enrol in sports and recreation programmes. Should members of the public have enquiries, they might call the enquiry hotline of SmartPLAY at 3954 5150.

The LCSD advised that the term consultant was working on the detailed design of Works No. TP- DMW295. The tendering process for the project would commence upon confirmation of the funding arrangement. Construction works were initially expected to last for 12 months, and the progress would be reported to the DFWC in due course.)

## **VII. Date of next meeting**

- 38. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 9:30 a.m. on 6 November 2024 (Wednesday).
- 39. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:01 noon.