

## **Minutes of the 5th Meeting in 2024 of Tai Po District Council**

Date: 3 September 2024 (Tuesday)

Time: 9:35 a.m. – 12:02 noon

Venue: Conference Room, Tai Po District Council

<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. CHAN Hau-man, Eunice, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
<b><u>Members</u></b>		
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
Ms. LEE Sai-yin, Jeanne, BBS, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. LI Wah-kwong, Rex, MH	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. LEE Hon-cheung	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 Yung-wa	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. WONG Pik-kiu, SBS, MH, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Ms. LOK Siu-luen	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. LO Hiu-fung, MH	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
<b><u>Secretary</u></b>		
Ms. SING Hoi-shan, Wendy	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Senior Executive Officer (District Council) / Tai Po District Office (“TPDO”) / Home Affairs Department (“HAD”)		

## **In Attendance**

Mr. MA Wai-hing, Adrian	District Commander (Tai Po) / Hong Kong Police Force (“HKPF”)
Ms. CHOI Ying-tung	Police Community Relations Officer (Tai Po) / HKPF
Ms. FUNG Man-yu, May	District Social Welfare Officer (Tai Po / North) / Social Welfare Department (“SWD”)
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. FONG Tin-chuen, Victor	Senior Executive Officer (Planning) 34 / LCSD
Miss LEE Mei-yee, May	Senior Librarian (Tai Po) / LCSD
Miss LAU Wing-chuk, Celine	Senior Librarian (Planning and Development) / LCSD
Ms. WONG Yee-fang, Eva	Chief Transport Officer / New Territories East / Transport Department (“TD”)
Mr. LAU Ka-wing, Kevin	Senior Town Planner / Tai Po 1 / Planning Department (“PlanD”)
Ms. CHENG Nga-see, Ellen	Chief Engineer / N3 / Civil Engineering and Development Department (“CEDD”)
Ms. SZE Tsz-ping, Christine	District Lands Officer / TP (Atg.) (District Land Office, Tai Po (“TPDLO”)) / Lands Department (“LandsD”)
Mr. TSUI Chun-sing	Administration Assistant / Lands / TPDLO / LandsD
Mr. SHUM Ka-wai	Senior Housing Manager (Atg.) / Tai Po, North & Shatin 3 / Housing Department (“HD”)
Mr. MA Hing-sum, Patrick	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Tai Po) / Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (“FEHD”)
Ms. SIOW Ying-hung, Bonnie	Chief School Development Officer (Tai Po) / Education Bureau (“EDB”)
Dr. LEUNG Shuk-yun	Consultant / Department of Family Medicine / New Territories East Cluster (“NTEC”) / Hospital Authority (“HA”)
Ms. CHENG Ka-yan, Christine	Manager (Communications and Community Relations) / Nethersole Hospital and Tai Po Hospital / HA
Dr. CHIM Pak-wing	Senior Medical and Health Officer (Emergency Preparedness and District Relations) 2 / Department of Health (“DH”)
Dr. KWAN Tan-sui, Daisy	Medical and Health Officer (Emergency Preparedness and District Relations) 4 / DH
Ms. NG Ka-ki, Claudia	Senior Project Manager 438 / Architectural Services Department (“ArchSD”)
Ms. LO Hei-ting, Haydn	Project Manager 498 / ArchSD
Mr. WU Yeung-key, Jimmy	Chief Manager (Primary Healthcare Office) 1C / Primary Healthcare Commission (“PHCC”) / Health Bureau (“HHB”)
Ms. CHAN Wai-kit, Vicky	Chief Manager (District Health Centre Team) A / PHCC / HHB
Ms. NG Kwok Bo, Gloria	Senior Manager (Community Engagement) / PHCC / HHB
Ms. YE Zhi-mian, Mina	Executive Officer (PHCC) Special Duties / PHCC / HHB

Miss YU Wing-lam, Phoebe	Assistant District Officer (Tai Po) / HAD
Mr. LUI Kan-man, Raymond	Senior Liaison Officer (1) / TPDO / HAD
Ms. WONG Sze-man, Queenie	Senior Liaison Officer (2) / TPDO / HAD
Mr. CHOW Tsz-yan, Daniel	Executive Officer (District Council) / TPDO / HAD

The Chairman welcomed District Council Members (“Members”) and representatives of government departments to the fifth meeting of the 7th Tai Po District Council (“TPDC”).

**I. Confirmation of the minutes of the 4th meeting in 2024 of the TPDC on 2 July 2024**

2. Neither had the Secretariat received any proposed amendments before the meeting, nor had any participants put forward amendments at the meeting. The minutes of the captioned meeting were confirmed without amendment.

**II. Proposed construction of a community health centre building at the Ex-Jockey Club Swimming Pool Site at On Pong Road**

(TPDC Paper No. 21/2024)

3. Dr. LEUNG Shuk-yun went through the captioned paper.

4. Dr. CHIM Pak-wing said that the DH planned to provide services of the Maternal and Child Health Centre, Elderly Health Centre and government dental clinic, to be reprovisioned from Wong Siu Ching Clinic (“WSCC”), in the proposed community health centre building (“CHC Building”).

5. Mr. WU Yeung-key, Jimmy, went through the section on Tai Po District Health Centre (“TPDHC”) of the captioned paper.

6. Miss LAU Wing-chuk, Celine, went through the section on the district library of the captioned paper.

7. Ms. NG Ka-ki, Claudia, said that the Town Planning Board agreed to revise the building height restriction of the captioned site from three storeys to eight storeys on Tai Po Outline Zoning Plan according to the Town Planning Ordinance in 2017. Subsequently, the then Members suggested that a library and a public car park be provided in the building in 2019. The department replied in writing in September 2021 that at least four basement levels were required to accommodate the relevant facilities at the same time, and the construction costs of a deep basement would be high and not cost-effective. The then District Council (“DC”), after discussion, did not agree to further relax the building height restriction and only opted for the

provision of a district library at two basement levels. The relevant departments then proceeded with a technical feasibility study in this direction, and the proposed building was ten-storey high (including two basement levels). The department expected to apply for funding from the Legislative Council (“LegCo”) in 2026 with the works scheduled for completion in 2031.

8. Mr. LAM Yick-kuen suggested that consideration be given to relaxing the building height restriction and providing a district library on the ground storey and a two-storey public car park at the basement to cope with the demand for parking spaces in the district.

9. Mr. WONG Wai-tung said that residents of Tai Po Centre were worried about the noise and emission problems caused to residents of Blocks 14 and 16 of Tai Po Centre if the outdoor units of air conditioners were installed on the rooftop of the CHC Building. It was also suggested that the entrance/exit of the CHC Building and the ingress/egress point of its car park be located at Nam Wan Road to avoid aggravating the problem of illegal parking at On Pong Road. In addition, it was hoped that the department would provide more details and a draft plan so that Members could brief the residents and collect their views as early as possible.

10. Mr. LI Wah-kwong, Rex, suggested providing the library on the top floor of the CHC Building and the car park in the basement. In addition, he asked how many public parking spaces could be provided in the CHC Building if the library was provided in the basement.

11. Mr. WU Cheuk-him’s comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) He opined that the number of storeys of the Building should not be further altered and suggested that consideration be given to providing the library on the top floor. He asked about the space occupied by each of the five healthcare facilities within the eight storeys and their locations.
- (ii) As On Pong Road was a one-way road, he suggested providing space on the ground storey of the CHC Building for the turning of vehicles and boarding/alighting of passengers, so as to avoid traffic congestion at On Pong Road. In addition, he suggested providing the ingress/egress point at On Po Road to reduce the number of vehicles entering On Pong Road. He also asked whether a visitor car park would be provided in the CHC Building.
- (iii) He asked whether facilities such as a 24-hour self-checkout machine or return station would be provided at the library.
- (iv) He asked whether the department had considered ways to reduce noise and dust generated from the construction site. As heavy vehicles would be entering and leaving the site during construction, it was suggested that the entry/exit gates be located at On Po Road.

12. Mr. LEE Man-kit hoped that the department would provide a preliminary floor plan and the service capacity of various healthcare facilities.

13. Mr. MUI Siu-fung hoped that the relevant department would provide a preliminary layout plan. In addition, some residents suggested that the services of WSCC should be relocated back from the CHC Building upon completion of the redevelopment of WSCC.

14. Mr. YU Chi-wing hoped that the department would pay attention to the problem of illegal parking in the vicinity of Tai Po Centre during construction. In addition, he suggested that some of the services of WSCC be temporarily relocated to the CHC Building and be relocated back to WSCC upon its expansion.

15. Ms. LOK Siu-luen reflected the public worry about the noise emitted during construction, and hoped that the department would expedite the works progress, exercise cost control and provide more information to Members, say, by arranging a site visit for all Members before commencement of the construction works.

16. Ms. LEE Sai-yin, Jeanne, concurred with the provision of an additional carriageway at Nam Wan Road leading to the CHC Building, and hoped that the relevant departments would conduct traffic planning in light of the vehicular flow and parking situation. She opined that illegal parking could be reduced if there was a public car park in the CHC Building.

17. Mr. CHAN Pok-chi hoped to know more about the details of “To expand Primary Healthcare Office’s establishment by introducing regional governance structure” as proposed in the Primary Healthcare Blueprint by the Government.

18. Mr. MAK Shing-ho, Gary, said that the CHC Building site was a prime site in the district and suggested leasing it out by short term tenancy (“STT”) before commencement of the construction works so as to make good use of resources.

19. Mr. WAN Koon-kau agreed to letting the site for use as a temporary public car park before commencement of the construction works. In addition, he hoped that the department would provide the blueprint of the CHC Building as soon as possible.

20. Mr. CHAN Yung-wa asked when the department could provide the layout plan of the CHC Building, and whether an air-conditioned footbridge connecting Tai Po Centre and the Building would be constructed with the incorporation of green elements.

21. Ms. CHAN Kin-kwan hoped that the department would provide data comparing the healthcare services proposed to be provided in the CHC Building with the existing services.

22. Mr. CHAN Siu-kuen opined that consideration should not be given only to the project costs, and that four basement levels should be excavated for the provision of a car park so as to alleviate the situation of illegal parking.

23. Mr. LEE Hon-cheung hoped that the department would provide data such as the service capacity provided by the Building and the demand of residents. In addition, he would like to know the number of parking spaces installed with electric vehicle (“EV”) charging facilities in the car park of the Building.

24. Ms. Claudia NG responded as follows:

- (i) As the captioned project adopted the “design-and-build” procurement method, which required the contractor to undertake the design and building works, the layout plan of the Building could not be provided at this stage. HHB would report the relevant details to the DC again upon the issue of invitations for tender and submission of information such as the relevant layout plan, details of the works and distribution of the floors by the appointed contractor.
- (ii) The environment on the periphery would be taken into account in the design of the CHC Building, including minimising the impact of fixtures such as the outdoor units of air conditioners on nearby residential premises as far as possible.
- (iii) The pick-up/drop-off area of the CHC Building would be located within the boundary of the proposed Building and no pick-up/set-down lay-by would be provided on public roads.
- (iv) The car park to be provided by the project would be a car park of healthcare in the Building and about 60 parking spaces were expected to be provided. All parking spaces would be equipped with EV charging facilities. In addition, there would be no footbridge connecting the CHC Building to nearby shopping centres.
- (v) We would follow the circulars issued by the Development Bureau (“DEVB”) and the Environment and Ecology Bureau and, where technically feasible, consider adopting the green features recommended therein, including those in the four aspects, namely renewable energy, waste reduction and management, water management and indoor air quality.
- (vi) During construction, we would require the contractor to control noise nuisance through the implementation of mitigation measures in the relevant contract. (During the construction period, all works were subject to the Noise Control Ordinance (Cap. 400).) The resident site staff of ArchSD would enhance supervision to ensure that the contractor was carrying out the works in accordance with the Ordinance. If the noise level was found exceeding the contractual

requirement, immediate follow-up actions would be taken to ensure that the nuisance caused by the works was minimised.

- (vii) Pre-construction works, including ground investigation, topographic and tree surveys, for the project lot were currently underway and were expected to be completed in October. As discussed with the LandsD earlier, upon completion of the relevant works, we would hand over the project lot to the LandsD for arrangement of suitable uses.

25. Mr. TSUI Chun-sing said that the TPDLO would invite tenders for using the relevant government site as a temporary car park under STT.

26. Dr. CHIM Pak-wing responded as follows:

- (i) As the small space of WSCC had made it difficult for the DH to develop its services, the department hoped to reprovision the existing DH facilities to the CHC Building, so as to enhance the quality of service and patient comfort during consultations. Upon reprovisioning of DH's services, the vacated space would be reserved for the temporary relocation of its other clinics under refurbishment on a need basis. As regards the long-term planning of the site, the Government would examine it in a timely manner.
- (ii) The department was equally concerned about whether the service level of the CHC Building could meet the community needs in future upon its commissioning in 2031. Taking into account factors such as population, existing service level and birth rate, the department would carry out detailed planning and hoped that it could provide the public with better quality and adequate services after the reprovisioning of services to the CHC Building. The department would communicate with the DC again when further information was available.

27. Dr. LEUNG Shuk-yun said that the HA had currently put in place Tai Po Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic ("Jockey Club GOPC") and Wong Siu Ching Family Medicine Centre ("WSCFMC") in Tai Po. The current service capacity of the two clinics had been fully utilised. However, given the space constraints of the two clinics, it was difficult to further expand the existing services, and the HA therefore planned to provide additional services in the proposed CHC Building. The HA hoped that a more spacious environment could be provided upon commissioning of the CHC Building to enhance the capacity and quality of the public primary healthcare services in the district.

28. Mr. Jimmy WU responded as follows:

- (i) The PHCC attached great importance to medical-social collaboration between DHCs and districts. The DHCs would collaborate with different service units to provide the public with a comprehensive range of primary healthcare services. So far, Tai Po DHC Express had established standing relationships with over 80 district organisations, including a referral mechanism and co-organisation of regular activities, and so on. He cited as an example that Hong Kong Jockey Club had established the “Jockey Club PHARM+ Community Medication Service Network Project” in eight districts over the territory last month. With the collaboration among DHCs, DHC Expresses and community organisations, when members of the public received services at community pharmacies (“CPs”), the CPs would, in addition to providing drug-related services, refer them to DHCs if they had other needs (such as consultation with dietitians, nurses, physiotherapists or weight management). Similarly, DHC members would be referred to CPs if they had medication needs.
- (ii) On the governance of DHC Scheme, the PHCC would set up a co-ordinating committee on DHC Scheme, with members comprising District Officer (“DO”) and a TPDC Member, who would be invited to join the committee as a representative, and DO was currently following up on the matter. Members and District Services & Community Care Teams were important partners of DHCs and Members were welcome to put forward their views.

29. Miss Celine LAU said that the LCSD would study with relevant departments the feasibility of providing 24-hour self-service equipment in the CHC Building.

30. Mr. WAN Koon-kau asked about the reasons for only providing about 60 parking spaces in the CHC Building.

31. Mr. LAM Yick-kuen suggested allocating some of the parking spaces for use by clients seeking consultation and it would be more ideal if more parking spaces could be provided.

32. Mr. LO Hiu-fung asked about the areas of the two clinics before and after reprovisioning, as well as the area of the district library. He hoped to know the actual amount required for constructing additional storey in the Building, such as the construction costs incurred for excavating two and four basement levels respectively.

33. Mr. WU Cheuk-him said that the department had not responded to the space occupied by healthcare facilities within the eight storeys, and asked whether a Child Assessment Centre (“CAC”) would be provided in the CHC Building. Given that Tai Po District had the second fastest ageing population in the territory, the use of WSCC should be reviewed forthwith and planning should be made as soon as possible. In addition, residents of Tai Po Centre did not wish



to see the provision of the vehicular ingress/egress point of the CHC Building at On Pong Road, and hoped that the department would study the provision of the ingress/egress point at On Po Road or Nam Wan Road. He hoped that a site visit to the DHC would be arranged for Members by then.

34. Mr. MUI Siu-fung hoped that the department would consider providing assessment service for school children in the CHC Building. In addition, he suggested that the department take into account the impact of the CHC Building on air ventilation in the district when designing so as to avoid creating a wall effect, say, by adopting terraced building design and the Modular Integrated Construction (“MiC”) approach as well as implementing greening works.

35. Ms. WONG Pik-kiu suggested providing the vehicular ingress/egress point at Nam Wan Road, and providing a cover along the pavement connecting the bus stop on Nam Wan Road and the car park at Tai Yuen Estate to the CHC Building.

36. Mr. MUI Ching-hung asked about the time required for the tender exercise for converting the proposed CHC Building to a temporary car park.

37. Mr. CHAN Tsz-kin said that it would bring convenience to the public if the CHC Building could be connected to the adjacent multi-storey car park leading to Tai Po Centre.

38. The Chairman said that not a few Members had referred to the views of nearby residents, which included their consensus on the height of the Building, their wish for more facilities to be provided therein (including healthcare services and a car park) and the expeditious commencement of the works, and so on. However, as these views were mutually checking each other, Members would need to consider them in detail before deciding on the strategic direction of the project. Regarding arrangements for the car park in the CHC Building, she suggested making reference to Tai Po Government Offices Carpark, which was operated by a contractor as a public car park outside office hours. In addition, the purpose of the captioned project was to make good use of the site in the town centre for reprovisioning the existing services in the district, while the original facilities and sites were also important resources that could be considered for addressing the parking needs in the hope that the project could commence as soon as possible.

39. Ms. Claudia NG responded as follows:

- (i) After deducting the space required for the library, carriageway and building services facilities, the Building could only accommodate about 60 parking spaces. Regarding the arrangements for operating the car park as a public car park outside office hours, as the proposal involved management and security issues, it would be referred to the relevant bureaux and departments for consideration of its feasibility.

- (ii) The current proposed vehicular ingress/egress point was agreed by the TD at the early planning stage of the project. Generally speaking, vehicular ingress/egress points would be avoided on primary distributor roads with high traffic flow (say, Nam Wan Road) so as to minimise the traffic impact on the surrounding road network.
- (iii) The design of the project would take into account the impact on air ventilation in the district with the incorporation of suitable greening elements, and adopt the MiC approach in the construction of the Building according to the DEVB technical circulars.
- (iv) The accessibility of entrance hall and related facilities would be taken into account in the design of the CHC Building so as to provide a covered pedestrian entrance/exit as appropriate.

40. Dr. CHIM Pak-wing said that there was no CAC in Tai Po District at present, and parents had to bring their children to Fanling to receive such services. The department was aware of the demand in Tai Po District and would review the level of demand for such services. It would also need to make detailed planning by taking into account factors such as location, manpower and service level. In addition, the department also hoped to enhance elderly health service and was ready to collaborate with DHCs to provide district health promotion and preventive services. The department would continue to review the service demand and inject resources as appropriate.

41. Dr. LEUNG Shuk-yun said that given the keen demand for GOPC services by local residents, the HA would, while retaining the two clinics, provide additional services in the CHC Building at the same time, which would double or more than double the existing service capacity of the two clinics. Such services and facilities would occupy more than one storey and it was hoped that they would be able to cope with the demand in the next decade. She would supplement the area of the clinics later.

(Post-meeting note: The HA added as follows:

The current gross floor areas of Jockey Club GOPC and WSCFMC were 880 square metres (“sq.m.”) and 800 sq.m. respectively.)

42. Mr. TSUI Chun-sing said that the TPDLO was expected to conduct a tender exercise for a STT of the site concerned in the fourth quarter of this year and would arrange for the handover of the site to the lessee according to the schedule of site return of ArchSD. The STT in question was granted for a fixed term of one year and thereafter on a quarterly basis.

43. Miss Celine LAU said that the floor area of the existing Tai Po Public Library was 3 600 sq.m. and the department planned to provide a new district library in the CHC Building.

44. The Chairman asked about the service reprovisioning arrangements for the two clinics.
45. Dr. LEUNG Shuk-yun said that the services provided by the HA in the two clinics would not be reprovisioned to the CHC Building, but instead more services would be introduced therein.
46. Mr. FONG Tin-chuen, Victor, said that the department would take the size of a typical new district library as the planning direction. In principle, the district library could be located at the basement or on the ground storey.
47. Ms. Jeanne LEE asked whether the plot ratio of the CHC Building had been fully utilised, and more parking spaces should be planned if the project was still at the planning stage.
48. Ms. WONG Pik-kiu said that it would not be possible to seek funding approval from LegCo according to the original schedule if study on the provision of additional car parking floors had to be restarted.
49. Mr. LO Hiu-fung asked whether it was possible to accommodate two facilities on the same storey, say, by locating the district library and DHC on the same storey to make room for the car park.
50. Mr. CHAN Cho-leung hoped that funding approval for the captioned project could be sought from LegCo as scheduled and that the delivery of the project would be affected if any new suggestions were put forward. He concurred with the Chairman's proposal of releasing parking spaces of government departments for public use outside office hours.
51. Mr. LAM Yick-kuen suggested that all the services of WSCC be reprovisioned to the CHC Building, and that a district library be provided at the original site of WSCC as well as a public car park at the basement of the CHC Building.
52. The Chairman said that not a few Members hoped that the project could be taken forward according to the schedule currently proposed by the departments. As there was still time to adjust the details of the project before 2026, it was hoped that the departments would proactively respond to Members' suggestions and provide more detailed information for Members' reference so that funding application for the project could be sought from LegCo smoothly as scheduled.

### **III. Follow-up on issues of district concern** **(TPDC Paper No. 22/2024)**

53. The Chairman said that the DC had set "Improvement proposals on the pavement on and

facilities along the banks on both sides of Lam Tsuen River” as an issue of district concern early this year, and Members had collected the views of some 6 300 members of the public on the issue. The Secretariat arranged an exchange of views between Members and LegCo members on the issue in late May. On 23 July, the Honourable CHAN Hak-kan, Gary, the convenor of the meeting, together with other LegCo members and relevant departments, visited Tai Po District to inspect the conditions along the banks on both sides of Lam Tsuen River, during which Members put forward various constructive views.

54. The Secretary went through the captioned paper.

55. The Chairman said that Members’ views were very clear that they hoped that improvement measures would be implemented at this stage and various suggestions had been referred to the relevant departments for follow-up. She suggested referring items that still required discussion to the Working Group on Boosting Local Economy (“WG”) for in-depth discussion. She added that the majority of views collected by Members came from adult residents. In order to gauge the views of young people on the ancillary facilities along the banks on both sides of Lam Tsuen River, District Youth Community Building Committee was also collecting views on the issue and would report to the DC when specific information was available.

56. Mr. LO Hiu-fung suggested that pet-friendly facilities such as enclosed play areas and rinsing facilities be provided to attract young people and dog walkers to the banks on both sides of Lam Tsuen River. He also suggested that the LCSD consider introducing pet-friendly facilities at Kwong Fuk Bridge Garden and Po Heung Bridge Sitting-out Area.

57. The Chairman suggested that a joint visit be conducted with LCSD staff to examine whether there were suitable locations for introducing the relevant facilities.

(Post-meeting note: The LCSD responded after the meeting that it would study and consider the suggestion of introducing pet-friendly facilities at Kwong Fuk Bridge Garden and Po Heung Bridge Sitting-out Area.)

58. Mr. WU Cheuk-him hoped that all the proposed items would be evenly distributed along the banks on both sides of Lam Tsuen River instead of mainly providing them in the vicinity of the footbridge at Tai Po Centre Phase 4.

59. The Chairman believed that it would be easier for Members to understand if the locations of the different items could be shown on a map. The Secretariat would discuss with the works departments and consolidate the information.

(Post-meeting note: The facilities map was at Annex I to TPDC Paper No. 24/2024)

60. Mr. MUI Siu-fung suggested setting out the follow-up departments for each item in the captioned paper, revitalising the underside of the bridge, and taking public transport modes in Hong Kong as the design theme of rain shelters.

61. The Chairman said that the follow-up departments for each item had already been set out in the captioned paper. It was mentioned in item (vi) of the captioned paper that the decoration arrangements for the underside of the bridge would be discussed by the WG, and it was hoped that Members could make concrete suggestions to assist in identifying the follow-up departments.

62. Mr. LEE Man-kit said that the relevant department had yet to find materials to repair the granite along the banks on both sides of Lam Tsuen River, and suggested that it should improve the situation there as soon as possible.

63. Mr. WAN Koon-kau suggested modelling on the “Next Station: Lam Tsuen River” rain shelter to use MTR train compartments as the design theme of rain shelters on both sides of Lam Tsuen River.

64. The Chairman said that the Secretariat would continue to follow up with the relevant departments. The WG would have in-depth discussion on the beautification along the banks on both sides of Lam Tsuen River and the setup of a heritage trail.

#### **IV. Reports of Committees under the TPDC**

(TPDC Paper No. 23/2024)

65. The Chairman said that seven co-opted members had joined the committees of the DC. The Secretariat had held a briefing for the co-opted members last week to introduce the functions of DCs, the duties of co-opted members, the conduct expected and ethics, the requirements for registration and declaration of interests, as well as the procedure of meetings and Standing Orders. She and chairmen or vice-chairmen of the committees were present to meet with the co-opted members. She hoped that members of the committees would work hand-in-hand to build a harmonious community for the benefits of local residents. The list of co-opted members of the committees was as follows:

Mr. LEONG Chung-ming	District Facilities and Works Committee
Ms. CHAN Ching-yin	Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee
Mr. CHENG Sze-wang	Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee
Mr. YIP-yan	Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee
Mr. MEI Di-wen	Traffic and Transport Committee
Ms. LAU Shui-ping, Daisy	Social Welfare, Housing and Development Planning Committee
Ms. WONG Yan-yan, Jannie	Social Welfare, Housing and Development Planning Committee

### **District Facilities and Works Committee**

66. Ms. WONG Pik-kiu reported that the fourth meeting in 2024 of the District Facilities and Works Committee was held on 3 July 2024, and the discussions on major items were set out in the paper. Members noted the contents of the report.

### **Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee**

67. Mr. CHAN Siu-kuen reported that the fourth meeting in 2024 of the Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee was held on 3 July 2024, and the discussions on major items were set out in the paper. Members noted the contents of the report.

### **Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee**

68. Mr. CHAN Cho-leung reported that the fourth meeting in 2024 of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee was held on 4 July 2024, and the discussions on major items were set out in the paper. Members noted the contents of the report.

### **Traffic and Transport Committee**

69. Mr. MUI Siu-fung reported that fourth meeting in 2024 of the Traffic and Transport Committee was held on 4 July 2024, and the discussions on major items were set out in the paper. Members noted the contents of the report.

### **Social Welfare, Housing and Development Planning Committee**

70. Mr. LO Hiu-fung reported that the fourth meeting in 2024 of the Social Welfare, Housing and Development Planning Committee was held on 5 July 2024, and the discussions on major items were set out in the paper. Members noted the contents of the report.

## **V. Any other business**

71. Mr. LEE Hon-cheung suggested stepping up publicity before the National Day that a national flag must be returned to a designated collection point, and increasing the number of

designated collection points to avoid the public breaching the law inadvertently.

72. Ms. WONG Pik-kiu suggested that the HD allocate additional resources to decorate public housing estates for the Reunification and the National Day to spice up the festive atmosphere.

73. Mr. SHUM Ka-wai said that he would discuss the matters with relevant staff and make arrangements as far as possible.

74. Mr. LO Hiu-fung would like to know whether an idle government site near Chong San Road Public Toilet had been re-tendered.

75. Mr. TSUI Chun-sing said that the TPDO was preparing to re-tender the site concerned.

76. Mr. LO Hiu-fung asked about the time of the tender exercise, whether there were already contractors bidding for the site, the number of parking spaces, the ratio of parking spaces for large vehicles to those for private vehicles, and the duration of the tenancy. Moreover, there were many people (including street sleepers and foreign domestic helpers) gathering at the MTR Tai Po Market Station (“TPM Station”), and he hoped that the relevant departments would remind them not to litter. A member of the public reflected that he/she had witnessed someone suspected to be taking drugs there. He asked whether the SWD had followed up on the situation.

77. The Chairman said that the TPDO took the recovery arrangements of national flags very seriously and would contact district organisations organising activities after the Reunification Day and the National Day. The major events of the Reunification Day and the National Day were held at Tai Po Community Hall (“TPCH”) and the designated collection point for national flags was also located on the ground floor of TPCH. The TPDO would review whether there was a need to provide additional collection points.

78. Mr. TSUI Chun-sing said that the tender information would be provided after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: The LandsD handed over the information to the Member concerned on 22 October 2024.)

79. Ms. FUNG Man-yu, May, said that the Integrated Services Team for Street Sleepers had approached six street sleepers at TPM Station and provided them with counselling and referral services, such as assistance in applying for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance or hostels. Nevertheless, the street sleepers chose to live on the streets for their own reasons, and departmental staff would offer them advice as far as possible and provide appropriate services.

80. Ms. WONG Yee-fang, Eva, said that the TD conducted joint operations at TPM Station Bus Terminus with other departments on a continuous basis to ensure normal operation of the bus

terminus and to maintain environmental hygiene. Regarding the overall operation of the bus terminus, the department would refer the matter to other departments for appropriate follow-up actions subject to actual needs.

**VI. Date of next meeting**

81. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 9:30 a.m. on 5 November 2024 (Tuesday).

82. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:02 noon.

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