

Minutes of the 2nd Meeting in 2025 of Tai Po District Council

Date: 4 March 2025 (Tuesday)

Time: 9:34 a.m. – 11:41 a.m.

Venue: Conference Room, Tai Po District Council

<u>Present</u>	<u>Time of Arrival</u>	<u>Time of Withdrawal</u>
<u>Chairman</u>		
Ms. CHAN Hau-man, Eunice, JP	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
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
<u>Secretary</u>		
Ms. HUEN Lai-yan, Sara	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. CHIU Man-kit	Assistant Police Community Relations Officer (Tai Po) / HKPF
Ms. FUNG Man-yu, May	District Social Welfare Officer (Tai Po / North) / Social Welfare Department
Mr. FUNG Hon-wa, Harris	District Leisure Manager (Tai Po) / Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”)
Mr. TAM Lai-ming	Chief Transport Officer (Atg.) / New Territories East / Transport Department (“TD”)
Mr. LAU Ka-wing, Kevin	Senior Town Planner / Tai Po 1 / Planning Department
Ms. CHENG Nga-see, Ellen	Chief Engineer / N3 / Civil Engineering and Development Department (“CEDD”)
Mr. LIU Sin-hing, George	District Lands Officer / TP (District Land Office, Tai Po (“TPDLO”)) / Lands Department (“LandsD”)
Mr. TSUI Chun-sing	Administration Assistant / Lands / TPDLO / LandsD
Ms. SZETO Hau-yan, Esther	Chief Manager / Management (TNS) / Housing Department
Ms. PONG Kei	Senior District Engineer / North East / Highways Department (“HyD”)
Mr. MA Hing-sum, Patrick	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Tai Po) / Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (“FEHD”)
Miss FAN Wing-man	Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control) Tai Po 2 / FEHD
Ms. SIOW Ying-hung, Bonnie	Chief School Development Officer (Tai Po) / Education Bureau
Mr. KWOK Chun-chai, Johnny	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
Miss MAN Fung-yee, Stella	Liaison Officer (7) / TPDO / HAD
Miss CHAN Sui-king, Madeline	Senior Executive Officer (District Management) / TPDO / HAD
Mr. CHOW Tsz-yan, Daniel	Executive Officer I (District Council) / TPDO / HAD

The Chairman welcomed District Council Members (“Members”) and representatives of government departments to the second meeting of the 7th Tai Po District Council (“TPDC”) in 2025.

I. Confirmation of the minutes of the 1st meeting in 2025 of TPDC on 7 January 2025



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. Follow-up on the improvement proposal for facilities on both sides of Lam Tsuen River
(TPDC Paper No. 7/2025)

3. Mr. CHOW Tsz-yan, Daniel, of TPDO went through the captioned paper.
4. Ms. WONG Pik-kiu's comments and questions were as follows:
 - (i) She suggested removing the granites near the trees on the roadside of the tested section so as to improve the consistency of the footpath surface; whereas the granites near the river bank were suggested not to be removed as they had minimal impact on pedestrians.
 - (ii) The brownish-black section of the resurfaced footpath had good anti-skid effect. She would like to know about the anti-skid effect of the new material used for the light grey section.
 - (iii) The contractor had failed to level the footpath surface properly after removing the damaged granites across the footpath. She hoped that the HyD would follow up on this.
 - (iv) Regarding the improvement works for the cycle track, the department had only repainted road markings on the surface and installed additional bollards, but had not upgraded the surface condition of the cycle track. In addition, to her understanding, the works carried out by the Water Supplies Department ("WSD") on the cycle track would be completed in 2026 but the department had not reported relevant project details to the District Council ("DC").
5. Mr. WU Cheuk-him's questions were as follows:
 - (i) Upon completion of the resurfacing of footpaths with a uniform material, if excavation was required to repair underground utilities in the future, he asked whether the HyD would require the contractor concerned to carry out resurfacing of footpaths with the same material.
 - (ii) He asked about the scope of the water mains works of WSD, as well as whether the HyD could avoid locations of the water mains works concerned and carry out re-painting works on the cycle track in sections.
 - (iii) As planters would be removed for the widening of footpaths, he asked whether it was feasible to install new planters outside the river bank.
 - (iv) He would like to know the timetable for the installation of barrier-free facilities.
 - (v) He would like to know the specific suggested locations for the provision of pet-

friendly facilities.

- (vi) He asked whether the department had studied the feasibility of using the space underneath the vehicular bridge for activities (e.g. setting up coffee shops, seats or stalls, etc.) to boost the local economy, as well as the provision of a heritage trail on both sides of Lam Tsuen River.
 - (vii) The department used different coloured materials to repair the damaged river banks in the past. He asked whether consideration would be given to standardising the style of river banks now.
6. Ms. CHAN Kin-kwan would like to follow up on the suggestions of setting up a heritage trail and providing vending machines and water dispensers on both sides of Lam Tsuen River.
7. Mr. MUI Siu-fung suggested resurfacing both the footpaths and cycle track at the same time would look more pleasant. In addition, as there were crowds of little egrets in the vicinity of the suggested location for building a new rain shelter, he was worried that bird droppings would make future cleansing and maintenance difficult. Given the fact that there were already trees shading the said location, the provision of rain shelter would not be of much practical use. As such, he had reservation on the selected location.
8. Mr. LI Wah-kwong, Rex, hoped that the departments concerned would identify suitable sites for the provision of pet gardens.
9. Ms. LOK Siu-luen suggested that additional public toilets (“PTs”) be provided on both sides of Lam Tsuen River. In addition, the department had been carrying out repairs in a piecemeal manner, resulting in uneven footpath surface which might be prone to accidents. Attention should be paid to the materials used for surface paving work as well as the subsequent maintenance work.
10. Mr. CHAN Pok-chi agreed with the arrangement of installing decorative lighting and installations along the river banks to beautify both sides, and suggested using distinctive activities in Tai Po and the “15th National Games” as the theme. He hoped that the Drainage Services Department (“DSD”) would monitor the water quality of Lam Tsuen River through the application of technology in future.
11. Ms. LEE Sai-yin, Jeanne, said that regarding the locations of footpath shown in Annex VII to the captioned paper, she suggested removing the planters along the slope and adjusting the position of railings so as to further widen the footpath surface for the convenience of the public. She also suggested the provision of pet gardens and hand-washing facilities.
12. Mr. CHAN Yung-wa suggested the provision of a pet garden and the adoption of the “user

pays” principle that users could book the venue for holding activities so as to increase resources for facility maintenance and providing better services.

13. Mr. WONG Wai-tung asked whether uniform materials would be used for resurfacing the footpaths on both sides of Lam Tsuen River upon completion of the footpath material testing. As the department had used materials of different colours and texture to repair the river banks of Lam Tsuen River that had been washed away by heavy rain in the past, he suggested that the department consider installing decorations to give the river banks a uniform appearance. In addition, he asked whether only the three planters marked in the photo at Annex VII to the captioned paper would be removed, and whether the trees in between the planters would be removed and replanted elsewhere.

14. Mr. YU Chi-wing suggested providing an additional PT at the north side of Lam Tsuen River.

15. Mr. LEE Hon-cheung suggested developing the low-altitude economy. For instance, visitors could order food and drinks over their mobile phones when taking a walk along both sides of Lam Tsuen River and then collect them at designated locations, thereby providing convenience to the public and boosting the local economy.

16. Mr. LEE Man-kit suggested resurfacing the cycle track from the Spiral Lookout Tower (“Tower”) to the dam in Upper Lam Tsuen River with a uniform material modelled on Ma On Shan Promenade, as well as providing additional pet-friendly facilities in the vicinity of Yuen Shin Park and Tai Po Old Market Playground.

17. Mr. LO Hiu-fung suggested providing additional barrier-free facilities at Po Heung Bridge Sitting-out Area (“SOA”) and a pet garden near Wong Siu Ching Clinic and Tai Po Tung Cheong Street Leisure Building (“Leisure Building”). He opined that even with the upgrading of hardware, it would not be able to attract pedestrian flow if the water quality of Lam Tsuen River was poor or foul odour was emitted therefrom. As such, government departments had to strengthen monitoring of the water quality of Lam Tsuen River and take prosecution actions, such as regulating illegal connection of sewers to the river channel.

18. Mr. MAK Shing-ho, Gary, suggested that additional signs be installed at the crossings of the cycle tracks on both sides of Lam Tsuen River to remind pedestrians to pay attention to bicycles when crossing the cycle tracks and cyclists to slow down.

19. Ms. WONG Pik-kiu would like to know whether the department had densely installed additional dog excreta collection bins (“DECBS”) along Tai Wo Road in response to public request, as well as the cleansing frequency of the facilities. She suggested displaying the telephone numbers of the cleansing contractor and the responsible department on the DECBS to

facilitate prompt handling of complaints.

20. Mr. WU Cheuk-him asked the LCSD about the water quality of Lam Tsuen River and whether the river environment was suitable for water sports activities.

21. The Chairman responded as follows:

- (i) The planters beside the proposed widening of footpath in the paper were located on general government land. If the public opinions received and collected by Members supported the removal of planters for widening the footpath, the Works Section of TPDO could follow up on this through the District Minor Works (“DMW”) Programme. The relevant works did not involve tree removal or replanting.
- (ii) Regarding the provision of additional barrier-free facilities, the Works Section of TPDO was conducting a feasibility study on the suggestion of providing additional barrier-free facilities to connect the Leisure Building and the footpaths on both sides of Lam Tsuen River.
- (iii) Regarding the addition of a distinctive rain shelter, the Works Section of TPDO had commenced the feasibility study and advance preparations for the provision of a new distinctive rain shelter. The Chairman asked Members to give their views on the location of the distinctive rain shelter, as well as to conduct a site visit.
- (iv) In addition, regarding the suggestion of installing decorative lighting along the river banks, the Chairman invited Members to put forward suggestions on the location and design of decorative lighting installations. As the DMW Programme did not cover lighting installations, consideration had to be given to the relevant operational arrangements.

22. Miss MAN Fung-ye, Stella, of TPDO responded as follows:

- (i) Regarding the proposal to provide additional barrier-free facilities to connect the Leisure Building and the footpaths on both sides of Lam Tsuen River, the Works Section of TPDO would conduct site visits and discussions with the DSD, and study how the plan design and the proposed flood wall works would complement the provision of additional barrier-free facilities. The TPDO would report to Members on the timetable for the works upon reaching a consensus with the DSD.
- (ii) The proposed location of the distinctive rain shelter was only a preliminary suggestion. Members were welcome to provide suggestions on the location of the additional distinctive rain shelter, and a site visit would be conducted with Members after the meeting.

23. Ms. PONG Kei of HyD responded as follows:

- (i) The HyD was a works department and its main functions included the construction and maintenance and repair of public roads and ancillary road facilities under its purview, and carrying out district improvement works for public roads as required by the TD. The HyD attached great importance to the repair and maintenance of its public roads and ancillary road facilities, and deployed staff to carry out regular inspections of public roads in the district so as to carry out road repair and maintenance works in a timely manner. After the meeting, the department would consult relevant Members about the situation and follow up with them on the locations with unsatisfactory remedial effect.
- (ii) Before the HyD carried out road maintenance works, its contractors were required to consider and balance factors such as the need for the works, road closure arrangements, road safety, impact on the public and so on, so as to work out the temporary traffic arrangements that had to be put in place during the works period, and to obtain the approval of the relevant departments before commencement of the works. As such, she asked for Members' understanding in this regard if the works caused any inconvenience to the public.
- (iii) The department understood Members' views on the resurfacing of footpath section under test, but reiterated that the materials under test would need to be monitored for a period of time (including both winter and summer) under different weather and environmental factors to review their effectiveness, and a long-term improvement plan would be formulated upon completion of the review. The department would also prioritise the repair and maintenance work based on the availability of resources and status of public road facilities.
- (iv) As regards short-term improvements, the HyD had earlier commenced works to remove defective and loose granites across the footpaths, which would be completed by the end of March 2025.

24. In reply to the response of HyD, the Chairman responded as follows:

- (i) Different areas in the district were under the charge of different departments and the TPDO was more than willing to co-ordinate. If there were ambiguities in co-ordination among departments, they could be followed up at the meetings of District Management Committee. She did not wish to see that the division of work among departments would affect the improvement of district services and facilities. The improvement of facilities on both sides of Lam Tsuen River was a key project designated by the TPDC, and she hoped that the department would understand its importance and co-operate in terms of resources.

- (ii) The HyD mentioned at other meetings that the footpath improvement works would be carried out in the 18 districts. It was hoped that the department would consider allocating resources to include the footpaths and cycle tracks along Lam Tsuen River in the improvement works so that the works arrangements and resources could be made available as soon as possible.
- (iii) This agenda item would be followed up regularly at the TPDC meetings. The HyD would continue to be invited to attend the meetings to report on the progress of the relevant project.

25. Ms. PONG Kei of HyD responded as follows:

- (i) She would reflect to the department the keen concern and expectation of the TPDC on the resurfacing of footpaths on both sides of Lam Tsuen River.
- (ii) Regarding the painting works on the surface of the cycle track, as the WSD was carrying out water mains works on the cycle track concerned, the HyD had to follow up on the application for temporary traffic arrangements for the commencement of the relevant painting works upon completion of the works. The HyD would closely liaise with the WSD and explore whether mutual co-ordination could allow the HyD to commence painting works on some sections of the track as early as possible.

26. Ms. CHENG Nga-see, Ellen of CEDD responded as follows:

- (i) In September 2023, part of the river bank of Lam Tsuen River was damaged by heavy rainstorms. For safety sake, the department hoped to carry out repair works as soon as possible. As such, the department just used what was readily available and reused the original stone materials that were usable at that time to set up the river bank facing the footpath, and restored the river bank facing the river by other stone materials so that the appearance and colour of the river bank were different from that of the original stone materials. The department was aware of the situation and was exploring ways to enhance the overall appearance of the river bank by, say, applying a coating on the stone materials to make the river bank uniform in colour and improve the overall appearance. The department would report to Members when further information was available.
- (ii) The CEDD had been assisting the DSD to carry out regular depth surveys and inspections at Lam Tsuen River (from Kwong Fuk Bridge to the river outfall) in Tai Po, with a view to carrying out dredging works when necessary. The department inspected the condition of the river bed of Lam Tsuen River in April 2024 and would conduct the next inspection in April this year to examine whether

there was a need to clear the sediments or carry out dredging, and would share the results with TPDC upon completion of the inspection. Apart from regular inspections, departmental staff would also carry out special inspections after the Black Rainstorm Warning, Gale or Storm Signal No. 8 or above was hoisted to check whether there was any siltation in the river. In addition, the department had scheduled another inspection of the condition of the river banks in September 2025 and would carry out repairs if any damages to the river banks were found.

27. In response to the Chairman's enquiries about the frequency of water quality sampling and related work, and the feasibility of installing planters outside the river bank, Ms. Ellen CHENG of CEDD responded as follows:

- (i) It was a common practice to overhang planters on river bank with stabilizing devices. She considered the suggestion feasible, and would discuss with the responsible officers about this and discuss with Members on the design details if necessary.
- (ii) The department would conduct a survey on the depth of sediments in the river bed once every two years. She would follow up with relevant departments after the meeting on information on water quality sampling.

28. The Chairman said that Members were very concerned about the thickness of river sediments and water quality, and suggested that the CEDD could increase the frequency of water quality tests. To her understanding, the department would take water samples once every two months. She hoped that the department would provide more detailed information on the issue at the next meeting, such as when the test reports would be issued after the water samples had been taken and the meaning of different levels of water quality, etc., so as enable Members to have better understanding of the issue.

29. Mr. MA Hing-sum, Patrick, of FEHD responded as follows:

- (i) Regarding the proposal to build additional PTs on both sides of Lam Tsuen River, the Environment and Ecology Bureau ("EEB") had received a referral on the proposal from the Legislative Council Secretariat last year and the EEB had given response at that time. Before considering the construction of PTs, the Government would take into account the utilization rate, required land, feasibility, as well as views of nearby residents, the local community and DC. At present, the FEHD had provided eight PTs in the vicinity of Lam Tsuen River, namely Tai Po Plaza PT, Tai Po Centre PT, Pak Shing Street PT, Kam Shan Road PT, Shui Wai PT, Fong Ma Po PT, San Uk Tsai Village PT and Tong Min Tsuen PT. In the vicinity of Lam Tsuen River, there were also toilets in various public facilities (for

example, Tung Cheong Street Sports Centre, Tai Wo Sports Centre, Plover Cove Road Mini-Soccer Pitch, Tai Po Old Market Playground, Tai Po Civic Centre, Tai Po Waterfront Park, Yuen Shin Park and Yuen Chau Tsai Park, etc.) and shopping centres for public use. Taking into account the fact that a large number of toilets had already been provided on both sides of Lam Tsuen River for public, the bureau would not consider providing permanent PTs thereat for the time being. The bureau had indicated that if there was an urgent need, consideration could be given to the provision of portable toilets, and the locations of which should be convenient for cleansing and washing by desludging vehicles.

- (ii) The locations of the existing DECBs were added as a result of the improvement proposal for the facilities on both sides of Lam Tsuen River, generally based on the observation of departmental staff that there were more dog owners in the area. There was no special requirement on the locations of DECBs. Members were welcome to make suggestions and the department would relocate the DECBs as well as adjust their total number in the light of their views. At present, the DECBs were printed with FEHD logo so that they would not be confused with those of other departments, and the cleansing contractor would clean the bins once a day. The department would consider affixing stickers of FEHD hotline and telephone numbers of its district office on the bins to facilitate the public in making suggestions for improvement or lodging complaints.

30. In response to the Chairman's enquiry about the provision of washing facilities for pets, Mr. Patrick MA of FEHD said that the department normally did not provide individual water pipes on the streets for the public to wash their hands and such facilities were usually provided only in PTs.

31. The Chairman said that the department could conduct a site visit with Members after the meeting to find out which departments were currently providing similar government facilities and how they were managed.

32. Mr. FUNG Hon-wa, Harris, of LCSD responded as follows:

- (i) The department was open to the provision of pet gardens and pet sharing facilities on both sides of Lam Tsuen River. For instance, consideration could be given to converting Kwong Fuk Bridge Garden, Po Heung Bridge SOA and Nam Wan Road SOA into Inclusive Parks for Pets. In an Inclusive Park for Pets, members of the public could bring along their dogs on leashes or leads to share the park facilities with their pets. As for a pet garden, the department would fence off an open space so that pets could move around freely within the open space without leashes. As the pet garden would also be equipped with relevant ancillary facilities (e.g. hand-

washing facilities), the department would need to examine whether there was a suitable location for converting the venue into a pet garden. The department welcomed Members to provide opinions and join in a site visit to identify suitable locations.

- (ii) Water sports activities (such as water cycling, hiring of boats) on the river required consideration of various aspects, such as the depth of the river bed which was affected by the tides, river traffic, other users on the river and other ancillary facilities (such as means of storing the boats in a safe area, suitable locations for landing and picking up of the boats), land use and utilisation of resources, etc. As such, the suggestion would require a longer time for detailed consideration, and the department would closely monitor the situation and consult other departments as necessary.
- (iii) If other departments provided suitable hardware (such as flowerbeds and drainage ancillary facilities) along Lam Tsuen River, the LCSD would be more than happy to collaborate in caring for such plants. The department was open to the removal of planters on both sides of Lam Tsuen River.

33. The Chairman asked Members and the LCSD to follow up on the issue of pet gardens and Inclusive Parks for Pets, and looked forward to the reporting on the progress at the next meeting.

34. Mr. LAM Yick-kuen thanked the departments for their assistance and hoped that the improved Lam Tsuen River would bring a refreshing change to the public, but understood that it would be very hard to secure funding. As the provision of additional PTs would require consideration of resources and location, he suggested that detailed consideration be given to the feasible locations for the provision of PTs along Lam Tsuen River. As the HyD was very professional and experienced, he believed that it could provide the most suitable materials for paving the path surface. He also pointed out that the area along Lam Tsuen River enjoyed a high degree of greening, and the removal of planters could widen the footpath and make the landscape more open. He suggested that compensation be made by other means such as hanging planters instead.

35. Mr. WAN Koon-kau said that apart from the enhancement of Lam Tsuen River, the departments should incorporate economic principles in devising ways to attract residents and visitors, such as planting flowering trees on both sides of the river. Moreover, he suggested that the footpaths on both sides of Lam Tsuen River and the pavement of Tai Po Waterfront Park be standardised as they would appear to be more pleasant.

36. Mr. MUI Siu-fung said that it was shown at Annex VIII to the captioned paper that the proposed wheelchair access was not suitable to be located at the outer periphery of the lift due to

the presence of an electrical box and the need for wheelchairs to pass through the outer footpath to use the ramp. He suggested that a ramp directly connecting to the footpath at the location of the entrance/exit of the lift would be more convenient for wheelchair users. In addition, he suggested using a mode of transport not commonly found in the New Territories and Kowloon (such as tram or peak tram) as the theme of the future distinctive rain shelter. He understood that the HyD would face various difficulties in carrying out the works, but he believed that the department was capable of resolving the problems expeditiously.

37. The Chairman said that the Works Section of TPDO would review the location of the proposed wheelchair access and make appropriate adjustments. Consideration had also been given to adopting “sea, land and air” (such as The Star Ferry and aeroplane) as the theme of the distinctive rain shelter, and liaison had been made with operators of other modes of transport (including tram) to provide accessories and spare parts for the distinctive rain shelter.

38. Mr. LO Hiu-fung hoped that the departments could actively co-operate with each other to overcome the difficulties and work together to develop both sides of Lam Tsuen River into a tourist attraction with special characteristics to attract people in the district and visitors. He asked the LCSD to provide data on the utilisation rates of Nam Wan Road SOA and Kwong Fuk Bridge Garden for reference at the next meeting, so that consideration could be given to converting the less utilised venue into an Inclusive Park for Pets. In addition, he suggested that the water quality of Lam Tsuen River be monitored more frequently and data be provided to Members on a regularly basis to explore ways to improve the water quality progressively.

(Post-meeting note: The LCSD added that Nam Wan Road SOA and Kwong Fuk Bridge Garden were park facilities open to the public at all times, and there were not many people gathering in the SOA and Garden during day-to-day observation, except for morning walkers, but the LCSD did not have data on the utilisation rate of the said park facilities. The LCSD was open and proactive in opening up more venues under its management for use as Inclusive Parks for Pets to meet the public demand for access to parks with their pets.)

39. Ms. WONG Pik-kiu considered it unreasonable that new materials for paving footpaths had to be tested throughout rainy seasons, windstorms and river flooding before implementation, and hoped that the HyD would review the necessity of such a practice or explore other feasible options. She understood but was disappointed that the department had not proceeded with the resurfacing of the entire footpath due to resource constraints, and hoped that the department would do its best to provide assistance and bring good news to the TPDC.

40. Mr. LEE Man-kit said that many people would let their dogs out at Kwong Fuk Bridge Garden, Po Heung Bridge SOA and Nam Wan Road SOA for a walk, and suggested that additional pet sharing facilities could be provided at these venues. In addition, he suggested that more decorations or exhibitions to celebrate the National Day be provided at the Tower, and that the

installations at Kwong Fuk Road roundabout and Lam Tsuen roundabout be improved.

41. On the suggestion of festive lighting, the Chairman said that at present, the lighting on the Tower would be turned on at night, and she asked the LCSD to review how to further optimise it. There would be lighting installations at the above roundabouts during festive seasons, and that consideration could be given to installing other installations through the DMW Programme. The TPDO would follow up with Members on the suggestion after the meeting.

42. Mr. LEE Hon-cheung said that he could contact Professor JIM Chi-yung of the Education University of Hong Kong to enquire if he could provide advice in his personal capacity on suitable tree species to be planted on both sides of Lam Tsuen River. Furthermore, he would be pleased to assist in liaising with operators of modes of transport to take forward the provision of distinctive rain shelter.

43. The Chairman thanked Members for their assistance, and staff of the LCSD and relevant works section would follow up with Members on the matter. Moreover, the suggestion of a heritage trail raised by Members earlier could be followed up through the DMW Programme. The TPDO would discuss with Members after the meeting on the suitable location.

44. Ms. Jeanne LEE commended the LCSD for considering the suggestion of providing additional Inclusive Park for Pets or pet garden at Nam Wan Road SOA and Po Heung Bridge SOA. She also suggested that reference could be made to the Hong Kong Science Park by simply fencing off the grassland for use by pets. It would be more convenient for the public and dog owners if water tank facilities could be provided on both sides of Lam Tsuen River.

45. The Chairman said that this agenda had been fully followed up and discussion, and individual items requiring follow-up would be reported at the next meeting.

III. Reports of Committees and Working Group under TPDC **(TPDC Paper No. 8/2025)**

District Facilities and Works Committee

46. Ms. WONG Pik-kiu reported that the first meeting in 2025 of the District Facilities and Works Committee was held on 8 January 2025, and the discussions on major items were set out in the paper. Members noted the contents of the report.

Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee

47. Mr. CHAN Siu-kuen reported that the first meeting in 2025 of the Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee was held on 8 January 2025, 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

48. Mr. CHAN Cho-leung reported that the first meeting in 2025 of the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee was held on 9 January 2025, and the discussions on major items were set out in the paper. Members noted the contents of the report.

Traffic and Transport Committee

49. Mr. MUI Siu-fung reported that the first meeting in 2025 of the Traffic and Transport Committee was held on 9 January 2025, 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

50. Mr. LO Hiu-fung reported that the first meeting in 2025 of the Social Welfare, Housing and Development Planning Committee (“SHDC”) was held on 10 January 2025, and the discussions on major items were set out in the paper. Members noted the contents of the report.

Working Group on Boosting Local Economy

51. Mr. LAM Yick-kuen reported that the first meeting in 2025 of the Working Group on Boosting Local Economy was held on 7 January 2025, and the discussions on major items were set out in the paper. Members noted the contents of the report.

IV. Any other business

52. Mr. LO Hiu-fung suggested that matters relating to the public housing development at To Yuen Tung be followed up by the SHDC, and relevant government departments (including the TD and CEDD) be invited to attend the meeting.

53. The TPDC meeting agreed to the arrangement.

V. Date of next meeting

54. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 9:30 a.m. on 6 May 2025 (Tuesday).

55. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Tai Po District Council Secretariat

April 2025