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Minutes of the 15th Meeting of Coastal Affairs Committee (1/18-19)

Date: 4 May 2018

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Venue: Main Conference Room, Tsuen Wan District Office

Present:

Members

Ms LAM, Lam Nixie (Chairlady)

Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris (Vice Chairman)

Mr MAN Yu-ming, MH

Mr KOO Yeung-pong, MH

Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis

Mr CHAN Sung-ip, MH

Mr WONG Ka-wa

Mr WONG Wai-kit

Mr CHOW Ping-tim

Mr CHENG Chit-pun

Mr LO Siu-kit, MH

Mr TAM Hoi-pong

Government Representatives:

Mr CHOW Chun-hun, Gary

Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan), Tsuen Wan District Office

Mr MAK Shui-wing

Marine Manager/Licensing & Port Formalities (2), Licensing and Port Formalities Section, Marine Department

Ms TAM Ka-yan

Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing/Pest Control), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Mr CHUNG Tak-yau

Deputy District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) 1, Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Mr LEUNG Kam-man

Land Executive/Land Management 4 (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing), Lands Department

Miss TAI Tsz-yan, Angie

Executive Officer (Development), Tsuen Wan District Office

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat Representatives:

Miss LAM Siu-yung, Daisy

Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Tsuen Wan District Office

Mr WAN Chun-hei, Leo (Secretary)

Executive Officer (District Council) 3, Tsuen Wan District Office

Attendance by Invitation:

For discussion of item 2A

Mr WONG Chi-hung

Chief Engineer/W2, Civil Engineering and Development Department

Mr TSANG Lap-kei, Freddie

Senior Engineer/2 (W), Civil Engineering and Development Department

Mr HUEN Ming-hei, Edmund

Engineer/24 (W), Civil Engineering and Development Department

Mr LEE Wing-hang

Engineer, Ove Arup and Partners Hong Kong Limited

Absent:

Member

Mr LI Hung-por

The Meeting

I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairlady welcomed the Members and representatives from the government departments to the 15th meeting of the Coastal Affairs Committee (CAC).

2. The Chairlady said that Mr LI Hung-por was absent with apologies.

3. The Chairlady reminded Members that according to section 28 of the Tsuen Wan District Council Standing Orders unless otherwise agreed by the Chairlady, a Member might speak and make supplementary remarks once for each agenda item at the meeting. Each Member could speak up to three minutes each time.

II Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the Meeting held on 2.3.2018

4. The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously confirmed by Members without amendment.

III Item 2: Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

(A) Paragraphs 5 to 7 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 March 2018: 268RS - Cycle Track between Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun

5. The Chairlady welcomed the representatives from the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) and Ove Arup and Partners Hong Kong Limited (OAP) to the meeting, including:

- (1) Mr WONG Chi-hung, Chief Engineer/W2 (CE/W2) of the CEDD;
- (2) Mr TSANG Lap-kei, Freddie, Senior Engineer/2 (W) (SE/2(W)) of the CEDD;

- (3) Mr HUEN Ming-hei, Edmund, Engineer/24 (W) of the CEDD; and
- (4) Mr LEE Wing-hang, Engineer of the OAP.

6. CE/W2 of the CEDD and Engineer of the OAP briefed the CAC on the latest progress of the 268RS - Cycle Track between Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun, including the discussion on the progress of the Advance Works in the Legislative Council (LegCo), the design of the sitting-out area at the waterfront off Bayview Garden and the progress of the alignment of the phase 1 of the project.

(Note: Mr CHOW Ping-tim joined the meeting at 2:42 p.m.)

7. The views, enquiries and suggestions of Members were summarised as follows:
 - (1) he hoped that the works of the cycle track would commence within the current term of the District Council (DC) and part of the Advance Works would begin (Mr LO Siu-kit);
 - (2) he enquired the CEDD whether Members needed to give views on the design of bicycle parking spaces (Mr LO Siu-kit);
 - (3) he enquired the CEDD about the intended users and management of the bicycle parking spaces, and how the problem of the consistent occupation of bicycle parking spaces would be handled (Mr LO Siu-kit);
 - (4) they hoped that the CEDD would provide the relevant diagrams about the road sections of phase 1 of the project in future for Members' understanding (Mr LO Siu-kit and Mr CHENG Chit-pun);
 - (5) he worried that cyclists probably would not wheel their bicycles on the road section concerned in Ting Kau. He enquired the CEDD whether the cyclists who were reluctant to wheel their bicycles would be handed over to the Police for law enforcement. He hoped that the CEDD would pay more attention in dealing with the relevant procedures and administration if the CEDD could not alter the alignment of that section (Mr LO Siu-kit);
 - (6) he enquired whether the alteration of the driving lane at the section of Long Beach Gardens would involve the upward relocation of the driving lane on Castle Peak Road, and whether the pedestrian walkway would be retained (Mr CHENG Chit-pun);
 - (7) he enquired whether the driving lanes on Old Castle Peak Road would be affected if the bridge piers at the road section in Ting Kau were widened (Mr CHENG Chit-pun);
 - (8) he supported the CEDD to adopt the winning entries of the respective design competition for the design of bicycle parking spaces and hoped that more similar elements would be incorporated in the phases 1 and 2 of the project or other public works projects in order to engage the general public. As a member of a profession related to architectural design, he opined that a proper design for the toilets thereat was much required and hoped that the CEDD would pay more attention to the design in future (the Vice

Chairman);

- (9) phase 1 of the project was discussed in detail at previous CAC meetings and the direction was supported. He hoped that the CEDD could resolve the currently specified problems as soon as possible. He suggested that the CEDD should discuss with the CAC's Chairlady and Vice Chairman or Members concerned after obtaining more information, with a view to expediting the works including the early commencement of environmental impact assessment, etc. (the Vice Chairman);
- (10) he said that he had given his views on the management problem of bicycle parking spaces several times and hoped that the department responsible for the management of the bicycle parking spaces in future would take his views (Mr WONG Wai-kit);
- (11) at present, some public bicycle parking spaces were consistently occupied by unused bicycles. However, the departments did not clear them up as what had been done previously during the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games. He hoped that the departments concerned would stipulate the clear guidelines on management of bicycle parking spaces in future (Mr WONG Wai-kit);
- (12) he suggested that the departments concerned should consider setting up a simple registration system of bicycle parking spaces for identifying the users of the bicycle parking spaces and contacting these users when necessary. This would prevent the confusion arising from the use of bicycle parking spaces in future (Mr WONG Wai-kit);
- (13) he enquired whether the CEDD had formulated the works schedule for the phases 1 and 2 of the project (Mr KOO Yeung-pong);
- (14) she enquired the CEDD about how long it would take to commence the works after the fund allocation was discussed in the Public Works Subcommittee (PWSC) under the LegCo (the Chairlady);
- (15) some of the residents who initially supported the provision of the cycle track had become hesitant because of the nuisance brought by the indiscriminate parking of the rental bicycle since December 2017. Hence, she raised objection to the use of the bicycle parking spaces by rental bicycles and enquired how the problem could be tackled under the existing laws and regulations or whether legislative amendment was required to deal with the situation (the Chairlady);
- (16) he hoped that the CEDD would provide all the coloured diagrams of the Advance Works such as the design of the sitting-out area at the waterfront off Bayview Garden (Mr CHOW Ping-tim);
- (17) the design of the sitting-out area at waterfront off Bayview Garden would involve re-planning of the existing site. The redeveloped footpath would be very narrow. He anticipated that the pedestrians would not pass through the cycle practice area and could only walk along the coast. It seemed that there was a disproportion between the pedestrian walkway and

the cycle track. Hence, he expected that the site concerned would be very crowded in future and conflicts would probably arise among cyclists and between cyclists and pedestrians (Mr CHOW Ping-tim);

- (18) the CEDD should provide the draft plans of each part of the works for Members' duly discussion on the design and prevention of the operational problems in future (Mr CHOW Ping-tim);
- (19) he suggested that the CEDD should draw reference from the cycle practice area in Kowloon Bay provided by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD). The cycle practice area as provided should be more than just an open space for cyclists to practice and should meet the needs of beginners of cycling. Also, he suggested that the CEDD should provide practice routes therein (Mr WONG Ka-wa); and
- (20) he suggested that the CEDD should draw reference from the existing terms and conditions of hiring the lockers in sports grounds for the management of bicycle parking spaces and dealing with the bicycles which consistently occupied the bicycle parking spaces (Mr WONG Ka-wa).

(Note: Mr MAN Yu-ming left the meeting at 2:48 p.m.; Mr CHOW Ping-tim left the meeting at 2:58 p.m.)

8. CE/W2 of the CEDD responded as follows:

- (1) the bicycle parking spaces of both design would be constructed;
- (2) he confirmed that the alteration of the driving lane at the road section at Long Beach Gardens referred to the northward relocation of the driving lane of Castle Peak Road and retention of the pedestrian walkway;
- (3) the bicycle parking spaces of the cycle track would be managed by the Transport Department (TD) whereas the bicycle parking spaces of the cycle practice area would be managed by the LCSD. The Government had established the internal procedures on clearance of the bicycles which were parked at the parking spaces for more than 24 hours. The TD and LCSD could handle the issues related to the bicycle parking spaces properly;
- (4) the pedestrians were prohibited from walking on the cycle tracks under the existing laws and regulations;
- (5) as the focus of this meeting was to report on the Advance Works, the diagrams of phase 1 of the project were not further provided for Members. More diagrams would be provided for Members in the future reports on the phase 1 of the project;
- (6) the CEDD would send representatives to attend the CAC meetings when appropriate with a view to reporting on the progress of the project to Members accordingly;
- (7) he wished to have more discussions with Members in order to jointly solve the problems of the project and meet Members' expectation;

- (8) it was expected that the fund allocation of the Advance Works would be obtained in May 2018. It was hoped that the tendering procedure would be completed by the end of 2018 for contractors to commence the project;
- (9) he hoped that Members would understand that the CEDD had endeavoured to provide them with the information of the Advance Works; and
- (10) if the issues and concerns related to the phases 1 and 2 of the project could be solved, the CEDD would strive to commence the works concerned as soon as possible and would proceed to the design in phases by starting with the easier parts first. Although an exact works schedule was not available yet, the CEDD would actively seek to resolve the divergent views of the project at the earliest possible time to implement the project by phases.

9. Engineer of the OAP indicated that the cycle track was designed in compliant with the TD's guidelines. In general, the minimum width of a cycle track was four metres and a footpath with a minimum width of two metres would be provided beside the cycle track. The entire cycle track from Tsuen Wan to Tuen Mun would be designed according to this minimum standard. It could be seen that a footpath meeting the minimum width requirement had been reserved for public use.

10. The views, enquiries and suggestions of Members were summarised as follows:
 - (1) he thought that the Advance Works could proceed and he had called on members of the same political party to vote in support of the works next week (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
 - (2) he enquired whether more challenging facilities in addition to the flat ground would be provided in the cycle practice area. He suggested that the CEDD should consider providing directional signs in the cycle practice area in order to prevent casual cycling therein (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
 - (3) he stressed that he had reservations on other phases of the cycle track. He opined that the greatest obstacle encountered by the CEDD in taking forward the project was to comply with the TD's guidelines on the width of the cycle track and footpath. He hoped that the CEDD would consider narrowing the respective width. He would raise objection to the project if too many trees were felled (Mr TAM Hoi-pong); and
 - (4) the DC had prepared the precise minutes of the meetings that recorded the views of the CAC on the project. He hoped that the CEDD would work out a timetable for various procedures of the project such as the implementation of the project and the time opportune for making funding application, so as to avoid delaying the progress concerned due to a few unsolved problems or differences not yet narrowed (the Vice Chairman).

11. CE/W2 of the CEDD responded as follows:

- (1) the width of the cycle track and footpath was a result of seeking balance on the interest of various parties. The CEDD would consider the actual

- situation and would not blindly follow the TD's guidelines on design;
- (2) the CEDD wished to continue to take forward the cycle track project but it took time to optimise the various aspects and details of the design, such as the width of the cycle track and whether cyclists would need to wheel their bicycles, because these would affect the daily use of the cycle track users; and
 - (3) the cycle track adopted a relatively flat road design with markings aided identification because the cycle practice area should cope with the needs of children and parents.

12. SE/2(W) of the CEDD said that the directional signs and lanes would be provided in the cycle practice area to maintain order.

13. The Chairlady said she believed that all Members still supported the Advance Works at this stage. She hoped that the representatives from the CEDD would provide Members with more diagrams on the alignment of the phase 1 of the project when attending the next CAC meeting for Members' understanding and reference. Besides, she hoped that there would be a smooth discussion of the captioned item in the meeting of the PWSC under the LegCo scheduled for 9 May 2018. She hoped that the CEDD would immediately inform Members of the latest information of the project, if any, for follow-ups.

(B) Paragraphs 8 to 10 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 March 2018: Request for Relocation of Dangerous Vessel Berths at Rambler Channel to a Location Far Away from Residential Area to Eliminate Safety Hazard

14. The Chairlady stated that the Transport and Housing Bureau (THB) and Planning Department had submitted a written reply on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal.

15. Marine Manager/Licensing & Port Formalities (2), Licensing and Port Formalities Section of the Marine Department (MD) said that the MD agreed to the views given by the THB at the CAC meeting held on 1 September 2017 and the MD had nothing to add.

(C) Paragraphs 11 to 19 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 March 2018: Propose to Extend the Supply of Seawater for Flushing to Cover Tsing Lung Tau and Sham Tseng; and (D) Paragraphs 11 to 19 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 March 2018: Propose to Extend the Supply of Seawater for Flushing to Cover East and North Lantau, Sunny Bay and Ma Wan

16. The Chairlady said that the captioned items (C) and (D) fell within the same scope and would be discussed together. Besides, the Water Supplies Department (WSD) and Lands Department had submitted a written reply on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal.

17. The Vice Chairman said the WSD stated in its written reply that the WSD was conducting a review on the cost-effectiveness and it was expected that the result would be available in the second quarter of 2018. He hoped that the discussion of the captioned item would continue at the next CAC meeting, so that the WSD could report to the CAC after the result was available.

IV Item 3: Funds Allocation for Coastal Affairs Committee 2018/19
(CAC Paper No. 1/18-19)

18. The Secretary introduced the paper.

19. The CAC approved the funds allocation of DC Funds (Community Involvement Project) in 2018/19 as follows:

<u>Programme</u>	<u>*Allocation Available for Use (\$)</u>
(1) Working Group on Promoting the Image of the Coastal Area	0.00
(2) Working Group on Management of Facilities in the Coastal Area	216,000.00
	<u>Total: 216,000.00</u>

*The allocation included 5% deficit budget.

20. Members endorsed that the Secretariat was authorised to approve the applications made by the relevant organisations for the change of activity names, venues, dates and time according to the approved applications on their own initiative without making amendment to the approved financial budgets whereas the approved amounts of funds remained unchanged.

V Item 4: Work Progress Report of Working Groups under Coastal Affairs Committee

(A) Working Group on Promoting the Image of the Coastal Area

21. The Chairlady said that the Working Group and the Working Group on Management of Facilities in the Coastal Area had held the 3rd joint meeting on 17 April 2018 to discuss the work plans and financial arrangements of the two Working Groups for the current year. The Working Group opined that the outcome of the activity “Tsuen Wan Sea-front Night’s Dream Music Festival” co-organised by the two Working Groups last year was better than expected. Despite the cold weather with occasional rainfall during the activity, the concerts were well-received in a full house. Quite a number of residents were standing nearby to enjoy the concert. Besides, some residents said that as it was an outdoor activity without age restriction for admission, younger children could also enjoy the performance at the scene. Also, the Working Group had invited the members of the Harbourfront Commission (HC) to join the activity. The member of the HC who accepted the invitation opined that the

activity was comparable to the large-scale events organised by the then Regional Council and the pleasurable vibes from music were shared with the general public, and that the activity was in a more relaxed atmosphere when compared to the indoor activities. Hence, Members agreed to continue co-organising this activity with the Working Group on Management of Facilities in the Coastal Area in the current year to promote the image of the coastal area and build up the reputation of the Working Group. Hopefully, this activity would become an iconic event at the waterfront area in Tsuen Wan.

(B) Working Group on Management of Facilities in the Coastal Area

22. The Vice Chairman said that the Working Group and the Working Group on Promoting the Image of the Coastal Area had held the 3rd joint meeting on 17 April 2018. After discussion, Members agreed to continue co-organising the activity “Tsuen Wan Sea-front Night’s Dream Music Festival” with the Working Group on Promoting the Image of the Coastal Area this year and would consider extending the period of the activity and exploring the way to invite more local organisations to participate in the activity in future.

VI Item 5: Any Other Business

23. Members noted the contents of the following information papers:

- (1) Amount of Marine Floating Refuse collected by Marine Department in Tsuen Wan District
(CAC Paper No. 2/18-19);
- (2) Promotion and Anti-Marine Littering Operation in Tsuen Wan
(CAC Paper No. 3/18-19); and
- (3) Funds Allocation for the Coastal Affairs Committee Funds 2017-18
(CAC Paper No. 4/18-19).

VII Adjournment of Meeting

24. The Chairlady reminded Members that the next meeting was scheduled for 6 July 2018 and the deadline for submission of paper was 20 June 2018.

25. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat

24 May 2018