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Minutes of the 7th Meeting of Coastal Affairs Committee (5/16-17)

Date: 4 January 2017

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 LI Hung-por

Mr CHAN Sung-ip, MH

Mr WONG Ka-wa

Mr WONG Wai-kit

Mr KOT Siu-yuen

Mr CHOW Ping-tim

Mr CHENG Chit-pun

Mr LO Siu-kit

Mr TAM Hoi-pong

Co-opted Members

Mr CHUNG Ho-yin

Ms CHENG Choi-lin

Government Representatives:

Mr CHEUNG Ho-wing, Louis

Town Planner/Tsuen Wan 2, Tsuen Wan and West Kowloon District Planning Office, Planning Department

Mr CHUNG Tak-yau

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

Mr MAK Shui-wing

Marine Officer/Licensing and Port Formalities 2, Licensing and Port Formalities Section, Marine Department

Mr LEUNG Kam-man

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

Ms CHEUNG Tsz-yan

Health Inspector (Contract Management) 2, Cleansing and Pest Control Section (Tsuen Wan), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Mr LEE Shing-fai, Henry

Executive Officer (Development), Tsuen Wan District Office

Mr CHONG Kong-sang, Patrick

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

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat Representatives:

Ms 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 TSANG Lap-kee, Freddie	Senior Engineer 2 (NT West), Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr LEE Kit-fung, Peter	Engineer 14 (NT West), Civil Engineering and Development Department

Absent:

Members

Mr KOO Yeung-pong, MH
Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis

Co-opted Member

Ms SHING Yin-man

The Meeting

1. Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairlady welcomed the Members, Co-opted Members and government representatives to the 7th meeting of the Coastal Affairs Committee (CAC).

2. The Chairlady reported that Mr KOO Yeung-pong and Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis were absent with apologies.

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

II Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the Meeting held on 4.11.2016

4. Mr TAM Hoi-pong opined that paragraph 15(1) of the minutes of the last meeting was probably too concise and it did not reflect his dissenting views. He clarified that he had not listened to this part of the floor audio record of the meeting. However, as far as he could remember, although the majority of the Members had showed their support, there were at the same time a lot of concerns and some Members had raised an objection. Thus, he hoped that the Secretariat could record his dissenting views in greater detail, so that the departments concerned would not over-generalise the views of the Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC). He hoped that the Chairlady and the Secretariat would amend the sentence concerned.

5. The Chairlady invited Mr TAM Hoi-pong to propose the amendment to the minutes of the meeting. Mr TAM Hoi-pong suggested that the relevant sentence should be amended as “but there were Members who raised objection as well”.

6. The views and suggestions of Mr WONG Ka-wa, Mr LO Siu-kit, the Vice Chairman and the Chairlady were summarised as follows:

- (1) it was considered that the Secretariat should listen to the floor audio record of the meeting afterwards, so that the Member’s wordings could be recorded for his confirmation;
- (2) it was proposed that the sentence should be amended as “the project was supported by the majority of the Members”;
- (3) according to the procedures, Members who wished to make amendment to the minutes of the meetings should give notice to the Secretariat in advance for making preparations accordingly and should propose the amendment if possible. Therefore, it was suggested that the Secretariat should listen to the floor audio record of the meeting for clarification before a decision was made; and
- (4) the sentence under discussion was about the preliminary works on the section of the cycle track between the Riviera Gardens and Belvedere Garden. There was no objection from Members in general as recalled, but concerns were raised on the designs and alignment of phases 1 and 2 of the project. Therefore, it was inclined to the arrangement that let the Secretariat listen to the floor audio record of the meeting for clarification before a decision was made, if such an arrangement was in compliance with the rules of DC.

7. Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan) (ADO(TW)) of the Tsuen Wan District Office (TWDO) suggested that the CAC should confirm the minutes of the meeting except for the sentence Mr TAM Hoi-pong wished to amend, so that the departments that needed to take follow-up actions could make reference to the minutes of the meeting. The amendment to the part proposed by Mr TAM Hoi-pong would be dealt with after the Secretariat had listened to the floor audio record of the meeting.

8. Members confirmed the minutes of the meeting except paragraph 15(1), which Mr TAM Hoi-pong wished to amend. The Chairlady said that the sentence in question would be dealt with and confirmed at the next CAC meeting after the Secretariat had listened to the floor audio record of the meeting and clarifications were made.

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

(A) Paragraphs 6 to 17 of the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2016: 268RS-Cycle track between Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun

9. The Chairlady welcomed the representatives from the Civil Engineering Development Department (CEDD) to the meeting, including:

- (1) Mr TSANG Lap-kee, Freddie, Senior Engineer 2 (NT West) (SE/2(NTW)) of the CEDD; and
- (2) Mr LEE Kit-fung, Peter, Engineer 14 (NT West) of the CEDD.

10. SE/2(NTW) of the CEDD reported as follows:

- (1) The CEDD had received Members' views from various perspectives at the last CAC meeting. The majority of Members supported the preliminary works of the cycle track be continuously processing. Regarding phases 1 and 2 of the project, the CEDD hoped that the relevant preliminary plans could be refined gradually in response to Member' views in a comprehensive manner;
- (2) the CEDD had all along been performing relevant tasks and would continue to secure resources, so that the project could be launched as soon as possible;
- (3) regarding phase 1 of the project, the CEDD noted at the last CAC meeting that Members had different views on every section of cycle track and the preliminary plans. There were views that the cycle bridge should be close to the Castle Peak Road as far as possible. Meanwhile, it was agreed that the locations of some sections of the cycle track along the alignment should be at the height level different from that of Castle Peak Road and Tuen Mun Road;
- (4) the CEDD would take Members' views into consideration and conduct the feasibility study on specific locations proposed in order to determine the more feasible option. To tie in with the option, the CEDD would study the corresponding arrangements for the preceding and subsequent road sections of the locations concerned;
- (5) regarding phase 2 of the project, the CEDD had gauged various views from Members on the alignment from Sham Tseng to Tsing Lung Tau. There were also views that any form of reclamation should not be involved in the project. The CEDD noted Members' concerns and would consider making refinements to the respective plans; and
- (6) the CEDD would consider Members' views on the preliminary plan, work out the alignment in different stages and seek the views from the CAC again when appropriate.

11. The views, enquiries and suggestions of Mr CHENG Chit-pun, Mr WONG Wai-kit and the Chairlady were summarised as follows:

- (1) it was enquired as to whether the CEDD had a timetable for the project, such as the time for provision of alignment or new information to the CAC;
- (2) it was enquired as to whether the preliminary works of the cycle track were completed by the CEDD at this stage and the CEDD was waiting for funding allocation;
- (3) the cycle track project had been dragged on for quite a long time. Therefore, it was hoped that actual progress would be made and a practical timetable would be set to steer the project. Since the CAC meeting was held once every two months, it was undesirable when the information similar to those

submitted in previous meetings was reported to the CAC by the CEDD without new information. Also, it was difficult for Members to follow up and achieve in constructive discussions at the meetings;

- (4) it was learnt that the cycle track project was divided in phrases, namely, the preliminary works, phase 1 and 2 of the project and unlike that in the past, it would be dealt with by a team of staff members. Therefore, it was enquired as to whether the CEDD had set a preliminary timetable and whether the CAC could help in any way. As it had been a long time since the last public consultation, it was hoped that Members could conduct a consultation to seek resident's views in respect of the major project of cycle track;
- (5) the CEDD had been requested to report respectively on the progress of the preliminary works, phase 1 and 2 of the project at the last CAC meeting. The generalised approach adopted in the reports by the CEDD was undesirable. It was hoped that the CEDD would take follow-up actions;
- (6) if the fund allocation of preliminary works was pending, the CAC could follow up at the district council level or follow up with relevant departments, so that the project could be launched;
- (7) it was enquired as to whether there were any obstacles in the work progress of phases 1 and 2 of the project. The TWDC could provide assistance, for example, in conducting public consultation; and
- (8) a relatively detailed brief had been displayed by the CEDD at the last CAC meeting, where Members opined that it would be difficult for them to understand the whole issue immediately when too many brief were submitted by the CEDD in one go. Therefore, it was hoped that the CEDD would provide the brief used at the last CAC meeting for Members' perusal, so that a clear account of the project details and progress could be given by Members during communication with the residents of Tsuen Wan district as well as with other members of the public.

12. SE/2(NTW) of the CEDD responded as follows:

- (1) the CEDD had all along been performing various tasks on the preliminary works of the cycle track and would continue to secure resources for the tasks of the next stage. Regarding the design of the cycle track, the consultant company would continue with the related work;
- (2) after support was gained from the TWDC in July 2015, the revised alignment of the preliminary works was gazetted in March 2016 under the Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance (Chapter 370). Also, authorisation for implementation was given in June 2016. The CEDD had been taking up the related works to take forward the project;
- (3) as mentioned at the last CAC meeting Members' views were sought on certain preliminary plans for phases 1 and 2 of the project, but the specific timetable for launching the works of phases 1 and 2 of the project had not been confirmed for the time being. As a number of details were to be

confirmed, the CEDD hoped that the project details and specific timetable would be confirmed when the plans concerned had reached a more advanced stage. The preliminary works and the works of other phases of the project were expected to commence one after another;

- (4) it was agreed that the preliminary works of the cycle track had been discussed for a considerably long time. The CEDD would continue to strive for the implementation of the project as soon as possible;
- (5) it was learnt that phase 1 of the project was less controversial than phase 2 of the project. It was hoped that the CAC's views were sought after the preliminary plans were refined and streamlined;
- (6) the CEDD noted the views of some Members that individual sections of the cycle track should be prioritised in the study because the work in phase 1 of the project would be conducted for the cycle track of several kilometres. The CEDD would take such a direction into consideration and seek the CAC's views when appropriate; and
- (7) the CEDD needed to take time to refine and elaborate the details as appropriate in the preliminary plans as mentioned at the last CAC meeting. A development plan with greater detail would be formulated afterwards.

13. The views, enquiries and suggestions of Mr TAM Hoi-pong, the Vice Chairman and the Chairlady were summarised as follows:

- (1) the current mindset of the CEDD suggested that an independent cycle track of four metres would be built. It was reiterated that an objection was raised to the construction of Sham Tseng section of the cycle track;
- (2) a cycle track that could blend well with the existing pedestrian walkways was suggested by Members at the last CAC meeting to the CEDD. It was opined that the CEDD should not carry out the large-scale construction works when building an independent cycle track. It was also pointed out that the CEDD could take this direction into consideration in order to gain support from more citizens or from the citizens who were concerned about green issues and did not want to see the trees to be felled;
- (3) the livelihood of the people in the district, in particular that of those resided along the coastal area of Tsing Lung Tau and Sham Tseng, would probably be affected by the cycle track which was a major construction project. It was opined that the CEDD had been working behind closed doors after views were sought and Members were not even informed of the CEDD's decisions on the project design. It was indeed difficult for Members to release information about the progress of the project to the residents, which was not conducive to good communication with the general public;
- (4) it was opined that the CEDD should submit papers to the CAC, so that Members could discharge their duties and collect views in the district for the CEDD. It was suggested that the CEDD should consider submitting papers on cycle track sections that were more likely to be constructed, so that

Members could convey the substantive information to the residents as early as possible;

- (5) the CAC wished to push forward the progress of the project. Therefore, it was hoped that the CEDD would send representatives to join CAC meetings regularly and report to the CAC on the latest progress of the cycle track;
- (6) it was hoped that the latest progress of every section of the cycle track could be included in the report by the CEDD to the CAC, so that Members could provide timely assistance;
- (7) it was enquired as to whether the CEDD could provide the brief used in its report at the last CAC meeting because the brief were the concrete information for Members' perusal or explanation to the residents; and
- (8) it was emphasised that the TWDC wished to push forward the cycle track project substantively because the construction of the cycle track had been under discussion by another Committee of the last-term TWDC for four years but progress had not been learnt from the CEDD all along. Members were unable to discharge the duty on reporting to the residents when being asked about the progress. However, the staff of the CEDD seemed to be uninformed of the relevant information when Members made enquiries to them. Therefore, it was hoped that the CEDD would facilitate a smooth progression, so that progress could be made on the cycle track project.

(Note: Mr CHOW Ping-tim left the meeting at 2:55 p.m.)

14. SE/2(NTW) of the CEDD responded as follows:

- (1) the CEDD would consider the views on a blend-in cycle track for Sham Tseng section;
- (2) the CEDD needed to grasp Members' views on the preliminary plans of the cycle track as proposed by the CEDD. Before tendering the preliminary plans to the CAC, the CEDD had reassured of the viability of the preliminary plans at the departmental level upon conducting the relevant studies on the preliminary plans together with other departments for submission to the CAC. The preliminary plans of the cycle track were not devised solely by the CEDD behind closed doors without consultation with other departments;
- (3) there were different conditions in respective sections of the cycle track between Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun and no single plan or option could be applied to all the conditions. The CEDD needed to bring up the initial ideas for each section of the cycle track and discuss with relevant departments for formulation of the preliminary plans, followed by the feasibility study of these preliminary plans. After that, Members' views were to be compiled and solicited;
- (4) the number of options available varied from one section to another along the cycle track. Overall speaking, the number of all-inclusive options available might be less than expected because all sections of the cycle track were taken

into account to ensure that the entire cycle track could be put to use smoothly. Therefore, the options should not be revised lightly. When formulating these plans, the CEDD had done a lot of work together with other departments;

- (5) Members' views on the different preliminary plans from the last CAC meeting were under consideration by the CEDD;
- (6) improvement to the preliminary plans would be made by the CEDD in light of the current considerations, although there was no specific timetable for pushing ahead phase 1 and phase 2 of the project. The CEDD undertook to ensure that adequate consultation on the project would be conducted when the said timetable was set;
- (7) the CEDD was also earnestly looking forward to the timely implementation of the cycle track project and had all along been taking up the related tasks. Although there was not much updates in the progress report, the CEDD had been taking up the related work to ensure the progress of the project. Also, the CEDD had relayed Members' views raised at the meeting regarding the implementation of the preliminary works to the parties concerned;
- (8) as for the attendance of the staff of the CEDD in the CAC meeting regularly, the CEDD suggested that its representatives should only be sent to join the CAC meetings for seeking Members' views when further information on the project was available. It was also suggested that information on the progress should be submitted to the CAC in written form;
- (9) the CEDD would consider Members' views on the conduct of consultation on the sections in phase 1 of the cycle track project and would submit the information to the CAC timely; and
- (10) it was inappropriate to release the brief used by the CEDD at the last CAC meeting to Members because the preliminary plans stated in the brief were the preliminary information which might be subject to revision upon internal review. It was suggested that the brief should not be released to Members in order to avoid unnecessary misunderstanding.

15. The views and suggestions of Mr WONG Wai-kit were summarised as follows:

- (1) it was proposed at the last CAC meeting that consideration could be given to the adoption of shared pedestrian walkway for certain sections of the cycle track. However, Sham Tseng section was not mentioned at that time. It was mainly indicated from the views given at the last CAC meeting that the adoption of such an arrangement would be considered if a 4-metre wide cycle track could not be accommodated in the location concerned, including certain locations at Ting Kau section in phase 1 of the project where the daily pedestrian flow was not high;
- (2) it was noted that the CEDD had done many different tasks, but the work progress of the CEDD was not made known to the CAC, say, even after Members had given a number of suggestions. Worst of all, Members only realised at the last CAC meeting that many suggestions made by the

Members, such as alteration to Castle Peak Road and the pedestrian walkway, had already been discussed but found infeasible during the discussion between the CEDD and other departments. The CAC was not clear about the progress although the Transport Department had already communicated with the CEDD. Therefore, the Chairlady hoped that the CEDD would send representatives to join the CAC meetings regularly in order to report the updates to the Members;

- (3) it was suggested that the CEDD should submit the details of technical difficulties encountered in every small section of phase 1 of the cycle track project in stages to the CAC for discussion, so that Members could tender views or solutions to these difficulties; and
- (4) it was pointed out that the interaction between the CEDD and CAC was quite slow. It might take half a year, a year or even several years for the departments concerned to give response to the views given by the CAC. It was considered that some issues could lead to a change in public sentiments when time passed by. Therefore, it was hoped that the CEDD would persistently provide the progress of the related work to the CAC for discussion.

16. The Chairlady concluded as follows:

- (1) she opined that the CEDD had given the response unsatisfactorily. She hoped that the CEDD would send its staff to attend the CAC meetings regularly and that in the future, it would not necessarily take long to invite the CEDD to send its staff to attend the CAC meeting as it did for this CAC meeting;
- (2) it was learnt that the CEDD, a works department, would prioritise problem-solving and study the feasibility of the plans. However, the CEDD was required to conduct public consultation whenever the projects alike the cycle track project were carried out. In addition, by reporting its progress to the CAC, the CEDD would be able to get to know earlier whether the public views had been incorporated in its direction of consideration under Members' assistance; and
- (3) even if the CEDD's ideas were perfect, it was believed that the residents would still express both positive and negative views. Therefore, it was hoped that in the course of problem-solving by the CEDD, the CAC and CEDD could follow the rule of division of labour, viz. Members could dutifully report to the residents and the CEDD could carry out constructive work in a way that was more acceptable to the residents, thus averting the possible situation of attracting dissenting views when the relevant report was promulgated after a prolonged study.

17. SE/2(NTW) of the CEDD responded as follows:

- (1) it was agreed that the relationship between the works departments and the CAC should be closer. During the implementation of the projects, the CEDD would seek the CAC's views when appropriate in different stages and would take Members' views on project designs or arrangements into consideration;
- (2) he would pay attention to Members' views on the blend-in design for the cycle track; and
- (3) regarding the alignment of phase 1 of the project, the CEDD would consider providing the CAC with relevant information on individual sections of the cycle track.

18. The Chairlady thanked the CEDD for updating the CAC on the latest progress of the cycle track project. The CAC also hoped that the more effective ways would be adopted to work with the CEDD on the progress of the cycle track. She requested the CEDD to consider updating the CAC on the cycle track project at each CAC meeting.

IV Item 3: Work Progress Report of Working Groups under Coastal Affairs Committee

19. The Chairlady said that, as pointed out to Members earlier, the Working Groups under the CAC would carry out two projects respectively.

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

20. The Chairlady invited Members to refer to the draft of Promotion Booklet on Tsuen Wan Waterfront Promenade Activities (the Promotion Booklet), and briefed Members on the concepts and use of the Promotion Booklet. Tsuen Wan had a waterfront of good potential. The Working Group hoped that the waterfront would be further developed and more quality activities would be held at the waterfront. This would facilitate people from other districts to come to Tsuen Wan and people in the district would enjoy more frequently the facilities on the Tsuen Wan waterfront. The Promotion Booklet was in both Chinese and English. It introduced the TWDC's proposals on the activities that could be applied or held by the organisations at various locations. In addition, through preparing the Promotion Booklet jointly with the co-organised organisation, it was understood from the co-organised organisation that other organisations found that some locations in Tsuen Wan waterfront were interesting and activities could be held there. Also the information conducive to the promotion of Tsuen Wan waterfront was also compiled in the Promotion Booklet, such as the area and size of the locations and facilities nearby. Although the existing contents of the draft Promotion Booklet were relatively preliminary, she hoped that Members would read over them in the first place. The Working Group expected that the contents of the Promotion Booklet would be fully prepared in February this year. Members were welcome to put forward their views at or after this meeting. The Working Group would revise the Promotion Booklet by taking Members' views into consideration.

(Note: Mr KOT Siu-yuen left the meeting at 3:19 p.m.)

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

21. The Vice Chairman said that the Working Group and Hong Kong Public Space Initiative, a local organisation, would jointly organised the “Tsuen Wan Promenade Placemaking” project (the Placemaking project) this year. The Placemaking project was launched primarily in the form of activities which would be held during three weekends in January this year at three different places, including the waterfront of Tsuen Wan West, Anglers’ Beach and Pier as well as Tsing Lung Tau Pier and its waterfront. The details of the activities of the Placemaking project had been submitted to the CAC meeting for Members’ reference. These activities were more or less experimental in nature, which attempts would be made for the use of the space at the waterfront through different approaches and for different purposes, apart from the usual activities. These activities aimed at collecting residents’ views on the waterfront, for example, how to make use of the waterfront, so that more resident-oriented proposals could be made on coastal planning or management. The Vice Chairman hoped that Members would take part in these activities actively.

22. Mr WONG Wai-kit enquired about the details of the activities of the Placemaking project.

23. The responses and supplementary remarks of the Vice Chairman and the Chairlady were summarised as follows:

- (1) the Placemaking project was consisted of about ten activities. Static activities included “Sea • Phone” and “Pervious Paper”. For example, music playing facilities such as headphones and broadcast systems were installed at the promenade for “Sea • Phone”. Participants, if interested, could use the facilities, choose their favourite songs or try to feel the integration between the promenade and music;
- (2) the aim of the Placemaking project was to explore the types of activities which could be held on the promenade;
- (3) there were primarily three places at the Tsuen Wan waterfront. The waterfront of the urban area of Tsuen Wan, which was a main venue for Dragon Boat races, was used frequently. The Piers at Anglers’ Beach and Tsing Lung Tau were relatively less popular. In view of this, both dynamic and static activities under the Placemaking project would be held separately at the above-mentioned three places on three Saturdays and Sundays separately;
- (4) in regard to the static activities, as the pedestrian flow in the above-mentioned two piers was relatively low, it was hoped that some small-scale activities could be held at these piers in order to attract more members of the public. Dynamic activities such as “Infinity • Water pool” and “I am not just a Litter Bin” aimed at demonstrating the vibrancy and liveliness of these two

piers to the visitors who were encouraged to visit more often the different waterfronts in Tsuen Wan;

- (5) as the above activities were more special, compared with those held by the TWDC previously, arrangements would be made for volunteers to stay at the venues of the activities to record the participants' feedback on these novel activities and the number of participants of these activities;
- (6) Members would be given the promotion materials on Placemaking project after the meeting. It was hoped that Members could help distribute the materials to the residents and they would take part in activities held by the TWDC more actively;
- (7) both the Promotion Booklet and Placemaking project aimed at revitalising the Tsuen Wan waterfront, so that more activities could be held over there;
- (8) as there were dedicated staff for waterfront affairs in the Development Bureau (DevB), the Secretary for Development had been informed of the Placemaking project earlier. The DevB had indicated that it would send staff to join the activities of the Placemaking project; and
- (9) the CAC's target for the next year would be discussed with a view to making the Tsuen Wan waterfront more dynamic.

24. Mr LO Siu-kit considered that the activities were very good and he was in favour of organising the activities. He noted that the first activity of the Placemaking project would be held very soon on 7 January 2017. Therefore, he hoped that more publicity on the activities could be carried out for the owners' corporations. He also suggested that banners should be made and displayed in Tsuen Wan town centre in order to attract more citizens to join the activities. It was also noted that insurance had already been bought for these activities.

(Note: Mr MAN Yu-ming left the meeting at 3:25 p.m.)

25. The supplementary remarks of the Chairlady and the Vice Chairman were summarised as follows:

- (1) as the activities were relatively new, it took some time to submit applications to the relevant departments and to plan the activities. Moreover, this activity would be the first one of its kind and the schedule was quite tight. Improvement would be made next time after acquiring some experience this time;
- (2) the publications of the activities could be produced only after relevant materials had been confirmed. Upon completion, they would be submitted immediately to the CAC for Members' perusal;
- (3) approval from a number of departments should be obtained during the preparation of the activities. On this occasion, the activities were held at the piers for the very first time to break the precedent. This was also part of the experiment at attempts; and

- (4) Members would be given the posters of the activities and on-street display of the same would be arranged. Details of the activities of the Placemaking project would also be distributed to the TWDC Members. The TWDC Members were welcome to make copies of them for use.

26. Mr TAM Hoi-pong considered that activities of this type were very innovative. The TWDC could consider the direction of organising more activities of this type and support these activities. He supported the activity named “Pervious Paper” and opined that the outcome of the activity could be achieved as expected by Working Group. In addition, he was concerned about the problems which would probably be arising from the activity named “Infinity • Pool” and hoped that the Working Group would consider the reuse of the used plastic balls in the activity through different means. He suggested that in the activity named “I Am Not a Litter Bin”, more signs should be provided to remind the participants that this was a voting exercise and that they should make a selection, so that the aim of voting could be achieved more effectively. If the Working Group would organise such type of activities in Ma Wan, he would be happy to take part in them.

27. The Chairlady thanked all Members for their comments.

V Item 4: Any Other Business

28. The views, enquiries and suggestions of Mr CHAN Sung-ip and Mr WONG Ka-wa were summarised as follows:

- (1) the provision of fire engine access at the waterfront promenade opposite Belvedere Garden was put forth for discussion at the first CAC meeting. Enquiries was raised on the progress of the matter and which department was responsible for it;
- (2) the said region was a popular venue for the members of the public to do exercise or for organising activities. However, the fire engines could not go past the said region due to the property development in its vicinity; and
- (3) it was enquired as to whether the provision of fire engine access had been taken up by any department. It was hoped that the relevant departments would deal with the matter promptly.

29. The views and suggestions of the Chairlady were summarised as follows:

- (1) she had all along been following up the provision of fire engine access at the waterfront promenade opposite Belvedere Garden. However, it would take some time to handle this matter which was complicated;
- (2) the task force under the DevB was dedicated to handling the matters related to the waterfronts over the territory. She had requested the DevB to continue to proceed with the matter and take follow-up actions when she met the Secretary for Development earlier;
- (3) the matter was related to leasehold interest and the said region was under the administration of the Lands Department. She had expressed to the DevB that

the CAC had an intention to organise activities in the said region and mentioned that the CAC had implemented the Placemaking project and published publicity booklets. However, without a fire engine access, it would be difficult for the CAC to take forward the second and the third phases of the work on promoting the Tsuen Wan waterfront;

- (4) it was learnt from the DevB that it was currently studying how to deal with the lands beyond the Central's waterfront. At present, the Central harbourfront was rented to one person or a non-government organisation by short term tenancy. When activities were organised at the Central harbourfront, the related work projects could also be launched in its vicinity at the same time;
- (5) the CAC could discuss with the relevant team of the DevB again this year in order to seek financial resources for Tsuen Wan promenade projects and deal with the grant of the land and the planning of land use, etc.;
- (6) the CAC had limited funds. It could only begin with handling minor issues in commencing the work on coastal affairs. It was also hoped that the CAC could achieve some goals every year and gradually push ahead the development of the Tsuen Wan waterfront. Currently, the CAC should firstly prepare the soft copies of relevant documents and then invite the task force of the DevB to discuss the provision of the fire engine access in the district. The task force of the DevB had made a record of this issue and would continue to work on it;
- (7) Members who wished to discuss this issue at the next CAC meeting could submit the papers, so that discussions could be conducted at the next CAC meeting;
- (8) it was learnt from the mass media that one passer-by died in an accident on a construction site at the Tsuen Wan waterfront in the morning of 4 January 2017. The CAC expressed regret over this incident;
- (9) many projects were under construction in the region where the accident occurred. Therefore, starting from 2015 and 2016, she had been following up the issue of the danger posed to passers-by by the tower cranes extending beyond the construction sites. As a large number of passers-by went past this region, she was quite concerned about the situation;
- (10) she suggested that the danger of this situation should be reiterated in a letter which would be sent to the relevant departments in the name of the CAC. It was hoped that the departments would face the matter squarely and pay attention to it;
- (11) the letters of request for taking actions had been sent to the departments such as the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF). The Police had already sent their staff to remind the relevant departments for two to three times. However, there were still omissions and lack of cautiousness;
- (12) in the past, the tower cranes had been found extending beyond construction sites at the construction site of top-side development above Tsuen Wan West

Station and the location of the recent accident. It was therefore suggested that the letters of concern about the recent accident in the name of the CAC should be sent to the two construction sites above. It was hoped that the management personnel of these two construction sites would take follow-up actions immediately;

- (13) she had liaised with the company involved in the accident, but the company had not given any reply to the TWDC yet; and
- (14) the venue of the accident was within the area in the vicinity of the waterfront which was under the purview of the CAC. Therefore, it was opined that views should be expressed to the CAC.

(Note: Ms LI Hung-por left the meeting at 3:33 p.m.)

30. The views, suggestions and enquiries of Mr TAM Hoi-pong, Mr WONG Ka-wa, the Chairlady, Mr WONG Wai-kit, Mr LO Siu-kit and Mr CHAN Sung-ip were summarised as follows:

- (1) the Chairlady's proposal was supported because this incident should be categorised as a criminal case. It was suggested that a letter should also be sent to the Police and hoped that the case would be investigated solemnly;
- (2) worries and concern were expressed over the accident;
- (3) it was enquired whether the accident was a scope under the CAC's terms of reference. As the focus of concern was throwing objects from height or from height at a construction site, which probably had nothing to do with the CAC. If the CAC was in a position to take on the role, it was agreed that the letter should be sent to the departments concerned in the name of the CAC;
- (4) Members' concern about sending letters was understood. As the CAC's terms of reference involved the large-scale developments of the waterfront, namely, all matters in the road sections concerned, including the construction site where the recent accident happened. Therefore, it should be under the purview of the CAC;
- (5) it was enquired whether the CAC should directly send a letter to a private organisation to express concern and whether there was a precedent to follow;
- (6) after the unfortunate incident happened on 4 January 2017, the CAC meeting was the first formal meeting under the TWDC. Thus, it was reasonable and necessary to express concern and give response in the capacity of the TWDC;
- (7) it was hoped that the CAC would consider taking actions as far as practicably feasible, including requesting the developers to handle the case or sending letters of request for addressing the concerns on the practice or safety problems of several construction sites to the relevant departments;
- (8) it was considered that it was more appropriate for the CAC to approach the government departments, such as the Labour Department (LD) or DevB. Also, the concern over construction sites in general was expressed because up to the moment of the meeting, it was still not sure whether the bamboo stick

in question indeed fell down from the construction site which in operation. It could not be definitely ascertained even through a direct observation of the map because the same type of bamboo was used for maintenance of windows. It was thought that letters of concern over the two construction sites would fall within a smaller scope. It was hoped that letter would be sent to the Buildings Department (BD), DevB or LD, so as to demonstrate that the CAC would take corresponding actions without singling out the problems of two construction sites only; and

- (9) the HKPF and LD were primarily the dedicated departments for the occupational safety, hoarding for the buildings under construction and workers' personal safety.

31. ADO(TW) said that the TWDC mainly approached other government departments or major public organisations for its work. It would be appropriate for the CAC to express the concern about this incident or other related issues foremost to the government departments concerned.

32. The Chairlady concluded that summarising from the Members' views, the letters could be sent to the four departments, namely, the HKPF, LD, BD and DevB. It was hoped that the Secretariat would send out the letters as soon as possible. In addition, the Chairlady suggested that the contents of the said letters, including the matters they would like to urge the departments concerned to follow up, should be discussed by herself, the Vice Chairman and the Secretariat. If there was no problem with the contents of the letters, they would send out the letters directly and distribute a copy to each of the Members for information. Members agreed to the above proposal.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat had sent the letters to four departments on 5 January 2017.)

33. 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 18/16-17, enclosed with the letter);
- (2) Promotion and Anti-marine Littering Operation in Tsuen Wan
(CAC Paper 19/16-17, enclosed with the letter); and
- (3) Financial Statement of Coastal Affairs Committee as at 15 December 2016
(CAC Paper 20/16-17, enclosed with the letter).

VI Adjournment of Meeting

34. The Chairlady reminded Members that the next meeting was scheduled on 3 March 2017 and the deadline for submission of paper was 16 February 2017.

35. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat
1 February 2017