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Minutes of the 10th Meeting of the District Facilities Management Committee (2/17-18)

Date: 4 July 2017

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Venue: Main Conference Room, Tsuen Wan District Office

Present:

Mr WONG Wai-kit (Chairman)

Mr CHAN Sung-ip, MH (Vice Chairman)

Mr MAN Yu-ming, MH

The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael, BBS, JP

Mr KOO Yeung-pong, MH

Mr LI Hung-por

Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis

Ms LAM, Lam Nixie

Mr LAM Faat-kang, MH

The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben, JP

Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones

Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly

Mr WONG Ka-wa

Mr KOT Siu-yuen

Mr CHOW Ping-tim

Mr CHENG Chit-pun

Mr CHUNG Wai-ping, SBS, MH

Mr LO Siu-kit, MH

Mr TAM Hoi-pong

In Attendance:

Mr CHONG Kong-sang, Patrick

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

Miss LAM Siu-yung, Daisy

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

Mr LAU Shun-tak, Donald (Secretary)

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

Mr LEE Shing-fai, Henry	Executive Officer (Development), Tsuen Wan District Office
Ms CHEUNG Yuk-king, Dilys	Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories West), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr CHENG Kwok-kuen, Chris	District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms TSE Ka-yee, Carmen	Senior Librarian (Tsuen Wan), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LEE Kit-yee, Kitty	Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr TSE Hing-chit	Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing), Lands Department

I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed the Members and representatives from the government departments to the 10th meeting of the District Facilities Management Committee (DFMC).

2. The Chairman reminded Members of section 28 of the Tsuen Wan District Council Standing Orders that unless otherwise agreed by the Chairman, 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 9th Meeting held on 9.5.2017

3. The Chairman said that the Secretariat did not receive any proposed amendment before the meeting. The minutes of the meeting were confirmed without amendment.

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

4. The Chairman said that there were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

IV Item 3: Proposed New Items under District Minor Works

(DFMC Paper No. 14/17-18)

5. Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan) (ADO(TW)) of the Tsuen Wan District Office (TWDO) and District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) (DLM(TW)) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) introduced five proposed new projects under district minor works in Tsuen Wan in 2017-18.

(Note: Mr KOO Yeung-pong, MH and Mr WONG Ka-wa joined the meeting at 2:43 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. respectively.)

6. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) pedestrians could not access the flower beds at Fantasy Road, he asked the LCSD the purposes of beautification works there (The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben);
- (2) the problem of stagnant water in flower beds in Tsuen Wan Park was serious, residents were worried that stagnant water would affect plant growth and hoped that the LCSD could pay more attention (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
- (3) he enquired whether Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool would be closed temporarily due to the pump system improvement works at Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool (Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones);
- (4) the rose garden at Shing Mun Valley Park attracted a considerable number of tourists. He asked whether the LCSD would grow other colourful plants in the beautification project in addition to the beautification of the rose garden and growing giant water-lily and whether the existing mist blowing system would be retained (Mr MAN Yu-ming);
- (5) he opined that it was inappropriate to change the water pumps at Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool after the pumps were in use for more than 18 years, and that the LCSD should carry out a thorough review on maintenance and repair works (Mr CHUNG Wai-ping);
- (6) the replacement works of pumps had caused the death of fish and aquatic wildlife at the Kowloon Walled City Park, he hoped that the situation would not occur in the Tsuen Wan district (Mr CHUNG Wai-ping);
- (7) he thanked the LCSD for carrying out the improvement works at Sam Tung Uk Garden and Tsuen Wan Tin Hau Temple Garden, and supported the pump improvement works for pool water circulation at Sam Tung Uk Garden (Mr LAM Faat-kang);
- (8) the surface of the floor newly installed at Sam Tung Uk Garden was glossy, and the stone edges also required finishing, he hoped that the LCSD and the works contractor could communicate and take follow-up action (Mr LAM Faat-kang); and
- (9) the rain shelter drainage system at Tsuen Wan Tin Hau Temple Garden was not efficient in rainy days, he noted that the LCSD had communicated with the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD), but after repeated changes to the drainage system by the ArchSD, the system was still not up to standard, he hoped

that the LCSD could coordinate with the ArchSD to carry out improvement works in order to meet public requirements (Mr LAM Faat-kang).

7. The Chairman said that the follow-up issues of Sam Tung Uk Garden and Tsuen Wan Tin Hau Temple Garden were irrelevant to new works items, Members may raise questions under agenda item 7.

8. DLM(TW) of the LCSD responded as follows:

- (1) the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) would repair the machinery that could still be in use as far as possible, but the LCSD would still discuss with the EMSD about the thorough review of the maintenance and repair works of Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool;
- (2) the drainage of flower beds at Tsuen Wan Park was not satisfactory, the LCSD would discuss the solution with the ArchSD and would pay more attention to prevent mosquito breeding;
- (3) the pumps at the pump system improvement works at Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool would be replaced alternatively. The swimming pool would not be closed during the project period;
- (4) although pedestrians could not reach the flower beds at Fantasy Road, it was a tourist area where a number of tourist would walk past, therefore the LCSD would grow some plants there to enhance the image of Hong Kong. If the plants grown under the beautification project withered frequently, the LCSD would stop growing plants to reduce the waste of resources;
- (5) the mist blowing system at Shing Mun Valley Park would be retained;
- (6) the rose garden and giant water-lily at Shing Mun Valley Park attracted a number of members of the public there for photo-taking, but the blooming period was rather short, the lotus pond was beautiful, the LCSD would study growing plants other than rose and giant water-lily;
- (7) the LCSD noted the problems of the works at Sam Tung Uk Garden and the rain shelter at Tsuen Wan Tin Hau Temple Garden and was discussing and following up with the ArchSD; and
- (8) the LCSD was worried that pool cleaning would lead to the death of wildlife in the pool. The LCSD would comply with the guidelines of pool cleaning and negotiate with the Ichthyological Society of Hong Kong and other relevant organisations for taking over the aquatic wildlife before pool cleaning, and would be responsible for transportation, and the wildlife not taken over would be placed back into the pool after pool cleaning, yet some aquatic wildlife may die after failing to get accustomed to the new water.

9. Mr CHUNG Wai-ping opined that the facilities of the LCSD could not keep abreast of time and hoped that the LCSD would study new methods for pool cleaning and treatment of aquatic wildlife.

10. The Chairman asked the LCSD to note the views of Members.

(Note: Mr LAM Faat-kang left the meeting at 2:57 p.m.)

11. Members unanimously endorsed the funding application of \$3,456,000 in total for the 5 new projects under district minor works in Tsuen Wan in 2017-18.

V Item 4: Report on Progress of District Minor Works
(DFMC Paper 15/17-18)

12. ADO(TW) of the TWDO reported the relevant information.

VI Item 5: Request the Leisure and Cultural Services Department to Fully Review and Improve the Pet Access Location of Tsuen Wan Park
(DFMC Paper 16/17-18)

13. The Chairman stated that the paper was submitted by Ms LAM, Lam Nixie. The representative from the LCSD responsible for giving response was Mr CHENG Kwok-kuen, Chris, DLM(TW).

14. Ms LAM, Lam Nixie introduced the paper.

(Note: Mr TAM Hoi-pong joined the meeting at 3:03 p.m.)

15. DLM(TW) of the LCSD responded as follows:

- (1) the pet garden at Tsuen Wan Park was open in 2010 to allow the residents in the district to bring along their pets to the park;
- (2) Tsuen Wan Park was a major park in the Tsuen Wan district with many facilities and visitors. To avoid affecting the tourists there, the department had not provided any pet access for the time being; and
- (3) the LCSD noted that a growing number of residents had kept pets, and the demand for pet access was growing. The LCSD would strike a balance between the impact of pet access on park users and the demand for pet access by pet owners, and carry out a study on the location suitable to turn into pet access and would discuss the arrangement with Members.

(Note: The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben left the meeting at 3:05 p.m.)

16. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) a growing number of people in Tsuen Wan or even Hong Kong kept pets, and an increasing number of housing estates allowed residents to keep pets, he asked whether the LCSD would provide a pet garden in the vicinity of Belvedere Garden to satisfy the needs of the residents (Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly);
- (2) he hoped that a pet access could be provided to pet owners and their pets for use (Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly);
- (3) in addition to dogs, turtles and lizards were also pets, he asked whether the LCSD would provide pet access for use by all types of pets (Mr WONG Ka-wa);
- (4) a number of buildings in the Tsuen Wan district allowed residents to keep pets, he asked whether the LCSD could restrict the use of pet facilities by the residents of the buildings in the vicinity of Tsuen Wan Park (Mr WONG Ka-wa);
- (5) the residents of Riviera Gardens could not keep pets, therefore they would not want the LCSD to provide pet access at Tsuen Wan Riviera Park (Mr CHOW Ping-tim);
- (6) the provision of pet access would give rise to dog fouls and hygiene problems, restrictions must be in place (Mr CHOW Ping-tim);
- (7) he did not object to the provision of pet access at Tsuen Wan Park, but the interests of the people who feared pets must be taken into account. He proposed providing an above ground boardwalk for use by pets (Mr CHOW Ping-tim);
- (8) she emphasized that the proposal should seek to balance the interests of all park users, but some members of the public feared some pets, the park could not be fully open to pets (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
- (9) the proposal was focused on Tsuen Wan Park. Currently the pet access at Tsuen Wan Park was rather rough, the residents of City Point and new housing estates would walk pass the access when they brought their pets along with them, she hoped that the LCSD could study how to provide pet access that would on one hand be convenient to pet owners while other users would not be affected (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
- (10) the water promenade at Belvedere Garden was not part of the park but could be used by pets, so pet owners and pets went there regularly. On the contrary, the roads near Tsuen Wan West station were narrow, if pets were using the streets there, it would affect other road users, the residents hoped that there would be a pet garden near the vicinity of Tsuen Wan Park (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);

- (11) he agreed that the needs of all park users had to be balanced and the location suitable for provision of pet access should be explored (the Chairman);
- (12) he opined that the LCSD would need to strengthen management after providing pet access to avoid argument among pet owners and non-pet owners (the Chairman); and
- (13) since pets were guided by pet owners, he opined that the pet access should be called pet owners' access (the Chairman).

(Note: Mr CHOW Ping-tim left the meeting at 3:10 p.m.)

17. DLM(TW) of the LCSD responded as follows:

- (1) as of today, there was no requirement on the use of pet access by dogs only;
- (2) the LCSD would reflect the views of Members on policy changes and naming of pet access to the headquarters;
- (3) the LCSD noted that hygiene and cleaning issues arising from pet access and would strengthen the cleaning of pet access and deploy staff to advise and educate visitors; and
- (4) there were four pet gardens in Tsuen Wan. The LCSD would assess whether there was a need to provide more pet gardens in due course.

18. The views and enquiries of Members were summarized as follows:

- (1) an increasing number of people kept pets and the children cycling track at Tsuen Wan Park was old and dilapidated with low utilization rate, he suggested the LCSD to study the conversion of the cycling track into pet facilities (Mr LO Siu-kit);
- (2) pets usually walked in front of the owners as seen on the street, he said that it might not be appropriate to call the pet access to be pet owners' access (Mr LO Siu-kit);
- (3) the demand for pet access was becoming keen, he opined that there should be sufficient space to separate pet access from walkway (Mr CHENG Chit-pun);
- (4) the hygiene inside the pet garden at Sham Tsz Street Playground was good, but the streets outside the pet garden were frequently complained due to bad odour, which had become more serious in summer. Although the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) had stepped up cleaning, there was still bad smell from the streets concerned, he hoped that the LCSD could consider how to effectively manage pet gardens (Mr CHENG Chit-pun); and
- (5) he supported pet friendly parks and designating some areas for pets in Tsuen Wan Park and proposed discussing the details at the relevant Committee meeting

or working group concerned and asked the LCSD to assist in leading the discussion (Mr TAM Hoi-pong).

(Note: The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael joined the meeting at 3:23 p.m.)

19. DLM(TW) of the LCSD responded as follows:

- (1) the LCSD would study the feasibility of converting the children cycling track in Tsuen Wan Park as pet facilities; and
- (2) the LCSD noted the views of Members and showed concern over the management of facilities.

20. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) she said that cycling in the park area other than the cycling track was illegal and the Police had taken enforcement action to warn some children who had violated the law. However, parents expressed dissatisfaction and made complaints (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
- (2) she opined that it would be more appropriate to make such proposal after sufficient statistics had shown that the utilization rate of the children cycling track was low (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
- (3) she had reservation over the proposal of converting the children cycling track into pet facilities because it would deprive the rights of some people, children living in the town centre would have few opportunities to cycle and it would be dangerous to cycle in other places (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
- (4) Tsuen Wan Park was a hot spot for carrying out activities by the residents in Tsuen Wan, while understanding that it would not be easy to balance the interest of all parties, but she still hoped that the LCSD would thoroughly review and enhance the accessibility of the pet access in Tsuen Wan Park (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie); and
- (5) Tsuen Wan West MTR station was crowded with work commuters in the morning, he hoped that the LCSD would show concern to hygiene and management issues when improving the pet access in Tsuen Wan Park (Mr CHUNG Wai-ping).

21. The Chairman asked the LCSD to discuss with the members of the local community about how to improve the pet access in Tsuen Wan Park.

VII Item 6: Request the Government to Provide the Umbrella Dryer at its Public Facilities
(DFMC Paper 17/17-18)

22. The Chairman stated that the paper was submitted by the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael

and Mr CHENG Chit-pun. The representatives from the LCSD responsible for giving response were:

- (1) Mr CHENG Kwok-kuen, Chris, DLM(TW);
- (2) Ms LEE Kit-ye, Kitty, Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion (SM(NTS)P); and
- (3) Ms TSE Ka-ye, Carmen, Senior Librarian (Tsuen Wan) (SL(TW)).

23. Mr CHENG Chit-pun and the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael introduced the paper.

24. DLM(TW) of the LCSD responded as follows:

- (1) the LCSD supported environmental protection and had purchased an umbrella dryer for pilot use in Tsuen King Circuit Sports Centre;
- (2) the labels at the umbrella dryer showed the instructions for use, users only needed to put the umbrella inside and pull it out four to five times to get rid of rain water, which was very simple;
- (3) the utilization rate of the umbrella dryer was about 40% to 50%, and most users were young people, the elderly generally did not know how to use or were not used to using the umbrella dryer, the LCSD planned to teach the elderly how to use umbrella dryer;
- (4) the LCSD considered that the umbrella dryer was quite effective in the pilot run in Tsuen King Circuit Sports Centre and planned to extend its use to the other three sports centres in Tsuen Wan. After purchasing umbrella dryers, the LCSD would gradually reduce the distribution of umbrella bags; and
- (5) the LCSD planned to purchase new model of umbrella dryer which could be used by both standard umbrellas and folded umbrellas to provide convenience to the public and support environmental protection.

25. SM(NTS)P of the LCSD responded as follows:

- (1) the umbrella bags provided by Tsuen Wan Town Hall were made of bio-degradable materials; and
- (2) the LCSD supported environmental protection and planned to consider procuring the umbrella dryers which could be used by both standard umbrellas and folded umbrellas when resources permitted to reduce the use of umbrella bags.

26. SL(TW) of the LCSD responded as follows:

- (1) the umbrella bags provided by public libraries in the Tsuen Wan district were made of recyclable materials; and

- (2) the LCSD would study the use of umbrella dryers after taking into account the number of visits of public libraries users, actual practice and safety conditions, and if resources permitted to show support to environmental protection and reduce the use of umbrella bags.

(Note: Mr WONG Ka-wa left the meeting at 3:35 p.m.)

27. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) he asked the LCSD whether the provision of umbrella dryers could be extended to the public facilities in Hong Kong as bulk purchase would reduce cost (The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael);
- (2) he suggested putting this practice in place in Tsuen Wan first and asked the LCSD to reflect the views of Members (The Chairman);
- (3) she opined that the use of umbrella bags was a waste of resources even though they were made of degradable materials, its production or recycling would involve the use of energy (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
- (4) she supported the proposal and hoped to put it into practice as soon as possible (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
- (5) he asked whether members of the public would accept the use of umbrella dryers and pointed out that umbrella bags could be reused, and suggested the LCSD consider providing recycling box for umbrella bags at the public facilities without umbrella dryers (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
- (6) he hoped that umbrella dryers would not be powered by electricity and opined that umbrella dryers could first be launched in Tsuen Wan (Mr TAM Hoi-pong); and
- (7) he asked whether the rain water collected from the umbrella dryers would need to be cleared in day-to-day operation and whether the water absorbing materials would require cleaning or replacement (The Chairman).

28. DLM(TW) of the LCSD responded as follows:

- (1) umbrella dryers did not require the use of electricity and the water absorbing materials inside the dryers would only be replaced two to three years or upon ageing, which was highly environmentally friendly; and
- (2) there was a plastic bucket at the bottom of the umbrella dryer. Water clearing would be required when the bucket was fully loaded with rain water.

29. The Chairman requested the LCSD to fully take forward the proposal and seek to provide umbrella dryers at the public facilities under the LCSD in the Tsuen Wan district and

hoped that the initiative could be extended to all public facilities under the LCSD in Hong Kong.

VIII Item 7: Report on Recreational and Sports Activities and Facilities Management in Tsuen Wan in April and May 2017 by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department
(DFMC Paper No. 18/17-18)

30. DLM(TW) of the LCSD reported the relevant information.

(Note: The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael left the meeting at 3:40 p.m.)

IX Item 8: Report on Cultural Activities in Tsuen Wan District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department
(DFMC Paper No. 19/17-18)

31. SM(NTS)P of the LCSD reported the relevant information.

X Item 9: Report on Promotional Activities and the Enrolment Rate in Tsuen Wan District Public Libraries by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department
(DFMC Paper No. 20/17-18)

32. SL(TW) of the LCSD reported the relevant information.

33. The views and enquiries of the Chairman were summarised as follows:

- (1) he pointed out that there was no baby-sitting room in the public libraries in the Tsuen Wan district, no baby changing board was provided in the washroom either; and
- (2) he enquired whether there was space for provision of the facilities in public libraries.

34. SL(TW) of the LCSD responded as follows:

- (1) the accessible toilet in Tsuen Wan Public Library included baby changing station and hand washing facilities, but works were underway. Parents who were in need could contact the library staff; and
- (2) the space at Tsuen Wan Public Library was fully occupied and no baby-sitting room could be added.

XI Item 10: Progress Report on the Working Groups under the Committee

(A) Working Group on Management of Community Halls

35. Mr LO Siu-kit said that the working group had held a meeting on 13 June 2017 to review the arrangement of single/continuous hiring of community centres/halls. After

discussion, Members resolved that the sessions of the venues which were not hired on Sunday after the first round would continue to be open to organisations for single hiring, and its effectiveness would be evaluated after half a year. In addition, the works for the replacement of air-conditioning system would be carried out at Shek Wai Kok Community Hall and Lei Muk Shue Community Hall in 2017/18. The ArchSD would replace air conditioners at Shek Wai Kok Community Hall from October 2017 to January 2018 and it would be closed within the period. The TWDO was currently following up the commencement date of the air conditioning system replacement works for Lei Muk Shue Community Hall. Furthermore, as regards the bad odour from the chairs at community halls, the TWDO had earlier inspected all the chairs of three community centres/community halls in the Tsuen Wan district and found that there were stains on more than 30 chairs at Lei Muk Shue Community Hall with bad odour. The staff of the TWDO took away the chairs and would arrange steam cleaning by the cleaning company later.

(B) Working Group on Development and Management of Recreation and Sports Facilities

36. Mr KOO Yeung-pong said that after the “Leisure Facilities Free Use Day” on 1 July 2017, the LCSD would organise the “Sport for All Day 2017” on 6 August 2017 (Sunday). In addition to a number of large-scale free play-in activities, the recreational facilities would be provided to the public for use free of charge. To reserve the recreational facilities which were available for use free of charge on 6 August 2017, members of the public could go to Leisure Link counters in all districts from 9:00 am on 30 July 2017 (Sunday) to make reservation on a first come first served basis. He went on to say that, this year happened to be the 20th anniversary of the return to the motherland cum the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, to share the joy with the members of the public in Hong Kong, the theme “dance” would be adopted for “Sport for All Day” and the slogan was “Stay Active Let’s Dance”. From 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on that day, the LCSD would organise a number of free leisure activities in the specific sports centres in the 18 districts in Hong Kong to encourage the public to develop the habit of regular exercise. The “Sport for All Day” in Tsuen Wan would be held in Wai Tsuen Sports Centre, the activities included Dance for Fun, Bouncy Castle for Fun, Fitness Challenge for Families, Cross-fitness Training, Fitness Test and Consultation, Muscle Relaxation Workshop, Health Talk and Exercise Demonstration. The residents in the district were welcome to join.

XII Item 11: Any Other Business

37. The views and enquiries of Mr TAM Hoi-pong were summarised as follows:

- (1) he asked whether the replacement of the projector at the main conference room fell under the purview of the DFMC; and

- (2) he suggested the LCSD distribute the PowerPoint for the proposed new works projects of district minor works to Members before the meeting.

38. The Chairman responded as follows:

- (1) the replacement of the projector at the main conference room did not fall under the purview of the DFMC but the issue could be reported to the department concerned; and
- (2) he opined that the PowerPoint for the proposed new works items of district minor works was a public paper of the LCSD. Members could ask for a copy from the LCSD if required.

(A) Information Papers

39. Members noted the following information papers:

- (1) Items Endorsed by Circulation by the District Facilities Management Committee during the Period from 28 April 2017 to 26 June 2017 (DFMC Paper No. 21/17-18); and
- (2) Financial Statement of District Facilities Management Committee as at 19.06.2017 (DFMC Paper No. 22/17-18).

(B) Date of Next Meeting

40. The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting was scheduled on 5 September 2017 and the deadline for submission of paper was 21 August 2017.

XIII Adjournment of Meeting

41. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat

6 July 2017