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Minutes of the 13th Meeting of the District Facilities Management Committee (5/17-18)

Date: 9 January 2018

Time: 11:00 a.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
Mr LI Hung-por
Ms LAM, Lam Nixie
Mr LAM Faat-kang, MH
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 LO Siu-kit, MH
Mr TAM Hoi-pong

In Attendance:

Mr CHOW Chun-hun, Gary	Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan), Tsuen Wan District Office
Miss LAM Siu-yung, Daisy	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Tsuen Wan District Office
Mr YUNG Chi-wai	Senior Inspector of Works (Tsuen Wan), Tsuen Wan District Office
Mr LAU Shun-tak, Donald (Secretary)	Executive Officer I (District Council), Tsuen Wan District Office
Miss TAI Tsz-yan, Angie	Executive Officer (Development), Tsuen Wan District Office
Ms PUN Sze-yan, Mickey	Executive Assistant (District Council)3, Tsuen Wan District Office
Ms HO Sau-fan, Fanny	Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories West), Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Mr CHUNG Tak-yau	Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) Atg., Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms TSE Ka-ye, Carmen	Senior Librarian (Tsuen Wan), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LEE Kit-ye, 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

For Item 5:

Miss LAM Shuk-fan, Janice	Senior School Development Officer (Tsuen Wan)1, Education Bureau
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Absent:

Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis

The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben, JP

Mr CHUNG Wai-ping, SBS, MH

I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed the Members and representatives of government departments to the 13th meeting of the District Facilities Management Committee (DFMC). He introduced Mr CHUNG Tak-yau, Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) Atg. (LM(TW) Atg.) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) who attended the meeting on behalf of Mr CHENG Kwok-kuen, Chris.

2. The Chairman reminded Members that according to section 28 of the Tsuen Wan District Council Standing Orders, unless otherwise agreed by the Chairman, Members 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 12th Meeting held on 7.11.2017

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. 40/17-18)

5. LM(TW) Atg. of the LCSD introduced one proposed new project under district minor works in Tsuen Wan in 2017-18.

6. Members unanimously endorsed the fund application of HK\$100,000 in total for the proposed new projects under district minor works in Tsuen Wan District in 2017-18.

(Note: Mr TAM Hoi-pong and Mr MAN Yu-ming joined the meeting at 11:10 a.m.)

V Item 4: Report on Progress of District Minor Works

(DFMC Paper No. 41/17-18)

7. Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan) of the Tsuen Wan District Office (TWDO) briefed Members about the progress of the district minor works in Tsuen Wan.

VI Item 5: Request to Enhance the Book Circulation Service in Tsuen Wan District

(DFMC Paper No. 42/17-18)

8. The captioned paper was submitted by the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael and Mr CHENG Chit-pun. The representatives of government departments responsible for giving response were:

- (1) Miss LAM Shuk-fan, Janice, Senior School Development Officer (Tsuen Wan)1 (SSDO(TW)1) of Education Bureau (EDB); and
- (2) Ms TSE Ka-yee, Carmen, Senior Librarian (Tsuen Wan) (SL(TW)) of the LCSD.

(Note: The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael and Mr CHOW Ping-tim joined the meeting at 11:15 a.m. and 11:16 a.m. respectively.)

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

10. SSDO(TW)1 of EDB responded as follows:

- (1) libraries were set up in schools to attend to the reading interests of students;
- (2) the EDB understood that the LCSD would purchase books according to its established policies and the EDB was not involved. The EDB would give due consideration and tie in as much as possible if the LCSD needs assistance; and
- (3) the EDB understood that the LCSD had established channels for readers to recommend books to purchase, in order to take care of the needs of persons of different ages.

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

- (1) Hong Kong Public Libraries under the LCSD launched a pilot scheme to set up a “self-service library station” at three different locations, one each in Hong Kong Island, Kowloon and the New Territories. Borrowing and returning books, paying fees and picking up reserved library materials services would be provided around the clock;
- (2) the first “self-service library station” was launched on 5 December 2017 in Eastern District of Hong Kong Island. A review would be conducted in 2018-19. “Self-service library station” was conducted on a pilot scheme basis. The LCSD would first of all gather adequate testing data and assess the effectiveness of the scheme according to the usage, cost-effectiveness, opinions of users, sustainability and whether they could complement other libraries services. If the results of assessment were satisfactory, the LCSD would conduct study on whether to extend the services to other locations;
- (3) “Self-service library stations” were set up at public places. Apart from students, members of the public could also make use of them. In order to attend to interests of persons of different ages, “self-service library stations” provided 300 books for adults and children to borrow, including Chinese and English books of various topics. The Library would provide books at the “self-service library stations” according to the actual usage rates, including the lending rate and reservation of collections; and
- (4) the LCSD had all along co-operated with the EDB and various educational institutions. For instance, public libraries would hold annual liaison group meetings with school librarians in order to understand schools’ and students’ needs of library activities and its collections, so as to make preparation accordingly.

(Note: Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones joined the meeting at 11:28 a.m.)

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

- (1) he said that he himself seldom looked for books casually, and usually would look for books with targets in mind. Thus he had no opinions about “self-service library station” (Mr LI Hung-por);
- (2) books were already provided in every classroom for students to borrow and read at their own time and there were library classes. Hence, he opined that it was not necessary to set up “self-service library stations” in schools (Mr LI Hung-por);

- (3) he did not object to the provision of “self-service library stations”, and considered that the pilot scheme for “self-service library station” could be conducted in Tsuen Wan (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
- (4) he hoped that the service hours of Tsuen Wan Public Library could be extended for an hour to 9:00 p.m., so that people who went to work could borrow books when they were off duty (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
- (5) supported the “Request to Enhance the Book Circulation Service in Tsuen Wan District” and opined that the experience of Shenzhen in setting up “self-service library stations” was worth to make reference (Mr MAN Yu-ming);
- (6) reading should be advocated (Mr MAN Yu-ming);
- (7) Tsuen Wan east and the rural areas needed Mobile Library service (Mr MAN Yu-ming);
- (8) it was opined that apart from lending books, library could also be used for holding family activities such as storytelling for children (Mr MAN Yu-ming);
- (9) it was opined that Community Libraries Partnership Scheme should be advocated in order to promote interest in reading and enhance the opportunity of reading (Mr MAN Yu-ming);
- (10) shopping patterns of most people were divided into targeted purchase or purchase on impulse. Nowadays, the consumption pattern was mostly purchase on impulse. Reading in libraries was usually targeted, whereas Book Crossing Festival was reading on impulse (The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael);
- (11) libraries were usually located in quiet places. The advantage of “self-service library stations” was that their locations would be similar to stalls of Book Crossing Festival, which situated in places with higher pedestrian flow such as Ma Wan Pier, shopping malls and public transport interchanges (The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael);
- (12) there were 400 “self-service library stations” in Shenzhen already, whereas there were only three piloting stations in Hong Kong, located at Sai Wan Ho, Tai Wai and Tsim Sha Tsui. He opined that the Government was not expeditious enough in the matter and strongly demanded that the “self-service library station” pilot scheme be conducted in Tsuen Wan district (The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael);
- (13) agreed that the Government should consider launching the “self-service library station” pilot scheme in Tsuen Wan district (Mr KOO Yeung-pong);
- (14) as the chance for setting up new libraries was low, it was opined that “self-service library station” should be introduced. It was proposed that new libraries could be set up in suitable LCSD and District Office facilities, so that

- members of the public could read in places other than libraries and the reading culture could be enhanced (Mr KOO Yeung-pong); and
- (15) he enquired what the specifications and functions of three “self-service library stations” of the pilot scheme were (the Chairman).

(Note: Mr CHOW Ping-tim left the meeting at 11:30 a.m.)

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

- (1) the LCSD planned new library facilities by making references to the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines (HKPSG) prepared by the Planning Department (PlanD). According to the population distribution projection of the PlanD, the present population of Tsuen Wan district was about 312,200. The LCSD established one major library, one small library and seven mobile libraries service stations in the district. Overall speaking, the LCSD had fulfilled the guidelines of facilities as stipulated in HKPSG to provide suitable public library facilities in Tsuen Wan;
- (2) at present, there were eleven “community libraries” in Tsuen Wan district, including one being prepared in a private housing estate situated in Tsuen Wan west. The LCSD noted that the private housing estate situated in Tsuen Wan west would be taking in occupants. It would continue to liaise with persons-in-charge of the club houses of the estates to explore the feasibility of setting up a “community library” in the estate;
- (3) readers could borrow and return library materials, pick up reserved library materials and pay library fees and late charges with Octopus at “self-service library stations”. A short film about the first “self-service library station” was uploaded onto the YouTube Channel of Hong Kong Public Libraries. “Self-service library stations” were equipped with power supply and was protected by sheltering facilities;
- (4) many factors were taken into account in selecting the locations for the three “self-service library stations” which included accessibility, distance with current libraries, around the clock operation, provision of power supply, provision of suitable shelter facilities to protect the stations, technically feasibility of installation and provision of operational and logistics support. The LCSD reiterated that “self-service library stations” were implemented on 5 December 2017 and it had been about one month since its operation. More time was needed to gather trial data and examine the usage situation. The LCSD pointed out that at the beginning, new services would be generally more popular. After some time, its utilization rate would stabilize and its effectiveness could then be examined; and

- (5) the factors taken into account for Hong Kong and Shenzhen were not the same and thus the scales of their “self-service library stations” differed. The LCSD would gather opinions after the implementation of the three “self-service library stations” and the effectiveness of the pilot scheme would be reviewed. Study would then be conducted to determine whether “self-service library stations” be extended to other locations.

(Note: Ms LAM, Lam Nixie joined the meeting at 11:35 a.m.)

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

- (1) it was opined that Ma Wan Pier was a feasible site for installation of “self-service library station” and that these stations should be set up at locations with higher pedestrian flow to provide convenience for those who had to go to work and those who might not be able to use the library lending and returning service (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
- (2) it was proposed that a “self-service library station” be set up at a location in Tsuen Wan where there was higher pedestrian flow (Mr TAM Hoi-pong and Mr CHENG Chit-pun);
- (3) it was hoped that Ma Wan Mobile Library service could be increased (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
- (4) the “self-service library station” in Sai Wan Ho was too large and there was no such need (The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael);
- (5) it was opined that data collected in Sai Wan Ho might not be applicable to Tsuen Wan, and thus it was strongly requested that Tsuen Wan district be listed into the “self-service library station” pilot scheme (The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael); and
- (6) apart from lending and returning of books, services provided at “self-service library stations” included picking up reserved book and paying late charges with Octopus (Mr CHENG Chit-pun).

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

- (1) the LCSD noted Members’ opinions;
- (2) apart from the one in Hong Kong Island east, the LCSD would launch two “self-service library stations” in phases near Tsim Sha Tsui Cultural Centre in Yau Tsim Mong district and near Tai Wan station in Shatin; and
- (3) the LCSD would conduct a review after launching “self-service library stations” in order to understand the development trend of “self-service library station”.

16. The Chairman said that many members of the public hoped that libraries services could be further enhanced. Members generally welcomed the establishment of “self-service library stations”. He added that “self-service library stations” were not advanced technology and had been set up in Taiwan ten years ago. He hoped that the LCSD would note Members’ opinions and expedite the relevant scheme. In addition, he opined that it was not necessary for “self-service library stations” to operate around the clock. Their service hours could tie in with the opening hours of the venue and could provide extension of library services outside libraries. Moreover, he hoped that LCSD would launch the “self-service library station” pilot scheme in Tsuen Wan.

VII Item 6: Insufficiency and Reservation Procedures of Soccer Pitch Venues in Tsuen Wan District

(DFMC Paper No. 43/17-18)

17. The captioned paper was submitted by Mr TAM Hoi-pong. The representative from the LCSD responsible for giving response was Mr CHUNG Tak-yau, LM(TW) Atg.

18. Mr TAM Hoi-pong introduced the paper.

(Note: The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael left the meeting at 11:45 a.m.)

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

- (1) the LCSD provided various recreation and sports facilities in Hong Kong to meet the demand of the public in each area. As factors such as population distribution, age groups, land that could be used and geographical environment varied in each district, the recreation and sports facilities and their numbers provided by LCSD in each district also differed;
- (2) the population of Tsuen Wan District was about 310 000. According to HKPSG, there should be three eleven-a-side soccer pitches in Tsuen Wan district. At present, there were only two such soccer pitches respectively located at Shing Mun Valley and Tsuen Wan Riviera Park. The LCSD would closely monitor the development of Tsuen Wan district and would consider providing an artificial turf soccer pitch in the provision of strategic recreation and sports facilities in Tsuen Wan district in the future in order to meet the needs of the community as far as possible. Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC) would be consulted;
- (3) the soccer pitch in Shing Mun Valley Sports Ground could provide 40 sessions per month for organizations to apply. Each session lasted for 1.5 hours. Time open for public application did not include sports day held by secondary and primary schools;

- (4) as the soccer pitch in Shing Mun Valley Sports Ground was the back-up venue for “Hong Kong Premier League” (HKPL) organized by Hong Kong Football Association (HKFA), the soccer pitch had to fulfill the requirements of HKFA, and thus the LCSD was not able to increase the number of session open for application from organizations;
- (5) while football activities were held on soccer pitch of Shing Mun Valley Sports Ground, only the three outer running tracks could be used by joggers in order to ensure their own safety;
- (6) the LCSD attached great importance to and was very concerned about unauthorized transfer or touting of user permits of venues. Many measures had been implemented against unauthorized transfer of facilities, including strict verification of identity of hirers, cancellation of the standby arrangement for soccer pitches, re-registration of leisure link patrons, amendment of administrative penalties against organizations breaching rules and regulations, and implementation of administrative penalties against individual breaching rules and regulations, etc. After consulting opinions from 18 districts, the land-based venues unit of the LCSD had shortened the advance booking period of venues to ten days so as to reduce the time touts had in touting use permits. Since their implementation in June 2013, the measures were widely welcomed by the public and thus the LCSD currently did not have any plan to make changes. Members’ opinions would be referred to when reviews were conducted in the future;
- (7) the LCSD would continue to closely monitor suspicious transfers of user permits. Staff would be reminded to strictly adhere to the conditions of use and relevant penalties of recreation and sports facilities, and step up inspection and verification of identity of hirers, so as to minimize improper transfer or abuse; and
- (8) HKFA could make reservation of the LCSD’s recreation and sports facilities twelve months before the day of use. However, the distribution of venue to its subsidiary organizations belonged to its internal affairs and the LCSD had no relevant information.

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

- (1) soccer pitches were not adequate in Tsuen Wan district (Mr MAN Yu-ming);
- (2) Shing Mun Valley Soccer Pitch was a standard soccer pitch and had once been used for HKPL. It was enquired whether it would be used for international games or HKPL (Mr MAN Yu-ming);
- (3) it was understood that as land was insufficient in Tsuen Wan district, recreation and sports facilities could not be added. It was enquired whether the

- feasibility of addition of recreation and sports facilities would depend on new development projects in Tsuen Wan district (Ms Nixie LAM);
- (4) in the last term of TWDC, it was mentioned that artificial turf soccer pitch could give rise to high temperature, and humid weather would breed mosquitos and insects. There was also the issue of drainage of water. She enquired whether the above problems had been resolved, or else she had reservation about the addition of artificial turf soccer pitch. It was opined that users of the soccer pitch would be bitten by insects bred in the pitch and pesticide would have to be sprayed (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
 - (5) many residents would go to take a rest at Shing Mun Valley Sports Ground and there were more residents using the sports ground than people who played soccer. While it was understood that people who used soccer pitch would play soccer, it was also hoped that residents could be ensured to continue to use the sports ground (Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones);
 - (6) he understood that the LCSD had devoted much effort to maintain the turf of Shing Mun Valley Sports Ground. It was hoped that the pitch would be kept as a grass pitch so that schools could organize sports day there and objected to turning the pitch into an artificial turf pitch (Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones);
 - (7) it was understood that people who played soccer would hope for the addition of more soccer pitches. However, soccer pitches should be built only when there were suitable places (Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones and Mr KOO Yeung-pong);
 - (8) he opined that Member's request for the addition of artificial turf soccer pitch in Tsuen Wan district did not match the environmental protection he advocated. Artificial turf was made of plastics and would release many harmful substances. Its maintenance would be detrimental to the environment and thus he objected to the proposal (Mr LAM Faat-kang);
 - (9) it was opined that the LCSD should clarify the situation of some organizations made reservation for venues and then distributed them to their subordinate groups to use. The LCSD should follow up and plug the loopholes and should not accept "touting" (Mr LAM Faat-kang);
 - (10) he believed that the issue of inadequate soccer pitch was not limited to Tsuen Wan district. The LCSD should be concerned about whether there were suitable places for the construction of soccer pitches. He also pointed out that there was land in Ma Wan which could be used for the construction of soccer pitch (Mr KOO Yeung-pong);
 - (11) it was opined that there needed to be adequate venues to tie in with the promotion of different sports so that members of the public have space to conduct sports activities since they were young. Tsuen Wan Football

Association (TWFA) organized many soccer promotion activities for children to participate every year. It was also aware that booking of venues was difficult. At present, there were many restrictions for various sports and recreational venues and these venues could be used for various sports. For instance, apart from playing soccer, soccer pitches could be used for rugby, sports day, archery and gateball, etc. As a result, members of the public found booking of venues difficult. It was hoped that the LCS D would follow up on the matter (Mr KOO Yeung-pong);

- (12) the period for nurturing grass soccer pitch was long and that many difficulties were encountered, whereas artificial turf pitches needed no such periods and thus they had more sessions for use. As such, people who played soccer had proposed many times that one of the soccer pitches in Tsuen Wan district be converted to artificial turf pitch. However, the proposal was objected by residents in the vicinity (Mr KOO Yeung-pong);
- (13) members' concern of environmental protection was appreciated. He purely hoped to understand the reasons for Tsuen Wan district not having an artificial turf soccer pitch. He did not not strive for the establishment of an artificial turf soccer pitch in Tsuen Wan district (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
- (14) it was learnt that in recent years, there were improvements to the materials used for artificial turf. The LCS D was enquired the degree of environmental protection of artificial turf and whether the issue of overheating had been resolved (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
- (15) it was enquired whether the 40 sessions available for applications were sessions open to public application (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
- (16) it was learnt that people who played soccer could book sessions not used by organizations under HKFA. It was enquired whether sessions reserved for HKFA by the LCS D had been fully utilized at present (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
- (17) it was hoped that the LCS D would seriously handle the issue of intermediaries' or queuing gangs' unauthorized transfer of recreation and sports facilities permits (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
- (18) it was understood that many people used Shing Mun Valley Sports Ground. He agreed that people who played soccer and joggers could use the ground together and the existing arrangement (Mr TAM Hoi-pong); and
- (19) the media had reported that the issue of "touting" was serious, and real users could not make reservations. Thus it was enquired whether the LCS D would jointly arrange sting operation to tackle the illegal activities, so as to maintain the image of the LCS D (Mr CHENG Chit-pun).

21. The Chairman said that whether Shing Mun Valley Soccer Pitch would be used for international games or HKPL was not related to the current agenda item. However, it would be related if the use of the venue for international games or HKPL would affect the number of sessions available for public application.

22. LM(TW) Atg. of the LCSD responded as follows:

- (1) Shing Mun Valley Sports Ground was a venue suitable for international game and it had been used as a venue for First Division League. However, there was opinion that the location of the venue was remote and transportation was not convenient and thus the use was discontinued. HKFA had once reserved the venue for international game, and it gave up at the end;
- (2) there was not adequate land in Tsuen Wan district, and the LCSD came across difficulties in seeking land for the construction of an eleven-a-side soccer pitch. Unless reclamation was conducted, there would be no land to build a soccer pitch;
- (3) to prevent overheating, water would be sprayed between sessions to lower the temperature on artificial turf pitches. There was no problem with the water drainage system in venues under the LCSD's purview, nor was there mosquito infestation;
- (4) Shing Mun Valley Grass Soccer Pitch was the only venue in Tsuen Wan district where school sports day could be organized. The LCSD did not intend to convert the venue to artificial turf pitch;
- (5) in 2017, the LCSD did not discover any touting of use permits of two soccer pitches in Tsuen Wan district;
- (6) the LCSD would nurture grass for about a month in summer and the same would take two to three weeks in winter, subject to the condition of the grass pitch. Hence, there would be difficulties in increasing the number sessions available;
- (7) among the 40 sessions of Shing Mun Valley Sports Ground available for application, 30 sessions were open for booking by organisations and 10 sessions to individuals; and
- (8) the LCSD understood that there was great demand for grass soccer pitch. Apart from grass soccer pitch, there were hard-surface soccer pitches available for booking in Tsuen Wan.

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

- (1) TWFA applied for funding from the Culture, Recreation and Sports Committee each year. Owing to the lack of practicing ground, its level could not be enhanced (Mr KOO Yeung-pong);

- (2) the rules of various soccer pitches differed. The practicing ground should be of the same type as that of the competitive game so that skills could be effectively trained (Mr KOO Yeung-pong);
- (3) it was opined that there were inadequate venues at present. The LCSD should locate a suitable place for the construction of one more soccer pitch. In such a way the level of local soccer games could be raised (Mr KOO Yeung-pong and Mr MAN Yu-ming);
- (4) Tsuen Wan Rambler Channel was part of Victoria Harbour and no reclamation could be conducted there. TWDC had strongly objected to reclamation at places outside Victoria Harbour in as early as 2012 (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
- (5) water had to be sprayed four to five times a day on artificial turf in order to lower the temperature. Or else it would give out bad odour and toxic gas (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
- (6) artificial turf was made of plastic and would create microbeads which would enter into the ocean through drains. Marine life and eventually human themselves would be affected. Artificial turf needed to be re-surfaced every seven years. Hence, she had reservation about the construction of an artificial turf soccer pitch and she opined that the resources should better be put to medical usage (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
- (7) she understood that according to Government's procurement procedures, advanced products might not be procured. However, she still hoped that the LCSD would make references to the newest materials and products in its procurement and trial runs could be conducted in Tsuen Wan (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
- (8) it was enquired that whether venues not used by HKFA would be returned to the LCSD for reservation by members of the public (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
- (9) it was agreed that teams needed practices, and thus they had the priority in booking venues. However, amateurs would also like to play soccer to ease their mind and body. He thus enquired that out of the 30 sessions set aside for booking by organisations, how many were returned for individual booking (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
- (10) the LCSD was enquired about their definition of "touting" and whether "touting" occurred in Tsuen Wan district (Mr TAM Hoi-pong); and
- (11) there were government sites in Ma Wan that could be used for soccer training. It was hoped that the LCSD would actively consider the proposal and be concerned of "touting" (Mr MAN Yu-ming).

(Note: Mr LI Hung-por left the meeting at 12:18 p.m.)

24. LM(TW) Atg. of the LCSD responded as follows:
- (1) if land could be located for the construction of soccer pitch, the newest materials would be used to minimized the drawbacks;
 - (2) the HKFA would return unused venues to the LCSD for public' s reservation;
 - (3) among the 30 sessions of Shing Mun Valley Sports Ground set aside for booking by organisations, apart from soccer, there were six sessions per month reserved by Hong Kong Archery Association for its regular training. In addition, archery competition of Tsuen Wan district was also held at Shing Mun Valley Sports Ground. Furthermore, the LCSD would set aside venues for the section responsible for promoting soccer in its headquarters to jointly organize training class with HKFA and used by the TWFA for training; and
 - (4) there would be strict verification of identity when taking up the venue. At present, there was no evidence of “touting” in Tsuen Wan district.

25. The Chairman said that there was a need to install soccer venues in Tsuen Wan district. He hoped that the LCSD would note the Members’ concerns on “touting” and continuously pay attention to and tackle the issue.

(Note: Mr WONG Ka-wa left the meeting at 12:21 p.m.)

VIII Item 7: Plan for Recreational and Sports Activities between April 2018 and March 2019 in Tsuen Wan District by Leisure and Cultural Services Department
(DFMC Paper No. 44-17-18)

26. LM(TW) Atg. of the LCSD introduced the paper.

27. Members unanimously agreed to the recreation and sports activities in Tsuen Wan district from April 2018 to March 2019 by the LCSD, and approved three funding applications of \$2,373,000 for the activities to be organized from April to September 2018, \$2,489,000 for the activities to be organized from October 2018 to February 2019, and \$238,000 for the activities to be organized in March 2019, of which \$238,000 would be payable in the financial year 2019/20.

IX Item 8: Proposal on Free Cultural and Recreational Programme held in Tsuen Wan by Leisure and Cultural Services Department
(DFMC Paper 45/17-18)

28. Senior Manager (NTS) Promotion (SM(NTS)P) of the LCSD introduced the paper.

29. Members unanimously agreed the district free entertainment programmes organized in Tsuen Wan district from April 2018 to March 2019 organised by the LCSD, and approved

the funding application of \$680,000, of which \$61,000 would be payable in the financial year 2019/20.

X Item 9: Plan for Promotion Activities of Tsuen Wan District Public Libraries between April 2018 and March 2019 by Leisure and Cultural Services Department

(DFMC Paper 46/17-18)

30. SL(TW) of the LCSD introduced the paper.

31. Ms Nixie LAM said that storytelling for children was very popular among residents. The activities were often fully subscribed, in particular sessions conducted in English. She hoped that the LCSD would increase the number of sessions if it had adequate resources.

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

- (1) the LCSD would conduct storytelling for children in Cantonese once weekly, and in English and Putonghua every year. The LCSD would closely monitor the number of participants of the storytelling for children;
- (2) the LCSD said that though the storytelling for children was popular, many people who had registered did not show up and so there were empty places; and
- (3) the LCSD would co-operate with the instructor and accept walk-in parents and children as far as possible.

33. The Chairman requested the LCSD to note Members' opinions.

34. Members unanimously agreed to the plan for promotion activities of Tsuen Wan district public libraries between April 2018 and March 2019 by the LCSD, and approved the funding application of \$63,000, of which \$2,850 would be payable in the financial year 2019/20.

XI Item 10: Report on Recreational and Sports Activities and Facilities Management in Tsuen Wan in October and November 2017 by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

(DFMC Paper No. 47/17-18)

35. LM(TW) Atg. of the LCSD reported the relevant information.

XII Item 11: Report on Cultural Activities in Tsuen Wan District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

(DFMC Paper No. 48/17-18)

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

XIII Item 12: Report on Promotion Activities and the Enrolment Rate in Tsuen Wan District Public Libraries by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

(DFMC Paper No. 49/17-18)

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

XIV Item 13: Progress Report on the Working Groups under the Committee

(A) Working Group on Management Community Halls

38. Mr LO Siu-kit said that the replacement of air-conditioning system in Shek Wai Kok Community Hall had been completed in early January 2018. Venue cleansing work was being conducted in the Community Hall, and defective light tubes would also be replaced. The Community Hall would be re-opened on 15 January 2018.

39. Mr KOO Yeung-pong said that the replacement of basketball nets of the basketball court at the Princess Alexandra Community Hall was not frequent enough and hoped that Working Group on Management of Community Halls would follow up on the matter.

40. The Chairman requested Working Group on Management of Community Halls to note Members' opinions.

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

41. Mr LAM Faat-kang said that the 5th Meeting of the Working Group was held on 28 December 2017 and the following items were discussed:

- (1) with regard to the installation of water dispensers in leisure facilities in Tsuen Wan District, the LCSD proposed that 16 water dispensers would be installed in ten outdoor venues. Funding would be applied after technical feasibility was explored and tender quotations were received. The Working Group supported the proposal, and requested the LCSD to continue to explore the feasibility of installing water dispensers in other recreational venue under its purview;
- (2) with regard to the progress of works in extension of Tsuen Wan Park of Area 5 of Tsuen Wan West Station, the LCSD said that the works in the extension of Tsuen Wan Park would be postponed to October 2018 instead of the originally anticipated date of June 2018. In order to tie in with the future cycle track route, the LCSD had to lay suitable materials along the track and distinguish the street lights and drainage system of the two tracks in order to minimize the impact of future conversion;

- (3) with regard to the progress of the second phase of converting the planting area of Tsuen Wan Park into footpath, the LCSD said that works were commenced in January 2018, which included removal of part of the flower bed, construction of footpath and addition of park entrance. The works were anticipated to be completed within three months; and
- (4) with regard to the progress of improvement works of the circulation system of the artificial lake of Tsuen Wan Sam Tung Uk Garden, the LCSD said that there was a lack of space and the foundation works could involve area that belonged to the Mass Transit Railway Corporation. It was proposed that funding for the work be cancelled and funding application be re-initiated after relevant departments studied a new proposal and revised the budget involved. The Working Group agreed to shelve the relevant works and urged the LCSD and relevant works departments to discuss a simpler solution.

42. Mr LO Siu-kit suggested the Working Group on Development and Management of Recreation and Sports Facilities to explore the feasibility of installing cold and warm water dispensers.

43. LM(TW) Atg. of the LCSD said that the LCSD would study the feasibility of installing cold and warm water dispensers.

44. The Chairman requested Working Group on Development and Management of Recreation and Sports Facilities and LCSD to note Members' opinions.

XV Item 14: Any Other Business

(A) Information Paper

45. Members noted the following information paper:

- (1) Financial Statement of District Facilities Management Committee as at 20.12.2017
(DFMC Paper No. 50/17-18)

(B) Date of Next Meeting

46. The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting was scheduled for 6 March 2018 and the deadline for submitting of paper was 15 February 2018.

XVI Adjournment of Meeting

47. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat

15 January 2018