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Minutes of the 15th Meeting of the District Facilities Management Committee (1/18-19)

Date: 8 May 2018

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Venue: Main Conference Room, Tsuen Wan District Office

Present:

Mr WONG Wai-kit (Chairman)

Mr MAN Yu-ming, MH

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

Mr LI Hung-por

Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis

Ms LAM, Lam Nixie

The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben, JP

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 District Office

Mr LAU Shun-tak, Donald Executive Officer I (District Council), Tsuen Wan District Office
(Secretary)

Miss TAI Tsz-yan, Angie Executive Officer (Development), Tsuen Wan District Office

Ms POON 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 CHENG Kwok-kuen, Chris	District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms TSE Ka-ye, Carmen	Senior Librarian (Tsuen Wan), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Miss 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

Absent:

Mr CHAN Sung-ip, MH (Vice Chairman)

Mr KOO Yeung-pong, MH

Mr CHUNG Wai-ping, SBS, MH

I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed the Members and representatives from the government departments to the 15th Meeting of District Management Facilities Committee (“DFMC”).

2. The Chairman informed Members that the Vice-chairman, Mr KOO Yeung-pong and Mr CHUNG Wai-ping were absent with apologies.

3. 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. Besides, any Member who wanted to take photos or make a video recording had to apply to the Chairman first and obtain prior approval from the Chairman. Members had to bear in mind that even if approval was obtained, such Member could only take photos or make video recordings of oneself but not of other persons on the scene.

II Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 14th Meeting held on 6.3.2018

4. The Chairman said that the Secretariat did not receive any proposed amendments before

this meeting. The minutes of the meeting were confirmed without amendment.

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

5. 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. 1/18-19)

6. District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) (DLM(TW)) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) introduced the four proposed new projects under district minor works in Tsuen Wan District in 2018-19.

(Note: Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis and Mr CHOW Ping-tim joined the meeting at 2:40 p.m. The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben left the meeting at 2:40 p.m. Mr LI Hung-por joined the meeting at 2:46 p.m.)

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

- (1) the project estimate of the Public Address System Enhancement of the Amphitheatre in Tsuen Wan Park (PA System Enhancement of the Amphitheatre) was \$530,000. In his opinion, it would be enough to upgrade the Public Address System (PA System) to professional level in the market with a budget of \$530,000. However, the enhancement level for the projects of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) was low in general (Mr CHOW Ping-tim);
- (2) he pointed out that most of the performers using the Amphitheatre of Tsuen Wan Park would bring their own PA Systems for performance because they thought the PA System of the LCSD might not fit their need. He asked about the objective of upgrading the PA System and whether the upgraded PA System would be open for public use (Mr CHOW Ping-tim);
- (3) he said that the “Singing Contest in Tsuen Wan district” sponsored by the Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC) funds would be held in the Amphitheatre of Tsuen Wan Park but the organiser had to obtain licences from the copyright licensing bodies for playing music by paying tariffs on its own. He opined that the LCSD should allow hirers of venue to play the music of which the licences had been obtained by the LCSD (Mr CHOW Ping-tim);
- (4) he pointed out that the project estimate of the Improvement Works to the service box of spotlight and winch system of Sha Tsui Road Playground (Improvement Works to Sha Tsui Road Playground) involving many works items was \$488,000, which was lower than the project estimate of the PA System Enhancement of the Amphitheatre. He therefore asked the LCSD about the criteria of calculating the project estimates

and suggested that the LCSD should conduct its own tendering exercise for implementation of project instead of commissioning the EMSD to carry out the works (Mr CHOW Ping-tim);

- (5) the issue about the licence of playing copyright music as mentioned by Members was not the subject of discussion of this agenda (the Chairman);
- (6) he noted that the LCSD would carry out greening enhancement at recreation grounds or roadside planters in Tsuen Wan district regarding the landscape works at recreation grounds in Tsuen Wan district and the works would cover a rather large area. Therefore, he asked the LCSD why those sites were selected for works implementation, what the priority of the project items was and whether it had planned to extend the works to other places in future (Mr LAM Faat-kang);
- (7) being the Convenor of the Working Group on Development and Management of Recreation and Sports Facilities (Working Group), he was concerned about the planning of recreation and sports facilities and hoped that the LCSD would first consult members of the Working Group in future (Mr LAM Faat-kang);
- (8) he pointed out that the PA Systems installed in the community halls under the management of the Tsuen Wan District Office (TWDO) were outdated. Therefore, he requested the LCSD to replace the existing PA System in the Amphitheatre of Tsuen Wan Park with a new one equipped with universal serial bus (USB) sockets to facilitate connection to computer systems, flash drives or mobile phones (Mr WONG Ka-wa);
- (9) he hoped to widen the scope of entertainment programmes of the Amphitheatre in Tsuen Wan Park and provide more facilities to facilitate hirers to present presentation or other audio-visual materials at the venue. He also recommended the Social Welfare Department and Department of Health to organize activities at the Amphitheatre in Tsuen Wan Park (Mr WONG Ka-wa);
- (10) he considered the Improvement Works to Sha Tsui Road Playground necessary and asked about the works schedule, hoping that the major events held there would not be affected by the relevant construction period (Mr WONG Ka-wa);
- (11) he asked whether the spotlights to be installed in the Improvement Works to Sha Tsui Road Playground would meet environmental standards (Mr WONG Ka-wa);
- (12) he supported the landscape works at recreation grounds in Tsuen Wan district (Mr WONG Ka-wa);
- (13) he noted that the cost of replacing the PA System Enhancement of the Amphitheatre by the EMSD would be more expensive relatively. However, he opined that it was necessary to carry out the project and wanted the LCSD to clarify whether the PA System had been used for 10 years (Mr LO Siu-kit);

- (14) he asked whether, in addition to activities organized with the TWDC funds, hirers of the Amphitheatre in Tsuen Wan Park were required to use the PA System provided by the LCSD and would not be allowed to use PA Systems of their own or plug other devices to the LCSD's PA System for use (Mr LO Siu-kit);
- (15) he supported the prohibition of hirers from adjusting the volume of the PA System. Thinking that such prohibition had reduced the number of complaints lodged about noise nuisance, he suggested that the LCSD should maintain the practice and enhance the quality of the PA System, thereby increasing the radian of sound waves and making the noise more directional by pointing towards the respective venues (Mr LO Siu-kit); and
- (16) he pointed out that the seats in Tai Ho Road Sitting-out Area No. 1 and Tai Ho Road Sitting-out Area No. 2 were old and the fencings of the planters were secured by drawstrings only. They did not look good and were also dangerous. As learnt, the landscape works at recreation grounds in Tsuen Wan district would mainly include landscaping of grass slopes and so on. He therefore proposed that the LCSD should make use of the above funding allocated for landscape works to improve the facilities (Mr LO Siu-kit).

(Note: Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones left the meeting at 2:52 p.m. Ms LAM, Lam Nixie and the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael joined the meeting at 2:55 p.m. and 2:57 p.m.)

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

- (1) according to the existing procedures of the Government, the EMSD would be responsible for the enhancement of the PA System in the Amphitheatre. The LCSD noted Members' views and would reflect them to the EMSD;
- (2) although the LCSD had purchased the licences for playing copyright music, he noted that the bodies concerned did not agree that the licences obtained by the LCSD could be used by hirers of its venues. The LCSD would follow up the issue with the Members;
- (3) hirers of the Amphitheatre in Tsuen Wan Park were required to use the PA System provided by the LCSD. The LCSD would remind the staff at the venue to monitor whether the hirers had brought their private PA Systems to the venue for unauthorized use;
- (4) as the LCSD had been receiving complaints from some hirers of its venues about the poor quality of the PA Systems from time to time, the LCSD had decided to replace the systems;
- (5) the LCSD would carry out the landscape works at recreation grounds in Tsuen Wan district in six venues under its management adjacent to the Tsuen Wan town centre.

Among them, the LCSD would assign priority to venues of higher patronage for works implementation;

- (6) the LCSD noted Members' views and would continue the landscaping and optimization of recreation grounds in Tsuen Wan district. It would include the agenda item in the meetings of the Working Group for discussion with members in due course;
- (7) as the EMSD had to purchase PA Systems according to the specified procurement list, the LCSD would get to know whether the new PA Systems were equipped with USB power adaptors;
- (8) the LCSD would study the technical feasibility of providing a screen in the Amphitheatre of Tsuen Wan Park for presenting presentation;
- (9) the LCSD clarified that the old PA System installed in the Amphitheatre of Tsuen Wan Park had been in use for almost 10 years;
- (10) the Tai Ho Road Sitting-out Area No. 1 and Tai Ho Road Sitting-out Area No. 2 were small in area but of high patronage, attracting many members of the public to take a rest there. The LCSD would follow up the landscaping there;
- (11) many large-scale activities would be held in Sha Tsui Road Playground. The LCSD would discuss with the stakeholders on the time and construction period of the Improvement Works to Sha Tsui Road Playground; and
- (12) installation of light emitting diode (LED) lamps in the parks under the management of the LCSD was commenced. Replacement with LED lamps would take place in Tsuen Wan Park soon and in other parks gradually. Flood-light was used at Sha Tsui Road Playground because an adequate and concentrated light source was required for recreation ground. The LCSD would study on this and would ask the EMSD the time for replacement with LED lamps at Sha Tsui Road Playground.

9. The Chairman concluded that Members were concerned about the PA System to be installed in the PA System Enhancement of the Amphitheatre. He continued that hirers of the Amphitheatre in Tsuen Wan Park were required to use the PA System provided by the LCSD to reduce the impact on the nearby residents. Such being the case, he hoped that the PA System would keep abreast of time and meet the needs of the users. He also requested the representative of the LCSD to discuss with the Members concerned after the meeting on Members' views on site selection of the landscape works at recreation grounds in Tsuen Wan district.

(Note: Mr TAM Hoi-pong joined the meeting at 3:02 p.m.)

10. Members unanimously endorsed funding application of \$3,681,000 in total for the four new projects under district minor works in Tsuen Wan in 2018-19.

V Item 4: Report on Progress of District Minor Works
(DFMC Paper No. 2/18-19)

11. Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan) (ADO(TW)) of the TWDO reported the relevant information.

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

- (1) he noted that project item 1 - Construction of rain shelter at the elevated pedestrian walkway of Fou Wah Centre in Tsuen Wan (Construction of rain shelter at Fou Wah Centre) had entered the works stage and asked whether the actual expenditure of \$311,000 at present was used for payment of the works costs (Mr LAM Faat-kang);
- (2) he noted that project item 3 - Installation of District Council electronic information display board (Information Display Board) was shelved for the time being. He asked whether there would be any appropriate location for placing the Information Display Board after the redevelopment of Sai Lau Kok Garden had been completed. He proposed that the TWDO should conduct the relevant study and installation of the Information Display Board should be implemented during the construction of the project (Mr LAM Faat-kang); and
- (3) he was concerned about project item 9 - Construction of footpath from Lei Muk Shuk Estate to Cheung Shan Estate in Tsuen Wan (Construction of footpath at Lei Muk Shuk Estate) and asked whether the project could be completed before Christmas (Mr WONG Ka-wa).

13. Senior Inspector of Works of the TWDO responded as follows:

- (1) the actual expenditure of \$311,000 for Construction of rain shelter at Fou Wah Centre included the cost of two feasibility studies to understand the feasibility of constructing an additional shelter at Fou Wah Centre and the podium. The findings of the studies showed that the building could not afford an additional structure and that construction of superstructure works on the podium was also infeasible. The TWDO's study on the provision of an additional shelter at an exit of the Tsuen Wan MTR Station for connecting to the access of Sai Lau Kok Garden was underway, and the TWDO would inform Members of the latest project estimate when appropriate; and
- (2) it was anticipated that the tendering exercise for construction of footpath at Lei Muk Shuk Estate would be conducted in June 2018 and expected that the works would be completed in December 2018 in the case of smooth implementation.

(Note: Mr CHOW Ping-tim left the meeting at 3:06 p.m.)

14. ADO(TW) of the TWDO responded as follows:

- (1) the TWDO would continue to identify suitable places in the district for installation of the Information Display Board and could consider installing it inside Sai Lau Kok Garden; and
- (2) redevelopment of Sai Lau Kok Garden had been commenced. As the works schedule of the project was tight, the progress of the project might be adversely affected if it was necessary to study on providing an additional installation to the project at present. As such, the TWDO proposed to deal with the two projects separately, and consider whether the said location was suitable for installing the Information Display Board only after redevelopment of Sai Lau Kok Garden had been completed.

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

- (1) he pointed out that Sai Lau Kok Garden was an open venue. However, the publicity effect of the Information Display Board might be less effective if it was installed at an indoor venue. Worrying that the Information Display Board would be damaged easily if it was installed inside Sai Lau Kok Garden, he did not recommend installation of the Information Display Board at Sai Lau Kok Garden (Mr KOT Siu-yuen);
- (2) at present, members of the public could view the publicity posters promoting District Council activities at the TWDC before 6:00 p.m. every day. Apart from surfing the website of the District Council, there were not so many channels for the residents of Tsuen Wan district to obtain information about the activities of the District Council. He hoped that the TWDO would place importance on the works of the Information Display Board and install the Information Display Board outside the entrance of the TWDC (Mr KOT Siu-yuen); and
- (3) he opined that the heating problem of LED display panel was not too serious at present, and that it would be more appropriate to install the Information Display Board outside the entrance of the TWDC than inside Sai Lau Kok Garden, hoping the TWDO to consider the suggestion (Mr TAM Hoi-pong).

16. The Chairman recalled that installation of Information Display Board was initially proposed in 2009, believing that the adoption of a large LED display panel and installation outside the entrance of the TWDC were considered at that time. However, it had been ten years since the proposal and advanced technology was already in existence nowadays. To ensure better maintenance and minimize the damage problem of the Information Display Board, he hoped that the TWDO would reconsider the implementation of the whole project and

adoption of latest technology for implementation.

(Note: Mr WONG Ka-wa left the meeting at 3:11 p.m.)

VI Item 5: Funds Allocation for District Facilities Management Committee 2018/19

(DFMC Paper No. 3/18-19)

17. The Chairman said that the DFMC was allocated a total sum of \$18,890,215, from which \$5,781,215 (including 5% of deficit budget) was allocated for the LCSD to organize activities and \$13,109,000 was allocated to implement district minor works in 2018/19.

VII Item 6: Request the Leisure and Cultural Services Department to Fully Enhance the Facilities on All the Beaches in Tsuen Wan District

(DFMC Paper No. 4/18-19)

18. The captioned paper was submitted by the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael and Mr CHENG Chit-pun. The representative of the LCSD responsible for giving response was Mr CHENG Kwok-kuen, Chris, District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) (DLM(TW)).

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

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

- (1) the LCSD had provided self-service storage cages in Approach Beach, and storage service was being provided by the operator of the light refreshment kiosk in Lido Beach;
- (2) the LCSD was studying the provision of additional self-service storage cages in Ma Wan Tung Wan Beach and Lido Beach to provide enhanced quality service to users of the beaches. At earlier time, the LCSD had jointly studied the proposal of providing additional self-service storage cages in Ma Wan Tung Wan Beach with the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD), and was pending the reply from the ArchSD about the details of installation. Besides, as restricted by the contract terms, the LCSD could resume the business concession of storage service in Lido Beach only upon the expiry of the respective contract at the end of the bathing season in November 2018. The LCSD would then install storage cages for public use for free;
- (3) owing to geographical and environmental constraints in Ting Kau Beach and Hoi Mei Wan Beach, there was no appropriate place to construct covered platform for installation of storage cages. Therefore, discussion between the LCSD and ArchSD on provision of storage cages in these beaches was in progress;
- (4) the LCSD had liaised with the ArchSD and EMSD for discussion on provision of drinking fountains in Approach Beach, Ting Kau Beach and Hoi Mei Wan Beach. As amendments had to be made to the project plans previously submitted by the LCSD to the Water Supplies Department (WSD), it was necessary to discuss with the

ArchSD on how to make such amendments for further submission to the WSD for approval to implement the installation. The LCSD would follow up with the departments concerned according to the works progress; and

- (5) as the works of the second phase in Anglers' Beach would be carried out in 2019, the LCSD would request the ArchSD to provide self-service storage cages and drinking fountains in the new beach building.

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

- (1) they supported the proposals raised by Members (Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly and Mr LAM Faat-kang);
- (2) he opined that the beaches in Tsuen Wan and even in the territory should be provided with the basic facilities such as storage cages and drinking fountains (Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly);
- (3) he noted that the LCSD would provide storage cages of its own in Lido Beach for public use upon expiry of the contract with the operator currently providing the storage service on the beach. He asked whether the existing storage cages provided by the service provider would be handed over to the LCSD for immediate use upon expiry of the service contract, or whether the LCSD had to separately provide some other storage cages for use. If provision of separate storage cages was required, he hoped that the LCSD could commence the relevant works as soon as possible. Otherwise, the LCSD should check the existing storage cages for damage and for replacement where necessary so that they could be expeditiously provided to the public (Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly);
- (4) he opined that the agenda item involved the district facilities under the management of the LCSD. Understanding that some Members had prepared detailed information on the issue, the Working Group should feel ashamed of this. It should not entirely blame on inadequate communication between the LCSD and the Working Group. As such, he hoped that the Working Group would have enhanced communication with the LCSD in future to perform the functions of the Working Group fully for tackling the problems of district facilities and improving them as a result (Mr LAM Faat-kang);
- (5) they opined that facilities on beaches should be provided in accordance with the size, situation and utilisation of individual beaches and uniformity in provision of facilities among all beaches was unnecessary (Mr TAM Hoi-pong and the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael);
- (6) he opined that provision of beach rafts which were too big in size would adversely affect the outlook of the beaches. He asked the LCSD under what circumstances a beach would be provided with beach rafts (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);

- (7) he asked about the timetable of installing self-service storage cages in Ma Wan Tung Wan Beach (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
- (8) he noted that the LCSD would terminate the storage service in Lido Beach currently provided by an operator upon the expiry of the existing contract. He asked the LCSD whether the service of the light refreshment kiosk would also be terminated, who would be responsible to operate the light refreshment kiosk in future, and why the service of the light refreshment kiosk would be terminated (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
- (9) he asked what bathing shed was (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
- (10) he noted that the LCSD would construct a beach building in Anglers' Beach in 2019. During the bathing season, the average monthly number of users of this beach was more than 8 000. So, he asked the LCSD what alternative proposals would be put in place before the new building was constructed (the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael);
- (11) although the average monthly number of users of Ting Kau Beach exceeded 6 600 during the bathing season, neither storage service nor drinking fountains was provided there. He opined that the LCSD should provide drinking fountains on the beach for swimmers, and introduce temporary alternative proposals before it had identified a suitable location to construct a covered platform for installation of storage cages (the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael);
- (12) the LCSD did not mention about the provision of facilities in Casam Beach which was near Lido Beach, he asked whether the above-mentioned facilities provided in Lido Beach would be shared by users of Casam Beach (Mr CHENG Chit-pun); and
- (13) he noted that the LCSD wanted to install storage cages in covered places. However, he pointed out that the existing storage cages in Sha Tsui Road Playground were not installed at a covered place. Seeing that the area of some beaches was small where there was no building constructed by the LCSD at present, he suggested that the LCSD should consider providing the storage cages outdoor (the Chairman).

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

- (1) upon completion of the contract with the existing storage service operator in Lido Beach, the LCSD would provide the public with the storage service as soon as possible before the start of the next bathing season. He hoped that the handover of service would be carried out smoothly;
- (2) the LCSD would have enhanced communication with the Working Group, facilitating the Working Group to hold in-depth and extensive discussion on the item;
- (3) only Lido Beach in Tsuen Wan district was provided with beach rafts at this stage. Owing to insufficient water depth in Ma Wan Tung Wan Beach, beach rafts could not be provided for technical reason;

- (4) tendering would be conducted upon expiry of the existing contract regarding operation of the light refreshment kiosk in Lido Beach. Service of the light refreshment kiosk would be operated by an outsourced company and only the storage service would be handed over to the LCSD;
- (5) bathing shed referred to the bathing sheds provided by the LCSD in Approach Beach, Lido Beach and Casam Beach;
- (6) the second phase works of Anglers' Beach was expected to be commenced in November 2019, and the beach was scheduled to be reopen during the bathing season in 2021. The LCSD would study whether additional facilities could be temporarily provided prior to the commencement of the second phase works;
- (7) the facilities in Casam Beach and Lido Beach were shared by users of the two beaches due to their close proximity;
- (8) the LCSD would study the provision of storage cages at uncovered places because it was concerned about the articles kept inside the storage cages would get wet during rainy days;
- (9) the LCSD could not construct a building for use by lifeguards who were dispersed at different places on the beach because of excessive sand and space constraint in Ting Kau Beach. As limited by the geographical environment of the beach, the LCSD found it difficult to provide storage cages during the study. In Approach Beach where a beach building was constructed, storage cages had been installed on the first floor of the building for use by the public; and
- (10) the LCSD noted Members' views and would study whether there were temporary mitigation measures to meet the public demand.

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

- (1) he considered it unimaginable of having no drinking fountains provided on beaches in Hong Kong with high property prices nowadays (the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael);
- (2) he pointed out that storage cages equipped with waterproof covers were available in the market. The LCSD only needed to identify suitable places to place these storage cages without fixing them with cement (the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael); and
- (3) although the bathing season started in April every year, swimmers would bath in the beaches even outside the swimming season. He hoped that the storage service in Lido Beach could be provided to the public immediately after the existing contract was expired. It was unnecessary to provide this service to the public only at the onset of the next swimming season (the Chairman).

24. DLM(TW) of the LCSD added that the LCSD also wanted to provide the public with drinking fountains on beaches as soon as possible. However, the technical problems such as

connection and sewage treatment had to be solved before installing drinking fountains. In addition, it would take three to four months for the WSD to process the relevant plans, and the LCSD would continue to follow up on the relevant works.

25. The Chairman requested the LCSD to study how to improve the facilities on beaches in Tsuen Wan district.

(Note: The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael left the meeting at 3:41 p.m.)

VIII Item 7: Strongly Request the Government to Make Good Use of the Vacant Government Land in Tsuen Wan to Provide Additional Badminton Courts and Multi-purpose Activity Rooms

(DFMC Paper No. 5/18-19)

26. The captioned paper was submitted by Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis. The representatives of government departments responsible to give response were:

- (1) Mr CHENG Kwok-kuen, Chris, DLM(TW), LCSD; and
- (2) Mr TSE Hing-chit, Administrative Assistant Lands (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing) (AA/Lands), Lands Department (LandsD).

27. Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis introduced the paper.

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

- (1) the relevant provisions and requirements of the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines (HKPSG) would not be altered at this stage;
- (2) it was indeed difficult to book an intended session of badminton courts during peak hours;
- (3) there were four sports centres providing badminton courts in Tsuen Wan district. The utilization rate of the badminton courts during peak hours was 95% to 97% and that during off-peak hours was 83%. The utilization rate of the multi-purpose activity rooms during peak hours was 82% and that during off-peak hours was 85%;
- (4) there were 28 indoor badminton courts and 5 indoor multi-purpose activity rooms provided in Tsuen Wan district at present. The LCSD hoped that 8 indoor badminton courts and 5 indoor multi-purpose activity rooms would be provided in the Tsuen Wan Sports Centre to temporarily alleviate the demand in the district; and
- (5) in addition to the lack of land resources, financial resources were also inadequate. The LCSD noted Members' views which would be reflected to its Headquarters for further follow-up action.

29. AA/Lands of the LandsD responded as follows:
- (1) the LandsD clarified that the sites of the former Tsuen King Circuit Market and the former Tsuen Wan Magistrates' Courts were not vacant government land. They were currently used by government departments; and
 - (2) if the government departments concerned wanted to rezone the existing facilities to badminton courts or multi-purpose activity rooms, the LandsD would be willing to tie in with their proposals through preparation of respective land grant documents.
30. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:
- (1) they supported the proposals raised by Members (Mr CHENG Chit-pun and Mr MAN Yu-ming);
 - (2) the demand for recreational facilities had always exceeded the supply, and it was not easy to book the public venues for playing ball games or organising activities. Therefore, he hoped that the government could provide additional recreational facilities (Mr CHENG Chit-pun);
 - (3) he reminded the LCSD that, apart from identifying places to provide badminton courts, it also had to pay attention to the issues of booking venues, "touting of user permit" and online sale of booked session of venues, etc. (Mr CHENG Chit-pun);
 - (4) he asked the LCSD about the distribution of the eight new indoor badminton courts (Mr MAN Yu-ming);
 - (5) he opined that the rules of venue management had to be clearly disclosed to the public to avoid unnecessary misunderstanding, and enquired about the current situation of managing the facilities in the venues (Mr MAN Yu-ming); and
 - (6) she proposed to strive for resources and request for formulating new planning standards by writing to the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) in the capacity of the Committee (Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis).
31. DLM(TW) of the LCSD responded as follows:
- (1) the LCSD had introduced a number of measures to combat "touting of user permit", including the suspension of telephone booking services;
 - (2) the LCSD found that many people went to the offices of the LCSD to book venues with the copies of identity cards of the third party. To combat "touting of user permit" in this way, the LCSD would introduce a new measure in mid-June 2018 in that the LCSD would not accept any application for booking venue by a third party. Members of the public were required to come to the venues under the LCSD in person or make use of the LCSD's online platform for booking;
 - (3) exploration of measures to combat different ways for "touting of user permit" by the LCSD Headquarters was underway. For example, a hirer of booking a session of

hard-surface soccer pitch had to make registration in Leisure Link e-Services System with one's real name in advance. He hoped that it could achieve some concrete results; and

- (4) the LCSD would provide eight more indoor badminton courts in the new Tsuen Wan Sports Centre. Operation of these badminton courts would be the same as that of other badminton courts in general, and the opening hours was from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. However, the badminton courts would not be open to the public during international sports events. The LCSD would also strictly observe the ratio of sessions reserved for booking by organisations to sessions reserved for booking by the public, hoping that the residents in the district could enjoy the facilities fairly.

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

- (1) he pointed out that the Tsuen Wan Sports Centre which could hold 1 900 persons was about to complete. A community hall near the waterfront would also be completed soon. The third community hall would be provided in Sai Lau Kok Garden in future. For this reason, he questioned the effectiveness of writing to the HAB by then (Mr LO Siu-kit);
- (2) he opined that it was necessary for the LCSD to actively tackle the problem of "touting of user permit" for the facilities the utilization rate of which was over 100%. However, as the badminton courts and some facilities were not fully utilized yet, he worried that the measures introduced by the LCSD would adversely affect the utilization rate of the existing venues (Mr LO Siu-kit); and
- (3) as mentioned in the "Policy Address" published last year, one of the proposals to provide additional recreation venues was to use school venue by sports organisations. He hoped that the LCSD would brief on this (the Chairman).

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

- (1) the HAB and Education Bureau were responsible to implement the Opening up School Facilities for Promotion of Sports Development Scheme (Scheme). The Scheme encouraged schools to open up their facilities for hire by community organisation. However, as the Scheme might involve various issues such as insurance, equipment, order and management, some schools refused to participate in the Scheme;
- (2) about 100 schools had participated in the Scheme at present. Schools approved for participating in the Scheme could receive a subsidy the amount of which was \$20,000 for accommodating the first programme in the school year 2017/18 and \$15,000 for each subsequent programme, up to a maximum amount of \$80,000 per school in each school year;
- (3) the sports organisations using school facilities under the Scheme for provision of

activities to the local community were required to reserve one-fourth of the places in each programme for priority enrolment of students, teachers and/or parents of the school concerned, subject to their fulfilment of the qualification(s) of that activity; and

- (4) as the LCSD might not provide many more recreation venues immediately, the Government wanted to release the venues under the LCSD for hire by the public through the Scheme which facilitated the sports organisations to hire school facilities.

34. The Chairman indicated that the Scheme was outside the coverage of the agenda item but was related to supply of recreation venues. As such, he thought that Members might submit an agenda item for discussion when appropriate. He pointed out that the existing provision in the venues had met the requirement of the HKPSG. However, it was difficult to book a session at LCSD venues to play all games. Besides, it was still uncertain whether the Tsuen Wan Sports Centre could meet the demand of residents for recreation venues in future. He opined that there existed a direct relationship between the shortage problem and HKPSG. Therefore, he hoped that the LCSD could deliberate over the problem from various perspectives. He also opined that it was appropriate for Members to write to the HAB and could express the open attitude of the Committee on this issue. He hoped that the HAB would actively consider identifying suitable sites for providing cultural and recreational facilities in Tsuen Wan district, including the sites of the former Tsuen King Circuit Market and the former Tsuen Wan Magistrates' Courts.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat had conveyed Members' views to the HAB in writing on 28 May 2018.)

IX Item 8: Arrangements of Disposal and Recycling of Used Books from Tsuen Wan and Other Libraries

(DFMC Paper No. 6/18-19)

35. The captioned paper was submitted by Mr TAM Hoi-pong submitted. The representative of the LCSD responsible for giving response was Ms TSE Ka-yee, Carmen, Senior Librarian (Tsuen Wan) (SL(TW)).

36. Mr TAM Hoi-pong introduced the paper.

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

- (1) the Hong Kong public libraries had attempted to donate some books, which were less frequently utilized but of reading value, among the library materials in the past two years. The books were donated to the community libraries as their permanent library

materials in accordance with the Government's established procedures for handling government articles. The public libraries had completed the pilot scheme on donation for two times. During the exercise, about 20 community organisations had selected and taken away a total of 400 items of books. Having consolidated the experience of the two pilot schemes on donation, the LCSD would, together with the policy bureau or departments concerned, review the existing arrangement for recycling the written off materials as waste paper by constructors; and

- (2) the LCSD had adopted a multifaceted approach to follow up the work, including study on the comments raised from the community units having participated in the pilot scheme on donation and received the donated books as well as that from the community libraries regarding the pilot scheme on donation. To enhance the effectiveness of the pilot scheme on donation, it would review the arrangement for carrying out the donation procedures afresh and explore ways for streamlining such procedures with the government units concerned according to the principles prescribed in the Government's "Stores and Procurement Regulations". It would also explore to collaborate with non-profit-making organizations for studying on writing off books through donation.

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

- (1) many offices of District Councillors would organize bookcrossing or free book exchange activities to promote a reading culture (Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly);
- (2) bookcrossing activities were well-received by members of the public. They would not only take away books but also donate some of their own. It was learnt from the bookcrossing activities that the public were interested in different kinds of books. Therefore, even the reading value might not be high for some books, he believed that some members of the public would still be interested in reading them (Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly);
- (3) he believed that books purchased by the public libraries would have their reading value to a certain extent. He also pointed out that the reading value of books belonging to the general cultural categories would not be influenced by time except the books on tourism published many years ago because they would lose their reading value substantially (Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly);
- (4) he noted that some books of the public libraries would be recycled as waste paper or disposed of in landfills. In his opinion, such handling ways of books should be reviewed. He also suggested that the public libraries could make the books written off available for interested schools, organisations or offices of District Councillors to take them away. If there were too many units showing interest in the arrangement, he proposed to distribute the books by balloting to avoid wasting the books and giving

- a perception to the public that the public libraries did not handle books in an environmentally friendly way (Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly);
- (5) he believed that the public libraries in some other countries might make the most out of their books, thereby suggesting that the public libraries should make reference to their practice (Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly);
 - (6) he asked why the books which had been written off were required to be disposed of by waste paper collectors. He thought that the LCSD should consider whether the existing arrangement to written-off books was inappropriate and whether the relevant guidelines could be amended (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
 - (7) he opined that there were many ways to handle the written-off books. For example, they could be given to Members for organizing bookcrossing activities or made available in the public libraries for the public to take away by balloting or by quota. The books should not be disposed of in landfills or given to waste paper collectors anyway (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
 - (8) he noted that the public libraries had suspended to give the written-off books to waste paper collectors for recycling having regard to the respective report of the Office of the Ombudsman in 2017. He asked whether the public libraries in Tsuen Wan had written off books since 1 January 2018 and whether they had resumed the practice of giving the written-off books to waste paper collectors (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
 - (9) he said that books under the Community Libraries Partnership Scheme belonged to the public libraries while the community libraries had to return these books to the public libraries in future. The community libraries were liable to make compensation in the case of defect or damage for the books (the Chairman); and
 - (10) he learnt that the public libraries had donated the written-off books to community bodies and community libraries in the pilot schemes. He asked what the difference between this arrangement and the Community Libraries Partnership Scheme was (the Chairman).

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

- (1) the books of the Hong Kong public libraries were government articles. Therefore, compensation would be required if the community libraries lost the books borrowed from the Hong Kong public libraries. However, books donated to non-profit-making organizations had been written off in accordance with the established procedures of the Government;
- (2) owing to the undesirable situation of some books such as having missing page, being old or damaged condition, having hygiene problems and so on, the public libraries had to write them off;

- (3) having obtained experience from the last two pilot schemes on donation, they understood whether the procedures of handling of written-off books could be streamlined and would donate the outdated books to non-profit-making organizations;
- (4) the public libraries and waste paper collectors had always maintained close liaison. It happened that the waste paper recycling industry in the territory encountered export problems earlier. To avoid exerting additional pressure to the industry, the public libraries had suspended to give them the written-off books for recycling. However, the procedure to write off undesirable materials by the public libraries had never been suspended;
- (5) to write off books was a part of the library material management in the public libraries. As it was necessary for the public libraries to maintain the provision of library materials that were timely, practical and responsive to public need, the public libraries were required to continuously purchase and write off books in parallel; and
- (6) in the first quarter of 2018, the public libraries in Tsuen Wan district had written off more than 2 700 books which were old, damaged or having hygiene problems.

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

- (1) Members were interested in receiving books donated by the public libraries. As offices of District Councillors were non-profit-making organizations without making the respective registration, he asked the LCSD whether the relevant requirement could be amended to facilitate Members having participated in the Community Library Partnership Scheme to register for obtaining the donated books to expand the book collection of the community libraries (Mr LO Siu-kit);
- (2) he pointed out that whether a book was old was a matter of personal perception. Besides, donation of books having hygiene problem might arouse other problems. He asked about the ratio of the total number of written-off books to the number of books written off due to hygiene problem. He also asked about the ways to handle the more than 2 700 books written off by the public libraries in Tsuen Wan in the first quarter of 2018 (Mr TAM Hoi-pong); and
- (3) he noted that the books donated by the public libraries had been written off and were no more government properties. He asked whether the recipients could decide the use of the books by themselves (the Chairman).

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

- (1) under the existing “Stores and Procurement Regulations” of the Government, the Government could donate the surplus articles to non-profit-making organizations and education bodies after such articles had been written off according to the necessary and established procedures. The public libraries would consolidate the experience

- from the previous two pilot schemes on donation and explore ways to streamline the procedures for enhancing effectiveness of the pilot scheme on donation;
- (2) the public libraries did not keep the statistics of books written off due to hygiene problem;
 - (3) as books were made of paper, the highly utilised books would be worn out easier correspondingly. During the normal handling of borrowing and returning books by users and putting books on book shelves, staff of the public libraries would separate books which were old, damaged or having hygiene problem for further action;
 - (4) the public libraries would carry out and monitor the writing off library materials of the public libraries according to the established procedures and guidelines;
 - (5) the public libraries in Tsuen Wan district did not write off books due to their outdated contents in the first quarter of 2018; and
 - (6) the public libraries would discuss with the departments concerned on streamlining the procedures to write off books, and utilization of resources of the public libraries would be optimized through donation of written-off books.

42. The Chairman said that if the LCSD needed to identify non-profit-making or charitable organisations in Tsuen Wan district to receive the donated books, the LCSD could liaise with Members to avoid wasting books which still possessed reading value. He also requested the LCSD to continue to find ways to properly write off books.

X Item 9: Report on Recreational and Sports Activities and Facilities Management in Tsuen Wan in February and March 2018 by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department
(DFMC Paper No. 7/18-19)

43. DLM(TW) of the LCSD introduced the paper.

44. Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly noted that Item Nos. 102 to 107 of the recreational and sports activities to be organised by the LCSD in Tsuen Wan District in April and May 2018 were provided to the physically disabled under the disabled people outreach exercise programme. He pointed out that, as reflected by many parents whose children were autistic, mentally retarded and hyperactive patients in Tsuen Wan district, they hoped that the LCSD could provide activities for participation by their children. He therefore hoped that the LCSD would provide the relevant activities in future. He also pointed out that people from South Asian countries especially the young people liked playing ball games like cricket. However, there were no such facilities provided in the public housing estates and no professional coaches were arranged to teach them about the relevant knowledge. In this connection, he requested the LCSD to provide free and suitable venues for the South Asian residents and arrange professional coaches to teach them to play ball games so that they could enjoy healthy

recreational activities.

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

- (1) people with disabilities did not only limited to physically disabled persons but also include those suffering from autism;
- (2) members might provide the LCSD with information on appropriate bodies to facilitate the LCSD to take the initiative to liaise with these organizations for arranging outreach services;
- (3) the LCSD understood that cricket was a favorite game of many South Asian children and therefore had organised cricket activities which were open to all Hong Kong residents and welcomed the participation by South Asian residents; and
- (4) the LCSD noted Members' views and would study on additional provision of such activities in due course.

XI Item 10: Report on Cultural Activities in Tsuen Wan District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

(DFMC Paper No. 8/18-19)

46. Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion of the LCSD introduced the paper.

XII Item 11: Report on Promotional Activities and the Enrolment Rate in Tsuen Wan District Public Libraries by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

(DFMC Paper No. 9/18-19)

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

XIII Item 12: Progress Report on the Working Groups under the Committee

(A) Working Group on Management of Community Halls

48. Mr LO Siu-kit said that the working group had no business to report.

49. Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly said that, as pointed out by some elderly, the seats available in the community halls were heavy and made of flannelette. Users of the seats sometimes feel wet, sticky and uncomfortable. As such, he requested the TWDO to replace these seats to better meet the need of the elderly.

50. Mr LO Siu-kit noted Members' views.

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

51. Mr LAM Faat-kang said that the working group had held its sixth meeting on 17 April 2018 and discussed on the items as follows:

- (1) proposed improvements to the services and facilities management of the LCSD were discussed, including the addition of a public swimming pool and public library near Tsuen Wan West station. According to the LCSD, the existing provision of public swimming pools and public libraries in the district were compliant with the relevant requirement. The LCSD did not plan for additional provision of the above two facilities in the district for the time being;
- (2) the LCSD planned to provide additional drinking fountains at seven venues installed with sitting-out facilities in the district and would submit application to the WSD for approval after the department concerned had prepared the draft plans. The works were expected to be completed by the end of this year. The LCSD would also jointly study with the departments concerned on the feasibility of providing drinking fountains in Sam Tung Uk Garden and Tsuen Wan Tin Hau Temple Garden;
- (3) the LCSD anticipated that the Tsuen Wan Sports Centre project would be completed in the third quarter of 2018. The LCSD would invite representatives of the relevant sports associations to participate in the venue testing site and provide advice in due course. The LCSD would also invite Members of TWDC to conduct another site visit to the venue. Moreover, the LCSD would continue to liaise with the developers concerned, studying the feasibility of improving the existing lighting facilities; and
- (4) the LCSD said that the components of the pumping system of the artificial lake in Tsuen Wan Park had been in use for about 20 years and thorough replacement was required. The project covered a wide range of items and the estimated expenditure was as high as about \$2.2 million.

52. Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis asked the LCSD the locations of the seven sitting-out facilities it planned to provide with drinking fountains. She also requested the LCSD to provide drinking fountains at Tsuen King Circuit Playground & Rest Garden and Chai Wan Kok Playground.

53. DLM(W) of the LCSD responded that the LCSD would provide the relevant information to Members after the meeting. Even if the venue was not included in the existing scheme, the LCSD would conduct a study in response to Members' requested to understand whether it was feasible to install drinking fountains at the venues concerned.

XIV Item 13: Any Other Business

54. Mr LAM Faat-kang commended the LCSD for the arrangement of a pool cleansing project in Sam Tung Uk Garden. He pointed out that, as reflected by some members of the public in the past, the pool was smelly and muddy. During construction, the LCSD encountered much constraint because the works site was above an MTR station. The LCSD was still actively

clearing away the mud and replacing the water, and the environment had been improved at present. He also hoped that the LCSD would continue to find a more cost-effective approach for the cleansing so that the existing cleaning task did not need to conduct every two to three years and would also discuss with Members on how to maintain a good environment for public use.

55. The Chairman thanked the LCSD for its prompt handling of the damaged planters which were installed with District Council funds.

(A) Information Papers

56. Members noted the following information papers:

- (1) Financial Statement of District Facilities Management Committee Funds 2017-18 (DFMC Paper No. 10/18-19); and
- (2) Financial Statement of District Facilities Management Committee as at 20.4.2018 (DFMC Paper No. 11/18-19).

(B) Date of Next Meeting

57. The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting was scheduled on 3 July 2018 and the deadline for submission of paper was 14 June 2018.

XV Adjournment of Meeting

58. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat

17 May 2018