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Minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the District Facilities Management Committee (6/18-19)

Date: 5 March 2019

Time: 4:52 p.m.

Venue: Main Conference Room, Tsuen Wan District Office

Present:

Mr WONG Wai-kit, MH (Chairman)

Mr CHAN Sung-ip, MH (Vice Chairman)

Mr MAN Yu-ming, MH

Mr KOO Yeung-pong, MH

Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris

Mr LI Hung-por

Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis

Ms LAM, Lam Nixie

Mr LAM Faat-kang, MH

Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones

Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly

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

Ms CHOY Po-san, Nancy                      Senior Executive Officer (District  
Management), 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) <sup>3</sup> , 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-yee, Carmen	Senior Librarian (Tsuen Wan), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms WONG Fan-ni, Jasmine	Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr YIM Wai-hung	Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing)

Absent:

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

The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben, BBS, JP

Mr WONG Ka-wa

Mr CHUNG Wai-ping, SBS, MH

I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed the Members and representatives from the government departments to the 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the District Facilities Management Committee (DFMC).

2. The Chairman informed Members that the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael was absent from meeting due to other commitments.

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

II Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 8.1.2019

4. 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

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. 52/18-19)

6. Senior Inspector of Works (Tsuen Wan) (SIOW(TW)) and Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan) (ADO(TW)) of the Tsuen Wan District Office (TWDO), and District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) (DLM(TW)) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) introduced two proposed new projects under district minor works (DMW) in Tsuen Wan in 2018-19.

7. Mr LO Siu-kit said that the rain shelter near lamp post No. W1593 at Shing Mun Road in Tsuen Wan was damaged in a traffic accident. He therefore suggested that the TWDO should obtain information on the traffic accident from the Police as soon as possible for recovery of the project costs involved from the parties concerned.

8. SIOW(TW) of the TWDO said that the TWDO had received the information on the traffic accident from the Police and would follow this up in accordance with the laid down procedures.

9. DFMC unanimously endorsed the fund application of HK\$455,000 in total for two proposed new projects under DMW in Tsuen Wan in 2018-19.

V Item 4: Report on Progress of District Minor Works

(DFMC Paper No. 53/18-19)

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

11. Mr LAM Faat-kang thanked the TWDO for providing assistance in dealing with the connection of rain shelters under the Construction of rain shelter at the elevated pedestrian walkway of Fou Wah Centre in Tsuen Wan, thereby sheltering the passers-by at the location from the sun and rain.

(Note: Mr TAM Hoi-pong joined the meeting at 4:58 p.m.)

VI Item 5: Request the Leisure and Cultural Services Department to Open the Access of Tsuen Wan Riviera Park on a 24-hour Basis and Duly Deploy the Security Guards for Maintaining the Leisure Facilities of the Park and Effectively Controlling Any Improper Annoyance from the Park in the Interests of Prevention and Management of the Noise and Security Problems.

(DFMC Paper No. 54/18-19)

12. The Chairman said that the captioned paper was submitted by Mr CHOW Ping-tim. The representative from the LCSD responsible for giving response was Mr CHENG Kwok-kuen, Chris, DLM(TW).

13. Mr CHOW Ping-tim introduced the paper.

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

- (1) staff of the LCSD would conduct daily inspection of Tsuen Wan Riviera Park (TWRP). In recent months, some youngsters including some smokers were spotted loitering at the children's playground and basketball court at night, causing noise nuisance and littering. After identifying the situation, staff of the LCSD would advise them to reduce the noise level and abstain from smoking every night and, in general, the youngsters would listen to the staff's advice. There was an uncommon case occurred last week in which a member of the public sought police assistance due to the provocative behavior of some youngsters;
- (2) the LCSD had deployed a security guard to station at the said location between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. after identifying the problem. The LCSD had also stepped up the patrolling between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m. to monitor whether the youngsters would engage in any illegal acts;
- (3) the LCSD planned to recruit more security guards on night shift, and had asked the security company concerned to arrange for an additional security guard to perform night duty there. However, as the security company could not recruit the required security guards so far, the additional deployment was not implemented for the time being. The LCSD would continue to urge the security company to deploy additional security guard for performing duty at the location as soon as possible;
- (4) the LCSD had also reported the situation in TWRP to the Police and Social Welfare Department (SWD), and hoped that police officers and social workers might be deployed to contact the young people at the location, advising them to abstain from illegal acts, and providing guidance to them for participating in some healthy activities; and
- (5) TWRP was open to the public round the clock at present, and the LCSD would pay close attention to the related security problems.

15. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:
- (1) some Members had received complaints about noise nuisance lodged by residents in The Pavilia Bay situating beside a children's sliding board in TWRP had been. Some people said that the people causing noise nuisance were young people aged about 13 to 14 and some were even holding lighted cigarettes (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
  - (2) she had conducted a site visit to the location with police officers and staff of the LCSD at about 8 p.m. in the evening, but not too many young people appeared that night (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
  - (3) as she learnt, a conflict occurred at the location last Friday. A resident in The Pavilia Bay went to the scene, scolded some youngsters staying at the location for smoking and used mobile phone to take photos of them, thus irritating the young people who abused the person concerned with offensive language and causing the conflict. Staying with one's children at that time, such person was afraid and reported the case to the Police for handling (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
  - (4) she understood that the LCSD had been actively tackling the problem and had advised residents to deal with it through the established channels rather than by themselves. If residents saw people smoking inside the park, they might call the Tobacco Control Office or the LCSD for assistance (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
  - (5) in her understanding, the Police would deploy plain-clothes officers to talk to the young people at scene, telling them that their loud noise would cause nuisance to the residents nearby, and advising them that both they and nearby residents should be mutually accommodating. She also thought that the SWD should arrange social workers for persuading the youngsters at scene (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
  - (6) he held that action should be targeted to tackle noise nuisance in the early hours rather than in the normal opening hours of the park. As the park was still in normal operation between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., noise even generated at a higher level during this period was not considered to be causing nuisance. However, smoking and drinking alcohol in the park were still improper behaviors of park users (Mr CHOW Ping-tim);
  - (7) it was difficult to seek assistance from security guards to address the problem of noise nuisance if it occurred in the small hours. He believed that complete management of the park could be achieved only if the park was changed to be open round the clock so that it was the responsibility of security guards to conduct inspection the whole day through and drive away improper park users when identified (Mr CHOW Ping-tim);
  - (8) he enquired the LCSD why Tsuen Wan Park (TWP) was open for public use 24 hours a day but not for TWRP (Mr CHOW Ping-tim); and

- (9) as the problem of TWRP would have negative impact on the area in the vicinity, he hoped to stop and curb the spreading of the impact so as to prevent some people with personal intent from deliberately distorting the facts and exaggerating the problem (Mr CHOW Ping-tim).

16. DLM(TW) of the LCS D responded as follows:

- (1) the LCS D expected that security guards would be deployed to station at the park concerned round the clock in the long term. However, the security company's recruitment of security guards was still underway at this stage;
- (2) since the buildings surrounding TWRP were prone to be affected by the noise created in the park, the LCS D wanted to reduce the noise problem in the park through various measures such as strengthened patrol and advice;
- (3) staff of the LCS D actually witnessed the situation mentioned by Members during the inspection conducted at 10 p.m. The LCS D would adopt a two-pronged approach to combat the irregularities occurred in the evening and in the small hours together; and
- (4) the immediate cause of the incident occurred last Friday was that a person took pictures of some young people with mobile phone and irritated the latter ones. Finally, police assistance was sought to deal with the incident. The LCS D called on the public to immediately notify the LCS D about any irregularities identified in the park and hand them over to staff of the LCS D for handling.

(Note: Mr LI Hung-por left the meeting at 5:10 p.m.)

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

- (1) she received a complaint about noise nuisance occurring late at night this January and residents had already moved into The Pavilia Bay (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
- (2) she and the Police jointly conducted a site inspection, but the Police remarked that the young people they saw then might not be those who had caused noise nuisance. It was believed that it would take time to deal with the case due to the lack of substantial evidence (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
- (3) she knew that some people felt aggrieved after being advised to behave themselves. They turned to damage the sports facilities there, and the marks of damages could still be seen (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
- (4) she saw a security guard in fluorescent clothes standing near some youngsters for a long time last Friday. The young people did not make loud noise at the beginning, but it became very noisy after they started to play games at scene. The security guard advised them not to do so in a restrained manner, but the attempt was futile. She therefore opined that it might be necessary for social workers to spend more time

to counsel them with patience and called on the residents nearby to keep calm in this matter (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);

- (5) he believed that the problems in TWRP might take place in the new TWP Phase III which was also open on a round-the-clock basis and, as a result, residents in the buildings near TWP Phase III would suffer from similar nuisance after occupation. He requested the LCSD to promptly deploy one or more security guards to station at TWP Phase III and, actively employ overnight security guards subject to the availability of manpower and financial resources (the Chairman); and
- (6) he also considered it feasible to seek assistance from staff of the SWD or social welfare agencies or plain-clothes police officers to teach the young people in a persuasive manner, and enquired the LCSD which social welfare agencies could provide such assistance (the Chairman).

18. DLM(TW) of the LCSD said that the SWD had liaised with the Kwai Tsing & Tsuen Wan Youth Outreaching Social Work Team of the Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong for providing assistance in tackling the problem. The social work team would visit the park two to three times a week.

19. The Chairman requested the LCSD to follow up on the problem and requested Members to maintain communication with the LCSD.

VII Item 6: Request the District Office to Install the Solar-powered Devices for the Rain Shelters under its Management in order to Improve the Lighting and Step Up Anti-mosquito Efforts

(DFMC Paper No. 55/18-19)

20. The Chairman said that the captioned paper was submitted by the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael and Mr CHENG Chit-pun. The representatives from the TWDO responsible for giving response were:

- (1) Mr CHOW Chun-hun, Gary, ADO(TW); and
- (2) Mr YUNG Chi-wai, SIOW(TW).

21. Mr CHENG Chit-pun introduced the paper.

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

- (1) the TWDO, together with the Highways Department (HyD), would examine the lighting of the rain shelter at the minibus stand on Lung Yue Road in Tsing Lung Tau, and would study with the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department on whether the anti-mosquito work at the location could be strengthened;

- (2) regarding the provision of each rain shelter, the TWDO would deliberate over various factors, including the appropriateness of the surrounding environment and location. In general, the TWDO preferred constructing rain shelters at sites already provided with lighting systems in the vicinity and far away from weeds and bushes. The TWDO needed to examine the rain shelters one by one to see whether sunlight could be efficiently absorbed by solar panels to be installed at rain shelter covers, and whether sunlight would be sheltered by the surrounding buildings. Furthermore, as rain shelters were constructed at different locations, the TWDO thought that it would be difficult to make a generalisation about whether solar panels could be provided for all the rain shelter covers; and
- (3) reference had been made to the design of rain shelters of the HyD and Home Affairs Department (HAD) when preparing the design of the TWDO's rain shelters. It was necessary to consider various factors for the proposed provision such as whether there was adequate space for installing solar panels on rain shelter covers and whether rain shelter covers could support the weight of solar panels and the ancillary equipment. Seeing that a rather uniformed design was adopted for rain shelters constructed in the 18 districts at present, the TWDO would submit the proposal to the HAD for its study and conceptualisation of new designs of rain shelters.

23. SIOW(TW) of the TWDO said that the rain shelter constructed at the location was translucent, allowing the sunlight to shine through to some extent. These covers were different from those completely sealed at the old-type bus stops of Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited.

(Note: Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly joined the meeting at 5:29 p.m.)

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

- (1) it would be more often for residents in the area to wait for minibuses at the junction of Lung Tang Road and Lung Yue Road, which was triangular in shape, in the evening and at night. Less passengers would wait for boarding at the minibus stand, where provision of street illumination was inadequate. He proposed the HyD to install more street lights at the location (Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris);
- (2) the old-type street lights were currently installed on Lung Tang Road and Lung Yue Road, and the HyD had started introducing Light Emitting Diode (i.e. LED) street lights with enhanced luminous efficiency. To enhance the luminous efficiency of the road section, the street lights concerned should be replaced immediately (Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris);

- (3) anti-mosquito device would help solve the mosquito problem to a certain extent. Although anti-mosquito work would be carried out at Tsing Yuen Children's Playground in summer, it was still necessary to install anti-mosquito device at the location (Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris);
- (4) he supported the concept of Members' proposal, but objected to implement it as a minor environmental improvement project by making use of the DMW fund. He believed that the original minor environmental improvement projects would be affected in this way. For this reason, he suggested that the TWDO should carry out the proposal with other provisions such as the fund for the Rural Public Works (RPW) programme to ensure proper use of resources (Mr CHOW Ping-tim);
- (5) he submitted the agenda item to the DFMC because it was not his original intention to implement the proposal with the DMW fund as a minor environmental improvement project (Mr CHENG Chit-pun);
- (6) he learnt that most rain shelters were constructed with other grants from the TWDO (Mr CHENG Chit-pun);
- (7) he supported the proposal about making immediate improvement to the traffic condition on Lung Yue Road by the TWDO, and requested the TWDO to expeditiously inform Members of the latest development after conveying such proposal to the HAD for study (Mr CHENG Chit-pun);
- (8) he considered the proposal worth supporting. However, he held that provision of additional anti-mosquito device was only required for rain shelters locating at sites with mosquito infestation near slopes and within parks, and that it was unnecessary to provide anti-mosquito devices for all rain shelters. He proposed the TWDO to conduct a pilot scheme in rural areas (Mr KOO Yeung-pong); and
- (9) many years ago, he had applied for the DMW fund to implement a minor environmental improvement project, that is, installation of a solar-powered street light at a location where lighting system or street lights had not been installed. At that time, the TWDO rejected the application on grounds of unsatisfactory efficiency and cost-effectiveness to install that kind of street light. He asked whether installation of this kind of street light at the existing technological level was cost-effective, and whether any pilot schemes of such installation were being implemented in other districts (the Chairman).

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

- (1) the TWDO would reflect the situation at the triangular junction of Lung Tang Road and Lung Yue Road to the HyD for follow-up;
- (2) the RPW fund could only be used for projects implemented within rural areas; and

- (3) solar power generation was not a widely used technology at present. In addition, there were no facilities installed for solar power generation in Tsuen Wan. The TWDO would reflect Members' views to the HAD.

(Note: Ms LAM, Lam Nixie left the meeting at 5:36 p.m.)

26. The Chairman requested the TWDO to take note of Members' views, communicate and study the views with other departments for understanding the development trend in future.

VIII Item 7: Report on Recreational and sports activities and Facilities Management in Tsuen Wan by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
(DFMC Paper No. 56/18-19)

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

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

- (1) he enquired whether the installation of self-service storage cages on beaches was completed and whether the facilities concerned would be available for use by swimmers in the swimming season to be commenced soon (Mr KOO Yeung-pong);
- (2) the elderly actively participating in sports activities would be healthier and their medical expenses could be reduced in general. The LCSD's free recreational and sports activities provided for the elderly were well-received programmes, causing the failure of some elderly to enroll. He suggested that the LCSD should increase the places of these activities so that the elderly would have greater chance to take part in sports activities (Mr KOO Yeung-pong);
- (3) he learnt that the sessions of Briefing on Proper Ways to Use Fitness Equipment were always full. Therefore, he hoped that the LCSD would provide more briefing sessions for wider public usage of the LCSD's facilities (Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris); and
- (4) he enquired about the latest progress of the maintenance works at the male toilet on Lido Beach (the Chairman).

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

- (1) installation of self-service storage cages on beaches had been completed, and the facilities concerned would be available for use with effect from 1 April 2019. The LCSD would inform Members of the number of self-service storage cages on each beach in due course;
- (2) the LCSD understood that the free recreational and sports activities for the elderly was inadequate, and would progressively increase the number of these classes after

reopening of Wai Tsuen Sports Centre in April. It would also study whether more badminton and table-tennis classes could be provided for the elderly;

- (3) all sessions of Briefing on Proper Ways to Use Fitness Equipment held in Tsuen Wan were full. The briefing session was not held in Tsuen Wan West Sports Centre because only a few fitness facilities were installed in the venue. Prior to the commissioning of Tsuen Wan Sports Centre, the briefing sessions could only be held in Yeung Uk Road Sports Centre in Tsuen Wan. As 37 sets of fitness equipment had been installed in Tsuen Wan Sports Centre at present, the LCSD had offered more Fitness (Multi-gym) Training Courses in Tsuen Wan Sports Centre after its opening, and would study the possibility of increasing the places of participants in each class; and
- (4) the LCSD would report to Members the latest progress of the maintenance works at the male toilet on Lido Beach in due course.

IX Item 8: Report on Cultural Activities in Tsuen Wan District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

(DFMC Paper No. 57/18-19)

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

X Item 9: Report on Promotional Activities and the Enrolment Rate in Tsuen Wan District Public Libraries by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

(DFMC Paper No. 58/18-19)

31. Senior Librarian (Tsuen Wan) (SL(TW)) of the LCSD introduced the paper. She added that a subject talk on Low Carbon Living, which was originally scheduled at Tsuen Wan Public Library (TWPL) on 9 December 2018, was cancelled due to the speaker's unavailability to attend.

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

- (1) he had requested the LCSD to provide mobile library service in Tsing Lung Tau as early as in 2016. However, the timetable of service provision showed that the mobile library vans were fully occupied then, and the above arrangement could be made only after new resources were allocated. As the current term of Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC) was about to finish, he enquired when new resources would be allocated to the LCSD and hoped that, prior to allocation of new resources, the mobile library van serving the district would be rearranged to visit the vicinity of Hong Kong Garden at Tsing Lung Tau for one to two hours a week to facilitate residents to return books (Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris);

- (2) although Shek Wai Kok Public Library was not located near Tsuen Wan town centre, it was of high utilization rate because of its accessibility. As a result, the library was crowded. Therefore, he enquired whether the LCSD had resource or plan for expansion of Shek Wai Kok Public Library to provide residents in Shek Wai Kok and housing estates in the adjacent areas a more comfortable environment for reading. This would help foster public interest in reading and achieve better results in cultural promotion (Mr MAN Yu-ming); and
- (3) about 3 000 persons would visit TWPL per day. It was very crowded inside the library, and space constraint had restricted the movement of library users therein. He enquired whether the LCSD had planned for expanding TWPL (Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly).

(Note: Mr CHOW Ping-tim left the meeting at 5:45 p.m.)

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

- (1) the LCSD had conducted a review of mobile library service during the previous term of the District Council, and the number of mobile library vans was consequently increased from 10 to 12. After the review, the LCSD had enhanced the mobile library service in Tsuen Wan, including the addition of a mobile library stop in Ma Wan and the increased frequency of the mobile library van for visiting the mobile library stop in Lei Muk Shue Estate. The LCSD noted Members' views on mobile library service and would take them into account upon allocation of additional resources;
- (2) small library played an auxiliary role in the library system. The LCSD had no plans for expansion of Shek Wai Kok Public Library for the time being; and
- (3) the LCSD understood that TWPL had its unique geographical advantages and was popular among residents in the district. The LCSD was planning to implement a refurbishment project for the library, and would report to Members when further information was available.

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

- (1) he enquired whether the LCSD had resources to rearrange the schedule of the mobile library van from visiting Ma Wan once every alternate Wednesday to once every Wednesday (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
- (2) he proposed that the LCSD should set up a self-service library station in Ma Wan (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
- (3) he learnt that a mobile library van would be parked at Sham Tseng for a whole day once a week. He enquired whether the above mobile library van could be parked in

Tsing Lung Tau for a short period of time before additional resources were allocated to the LCSD (Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris);

- (4) provision of libraries in Tsuen Wan had complied with the Planning Department's requirement in terms of the population in the district. However, he enquired whether TWPL and Shek Wai Kok Public Library were in compliance with the LCSD's standard in regard to size if the area of each of these libraries was to be calculated separately for library provision (the Chairman); and
- (5) users of TWPL were not restricted to residents in Tsuen Wan. Therefore, if refurbishment rather than expansion was to be carried out for the library concerned, the overcrowded situation of the library might not be improved. He hoped that the LCSD would identify resources for implementing expansion or reprovisioning of the library (Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly).

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

- (1) the LCSD had provided seven mobile library stops in Tsuen Wan. If additional mobile library stops were to be provided, reallocation of the existing mobile library stops and resources would be required. Since the proposed arrangement would affect the existing users, the LCSD expected that readjustment might be made when new resources were available in future;
- (2) the LCSD had launched three self-service library stations on a pilot basis. Subsequent to the launch of the first self-service library station at Island East Sports Centre Sitting-out Area, the self-service library station located at Hong Kong Cultural Centre had also started its operation since last December. The self-service library station near the MTR Tai Wai Station in Sha Tin would be commissioned in due course. After all the self-service library stations had been put into service, the LCSD would assess the effectiveness of the pilot scheme for understanding the development direction of self-service library stations; and
- (3) the requirement of the size of library had been changing with the times. As TWPL had been in operation for more than 20 years, it was natural that there would be difference in size when compared with the newly completed Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai Public Library. The LCSD was negotiating with the Architectural Services Department on the refurbishment of TWPL, and would report to Members upon the completion of the design.

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

### (A) Working Group on Management of Community Halls

36. Mr LO Siu-kit said that, as stated in the written reply received recently from the Community Halls and Establishment Section of the HAD, chairs provided for audience in

community halls/centres should be battened together in groups or in rows to ensure fire safety. As such, the TWDO obtained the relevant information from the concerned suppliers for procurement of suitable chairs. As chairs equipped with buckles were more expensive, replacement of chairs would be implemented for Lei Muk Shue Community Hall (LMSCH) first, and then for Princess Alexandra Community Centre and LMSCH. Regarding the replacement of central air-conditioning system in LMSCH, the TWDO recently received a notification from the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) which stated that the supplier could not deliver the chillers procured by the EMSD on schedule. The completion date of the project would thus be delayed to late May 2019 if no adjustment was to be made to the original works procedures. Under such circumstances, the EMSD proposed to make adjustment to the works procedures. It would return the hall of LMSCH to the TWDO for reopening for public use on 1 April 2019, and would select one of the two existing chillers having better performance for extended use until late May 2019. During the extended period, the selected chiller's rate for output would be 70 percent of the original output, believing that normal supply of air-conditioning might be maintained in the hall. By the end of May 2019, the EMSD would complete the replacement of the two new chillers in the hall one after another. Closure of the hall on 1 April 2019 was therefore not required. Since late May, the new central air-conditioning system would be completely installed and put into service.

37. Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly enquired about the justification for battening the chairs provided for audience in community halls/centres in groups or in rows, and whether the stipulation was applicable to all government or public places. He thought that this requirement would cause inconvenience and increase the cost. Besides, he hoped to reopen LMSCH earlier because many organisations needed to hire other venues for holding activities at their own expense during the replacement of the central air-conditioning system there. He doubted why the EMSD gave notification to the TWDO about the supplier's belated delivery of chillers until now. Regarding the situation of delayed delivery of chillers, he opined that the EMSD should have properly prepared the corresponding contingency plan prior to project commencement, and enquired what penalties the Government would impose on the supplier concerned for being unable to deliver the chillers as scheduled.

38. Senior Executive Officer (District Management) of the TWDO responded as follows:

- (1) Community Halls and Establishment Section of the HAD indicated that chairs provided for audience in community halls/centres had to be battened together in groups or in rows to ensure fire safety, and advised the TWDO that compliance with the guideline was required. The HAD would also remind the venues under its management to comply with the requirement;

- (2) the TWDO had only recently received the EMSD's notification about the supplier's failure to deliver chillers as scheduled. If the original works procedures would be carried on, the project completion would be delayed until late May 2019. In response, the EMSD immediately made adjustment to the works procedures so that the date of returning the hall to the TWDO for reopening could be advanced to 1 April 2019. From 1 April to late May 2019, one of the two existing chillers having better performance would be temporarily retained for continued operation until replacement. It was believed that normal air-conditioning supply in the hall could be maintained. After the EMSD had completed the replacement of all chillers by the end of this May, the new central air-conditioning system could commence full operation; and
- (3) the TWDO needed to obtain further details of the penalties from the EMSD.

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

39. Mr LAM Faat-kang said that the Community Planting Day in TWP, which was sponsored by the TWDC, was held on 22 February 2019. During the activity, many District Councillors, together with Green Ambassadors and more than 100 primary school teachers and students in the district, personally participated in planting trees in the park to promote green messages. The Working Group had also planned to hold two meetings in April and August 2019, and the meeting dates were pending confirmation. He hoped that Members of the Working Group would actively attend the meetings in giving their opinions and suggestions of the recreation and sports facilities in the district.

XII Item 11: Any Other Business

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

- (1) they expressed dissatisfaction over the change in the scheduled meeting time, opining that the arrangement might affect the attendance rate of Members and the operation of the departments concerned. They expected that there would be no recurrence of such kind of arrangement (Mr TAM Hoi-pong and Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly); and
- (2) he learnt from the "2019-20 Budget" that Tsuen Wan Town Hall might be demolished. Thinking that Tsuen Wan Town Hall was with historical value and its facilities were provided with quality public address systems, he hoped that the government would consult the TWDC prior to implementation of the decision (Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly).

41. The Chairman noted Members' views, but development of the Tsuen Wan Town Hall was outside the DFMC's terms of reference. Members might attend the meeting of the new non-standing working group under the TWDC to be held next week to give comments on this respect.

(A) Information Papers

42. Members noted the following information papers:

(1) Financial Statement of District Facilities Management Committee as at 18.2.2019 (DFMC Paper No. 59/18-19); and

(2) Dates of Meetings of District Facilities Management Committee between May 2019 and September 2019 (DFMC Paper No. 60/18-19).

(B) Date of Next Meeting

43. The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting was scheduled on 7 May 2019, and the deadline for submission of paper was 17 April 2019.

XIII Adjournment of Meeting

44. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat

20 March 2019