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Minutes of the 23rd Meeting of the District Facilities Management Committee (3/2019)

Date: 3 September 2019

Time: 2:30 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

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

Mr KOO Yeung-pong, MH

Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris

Mr LI Hung-por

Mr YAU Kam-ping, BBS, MH

Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis

Ms LAM, Lam Nixie

Mr LAM Faat-kang, MH

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

Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones

Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly

Mr WONG Ka-wa

Mr KOT Siu-yuen

Mr CHOW Ping-tim

Mr CHENG Chit-pun

Mr 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 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
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)

For discussion of item 5

Mr YAU Wai-yip	Senior Property Services Manager/Sham Shui Po & Tsuen Kwai, Architectural Services Department
Mr CHAN Hei-yeung, Vincent	Property Services Manager/Tsuen Wan, Architectural Services Department
Miss HUI Yi-man	Director, WCWP International Limited
Mr TANG Kin-pong	Architectural Assistant, WCWP International Limited

I Open Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed Members and representatives from the government departments to the 23rd meeting of the District Facilities Management Committee (DFMC).

2. The Chairman reminded Members that according to section 28 of the Tsuen Wan District Council Standing Orders, unless otherwise agreed by the Chairman, a Member 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, any Member who wanted to take photos or make video recordings 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 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 22nd Meeting held on 2.7.2019

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

(A) Paragraphs 4 to 9 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2.7.2019: Follow Up on the progress of the Ecological Park (Tso Kung Tam Valley Tsuen Wan) Project

4. The Chairman stated that the paper was submitted by the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael and Mr CHENG Chit-pun. The representative from the Lands Department responsible for giving response was Mr YIM Wai-hung, Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing) (AA/Lands (DLO)). Besides, the written replies of the Drainage Services Department and Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) were tabled at the meeting. He invited the representative of the Tsuen Wan District Office (TWDO) to report on the findings of the item.

5. Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan) (ADO(TW)) of the TWDO responded as follows:

- (1) the TWDO was in liaison with the LCSD for the alignment of the planned route;
- (2) if the road surface of the existing hiking trail was seriously damaged, the TWDO might make reference to a practice adopted to carry out repair works of a trail on a hill between Chiu Tam Path and Tam Ting San Tsuen in early years at the request of the District Council and the fund allocated for maintenance projects was used in that case; and
- (3) the TWDO would discuss with the LCSD on the assistance that might be provided in taking forward the Ecological Park (Tso Kung Tam Valley Tsuen Wan) Project in the long run.

IV Item 3: Proposed New Items under District Minor Works

(DFMC Paper No. 20/2019)

6. ADO(TW) of the TWDO and District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) (DLM(TW)) of the LCSD introduced 12 proposed new projects under district minor works (DMW) in Tsuen Wan in 2019-20.

(Note: Mr CHENG Chit-pun, Mr CHOW Ping-tim, Mr TAM Hoi-pong, Mr LI Hung-por and the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael joined the meeting at 2:38 p.m., 2:47 p.m., 2:55 p.m., 2:57 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. respectively.)

(Note: Mr WONG Ka-wa left the meeting at 2:50 p.m.)

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

- (1) he enquired about the design proposal of the Re-construction of Pavilion near Footpath Leading from Tai Lam Country Park to Sham Tseng Kau Tsuen, Tsuen Wan (Re-construction of Pavilion near Footpath in Sham Tseng Kau Tsuen) (Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris);

- (2) they agreed to the proposed installation of water dispensers (Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris, Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly and Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
- (3) he enquired about the specifications of the water dispensers to be installed, the ways of filtering heavy metals in water and the arrangement of replacing filter cartridges (Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris);
- (4) he pointed out that the taste of water supplied from water dispensers installed at some venues managed by the LCSD was not good and recommended the LCSD to make improvement (Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris);
- (5) he suggested that a water dispenser should be installed in Kwok Shui Road Park (KSRP) near the basketball court (Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris);
- (6) the pavilion under the Re-construction of Pavilion near Footpath in Sham Tseng Kau Tsuen would be constructed in an open space. He therefore enquired whether the TWDO had taken into consideration the safety concerns during thunderstorm by using metallic supports for construction (Mr LO Siu-kit);
- (7) he proposed to install closed-circuit televisions (CCTVs) at rear staircases of sports centres managed by the LCSD for enhanced security of sports centres (Mr LO Siu-kit);
- (8) he enquired which types of water dispensers were installed at present, and suggested that the LCSD should provide shelters at water dispensers installed in KSRP (Mr LO Siu-kit);
- (9) he enquired whether the improvement works to swings in the children's play area of Shing Mun Valley Park was safe (Mr MAN Yu-ming);
- (10) he supported the proposal of installing additional CCTVs at sports centres and enquired what measures the LCSD would implement to protect the CCTVs (Mr MAN Yu-ming);
- (11) he thought that the design of pavilions under Re-construction of Pavilion near Footpath in Sham Tseng Kau Tsuen was innovative and durable, and proposed that the TWDO would adopt the same design for other pavilions (Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly);
- (12) as hot water might cause scalding to children, he enquired whether the LCSD could install water dispensers that would supply warm water as those used in some of the public facilities and hospitals. He also pointed out that even if the water dispensers to be installed did not possess the function of supplying warm water, he still hoped to have water dispensers supplying warm water in future (Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly);
- (13) he understood that the shark prevention net erected under the Improvement Works of Shark Prevention Net at Ma Wan Tung Wan Beach was entwined with much refuse and seaweed at shallow water, thus easily causing ageing of the net. As such, he enquired the LCSD how the shark prevention net was maintained and whether the objects winding around the net would be cleared on a regular basis (Mr TAM Hoi-pong); and
- (14) he enquired about the details of the budget for installation of water dispensers (Mr TAM Hoi-pong).

8. Senior Inspector of Works (Tsuen Wan) (SIOW(TW)) of the TWDO responded as follows:
- (1) the TWDO had completed the construction of another pavilion with design of which was identical to that of the pavilion under the Re-construction of Pavilion near Footpath in Sham Tseng Kau Tsuen. The relevant photos would be provided for Members' perusal after the meeting; and
 - (2) the bottom parts of the wooden supports of the original pavilion were easily damaged by worms, and the average life expectancy of the supports was ten years in general. For this reason, the four wooden supports of the pavilion would be replaced with metallic supports using wood and biofiber plastic composites as decorative finish. The design was adopted from the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department's design for stone supports used in country parks. Since the wooden roof in the original design of the pavilion would remain unchanged, both the redeveloped and original pavilions were almost the same in appearance. The TWDO had taken the safety during thunderstorm into account and the metallic supports would be tightly covered with concrete or wooden strips.
9. DLM(TW) of the LCSD responded as follows:
- (1) the existing water dispensers were installed with ultra-violet sterilizers and filter cartridges for filtration of water, and the filter cartridges procured by the LCSD could filter the heavy metals in water;
 - (2) the taste of water supplied by newly installed water dispensers sometimes might not be good. In this connection, the LCSD and Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) would consider storing and cleaning the newly installed water dispensers with tap water for a period of time prior to commissioning for public use, hoping to help remove the strange taste of water.
 - (3) installation locations of water dispensers were mainly determined by water source. In addition, it took time for processing the drawings of the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) by the Water Supplies Department (WSD). The LCSD would install water dispensers amid the basketball court and the soccer pitch in KSRP. If water dispensers were still inadequate to meet the demand after the installation, the LCSD would further study on the technical feasibility of providing additional water dispensers at other locations;
 - (4) the LCSD would study the feasibility of the proposed provision of shelter to water dispensers installed in KSRP;
 - (5) the water dispensers currently installed at outdoor venues under the management of the LCSD did not supply warm water. As supply of warm water was responsible by the WSD and EMSD, the LCSD would reflect the suggestions to the EMSD to see if supply of warm water was possible with the new technology;

- (6) installation of water dispenser project covered waterpipe laying works and other technical works in addition to installation of water dispensers. Therefore, the project cost would be slightly higher than the expenditure of procuring water dispensers;
- (7) the LCS D had formulated stringent safety requirements regarding installation of swings which had to be compliant with the European and English standards and would be installed only after the relevant certificates had been obtained;
- (8) the LCS D believed that CCTVs installed inside recreational and sport facilities were unlikely to be damaged because they were simply used for ensuring the safety of facility users and the security of the venues. However, it was difficult for the LCS D to prevent CCTVs from being damaged by people;
- (9) the LCS D noted Members' suggestion of installing CCTVs at the rear staircases of sports centres, and would study with the EMS D on locations where installation of CCTVs was required; and
- (10) the LCS D would conduct regular inspections to see whether shark prevention nets were damaged. It would also engage two different contractors to carry out the inspections to provide double protection. The contractors would also regularly clear refuse sticking to the shark prevention nets to avoid the net structure being affected. In case of damages identified at shark prevention nets, the LCS D would immediately request the contractors to carry out maintenance works.

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

- (1) she hoped that the LCS D could provide water dispensers at Tsuen King Circuit Children's Playground when resources were available (Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis);
- (2) he considered it necessary for the filter cartridges of water dispensers to effectively filter heavy metals, and enquired about the replacement frequency of filter cartridges (Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris);
- (3) he enquired when the Improvements Works of Shark Prevention Net at Ma Wan Tung Wan Beach would commence (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
- (4) he enquired whether the tendering of various installation works of water dispensers would be conducted separately or at the same time (Mr TAM Hoi-pong); and
- (5) he enquired whether the same kind of construction materials used for the pavilion under the Re-construction of Pavilion near Footpath in Sham Tseng Kau Tsuen would be used for constructing the pavilion at Shing Mun Reservoir in future for anti-mould purpose (Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly).

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

- (1) the LCS D had prepared to install water dispensers near the public toilet outside the five-a-side football pitch in Tsuen King Circuit Children's Playground. The relevant information would also be provided to Members after the meeting;

- (2) filter cartridges of some water dispensers would automatically change colour to indicate the need of replacement. Replacement of filter cartridges for other types of water dispensers might need to carry out once every three to six months. The filter cartridges procured by the LCSD were effective to filter the heavy metal in water;
- (3) the LCSD would replace the shark prevention net installed at Ma Wan Tung Wan Beach after the beach had been closed in winter; and
- (4) the LCSD would conduct the tendering of various installation works of water dispensers at the same time to save public funds.

12. SIOW(TW) of the TWDO responded that if the public and Members accepted the construction method upon completion of the redevelopment of pavilion, the TWDO would adopt the same design for other pavilions to reduce the time and cost of maintenance and repair.

(Note: Ms LAM, Lam Nixie joined the meeting at 3:17 p.m.)

13. Members unanimously endorsed the fund applications of \$4,811,900 in total for the 12 proposed new projects under DMW in Tsuen Wan District in 2019-2020.

V Item 4: Report on Progress of District Minor Works
(DFMC Paper No. 21/2019)

14. ADO(TW) and SIOW(TW) of the TWDO reported the relevant information.

(Note: Mr CHOW Ping-tim left the meeting at 3:21 p.m.)

(Note: Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones joined the meeting at 3:24 p.m.)

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

- (1) as reported by residents in Kwong Pan Tin Tsuen during the summer vacation, poisonous snakes were identified. This might be related to the weedy area and stacked junk near the chain link fence beside the sitting-out area. She enquired the LCSD whether reports on appearing of poisonous snakes were received when project item 27 - Enhancement Works at Kwong Pan Tin Tsuen Sitting-out Area was in progress and what preventive measures of snakes would be taken. She requested the departments concerned to assist in clearing the weeds and junk at the location (Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis);
- (2) they thanked the TWDO for actively following up on project item 1 - Construction of Rain Shelter of the Elevated Pedestrian Walkway at Fou Wah Centre in Tsuen Wan (Construction of Rain Shelter at Fou Wah Centre) and hoped that the works could be completed as soon as possible (Mr LAM Faat-kang and Mr LO Siu-kit);
- (3) the pedestrian patronage at Fou Wah Centre was high. Even if it would only take four days for the installation works, it was still necessary to post up notices for notifying

pedestrians about the completion date of the works and diagram showing the route for diversion of pedestrian traffic during construction, aiming to properly guide pedestrians to use the diverted route (Mr LAM Faat-kang);

- (4) he enquired about the progress of project item 33 - Improvement Works for a Fencing Net of the Archery Range at Shing Mun Valley Park (Improvement to a Fencing Net at Shing Mun Valley Park), project item 34 – Improvement Works of the Toilet Facilities at Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool, project item 36 - Reconstruction of Rain Shelter near Lamp Post W1593 at Shing Mun Road, Tsuen Wan (Reconstruction of Rain Shelter on Shing Mun Road) and project item 39 - Improvement Works of Digital Clocks at Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool (Improvement to Digital Clocks at Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool) (Mr MAN Yu-ming);
- (5) he requested the TWDO to give prior notification to Members about the commencement of the Construction of Rain Shelter at Fou Wah Centre, facilitating them to relay the message to the management office of Fou Wah Centre for reducing impacts on concerned shops due to road closure (Mr LO Siu-kit);
- (6) he enquired about the details of the Improvement to Digital Clocks at Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool (Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones);
- (7) he enquired about the progress of project item 7 - Construction of Footpath from Lei Muk Shuk Estate to Cheung Shan Estate in Tsuen Wan (Construction of Footpath at Lei Muk Shuk Estate) (Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones); and
- (8) he pointed out that the Improvement to Digital Clocks at Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool was one of the proposed new items under DMW which had been endorsed at the DFMC meeting held in May 2019 (the Chairman).

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

- (1) if poisonous snakes were identified in the sitting-out area, the LCSD would post up notices advising the public to keep well away from the danger, and would report the case to the Police to summon professional snake catchers for assistance;
- (2) it was probable that there was snake appearance in Kwong Pan Tin Tsuen Sitting-out Area because it was situated beside a hill and piles of junk. The LCSD would conduct site inspection to understand the situation, request the landowner to deal with the junk piled up at the location, and display notices advising the public to be on the alert for snake tracks;
- (3) owing to delay in logistics of construction materials for the Improvement to a Fencing Net at Shing Mun Valley Park, the works would commence in October 2019;
- (4) Improvement Works of the Toilet Facilities at Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool would commence in October 2019; and
- (5) he anticipated that the Improvement to Digital Clocks at Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool would commence in January 2020.

(Note: Mr LI Hung-por left the meeting at 3:27 p.m.)

17. SLOW(TW) of the TWDO responded as follows:

- (1) the TWDO had been closely monitoring on the pedestrian flow at Fou Wah Centre from the design to construction stage of the Construction of Rain Shelter at Fou Wah Centre. The contract terms also included the engagement of a safety officer who would be responsible for safety design and on-site monitoring during the period of construction. The proposed plan of safe diversion of pedestrian flow related to the project had been approved by the Mass Transit Railway Corporation Limited;
- (2) the TWDO had notified the management office of Fou Wah Centre about the situation, and would give further notification to the Members concerned and property management company two days prior to works implementation;
- (3) the Construction of Footpath at Lei Muk Shuk Estate had been largely completed and the cleansing work was being carried out. The TWDO was required to jointly undergo the acceptance procedure with the Housing Department's (HD) Independent Checking Unit, and anticipated that the footpath would be open for use only in more than one month; and
- (4) regarding the Reconstruction of Rain Shelter on Shing Mun Road, the rain shelter had been demolished and enclosed. As it took time to order the construction materials, he anticipated that the works would commence after one month.

VI Item 5: Design Proposal and Work Plan for the Widening of Covered Walkway Outside Tsuen Wan Town Hall

(DFMC Paper No. 22/2019)

18. The Chairman said that the LCSD would introduce to Members on the design proposal and work plan for the widening of covered walkway outside Tsuen Wan Town Hall (TWTH). The representatives of the government and the designing company attending the meeting were:

- (1) Ms WONG Fan-ni, Jasmine, Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion (SM(NTS)P), LCSD;
- (2) Mr YAU Wai-yip, Senior Property Services Manager/Sham Shui Po & Tsuen Kwai, ArchSD;
- (3) Mr CHAN Hei-yeung, Vincent, Property Services Manager/Tsuen Wan (PSM/TW), ArchSD;
- (4) Miss HUI Yi-man, Director, WCWP International Limited (WCWP); and
- (5) Mr TANG Kin-pong, Architectural Assistant, WCWP.

19. SM(NTS)P of the LCSD, PSM/TW of the ArchSD and Director of WCWP introduced the design proposal and work plan for the widening of covered walkway outside TWTH.

(Note: Ms LAM, Lam Nixie left the meeting at 3:35 p.m.)

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

- (1) he had discussed with the LCSD about widening of the walkway in 2016 and learnt that the ArchSD had strived for submitting fund application. However, tendering for the project would not be conducted until April 2020. He enquired whether the LCSD could conduct the tender exercise earlier and commence the works as soon as possible (Mr KOO Yeung-pong);
- (2) the walkway concerned was one section of the footbridge network in the district, which would be extremely crowded on Saturdays and Sundays. He hoped that the road section would no longer be a bottleneck of pedestrian flow after the widening (Mr KOO Yeung-pong);
- (3) the walkway had been very crowded on Saturdays and Sundays. He believed that the situation would deteriorate after occupation of more residential buildings in Tsuen Wan West in future. He hoped that the project could be completed as soon as possible (Mr LO Siu-kit);
- (4) noting that the temporary access provided during construction would be narrower than the existing walkway, he considered it necessary for the LCSD to provide more instructions for pedestrian or widen the temporary access as far as practicable. He also proposed to shorten the time required for construction and commence the works during off-peak season (Mr LO Siu-kit);
- (5) after the widening, the existing supports of the cover would make the staircase narrower. He therefore suggested that the LCSD should consider reprovisioning the supports to outside the railings which would widen the staircase as well (Mr LO Siu-kit);
- (6) the walkway outside TWTH was a very important architectural feature in the old days. Although he understood that the walkway was treated as footbridge at present, he was still concerned about its architectural integrity (Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris);
- (7) he noted that the LCSD wanted to preserve the original appearance of the walkway by keeping the staircase and by widening the middle part only (Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris);
- (8) the existing rain shelter had been installed for a very long time and it would be very difficult to procure a new one for replacement. In addition, a closed rain shelter would give people a sense of pressure. For this reason, he proposed to heighten the cover for enhanced visual permeability, making the walkway more spacious and reviving the elements in the old days (Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris); and
- (9) he enquired whether the cover of the newly built walkway of 1.2 metres in width would be supported by full-height pillars or by the existing structure; whether the number of pillars in design would be increased and, if yes, whether the original appearance of the walkway would be spoiled; and whether the appearance of the part of the footbridge connecting to the ground would be changed after the widening (Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris).

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

- (1) as a major improvement project of TWTH would be implemented since November 2020, activities holding at the venue would be suspended. Having taken into consideration that the first stage of the improvement works to the walkway would involve work procedures creating excessive noise, the LCSD would make the same arrangement during the above period to tie in with the works; and
- (2) the LCSD understood Members' concern over the inconvenience caused during the widening and the aspiration of completing the project as soon as possible. The LCSD would closely monitor the progress of the project and strive to keep the progress of the project on schedule. It was hoped to complete the works as soon as possible and re-open the walkway for public use having regard to the factor of weather conditions.

22. Director of WCWP responded as follows:

- (1) the WCWP would consider the arrangement of moving the pillars at the entrances of the old the staircase outward;
- (2) the original intention of the WCWP was to implement the widening by retaining the original appearance of the walkway as far as possible, while heightening of the cover would facilitate drainage;
- (3) although the number of the walkway's pillars would remain unchanged after the widening, thicker pillars had to be constructed due to increase in coefficients related to wind. The new pillars would be constructed inside the concrete structure of the new walkway, and the WCWP would construct the pillars at the outermost of the walkway as far as possible; and
- (4) since the existing walkway was 2.7 metres wide, the maximum width of the temporary access would be 2 metres only. It would take about four months to complete the entire project of providing cover to the temporary access. After selecting a contractor, the WCWP would maintain close liaison with the contractor. It was hoped that the road section concerned could be re-open within four months.

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

- (1) he enquired whether the extension was an independent structure or an additional structure constructed on the existing walkway. If the extension was an independent structure, it would be inevitable to construct additional pillars between the staircase and the walkway. He also enquired about the appearance after the widening (Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris);
- (2) he was pleased to note that the cover might be heightened. He suggested that the covers of walkways should be replaced gradually when large-scale maintenance works of walkways were to be carried out at other road sections in future, thereby enhancing the drainage, degree of openness and sense of spaciousness of the entire walkways (Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris);

- (3) he enquired whether the extension could be constructed in a non-linear way, so as to provide a wider walkway (Mr KOO Yeung-pong); and
- (4) he enquired whether the LCSD would further report to the District Council the progress of the project (the Chairman).

24. Director of WCWP responded that the extension of the walkway was a new structure, and that the surrounding environment would not be affected since the pillars would only be constructed downward rather than upward for the extension. The WCWP would study how to construct a wider extension as far as practicable.

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

- (1) the LCSD noted Members' views and would study with the ArchSD on incorporating Members' views into the design as far as practicable;
- (2) as it would take time for design, the LCSD would conduct the tender exercise after making reference to Members' views. If everything went smoothly, the works would commence in November 2020;
- (3) the LCSD understood that the enclosure implemented during the period of construction would make the walkway narrower and more obvious bottlenecks of pedestrian flow would be seen. Therefore, the LCSD would put up advance notices for public knowledge and communicate with management offices of the shopping centres and residential buildings nearby for relaying the messages to residents. During construction, additional security guards would be deployed in the vicinity of the works site to facilitate pedestrian flow; and
- (4) during construction, the staircase on the first floor of TWTH connecting to the footbridge would be temporarily enclosed. The LCSD would put up more notices to remind pedestrians using the staircase for access that they might access at the staircase between the former Tsuen Wan Magistrates' Courts and TWTH or by the lift retrofitted at the other side of TWTH.

26. The Chairman requested the departments concerned to note Members' views, actively take forward the projects and discuss with Members concerned on the works details after commissioning contractor for the project.

VII Item 6: Request to Provide the Public Bookcases for Bookcrossing in Tsuen Wan District for Promotion of Reading Culture

(DFMC Paper No. 23/2019)

27. The Chairman stated that 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, DLM(TW).

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

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

- (1) as applications for hiring of the podium outside Tsuen King Circuit Sports Centre for non-designated use of venues by organisations was currently available, the LCSD adopted an open attitude to the proposal; and
- (2) when the LCSD processed an application for non-designated use of venues, various factors would be considered such as prohibition of displaying books carrying violent or indecent content by the organisation concerned. It was also necessary for the LCSD to discuss with the organiser on the details of the application.

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

- (1) he enquired about the time required to renew an application for non-designated use of venues and the requirement of the LCSD for an applicant (the Chairman);
- (2) he held that the crucial point of bookcrossing was management, including the number of donors and recipients of books, restriction on types of books to be placed on bookshelves, the way of managing the open location for placing books over a period of time and joint operation method with organisations, etc. He suggested that the LCSD should study on the management of bookcrossing (the Chairman);
- (3) many covered public places in Hong Kong were not put to optimal use. He noted that some organisations had set up a bookcrossing tree beneath the elevated carriageway in Mei Foo, and believed that such arrangement was positive to social conditions and the LCSD could make reference to it. He also proposed that the LCSD should explore the mode of operation and take the lead in introducing the new concept to Tsuen Wan district (the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael); and
- (4) as he pointed out, there were more book donors than book recipients in areas highly populated with middle-class households, but the situation was just the opposite in areas highly populated with grassroots households. As such, he suggested that the government should coordinate with these two kinds of areas for redistribution of resources (the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael).

(Note: The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben left the meeting at 3:43 p.m.)

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

- (1) an applicant might hire a venue through application for non-designated use of venues after it had properly completed the specified form and procured an insurance in the joint names of the LCSD and the applicant itself. The LCSD might discuss the use of venue and renewal time with the applicant which was required to properly manage the venue; and
- (2) the LCSD would explore the operation of the bookcrossing tree installed beneath the elevated carriageway in Mei Foo.

32. The Chairman requested the LCSD to note Members' views.

(Note: Mr TAM Hoi-pong left the meeting at 4:05 p.m.)

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. 24/2019)

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

IX Item 8: Report on Cultural Activities in Tsuen Wan District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department
(DFMC Paper No. 25/2019)

34. SM(NTS)P 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. 26/2019)

35. Senior Librarian (Tsuen Wan) of the LCSD introduced the paper.

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

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

36. Mr LO Siu-kit said that the TWDO had commenced the procurement process for the replacement of the chairs in Lei Muk Shue Community Hall, and the relevant suppliers had submitted information and samples of products for Members' consideration. Moreover, the EMSD had completed the replacement of the two chillers in the hall of the Lei Muk Shue Community Hall in late July. Since the placing of canvas at the location of water leakage on the roof by the property management agency and HD in mid-July, the water leakage at the ceiling above the stage in the above hall had been greatly improved and the daily operation of the stage was unaffected. The TWDO would follow this up and urge the property management agency and HD to implement the waterproofing works at the roof as soon as possible to thoroughly solve the problem of water leakage.

(B) Working Group on Management of Community Halls

37. Mr LAM Faat-kang said that the LCSD had submitted a fund application for installation of water dispensers inside the sitting-out facilities in Tsuen Wan district, which had been endorsed by the DFMC. Moreover, the LCSD would carry out a pilot scheme of installing a new mosquito trapping device inside the sitting-out facilities in Tsuen Wan district. Under the scheme, the new mosquito trapping devices would be installed in seven sitting-out facilities under the LCSD's management. Making use of the biological characteristics of mosquito reproduction, the mosquito trapping devices containing insect growth regulator of low toxicity would attract adult mosquitoes to lay eggs therein and transmit the insecticide, as well as control the number of larvae. In the light of

the effectiveness of the pilot scheme, the LCSD would consider whether the scheme was to be continued in other recreational and sport facilities in Tsuen Wan district. Furthermore, improvements to the filtration system of the artificial lake in Jockey Club Tak Wah Park had been completed in mid-May and the water quality in the artificial lake was significantly improved. Some of the damaged railings had also been replaced. Besides, replacement of the circulating pump and power supply system of the artificial lake in Sam Tung Uk Garden had been completed in mid-June, and significant improvement to the quality of water in the artificial lake was observed.

XII Item 11: Any Other Business

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

- (1) he recommended installation of visual information displays indicating temperature and humidity in Shing Mun Valley Sports Ground by the LCSD to facilitate the public to decide whether they would do exercise after learning about the weather conditions (Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly); and
- (2) he thanked the LCSD for actively following up on the improvement works to the rain shelters in Tsuen Wan Tin Hau Temple Garden. However, as some people reflected that rainwater falling on the rain shelters would spatter down on covered places recently, he hoped the LCSD to follow up the case (Mr LAM Faat-kang).

39. The Chairman requested the LCSD to note Members' views.

(A) Information Paper

40. Members noted the following information paper:

- (1) Financial Statement of District Facilities Management Committee as at 19.8.2019 (DFMC Paper No. 27/2019).

41. The Chairman remarked that the meeting was the last DFMC meeting of the current term. He thanked all Members and government representatives for their support, efforts and contribution to the DFMC.

XIII Adjournment of Meeting

42. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat

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