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Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of District Facilities Management Committee (2/2016)

Date: 1 March 2016

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Venue: Main Conference Room, Tsuen Wan District Office

Present:

Mr WONG Wai-kit (Chairman)

Mr CHAN Sung-ip, MH (Vice Chairman)

Mr MAN Yu-ming, MH

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

Mr KOO Yeung-pong

Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris

Mr LI Hung-por

Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis

Ms LAM, Lam Nixie

Mr LAM Faat-kang, MH

The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben, JP

Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones

Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly

Mr WONG Ka-wa

Mr KOT Siu-yuen

Mr CHOW Ping-tim

Mr CHENG Chit-pun

Mr CHUNG Wai-ping, SBS, MH

Mr LO Siu-kit

Mr TAM Hoi-pong

In Attendance:

Mr LEUNG Chun-hei, Winsor Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan), Tsuen Wan District Office

Mr CHAN Shiu-man, Simon 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

Ms LAU Wing-ngar, Vivian Executive Officer I (District Council), Tsuen Wan District Office
(Secretary)

Mr LEE Shing-fai Executive Officer (Development), Tsuen Wan District Office

Ms PUN Sze-yan, Mickey	Executive Assistant (District Council) ³ , Tsuen Wan District Office
Ms CHEUNG Yuk-king, Dilys	Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories West), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr CHAN Ming-cheong, Horman	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 LEE Kit-ye, Kitty	Senior Manager (New Territories South)Promotion, Leisure and Cultural Services Department

For discussion of item 4:

Mr CHAN Kam-shing, Eddie	Senior Executive Officer (Planning) ⁷ , Leisure and Cultural Services Department
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I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed the Members and representatives from government departments to the 2nd meeting of the District Facilities Management Committee (DFMC) and introduced the government representatives who attended the meeting.

II Item 1: Establishment of Working Groups under District Facilities Management Committee

(DFMC Paper No. 1/2016)

2. The Secretary introduced the paper.

(Note: Mr TAM Hoi-pong joined the meeting at 2:38 p.m.)

3. The views of the Chairman and Mr LAM Faat-kang were summarised as follows:

- (1) given that the proposed new projects of district minor works and their progress had already been discussed in the DFMC meetings and the Working Group on Works and Development had never held any meetings in the last District Council term, it was considered that, to streamline the structure of the DFMC, it was not necessary to set up a dedicated working group for district minor works in the current District Council term;
- (2) it was suggested that only two working groups be established under the DFMC in the current term, namely the Working Group on Management of Community Halls and the Working Group on Development and Management of Recreation and Sports Facilities; and
- (3) it was suggested that the ambit of the Working Group on Works and Development should be incorporated into the terms of reference of the Working Group on Development and Management of Recreation and Sports Facilities.it was considered that project item 26 – Replacement of

Seating Benches at South Garden of Shing Mun Valley Park would bring convenience to the public in use;

(Note: Mr CHOW Ping-tim and Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones joined the meeting at 2:40 p.m. and 2:42 p.m. respectively.)

4. Members unanimously endorsed the following matters:
- (1) establishment of the Working Group on Management of Community Halls and the Working Group on Development and Management of Recreation and Sports Facilities;
 - (2) adoption of the terms of reference of the above Working Groups in 2012-15 (see Annex I for details); and
 - (3) the tenure of the above Working Groups from 1 March 2016 to 31 December 2019.
5. Members expressed their intentions to join the Working Groups by a show of hands. The membership lists of the above two Working Groups were set out in Annex II.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretary invited the Members who had not joined the Working Groups at the meeting to join the Working Groups after the meeting.)

6. The Convenor and Vice Convenor of the above Working Groups were elected as follows:

<u>Working Group</u>	<u>Convenor</u>	<u>Vice Convenor</u>
(1) Working Group on Management of Community Halls	Mr LO Siu-kit	Mr KOT Siu-yuen
(2) Working Group on Development and Management of Recreation and Sports Facilities	Mr LAM Faat-kang	Mr KOO Yeung-pong

III Item 2: Proposed New Items under District Minor Works
(DFMC Paper No. 2/2016)

7. District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) (DLM(TW)) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) introduced three proposed new projects under district minor works in Tsuen Wan in 2016-17.

(Note: The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben joined the meeting at 2:51 p.m.)

8. The views and enquiries of Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis, Mr TAM Hoi-pong, The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben and Mr CHUNG Wai-ping were as follows:

- (1) the safety mats at Tsuen King Circuit Playground were frequently replaced, but it took several months for the unpleasant smell from the newly replaced mats to dissipate. To safeguard users' health, it was hoped that the LCSD could procure and use the mats made of materials which were less smelly;
- (2) enquiry was raised on whether the smell from the newly replaced mats contained harmful substances such as formaldehyde;
- (3) it was suggested that plants of different colours could be grown under project item 2 – Beautification Works at District Leisure Venues in Tsuen Wan;
- (4) enquiry was raised on the number of floodlights to be replaced under project item 3 – Improvement of Floodlights at Tennis Courts of Tsuen King Circuit Playground;
- (5) regarding project item 3, it was hoped that the residents nearby would not be affected due to the angles of the floodlights; and
- (6) floodlights were generally used for lighting at the venues under the LCSD, but floodlights were not energy efficient and consumed more electricity than air-conditioners. Hence, it was hoped that the LCSD could select and procure environmental-friendly lighting fittings that would consume less electricity but offer the same level of brightness.

9. The Chairman said that Members' views on the smell from the mats at Tsuen King Circuit Playground were not relevant to agenda item 2. Thus, the issue would be discussed later under agenda item 5.

(Note: Mr LI Hung-por joined the meeting at 2:57 p.m.)

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

- (1) there were currently more than 30 lights, which were floodlights, at the tennis courts in Tsuen King Circuit Playground. He would find out from the Works Section of the LCSD after the meeting whether it was feasible to use more environmental-friendly lighting fittings and would then report to the Members concerned;
- (2) one of the purposes of project item 3 was to adjust the angles of the floodlights, so as to avoid affecting the nearby residents. He welcomed Members to reflect views from the residents on the angles of the lights and the angles of the lights could be adjusted after completion of the works; and
- (3) the LCSD would grow various flowering and foliage in the garden as far as possible in the hope that different colours were displayed in different seasons.

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11. The Chairman asked the LCSD to provide the DFMC with the supplementary information about project item 3 for reference.

12. Members unanimously endorsed the funding application of \$1,130,000 in total for the three proposed new projects under district minor works in Tsuen Wan in 2016-17.

IV Item 3: Report on Progress of District Minor Works
(DFMC Paper No. 3/2016)

13. Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan) (ADO(TW)) briefed Members on the progress of district minor works in Tsuen Wan.

14. The views and enquiries of The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael, The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben, Mr CHENG Chit-pun, Mr TAM Hoi-pong and Mr MAN Yu-ming were as follows:

- (1) the feasibility study on project item 1 – Construction of Rain Shelter on the Elevated Pedestrian Walkway of Fou Wah Centre, Tsuen Wan had been conducted for almost six years since 2011 and the costs exceeded \$310,000, but a feasible proposal was still pending due to the objection from the residents and ownership issues, etc. In the light of the implementation of the “Redevelopment of the Sai Lau Kok Garden” under Tsuen Wan District Signature Project Scheme, it was suggested that a sheltered pedestrian walkway should be constructed on the elevated podium of the Sai Lau Kok Garden to solve the above problems. However, would the feasibility study on project item 1 be reactivated if the “Redevelopment of the Sai Lau Kok Garden” under Tsuen Wan District Signature Project Scheme could not be implemented eventually;
- (2) at present, only the elevated pedestrian walkway of Fou Wah Centre was not covered with a shelter in the Tsuen Wan Footbridge Network and it was understood that installation of shelters was infeasible for the elevated pedestrian walkway. Thus, there was a need to build a pedestrian walkway with a shelter through the “Redevelopment of the Sai Lau Kok Garden” under Tsuen Wan District Signature Project Scheme;
- (3) it was proposed that the erection of supporting struts from the ground should be extended to the rain shelter on the elevated pedestrian walkway of Fou Wah Centre, without getting the ownership issues of Fou Wah Centre and provision of a rain shelter under the “Redevelopment of the Sai Lau Kok Garden” involved;
- (4) the newly replaced mats on the playground were smelly and even emitted fugitive vapour. It was worried that children’s health would be affected. Hence, it was hoped that the LCSD would provide relevant information on these aspects for reference;
- (5) regarding project item 42 – Repair and Renovation of Three Pavilions in Rural Area of Tsuen Wan District, the pavilion on the hiking trail between New Village and Old Village of Tsing Fai Tong had been demolished for a long time but hikers were not provided with other resting places.

Thus, enquiry was raised about the latest progress of the works; and

- (6) enquiries were raised about the completion dates of project item 43 – Replacement of Compressor and Evaporator for Chiller Unit at Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool, project item 45 – Replacement of Modules for the Ozone Generator of Filtration System at Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool and project item 64 – Reconstruction of Rain Shelter near Mini-bus Terminus at Shing Mun Reservoir, Tsuen Wan.

15. ADO(TW) responded as follows:

- (1) project item 1 was one of the endorsed projects in 2008/09. It was endorsed prior to the implementation of the District Signature Project Scheme. The Works Section of the Tsuen Wan District Office (TWDO) had been following up the relevant works actively, including the engagement of a structural engineer to conduct the feasibility study on the works;
- (2) since the elevated pedestrian walkway of Fou Wah Centre might not withstand a rain shelter, there was a need to formulate other feasible proposals. With a view to facilitating the implementation of the “Redevelopment of the Sai Lau Kok Garden” under Tsuen Wan District Signature Project Scheme, the District Council of the last term proposed to incorporate project item 1 into Tsuen Wan District Signature Project Scheme for a joint study;
- (3) the sheltered pedestrian walkway connecting Tsuen Wan MTR Station and the Tsuen Wan Footbridge Network on the garden podium at the end near Fou Wah Centre had been included in the sketch design of the “Redevelopment of the Sai Lau Kok Garden” under Tsuen Wan District Signature Project Scheme; and
- (4) subject to the approval from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council (LegCo) on Tsuen Wan District Signature Project Scheme, the TWDO would consider the feasible proposals for project item 1 with a view to implementing the project.

16. Senior Inspector of Works (SIOW(TW)) of the TWDO responded that project item 42 did not include the pavilion in Tsing Fai Tong. The renovation works of the pavilion on the hiking trail between New Village and Old Village of Tsing Fai Tong mentioned by Members was carried out through the funding for the Rural Public Works and the works was expected to commence in March this year. As for project item 64, the original wooden rain shelter had been removed already. The construction of a new rain shelter was expected to be completed in March this year, and the materials and design of the old rain shelter would be adopted.

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

- (1) project item 43 was expected to be completed in May this year;
- (2) project item 45 was expected to be completed in March this year; and
- (3) the mats on the playgrounds under the LCSD could be used for seven to eight years generally and they would not be replaced frequently. They

were procured by the Works Section of the LCSD under prescribed standards. He would report to the Members concerned after seeking advice from the Works Section of the LCSD about whether the mats contained formaldehyde or other harmful substances.

18. The views and enquiries of Mr LAM Faat-kang, the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael, the Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben, Mr TAM Hoi-pong, Ms LAM, Lam Nixie and Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis were summarised as follows:

- (1) it was suggested that the DFMC should issue a letter to request the Finance Committee of the LegCo to approve the funding application for the “Redevelopment of the Sai Lau Kok Garden” under Tsuen Wan District Signature Project Scheme as soon as possible;
- (2) enquiry was raised about the design of the proposed sheltered pedestrian walkway of the Sai Lau Kok Garden near Fou Wah Centre;
- (3) the Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC) had discussed the construction of the rain shelter on the elevated pedestrian walkway of Fou Wah Centre, Tsuen Wan since 2006. It was understood that the TWDO had studied different proposals, but the construction works could not be implemented due to the management issues of the rain shelter. He supported the construction of a sheltered pedestrian walkway for the public by the side of the elevated pedestrian walkway of Fou Wah Centre through the “Redevelopment of the Sai Lau Kok Garden” under Tsuen Wan District Signature Project Scheme. However, it was worried that it would be difficult to explain to the public once the plan could not be implemented and project item 1 was postponed again;
- (4) it was proposed in the DFMC meetings in the last term that the installation of toilet facilities for children should be conducted concurrently with any renovation works of libraries. However, it was found that project item 34 – Enhancement of the Thematic Book Display Section at Tsuen Wan Public Library was not conducted concurrently with the installation of toilet facilities for children;
- (5) it was reiterated that project item 1 and Tsuen Wan District Signature Project Scheme were hoped to be dealt with separately; and
- (6) the TWDC Members of the last term had widely consulted the residents on Tsuen Wan District Signature Project Scheme, and Members from both of the pro-establishment and pan-democratic camps supported the Tsuen Wan District Signature Project Scheme.

19. The Chairman asked the TWDO to explain the design of the alignment of the proposed sheltered pedestrian walkway to the Members concerned.

20. ADO(TW) responded that the draft plan of the alignment of the proposed sheltered pedestrian walkway was given to the Members concerned at the meeting. He would further elaborate the details to them after the meeting.

21. Senior Librarian (Tsuen Wan) (SL(TW)) of the LCSD responded that project item 34 was carried out to cope with the “Modern Living” collection set up at Tsuen Wan Public Library which was a major library in the Hong Kong public libraries system. With the aim to provide more murals and re-organise the space in the collection area, the works under project item 34 was not a renovation works for the library. The LCSD had noted Members’ views on the provision of children’s toilet facilities, but it was infeasible to convert some of the toilet cubicles to those specially designed for children due to the limited space in the toilets at the Tsuen Wan Public Library. However, the current toilet seats had been converted to adult-child combination toilet seats as a compromise solution.

22. The views and enquiries of Mr CHOW Ping-tim, Mr LAM Faat-kang and Mr CHUNG Wai-ping were summarised as follows:

- (1) this agenda item was exclusively for the discussion on the progress of district minor works. It was disagreed that the DFMC should issue a letter to request the Finance Committee of the LegCo to approve the funding application for Tsuen Wan District Signature Project Scheme, which was not the district minor works, as soon as possible;
- (2) it was reiterated that the previous speech was delivered against project item 1 which had been discussed for more than ten years without working out any solution. To deal with the matter as soon as possible, it was suggested that a letter should be issued to request the Finance Committee of the LegCo to approve the funding application for Tsuen Wan District Signature Project Scheme as soon as possible;
- (3) it was hoped to enhance the functions of the Working Group on Development and Management of Recreation and Sports Facilities and to hold more Working Group meetings so as to shorten the time for relevant discussions at the DFMC meetings;
- (4) it was suggested that the feasibility study on project item 4 – Installation of the Electronic Information Display Panel for Tsuen Wan District Council be reactivated, so that the residents in the district could access information of the District Council more readily; and
- (5) enquiry was raised about the latest progress of project item 6 – Construction of the Landmark at Chuen Lung, Tsuen Wan.

23. The Chairman agreed that it was not proper for the DFMC to continue to discuss Tsuen Wan District Signature Project Scheme because the Task Force on Tsuen Wan District Signature Project Scheme had been set up under the TWDC. The Task Force might consider Members’ advice on this aspect.

24. ADO(TW) responded that the TWDO would continue to conduct the feasibility studies on project items 4 and 6 and he would report to Members afterwards. Members were welcome to give advice.

V Item 4: Propose to Discuss the Ecological Park (Tso Kung Tam Valley Tsuen Wan) Project
(DFMC Paper No. 4/2016)

25. The Chairman stated that the paper was submitted by the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael. The representative from the LCS D responsible for giving response was Mr CHAN Kam-shing, Eddie, Senior Executive Officer (Planning)7 (SEO(P)7).

26. The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael introduced the paper.

27. SEO(P)7 of the LCS D responded that at the LegCo Case Conference on 21 September 2015, the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael stated that if the Ecological Park (Tso Kung Tam Valley) (“the Park”) would only be accessible by large coaches after its completion, it was worried that the entry and exit of a large number of coaches would cause nuisance to the nearby residents. He therefore suggested that the Government should take account of the railway system serving the trunk function during the planning stage. Having made reference to the Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden in Tai Po, the LCS D considered that visitors of the Park would be willing to choose the transport modes other than coaches if the Park was attractive enough. For example, they might walk to the Park after taking MTR to Tsuen Wan station. In addition, the LCS D agreed in principle to Members’ new proposals, including the cancellation of constructing a suspension bridge, enhancement of the existing hiking trail, construction of a reptile and ecological exhibition centre, provision of a green garden in the additional space created by converting the nullah at Chiu Tam Path into a culvert, and construction of the hiking trail in Tso Kung Tam to connect Chiu Tam Path, etc. He added that if the hiking trail was managed by the LCS D in future, the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) would be required to carry out the construction works in compliance with the Disability Discrimination Ordinance (Chapter 487). Besides, it was impossible to preserve the original landscape as the works such as tree removal, cutting slope and spraying concrete would be conducted. To reduce the damages to the natural environment, the LCS D and the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) would examine that construction and management of the hiking trail would be taken up by the AFCD so as to facilitate the works to be carried out in compliance with the specifications for country parks. If Members agreed to such a new proposal, the LCS D and departments concerned would review the scope of works and facilities again. They would report the outcome of the review to Members as soon as possible and collect their feedback for follow-ups on the planning work.

28. The views and enquiries of Mr LAM Faat-kang, Mr LI Hung-por, Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis, The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael, Mr WONG Ka-wa, Mr CHUNG Wai-ping and Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris were summarised as follows:

- (1) enquiry was raised on whether the project plan would be restarted all over again as the LCS D had agreed to the new proposal. It was worried that it would took more than ten years again to conduct the study;

- (2) it was opined that the new proposal was not put forth for overturning the project plan and starting all over again. Instead, it aimed at streamlining the original works to preserve the original landscape, for example, the construction of a suspension bridge was dropped and a viewing platform would be built;
- (3) it was opined that the weekly opening hours of the plant nursery were too short to attract visitors. It was supported that the plant nursery should be converted to a reptile and ecological exhibition centre which was of more educational value;
- (4) objection was raised to the original proposal of which part of Tsuen King Circuit Playground would be designated as a pick-up/drop-off area for coaches. It was worried that additional traffic load would be generated in the vicinity of Tsuen King Circuit. The suggestion of using the mass transit systems was supported;
- (5) it was proposed to provide a pick-up/drop-off point for coaches at Route Twisk;
- (6) it was hoped that the LCSD would report to the DFMC regularly on the latest progress of the project plan for Members' information on whether the LCSD incorporated their advice into the project, such as land clearance in the Valley for community farming;
- (7) the new proposal was drawn up through consolidating Members' views, rather than being made by individual Members. It was supported by the majority of Members at the meeting of the TWDC on 29 September 2015;
- (8) it was supported that the project plan should be implemented by the LCSD in collaboration with the AFCD to reduce the damages to the natural environment. Enquiry was raised on the initial intention of the AFCD;
- (9) enquiries were raised on whether the construction of the hiking trail by the AFCD was a feasible proposal that could be implemented soon and the progress of the relevant proposals as discussed last year;
- (10) it was proposed to incorporate the hiking trail into the area of hiking trails in the country park and examine the feasibility to secure funding sources other than the LegCo for implementation of the project plan as soon as possible;
- (11) it was proposed that the AFCD, the LCSD and the Water Supplies Department (WSD) should coordinate with one another and construct a trail connecting the carriageway of the reservoir near 101 Route Twisk and the existing hiking trail in order to scale down the works and shorten the time required;
- (12) it was hoped that the LCSD would examine how to implement the project plan with due consideration to meeting the district needs within its purview and provide information for Members' reference, including the sketch design of the project plan and the construction costs of the reptile and ecological exhibition centre; and

- (13) it was expected that the LCSD would provide the background information of the project plan for the new Members.

(Note: Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones left the meeting at 3:55 p.m.)

29. SEO(P)7 of the LCSD responded as follows:

- (1) the main facilities in the original proposal, such as the ecological exhibition centre and hiking trail, would be retained and the construction of suspension bridge which involved technical issues and land resumption procedures would be dropped in the new proposal for implementation of the project as soon as possible;
- (2) provision of the hiking trail was available in part of Tso Kung Tam Valley. Residents could walk along the hiking trail to the location to enjoy the waterfall view. The TWDO had enhanced the above hiking trail and viewing area earlier;
- (3) the LCSD would follow up the proposal of land clearance in Tso Kung Tam Valley for community farming;
- (4) as the construction of the hiking trail involved a land area of more than 30 hectare in Tso Kung Tam Valley, the LCSD needed to collate the relevant information for the AFCD's consideration and discussions;
- (5) the LCSD would also discuss with the AFCD whether the AFCD would take up the construction of the proposed facilities along the hiking trail, including a theme garden, walking trail and the facilities enriching biodiversity;
- (6) the Drainage Services Department (DSD) had confirmed that the proposal of covering up the nullah at Chiu Tam Path was feasible and the LCSD would continue to discuss with the DSD on this aspect; and
- (7) the background information about the project plan, including the papers and minutes of the meetings, would be provided for Members after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: The LCSD had distributed the relevant background information to Members on 15 April 2016 through the Secretariat.)

30. The views and enquiries of the Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben, Mr WONG Ka-wa and Mr LAM Faat-kang were summarised as follows:

- (1) the project plan had yet to be implemented after years of discussions. Members had proposed that the works be carried out in phases, such as enhancing the existing hiking trail in the first instance, but only little progress was made. Hence, it was hoped that the Government would firstly enhance the existing facilities for the public as soon as possible subject to availability of resources;
- (2) there were changes in the ecological habitat in Tso Kung Tam as the flood prevention facilities at the upstream of Tso Kung Tam diverged most of the water flows entering Tso Kung Tam. Hence, it was hoped that the

relevant departments could consider channelling the water flows back into Tso Kung Tam; otherwise the chance of developing Tso Kung Tam Valley into an ecology park would be slim;

- (3) it was hoped that a meeting for Members and representatives of the departments concerned such as the LCSD and the AFCD could be arranged;
- (4) apart from the waterfall, the reptile and insect species in Tso Kung Tam Valley had a high ecological value, including a unique species of butterfly in Asia; and
- (5) it was supported to invite the AFCD to jointly construct the hiking trail so as to expedite the works. However, the LCSD did not make clear the intention of the AFCD and the time of the works that could be saved. Thus, it was hoped that the LCSD could give an account of the schedule for the project plan.

31. The Chairman said that the TWDC had discussed the Ecological Park (Tso Kung Tam Valley) Project for years and Members hoped that the project could be implemented as soon as possible. Therefore, he asked the representative of the LCSD to draw up a substantive proposal after soliciting Members' views for further discussion as soon as possible. He also welcomed the LCSD to arrange a site visit for Members and the relevant departments.

32. The views and enquiries of Mr CHUNG Wai-ping and Mr WONG Ka-wa were summarised as follows:

- (1) it was hoped that the LCSD would invite representatives of the AFCD and the DSD to attend the next DFMC meeting and report the latest progress of the project plan with photos and text descriptions; and
- (2) enquiry was raised on whether the works of covering up the nullah at Chiu Tam Path and the project plan could be dealt with separately.

33. The Chairman said that it was difficult to carry out the works of covering up the nullah at Chiu Tam Path and the project plan separately.

34. The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael enquired whether the LCSD could duly prepare the required information within two months and report to the DFMC.

35. SEO(P)7 of the LCSD responded that he had noted Members' views and would follow up the matters of the project plan actively with the relevant departments. He pointed out that as the project plan involved a wide range of scopes and facilities, it was anticipated that the latest progress of the project plan would not be reported at the next DFMC meeting but it could be reported in six months' time as far as possible.

- VI Item 5: Report on Recreational and Sports Activities and Facilities Management in Tsuen Wan in December 2015 and January 2016 by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department
(DFMC Paper No. 5/2016)
36. DLM(TW) of the LCSD reported the relevant information.

(Note: The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael left the meeting at 4:15 p.m.)

37. The views and enquiries of Mr CHOW Ping-tim, Mr MAN Yu-ming, Mr CHENG Chit-pun, Mr LAM Faat-kang, Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris, Mr KOT Siu-yuen, Mr TAM Hoi-pong, Mr WONG Ka-wa, Ms LAM, Lam Nixie were summarised as follows:

- (1) the morning walkers at the Tsuen Wan Riviera Park made very loud noises at 6 a.m. Some of them even occupied the walkways including the one outside the LCSD office. It was suggested that the LCSD should strengthen the related management work;
- (2) the pavilions at the parks under the LCSD in Tsuen Wan were generally made of wood with benches for use by the public. He had requested the LCSD to install plastic shelters to keep out rain at the wooden pavilions in the Tsuen Wan Riviera Park, but the LCSD did not examine the conditions of these pavilions regularly. Hence, it was hoped that the LCSD would carry out the replacement and maintenance works on a regular basis;
- (3) it took a long time for the LCSD to repair its facilities, especially the recreational facilities for children and the elderly with high utilization rate at the Shing Mun Valley Park. The residents were dissatisfied because the facilities needed repairs shortly after the replacement and the repairs were time-consuming. Thus, it was hoped that the LCSD would enhance the related repair works;
- (4) there were inadequate benches at the pavilions in the plaza of the Shing Mun Valley Park. It was hoped that the LCSD staff would conduct site visits to find out the situation;
- (5) recommendations were relayed to the LCSD last year to improve the footway leading to the changing rooms at Anglers' Beach and remove the gravel to widen the beach. The LCSD was appreciated for dealing with the issue regarding the footway leading to the changing rooms. As for the recommendation of removing the gravel and widening the beach, the LCSD had stated that it needed to coordinate with other departments, and the related works could not be carried out for the time being due to the low utilisation rate of the beach. However, according to the paper, the utilisation rate of Anglers' Beach in peak hours was the second highest among the eight beaches in the district. It was higher than that of Ting Kau Beach which underwent the gravel removal and beautification works earlier. Hence, it was hoped that the LCSD could re-examine the gravel problem of Anglers' Beach and carry out the removal work as soon as

- possible;
- (6) it was opined that the gravel on the beach would pose danger to swimmers, especially in the morning without adequate lighting. Thus, it was hoped that the LCSD would actively follow up the gravel and inadequate lighting problems of the beach;
 - (7) it was hoped that the relevant departments would remove any accumulated gravel piled up by water currents if they were found on the beaches in Tsuen Wan;
 - (8) it was hoped that the LCSD would regularly collect Members' views on the management of the recreation and sports facilities in the district through the Working Group on Development and Management of Recreation and Sports Facilities and report the progress of the improvement works;
 - (9) it was proposed that, by making reference to the past practice, the Secretariat could issue letters to invite Members to give opinions on improving the recreation and sports facilities in the district and relay their views to the Working Group on Development and Management of Recreation and Sports Facilities for follow-ups;
 - (10) Anglers' Beach was a major leisure facility provided by the LCSD in the Tsuen Wan Rural constituency. As the beach was in the vicinity of the residential area, the residents regarded it as a park and the pedestrian flows were relatively high. Hence, there was a need to provide additional facilities such as benches, footways and swings at the beach in addition to the existing facilities in order to enhance its functions;
 - (11) because of the wind directions, the beaches in Tsuen Wan were susceptible to accumulation of litter. Hence, the parties concerned were urged to step up the cleansing work;
 - (12) it was hoped that the LCSD would provide additional barbecue facilities at the beaches in Tsuen Wan;
 - (13) the current tree management contractors engaged by the Government might not be concerned about the importance of tree preservation and the accreditation for arborists was not unified. Thus, it was hope that the LCSD would raise the awareness of tree preservation among tree management contractors;
 - (14) it was hoped that the LCSD could provide the Wi-Fi facilities at more venues under its purview;
 - (15) as the Wi-Fi network at Lei Muk Shue Community Hall disconnected frequently, it was hoped that follow-up actions could be taken; and
 - (16) at present, no fire access was available at the location near Belvedere Garden in the Tsuen Wan Riviera Park, making it difficult for ambulancemen to access the location for rescue in case of accidents. Thus, it was hoped that the DFMC or the TWDO would provide fire access and changing room facilities at the said location and the management of these facilities would be taken up by relevant departments.

38. The Chairman asked Members to reflect the matters relating to the provision of fire escape and changing room facilities at the location near Belvedere Garden in the Tsuen Wan Riviera Park to the Coastal Affairs Committee.

(Note: Mr LAM Faat-kang left the meeting at 4:30 p.m.; Mr CHUNG Wai-ping left the meeting at 4:33 p.m.; Mr WONG Ka-wa left the meeting at 4:38 p.m.)

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

- (1) site visit would be conducted with the Members concerned to better understand the nuisance caused by morning walkers, including the time and location, for follow-ups;
- (2) the LCSD had carried out improvement works for the wooden pavilion at the gateball court in the Tsuen Wan Riviera Park. It would regularly monitor the conditions of the facilities and learn about the water leakage problem of other facilities in the park from the Members concerned for follow-ups;
- (3) site visit would be conducted with the Members concerned to better understand the maintenance issues of the facilities at Shing Mun Valley Park and to collect the public's views on the locations of provision of benches for follow-ups;
- (4) the LCSD removed the gravel at Ting Kau Beach and Approach Beach respectively in winter over the past two years and would consider making arrangements for removal of gravel on Anglers' Beach in winter this year. As the removal works of submerged rocks in the sea was massive, it was needed to examine the matter with relevant departments;
- (5) regular meetings of the Working Group on Development and Management of Recreation and Sports Facilities would be scheduled with the Secretariat to follow up the issues relating to the recreation and sports facilities in the district at the meetings of the working group;
- (6) the LCSD deployed workers to clean up the litter at its beaches daily, but the LCSD was only responsible for the cleansing duties in part of the Anglers' Beach area while the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) was responsible for the cleansing duties in the beach area near the pier;
- (7) most of the litter at the beaches was brought by water currents and the Marine Department (MD) was responsible for clearing marine refuse. Thus, the LCSD would alert the MD for follow-up action if substantial amount of sea-borne refuse was found;
- (8) Anglers' Beach was quite long and narrow. The LCSD would carry out the reconstruction works of the beach building later and was currently drawing up the proposal on its design. The views of the Members concerned on the beach facilities would be collected after the meeting;
- (9) the gravel and inadequate lighting problems of the beach would be followed up with the Members concerned;

- (10) the frontline staff of the LCSD and tree management contractors would be reminded of the importance of tree preservation and the tree management contractors were required to inform the LCSD staff of any large-scale works involving trees in advance;
- (11) the LCSD deployed workers to clean up the litter at Ma Wan Tung Wan Beach daily. It would learn about the locations where litter accumulated from the Members concerned and consider whether it was necessary to strengthen the cleansing work at beaches;
- (12) the feasibility of provision of barbecue facilities at beaches in the district would be studied, for example, whether it was feasible to provide additional barbecue facilities when reconstructing the Anglers' Beach Building;
- (13) the LCSD would apply to the relevant department for the provision of Wi-Fi facilities at its parks in the district, but the result of the application depended on whether the pedestrian flows reached the standard; and
- (14) the LCSD had increased resources since this year to clean up the litter accumulated at beaches after typhoons.

40. The Chairman advised that Members could also reflect their views on the recreational and sports facilities in the district to the LCSD staff before and after meetings of the DFMC in order to facilitate mutual communication.

(Note: The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben left the meeting at 4:42 p.m.)

VII Item 6: Report on Cultural Activities in Tsuen Wan District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

(DFMC Paper No. 6/2016)

41. Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion of the LCSD reported the relevant information.

VIII Item 7: Report on Promotional Activities and the Enrolment Rate in Tsuen Wan District Public Libraries by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

(DFMC Paper No. 7/2016)

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

43. The views and enquiries of Mr MAN Yu-ming and Mr TAM Hoi-pong were summarised as follows:

- (1) it was advised that more promotional activities such as book exhibitions and Storytelling for Children should be organised to enhance the promotion of the libraries; and
- (2) enquiries were raised on the reasons for not selecting Shell Piazza as the location for the Ma Wan mobile library stop and the feasibility of setting up the mobile library stop at other locations in Ma Wan such as Ma Wan Village.

44. SL(TW) of the LCSD responded that Tsuen Wan Public Library and Shek Wai Kok Public Library in Tsuen Wan organised book exhibitions for adults and children every month and Storytelling for Children presented in Cantonese every week. Tsuen Wan Public Library had also planned to organise storytelling sessions presented in English and Putonghua in 2016-17. In addition, she said the mobile library stop at Ma Wan had started operation since 2 December 2015. When selecting the location for a mobile library stop, the factors including the capacity of the location to bear the weight of a mobile library van, the adequacy of space and the safety of readers in use had been taken into account. However, as the slabs at Shell Piazza were unable to bear the weight of a mobile library van, it was finally decided that the location at the junction of Pak Lai Road and Pak Yan Road should be the designated site for the mobile library van. She stated that the mobile library stop at Ma Wan was located in a quiet environment which was generally accepted by the readers.

45. The views and enquiries of the Vice Chairman and Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris were summarised as follows:

- (1) as Shell Piazza was under the jurisdiction of the Park Island Owners' Committee, it was not proper for the Government to set up a mobile library stop at Shell Piazza. The current site of the mobile library stop was under the jurisdiction of the Lands Department (LandsD) and hence the power supply problem could be solved; and
- (2) the Sham Tseng Market mobile library stop was located at the entrance of the Sham Tseng refuse collection point but its enrolment rate was affected by the unfavourable environment and location. Thus, it was advised that other locations along Castle Peak Road should be explored for the mobile library.

46. SL(TW) of the LCSD thanked the Vice Chairman for providing supplementary information for the mobile library stop at Ma Wan. She said that the LCSD was also trying to find a suitable location in Sham Tseng for a mobile library stop. However, there were difficulties in finding other locations for the mobile library stop as most of the places in Sham Tseng were private lands and the issues including the adequacy of space for parking a mobile library van and the accessibility of the location for members of the public should be taken into account, while the current location was under the jurisdiction of the FEHD. She welcomed Members to propose other feasible locations for the consideration of the LCSD.

(Note: Mr KOT Siu-yuen left the meeting at 4:50 p.m.)

IX Item 8: Any Other Business

(A) Information Papers

33. Members noted the following information papers:

- (1) Membership list of District Facilities Management Committee in 2016-19
(DFMC Paper No. 8/2016);
- (2) Terms of Reference of District Facilities Management Committee
(DFMC Paper No. 9/2016);
- (3) Financial Statement of District Facilities Management Committee as at 15 February 2016
(DFMC Paper No. 10/2016);
- (4) Dates of Meetings of District Facilities Management Committee between May 2016 and March 2017
(DFMC Paper No. 11/2016).

(B) Date of Next Meeting

34. The next meeting was scheduled on 3 May 2016 and the deadline for submission of paper was 15 April 2016.

XII Adjournment of Meeting

35. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat
12 April 2016