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Minutes of the 6th Meeting of District Facilities Management Committee (4/16-17)

Date: 1 November 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, MH

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 CHUNG Wai-ping, SBS, MH

Mr LO Siu-kit

Mr TAM Hoi-pong

In Attendance:

Mr CHONG Kong-sang, Patrick 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

Mr LAU Shun-tak, Donald 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
Mr TSE Hing-chit	Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing), Lands Department

Absent:

Mr CHENG Chit-pun

Action

I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed the Members and representatives from the government departments to the 6th 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, each Member could speak and make supplementary remarks once for each agenda item at the meeting. Each Member could speak up to three minutes each time.

II Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 5th Meeting held on 6.9.2016

3. The Chairman said that the Secretariat did not receive any proposed amendment before the meeting. The minutes of the meeting were confirmed without amendment.

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

4. The Chairman said that there were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

IV Item 3: Proposed New Items under District Minor Works
(DFMC Paper No. 25/16-17)

5. 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 new projects proposed under district minor works in Tsuen Wan in 2016-17.

6. The views and enquiries of Mr KOT Siu-yuen, Mr CHUNG Wai-ping and Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis were summarised as follows:

(1) support was given to the two new projects proposed under district minor

works in Tsuen Wan. It was also hoped that the projects would be completed for residents' use as soon as possible;

- (2) the TWDO was thanked for providing assistance for maintenance of the shelter of mini-bus stop at Shing Mun Reservoir earlier;
- (3) as the wooden top of the pavilion at Shing Mun Forest Track in Tsuen Wan was covered by the trees nearby, it was vulnerable to decay due to erosion by stormwater. It was hoped that the Works Section of the TWDO would firstly prune the trees nearby before carrying out the maintenance and renovation works so as to mitigate the erosion in the wooden parts of the pavilion; and
- (4) it was enquired when the construction of roof cover for Tsuen King Circuit Wu Chung Swimming Pool would be included in a project proposed under district minor works in Tsuen Wan.

7. The Chairman said that as the construction of roof cover for Tsuen King Circuit Wu Chung Swimming Pool was not a project under the captioned agenda item, the representative from the LCSD was requested to give response during the discussion of the said matter later.

8. Senior Inspector of Works (Tsuen Wan) (SIOW(TW)) of the TWDO said he was also aware of the conditions of the trees in the vicinity of the wooden pavilion at Shing Mun Forest Track in the country park in Tsuen Wan, and would discuss with the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department on the arrangements for tree pruning.

9. Members unanimously endorsed the funding application of \$750,000 in total for the two new projects under district minor works in Tsuen Wan in 2016-17.

V Item 4: Report on Progress of District Minor Works
(DFMC Paper No. 26/16-17)

10. ADO(TW) of the TWDO briefed Members about the progress of district minor works in Tsuen Wan.

(Note: Mr TAM Hoi-pong joined the meeting at 2:42 p.m.)

11. The views and enquiries of Mr LO Siu-kit, Mr WONG Ka-wa and Mr LAM Faat-kang were summarised as follows:

- (1) it was learnt from the earlier meeting that the conversion works for provision of part of the rainshelter for Sai Lau Kok Garden would commence on 11 November 2016. However, connection could not be made between an area of around 20 feet off the MTR station and the whole footbridge network. Hence, it was hoped that a study would be carried out as soon as possible to see whether project item 1 – Construction of Rain Shelter on the Elevated Pedestrian Walkway of Fou Wah Centre, Tsuen Wan, could tie in with the said conversion works for Sai Lau Kok Garden;

- (2) it was hoped that project item 9 – Construction of Footpath and Railing from Lei Muk Shue Estate to Cheung Shan Estate, Tsuen Wan and project item 27 – Provision of Pet Garden at Kwok Shui Road Park would be expedited, so that the residents could benefit from these facilities as soon as possible; and
- (3) enquiry was raised on the quantity of cell sets in the Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool. It was also hoped to learn about the quantity of cell sets that would be improved in project item 41 – Improvement Works of the Cell Set for the Electrochlorinators in the Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool.

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

- (1) regarding project item 1, certain difficulties were encountered in the commencement of works due to the titles of the properties and technical problems in early years. Taking the opportunity that a provision of \$100 million was allocated for the Signature Project Scheme (SPS), the TWDO, together with the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) which was the department responsible for the SPS, were currently considering project item 1 when drawing up the overall design of the SPS, and working for a practical proposal by coordinating and complementing the designs of works of these two projects;
- (2) the TWDO and ArchSD had carried out the site inspections in September and October 2016. The ArchSD was currently conducting the planning, the design and the relevant studies. The TWDO would report to the Members when further progress was made. The TWDO understood that members of the public wished for prompt commencement of the above projects. Hence, the TWDO would endeavour to coordinate and conduct study with various departments, so that the efficacy brought by the mutual coordination of these two projects in the design stage would be conducive to improving the overall accessibility of the footbridge network nearby; and
- (3) after collecting views from the relevant departments, the Works Section of the TWDO would commence the next stage of work for project item 9 as soon as possible and conduct the tender exercise in the fourth quarter of 2016. It hoped that the progress would be expedited.

(Note: The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael and Mr CHOW Ping-tim joined the meeting at 2:47 p.m.)

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

- (1) the LCSD expected that the works of project item 27 would commence in December 2016 and be completed during summer vacation in 2017; and
- (2) there was more than one cell set at Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool, but the swimming pool would be open as usual when the works for project item 41 was underway.

14. SIOW(TW) of the TWDO said for Members' information, project item 40 – Maintenance Projects for Minor Environmental Improvement Programme in Tsuen Wan District 2016-17 in DFMC Paper No. 26/16-17 was a project item under the Environmental and Health Affairs Committee.

VI Item 5: Report on Recreational and Sports Activities and Facilities Management in Tsuen Wan in August and September 2016 by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department
(DFMC Paper No. 27/16-17)

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

16. The views and enquiries of Ms LAM, Lam Nixie, Mr LAM Faat-kang, Mr KOT Siu-yuen and Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis were summarised as follows:

- (1) the residents welcomed the first section of footpath at Tsuen Wan Park which was open for public use;
- (2) enquiry was raised on the completion date of phase II of footpath in Tsuen Wan Park. It was also hoped that the LCSD would contact Members upon completion of the said works, so that site inspection could be arranged for resident representatives;
- (3) it was enquired about the current progress of the improvement works of Sam Tung Uk Garden; and whether the LCSD had received any views from members of the public. Public views received were that the lighting system was affected because the construction site was enclosed by hoarding. It was hoped that the LCSD and its contractor would install lighting system in shady areas so that members of the public would not be affected when they passed by at night or upon going to do morning exercise;
- (4) enquiry was raised on the works progress of the toilets in the improvement works of Tin Hau Temple Garden. It was also hoped that the works materials would be delivered to the construction site as soon as possible. These materials should not be stored in the housing estates nearby for a long period of time, in order to maintain environmental hygiene;
- (5) as the lifeguard service for the beaches in Tsuen Wan was suspended from 1 November 2016 due to the repair and maintenance works, it was enquired whether the lighting and facilities of Approach Beach would be affected by the repair works. It was also worried that the morning swimmers would be affected; and
- (6) it was enquired whether the construction of roof cover for Tsuen King Circuit Wu Chung Swimming Pool would be carried out during the annual inspection and repair works of the said swimming pool from November 2016 to March 2017.

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

- (1) the improvement works of Sam Tung Uk Garden would be conducted in two phases. The first phase had already commenced and was expected

to be completed in late December 2016. The second phase was expected to be completed in April 2017;

- (2) the erection of hoarding for the improvement works of Tin Hau Temple Garden had commenced. The LCSD would pay attention to the nuisance brought by the works to the residents nearby and remind the relevant works departments to pay extra attention when making delivery of materials. The staff of the LCSD would also be assigned to conduct site inspections at night, so as to check for the physical locations required for installation of lighting system;
- (3) as the large-scale repair works would not be conducted for the Approach Bay Beach Building, members of the public could continue to use the existing venues and shower facilities;
- (4) the staff of the ArchSD were assigned to conduct the inspections at Tsuen King Circuit Wu Chung Swimming Pool. However, as the LCSD had not received the quotation of the works concerned for the time being, funding application to the DFMC could not be made. The LCSD would figure out whether the works could be carried out in winter 2016 and if not, the works would have to be postponed and conducted in winter 2017; and
- (5) the LCSD had not received any complaint about the improvement works of Sam Tung Uk Garden from the residents nearby or venue users for the time being. The LCSD would closely monitor the situation and keep liaison with Members. It was hoped that Members would inform the LCSD for follow-up actions if they received any views on the improvement works.

18. The views and enquiries of Mr TAM Hoi-pong, Mr CHOW Ping-tim and Mr MAN Yu-ming were summarised as follows:

- (1) it was enquired whether it had already been set out in the LCSD's new guidelines that the trees within 10 metres from the road kerb were under the management of the LCSD; and whether the information of the above trees would be included in the LCSD's records of felling of trees in future;
- (2) recently, members of the public relayed that many people occupied and danced in a number of places in Tsuen Wan Park. It was hoped that the LCSD would pay serious attention to this situation;
- (3) some people occupied the walkway in Tsuen Wan Riviera Park to practise Tai Chi Swords and Tai Chi Fans. Two-thirds of the walkway would be occupied when the number of people reached its peak. It was hoped that the LCSD would pay attention to this and give advice to the people concerned, so as to stop the occupation of walkway from getting out of control; and
- (4) the LCSD was thanked for its assistance in solving the water seepage problem of the pavilion next to the soccer pitch in Shing Mun Valley Park and providing the seating benches for morning walkers' use.

19. DLM(TW) of the LCSD responded as follows:
- (1) according to the LCSD's latest guidelines, the LCSD would be responsible for management of the trees within 10 metres from the kerb of the public roads, except those trees undertaken by other departments. The LCSD would conduct the inspections and risk assessments for the trees one after another. If a tree was found posing imminent danger, the LCSD would ease the imminent danger by removing it or carrying out mitigation measures;
 - (2) the LCSD would study how to provide the relevant information on the trees for Members' perusal;
 - (3) the LCSD would pay attention to the obstructions of the access caused by the people who danced or practised Tai Chi;
 - (4) the LCSD noted that members of the public would respect each other and reserve access for the passers-by when performing activities in the parks. The LCSD would take further actions if the situation was getting worse; and
 - (5) the LCSD noted that many people performed activities mainly at the amphitheatre of Tsuen Wan Park, instead of crowding at the walkway. Nevertheless, the LCSD would observe whether these people had caused nuisance other users.

20. The views and enquiries of Mr CHOW Ping-tim and the Chairman were summarised as follows:

- (1) many people gathered and danced in the area at Tsuen Wan Park near Tsuen Wan Riviera Park at night. It was hoped that the LCSD would take note of this; and
- (2) if the tree branches at the location adjoining the walkway and carriageway reached the carriageway and affected the traffic, it was enquired whether the trees would be handled by the LCSD or Highways Department (HyD).

21. DLM(TW) of the LCSD responded that the trees on both sides of streets were generally managed by the LCSD and those trees along the expressways were managed by the HyD. The division of work between the two departments would remain unchanged under the said circumstances. Under the new guidelines, the LCSD would undertake the tree care work on government land previously managed by the Lands Department (LandsD) and at roadside areas within 10 metres from the road kerb.

(Note: Mr WONG Ka-wa left the meeting at 3:05 p.m.)

VII Item 6: Report on Cultural Activities in Tsuen Wan District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department
(DFMC Paper No. 28/16-17)

22. 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. 29/16-17)

23. Senior Librarian (Tsuen Wan) (SL (TW)) of the LCSD reported the relevant information.

24. Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris said that the usage rate of the mobile library service point located at Sham Tseng Market was relatively low. He enquired whether the LCSD would conduct a review on the current location of mobile library van and provide additional service points of mobile library van.

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

- (1) Members were thanked for making two proposals to the LCSD at the meeting of the Working Group on Development and Management of Recreation and Sports Facilities earlier. Since the problems including the safety of users and erection of the “No stopping” sign were likely to arise from the two proposed locations, as pinpointed by the LCSD at the above meeting, the two proposed locations were not suitable for parking of the mobile library van;
- (2) owing to the topographical constraints, no parking was allowed along both sides of Castle Peak Road - Sham Tseng in Sham Tseng. The mobile library van was not allowed to be parked at the private places in the housing estates;
- (3) the LCSD did not have any plan to relocate Sham Tseng mobile library service point at Sham Tseng Market for the time being. However, the LCSD would continue to follow up the situation and its staff would conduct inspection in Tseng Sham by the end of 2016, with a view to identifying suitable parking locations for the mobile library van; and
- (4) when studying the suitable location for parking of the mobile library van, apart from taking into consideration the space available at the site for the mobile library van to be parked or to make a U-turn, the LCSD would consider two other important factors including the approval from the site owner and safety of users of the mobile library van.

26. The Chairman said if the district councillors of the constituencies found any locations suitable for parking the mobile library van, they could inform the LCSD of such locations for consideration.

(Note: The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben joined the meeting at 3:10 p.m.)

IX Item 8: Progress Report on the Working Groups under the Committee

(A) Working Group on Management of Community Halls

27. Mr LO Siu-kit said that the Working Group had convened a meeting to conduct a review on the booking arrangements of community centres/halls for

one-off/continuous uses on 24 October 2016. After discussion, Members resolved that the current booking arrangements remained unchanged. However, in order to enhance the flexibility, on Sundays, the time slots which were still available for hiring after the first round of application would be open for booking for one-off uses by the applicant organisations

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

28. Mr LAM Faat-kang said that the Working Group followed up the replacement of chairs and provision of fitness facilities in the Yuen Tun Garden. The LCSD had discussed with the relevant works departments for removal of the existing chairs and provision of five benches for public use. As for the proposal on provision of fitness facilities in the Yuen Tun Garden, the LCSD took the view that the venue was not suitable for provision of fitness facilities owing to its area constraints. Moreover, phase I of the improvement works for Sam Tung Uk Garden had commenced as scheduled and progressed smoothly.

X Item 9: Any Other Business

29. Mr MAN Yu-ming said he supported the two projects for improvement of the pavilions at Shing Mun Forest Track in Tsuen Wan and the jogging track of Shing Mun Catchwater under project item 3. He had conducted a site inspection with the staff of the TWDO earlier and found that some trees appeared to be infected and some trees extended over the road surface. He knew that quite a number of members of the public did morning exercise at Shing Mun Catchwater and hoped that the departments concerned would take further actions for the said matters, so as to ensure the health of trees and safety of pedestrians.

30. SIOW(TW) of the TWDO said he was aware of the growth of the trees in the periphery of the facilities and some tree branches reaching the facilities. The TWDO would liaise with the relevant departments for follow-up actions. Regarding the situation of the facilities near the jogging track of Shing Mun Catchwater mentioned by Members, as the trees were located on the government land with no designated use, the TWDO had referred the issue to the LandsD. He asked Members to provide the exact locations of other problematic trees, so that the TWDO could liaise with the LandsD and other departments for follow-up actions.

31. The Chairman asked Members to provide the TWDO with the relevant photos for follow-up actions after the meeting.

(A) Information Paper

32. Members noted the following information paper:

- (1) Financial Statement of District Facilities Management Committee as at 17.10.2016
(DFMC Paper No. 30/16-17).

(B) Date of Next Meeting

33. The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting was scheduled on 3 January 2017 and the deadline for submission of paper was 21 December 2016.

XI Adjournment of Meeting

34. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat
30 November 2016