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Minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of Tsuen Wan District Council (2/2019)

Date: 30 July 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:

Miss YIP Kam-ching, Jenny, JP	District Officer (Tsuen Wan), Tsuen Wan District Office
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
Ms LEE Lai-kiu, Winnie	Senior Liaison Officer (2), Tsuen Wan District Office
Mr Kerry Paul Lee CAREW	District Commander (Tsuen Wan), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr KO Lok-lam, Ross	Police Community Relations Officer (Tsuen Wan), Hong Kong Police Force

Ms LUI Ka-wing	Acting District Social Welfare Officer (Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing), Social Welfare Department
Miss LO Pui-yiu, Sapphire	District Lands Officer (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing), Lands Department
Mr YIM Wai-hung	Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing), Lands Department
Ms LUI Hiu-fai, Monica	Chief Transport Officer/NT South West, Transport Department
Mr MO Tin-yeung	Senior Housing Manager (Wong Tai Sin, Tsing Yi & Tsuen Wan 2), Housing Department
Mr KUAN Man-hou	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Tsuen Wan), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr WONG Chi-hung	Chief Engineer/West 2, Civil Engineering and Development Department
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
Miss LAM Siu-yung, Daisy (Secretary)	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Tsuen Wan District Office
Mr LAU Shun-tak, Donald	Executive Officer I (District Council), Tsuen Wan District Office

For discussion of item 3:

Ms TSE Ka-ye, Carmen	Senior Librarian (Tsuen Wan), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms AU YEUNG Lai-sze, Jane	Senior Project Manager 327, Architectural Services Department
Mr CHAN Chi-keong, Johnson	Project Manager 343, Architectural Services Department
Mr Raphael YING	Director, Design 2 (HK) Ltd.
Ms CHAN Ching-man	Architectural Assistant, Design 2 (HK) Ltd.

For discussion of item 4:

Mr TSANG Lap-kei, Freddie	Senior Engineer/2(West), Civil Engineering and Development Department
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For discussion of item 7:

Mr NG Ki-yiu	Engineer/NTW (Headworks 3), Water Supplies Department
Mr HO Ho-yuan	Engineer/NTW (Distribution 1), Water Supplies Department

For discussion of item 9:

Mr TSE Kai-lun, Alan	Senior Building Surveyor/D6, Buildings Department
Ms LAM Yuen, Annie	Public Relations Manager – External Affairs, Mass Transit Railway Corporation Limited
Mr CHAN Yiu-chung, Jacky	Senior Public Relations Executive – External Affairs, Mass Transit Railway Corporation Limited

## I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed Members and representatives from government departments to the 23rd meeting of Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC) and introduced:

- (1) Mr KO Lok-lam, Ross, who attended the meeting for the first time and replaced Ms TANG Wai-han, Olivia to assume the post of Police Community Relations Officer (Tsuen Wan), Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF);
- (2) Ms LUI Ka-wing, Acting District Social Welfare Officer (Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing) (Atg. DSWO(TW/KwT)), Social Welfare Department (SWD), who attended this meeting on behalf of Ms MA Sau-ching, Annisa; and
- (3) Mr MO Tin-yeung, Senior Housing Manager (Wong Tai Sin, Tsing Yi & Tsuen Wan 2) (SHM(WT&T2)), Housing Department (HD), who attended this meeting on behalf of Mrs TANG FUNG Shuk-yin.

2. The Chairman reminded Members of sections 17(1) and 27 of the Tsuen Wan District Council Standing Orders (the “Standing Orders”) that any Member who wished to move a motion or ask any question at a meeting of the Council was required to give the Secretary a notice in writing ten clear working days before the meeting. Thus, he reminded Members that the date of the next meeting was 24 September 2019 and the deadline for submission of paper was 9 September 2019. The Chairman asked Members to speak as concise as possible because there were many items on the agenda. In addition, according to section 28 of the Standing Orders, unless otherwise agreed by the Chairman, Members could speak and make supplementary remarks once for each agenda item at the meeting and each Member could speak up to 3 minutes.

3. The Chairman reminded that the persons sitting in on the meeting in the public gallery should keep quiet and refrain from speaking. According to section 15(2) of the Standing Orders, if a person attending or sitting in on a meeting of the Council misbehaved in such a way as to disrupt the orderly conduct of the meeting, the Chairman might issue warnings to the person. The Chairman might order the person to leave the place of the meeting if the person persisted in his or her misbehaviour despite warnings. Moreover, Members’ attention was drawn to the rule of filming that any Member who wished to film should make application to the Chairman in advance and the Member himself or herself was to be filmed only, exclusive of any other persons at the scene notwithstanding the Chairman’s approval was granted for such an application. Also, the media workers who entered the Main Conference Room should wear the admission pass showing their identity and register

with the staff of the TWDC Secretariat; otherwise filming at the Main Conference Room was not allowed.

## II Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 22nd Meeting held on 28.5.2019

4. The Chairman said that the Secretariat had not received any proposed amendments to the minutes before this meeting. The Chairman asked whether Members would put forth the proposed amendments immediately.

5. Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris stated that he wished to amend paragraph 16 and paragraph 28 of the captioned minutes and wished to discuss the proposed amendments with the Secretariat after listening to the audio record.

6. The Chairman asked Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris whether the proposed amendments were available; and asked whether the amendments were technical amendments or amendments-in-principle.

7. Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris said that the proposed amendments were not available at the moment but the amendments were amendments-in-principle, such as in paragraph 16 of the captioned minutes, “食物環境衛生署(下稱“食環署”)只能處理由較高單位滴下的水或在晚上滴下的水，以致不少個案未能成功檢控” (However, the FEHD could only handle the cases of water dripping from the units of more upper floors or the cases of water dripping at nighttime. Therefore, many cases were not brought before the justice for successful prosecution) should be amended as “食物環境衛生署(下稱“食環署”)未能處理由較高單位滴下的水或在晚上滴下的水，以致不少個案未能成功檢控” (However, the FEHD was not in a position to handle the cases of water dripping from the units of more upper floors or the cases of water dripping at nighttime. Therefore, many cases were not brought before the justice for successful prosecution).

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat received three proposed amendments from Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris on 1 August 2019. The proposed amendments were as follows:

- (1) in line 8 to line 9 of paragraph 16 of the captioned minutes, “食物環境衛生署(下稱“食環署”)只能處理由較高單位滴下的水或在晚上滴下的水，以致不少個案未能成功檢控” (However, the FEHD could only handle the cases of water dripping from the units of more upper floors or the cases of water dripping at nighttime. Therefore, many cases were not brought before the justice for successful prosecution) should be amended as “食物環境衛生署(下稱“食環署”)未能處理由較高單位滴下的水或在晚上滴下的水，以致不少個案未能成功檢控” (However, the FEHD was not in a position to handle the cases of water dripping from the units of more upper floors or the cases of water dripping at nighttime. Therefore, many cases were not brought before the justice for successful prosecution);
- (2) in line 12 to line 13 of paragraph 16 of the captioned minutes, “以及可否透過綠色建築認證標籤為現有樓宇進行管理及設計。” (and whether the management and design

of the existing premises could be processed via the Green Building Certification Label.) should be amended as “以及可否透過建築信息模擬(即“BIM”)為現有樓宇進行管理及設計。” (and whether the management and design of the existing premises could be processed by the Building Information Modelling (i.e. the “BIM”).); and

- (3) in line 3 to line 5 of paragraph 28, “但由於須符合《建築物條例》第 123 章的要求，有關措施往往較被動而效用不大，並可能影響居民的日常生活” (however, on the other hand, due to the compliance with the Buildings Ordinance, Chapter 123, the initiatives were made in the passive form of measures without great effect and might affect the daily lives of the residents) should be amended as “但由於《建築物條例》(第 123 章)對可開窗戶的要求不高，以及實際居住上難以不開窗戶，有關措施往往較被動而效用不大” (however, on the other hand, a fairly low standard was set for the openable windows in the Buildings Ordinance (Chapter 123) and the windows were normally kept open for occupancy in reality, thereby making the initiatives the passive form of measures without great effect).

8. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to make amendments accordingly and stated that the minutes of the previous meeting apart from the above two paragraphs were confirmed without amendment.

### III Item 2: Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meetings

9. Mr TAM Hoi-pong said that he had submitted an item in relation to the Fugitive Offenders Bill ten clear working days before the meeting to urge the Government to accede to the five demands and withdraw the Fugitive Offenders Bill. Unfortunately, it was rejected. He enquired about the reasons for rejection of the proposed item and show of support for the Fugitive Offenders Bill by the Chairman who personally represented the TWDC in liaison with the Chairmen of the other 17 District Councils (DCs) in May 2019.

10. The Chairman stated that the words of the Member tumbled out imprecisely. The paper from the Member did not contain the aforesaid contents. He asked the Secretariat to explain the rejection of the item submitted by the Member.

11. The Secretary said that as the contents of the paper concerned involved the Chairman himself, according to section 48(7) of the Standing Orders, the Chairman of the Council should, when he or she found a personal interest in an item proposed on to the meeting agenda, surrender his or her power on deciding the inclusion of the item in the agenda to the Vice Chairman of the Council.

12. The Vice Chairman stated that as the Government had already announced that the Fugitive Offenders Bill had been dead and the responses from government departments were unavailable at the meeting, he held that it was not appropriate to discuss the item concerned at the Council. He therefore rejected the item concerned.

13. The Chairman said that as he found a personal interest in the item concerned, he did not take part in making decision on the item concerned but he wished to take this opportunity to give response to the question raised by the Member. He clarified that the declaration of the Chairmen of 18 DCs in May 2019, as pointed out by the Member, was made in his name. He did not make the declaration on behalf of the TWDC and its Members. Besides, he learnt that a few Members wished to make oral statements. He would firstly make arrangement for dealing with the items on the agenda of this meeting. And then, the Members concerned would make oral statements individually within five minutes according to the Standing Orders. He added that apart from rejecting the item as mentioned by the Member, he had rejected another item in the meantime because most of the items for the Council meetings were about the district-based livelihood matters. He hoped that discussion at Council meetings would focus on these items. The Government's incidents which happened lately should not be discussed continuously.

14. Mr TAM Hoi-pong suggested advancing the delivery of oral statements to avoid misunderstanding of each Member's stance by the mass media and members of the public. He also asked which Member wished to make an oral statement.

15. The Chairman stated that Members had submitted the items ten clear working days before the meeting according to the Standing Orders. He held that for fairness, the items on the agenda should be discussed first. Also, according to the Standing Orders, Members who wished to make oral statements should inform the Secretary before the meeting. Hence, he opined that it should be arranged later at the meeting, and hoped he could gain Members' understanding. There were a total of four Members who wished to make oral statements at this meeting which would be handled after completing the discussion of the confirmed items on the agenda of this meeting.

16. Mr LI Hung-por said that his oral statement contained his views on the rejection of the item proposed by the Member. He opined that the oral statements should be made before the discussion of items for clarifying the viewpoints and doubts and for the Chairman to give response. Besides, he understood the reasons for the Vice Chairman's rejection of the item concerned but he thought that it should be discussed.

17. The Chairman stated that there would be no discussion for the oral statements. He asked the Secretariat to introduce the contents about oral statement in the Standing Orders.

18. The Secretary said that according to section 29 of the Standing Orders, a Member who wished to make an oral statement shall inform the Secretary before the meeting, but the oral statement shall not take more than five minutes.

19. The Chairman stated that he accepted the request for delivery of oral statements from Members and would decide the time for delivery of oral statements. He hoped that Members would accept the arrangements. He also believed that attendees of the meeting were also concerned about all the items on the agenda of the meeting.

20. Mr TAM Hoi-pong hoped that the Chairman would consider his request again for making oral statements by Members first to avoid unwanted conflicts among the residents on the scene.

21. The Chairman stated that he would make arrangement for delivery of oral statements by Members but the meeting should proceed according to the established procedures and items on the agenda. It was unfair to the other Members if an item from the Member was inserted unexpectedly. He hoped that the Member would accept the arrangement. He also believed that the members of the public on the scene were interested in listening to the contents of other items on the agenda, apart from listening to the oral statements of the Members.

22. The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben opined that the Vice Chairman had already given explanation clearly and that the Chairman had ruled on it. He hoped that the meeting would start as soon as possible.

23. The Chairman asked Members and members of the public on the scene to remain silent and calm. He stated that all attendees of the meeting were concerned about the affairs of the Council. To facilitate the meeting to continue, he appealed for observance of the rules of order of meeting. He pointed out that according to the Standing Orders, subject to the agreement of over half of the Members of the Council present at the meeting, the Chairman might adjust the order of business on the agenda.

24. Mr LI Hung-por said that he would like to comment on the adjustment of the order of business on the agenda but he was not going to request for making oral statement first before discussion of items on the agenda. He pointed out that the members of the public would have left when Any Other Business of the agenda was under discussion. It was also believed that by that time, there would not be any chance for delivery of oral statements. Hence, he suggested that the Members should be arranged for making oral statements between the discussion of item 11 and item 12.

25. Mr WONG Ka-wa stated that he was willing to delay the discussion of the item put forth by him and that he would let the Members make oral statements first.

26. The Chairman said that all items of the agenda were of equal importance. He had ruled that the oral statements would be made under Any Other Business of the agenda. However, he would like to propose to vote on the arrangement of delivery of oral statements at the moment upon Members' request. He undertook that arrangement would be made for Members to make oral statements for voicing their ideas and expressing their views clearly. In addition, the oral statements would be recorded verbatim in the minutes of meeting. He ruled that Members might film themselves when making oral statements.

27. Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly stated that the items for discussion put forth by Members were always adjusted in the past. It was not necessary to vote if the Member was willing to delay the item for discussion put forth by him. He hoped that the normal practice would be followed.

28. Mr WONG Ka-wa opined that it should not be voted by all Members. It should be decided by the Members who had submitted papers for this meeting. He learnt that Members who had submitted papers for the meeting could discuss the adjustment of the items without seeking agreement from other Members if the Members putting forth the item had not arrived yet. Although the Chairman might rule on this matter, it was not the normal practice to do so.

29. The Chairman stated that Members were empowered to make statements under the Standing Orders. Members who wished to make written statements should submit the written statements ten clear working days before the meeting and Members who wished to make oral statements were only required to inform the Secretary before the meeting. He ensured that the oral statements would be delivered at the meeting but the arrangement for the priority should be subject to the actual circumstances of the meeting. He also asked Members what should be done if one of the Members who had submitted papers was not willing to make adjustment of the items.

30. The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben clarified that in the past, agreement from all Members who were present in the meeting should be sought regardless of any individual Members' absence from the meeting or reluctance of making adjustment of the items. Also, only the items on the agenda could be adjusted. Members had put forth a total of eight items for this meeting which did not include the oral statements. It was absolutely appropriate to make oral statements under Any Other Business because they were raised at a later stage. The proceedings of future meetings would be affected if Members were allowed to postpone the items they put forth for other Members to make oral statements.

31. The Chairman hoped that his intent of respect for Members to make statements would be understood and Members were able to make oral statements. He proposed to vote for settling the priority of delivery of oral statements among the items on the agenda of the meeting. He also asked the Secretary to read out the contents of adjusting the items on the agenda in the Standing Orders.

32. The Secretary stated that according to section 13(2) of the Standing Orders, subject to the agreement of over half of the Members of the Council present at the meeting, the Chairman might at the commencement or in the course of the meeting approve the adjustment of the order of business on the agenda.

33. Mr CHOW Ping-tim said that he was the first and only Member who had ever made oral statement at the meeting of the TWDC till present. Oral statement was purposeful and essential, and Members were allowed to make oral statements under the Standing Orders. It was believed that the priority was not a matter of concern. Before the meeting of the TWDC that day, he gained support from more than half of the Members of the Council on his delivery of oral statement and he made oral statement before that meeting. He therefore held that the direction of this precedent case should be followed and there should be no dispute over the priority of delivery of oral statements. In addition, he thought that it would be more rational and reasonable for letting Members make oral statements first. The meeting would continue after the completion of oral statements. It was, however, not reasonable to vote for settling the priority of delivery of oral statements.

34. Mr YAU Kam-ping stated that as mentioned by the Member, support from more than half of the Members of the Council should be gained for delivery of an oral statement. Therefore, support from more than half of the Members of the Council should also be gained for delivery of oral statements at this meeting.

35. The Chairman said that he aimed to maintain the order of the Council meeting and ensure the Council meeting would proceed according to the Standing Orders.

36. Mr TAM Hoi-pong enquired about the Members who wished to make oral statements.

37. The Chairman stated that according to the order of informing the Secretary, the four Members who wished to make oral statements were Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris, Mr TAM Hoi-pong, Ms LAM, Lam Nixie and Mr LI Hung-por respectively. The four Members had verbally informed the Secretary before the meeting that they wished to make oral statements.

38. The Chairman asked Members to vote for “the arrangement of advancing the oral statements of four Members to this moment”. The voting result was 6 in favour, 9 against and 2 abstention.

39. The Chairman announced that “the arrangement of advancing the oral statements of four Members to this moment” was not endorsed. He asked the Members and the members of the public on the scene to remain calm. He also stated that Members would make oral statements in their names. The meeting should continue if Members wished to make oral statements. They could make oral statements as and when appropriate.

40. Mr KOO Yeung-pong asked apart from members of the public, whether the Members would be warned for disruption of meeting.

41. The Chairman stated that he would also warn the Members who disrupted the meeting.

(A) Paragraphs 81-93 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 March 2019: Request to Improve the Emergency Ambulance Service for Ma Wan

42. The Chairman stated that Members had discussed the above issue at the TWDC meeting held on 26 March 2019. The supplementary information submitted by the Fire Services Department on 5 June 2019 had been distributed to Members for perusal.

(B) Paragraphs 164-176 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 28 May 2019: “Request the Department of Health and Kowloon West Cluster of Hospital Authority to Improve the Healthcare Services of Lei Muk Shue Estate”

43. The Chairman stated that Members had discussed the above issue at the TWDC meeting held on 28 May 2019. The supplementary information submitted by the Department of Health (DH) on 10 June 2019 had been distributed to Members for perusal.

(C) Paragraphs 42-59 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 March 2018: Subsidy Scheme to Extend Optical Fibre Networks to Villages in Remote Areas in the New Territories and Outlying Islands

44. The Chairman stated that Members had discussed the above issue at the TWDC meeting held on 27 March 2018. The supplementary information submitted by the Office of the Communications Authority on 12 June 2019 had been distributed to Members for perusal.

IV Item 3: The Municipal Libraries should Keep Abreast of Time and Expand the Urban Public Space

(TWDC Paper No. 37/2019)

45. The Chairman stated that Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris submitted the paper. The representatives from the departments responsible for giving response were:

- (1) Ms TSE Ka-yee, Carmen, Senior Librarian (Tsuen Wan) (SL(TW)), Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD);
- (2) Ms AU YEUNG Lai-sze, Jane, Senior Project Manager 327 (SPM327), Architectural Services Department (Arch SD);
- (3) Mr CHAN Chi-keong, Johnson, Project Manager 343, Arch SD;
- (4) Mr Raphael YING, Director, Design 2 (HK) Ltd. (the “Consultant”); and
- (5) Ms CHAN Ching-man, Architectural Assistant, Design 2 (HK) Ltd.

46. Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris introduced the paper.

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

- (1) she thanked the Member for sharing the information of the use of indoor spaces in libraries around the world and providing input based on his observations on the current situation of libraries for the LCSD’s reference;
- (2) it had been 26 years since the commissioning of the Tsuen Wan Public Library (the “TWPL”) in 1993. At the planning stage of the renovation project, apart from an overhaul of library facilities, the LCSD would also like to provide patrons with a comfortable reading environment through facilities re-alignment and re-configuration of library spaces. For instance, in the future, a leisure reading area and green platform would be available in the adult library, whereas stepped seating for reading would be provided in the children’s library, in order to create a comfortable environment that encouraged reading for pleasure among adults and children; and
- (3) the LCSD would reinstall the Extension Activities Room at which a sliding door would be installed for flexible use of space. The Computer and Information Centre and the Multimedia Library would also be merged to bring convenience to computer users.

48. The Chairman enquired the LCSD whether its presentation would focus on the new elements to be introduced into the library renovation project.

49. SPM327 of the Arch SD responded as follows:
- (1) before implementing the design proposal for the library, the Arch SD would, wherever possible, take into account Members' suggestions and design ideas. For example, there was a landscaped atrium in the central part of the Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai Public Library for public appreciation, in which an Extension Activities Room was provided. Similarly, an Extension Activities Room would be made available at the TWPL for the storytelling sessions;
  - (2) different factors of consideration would be entailed in introducing certain elements into a library, e.g. the introduction of a kitchen or the commercial elements was subject to the relevant policy requirements. It would be implemented only after its practicability was established through the conduct of technicality study;
  - (3) there were many constraints on the space, structure and building services such as air-conditioning facilities in the TWPL which was completed more than two decades ago. The ArchSD had adopted as many design elements as possible to expand the leisure reading area and improve the perception of indoor environment, with a view to perfecting the renovation project. For instance, open stepped seating for reading would be provided in the expanded children's library for the children and their parents to sit and read together; and
  - (4) the third floor of the TWPL still had spare structural capacity to create extra floor area for providing a reading area. Also, the existing podium without designated uses on the sixth and the seventh floor would be used as green spaces, so that readers could look at the plants and distant landscape to relax their eyes when reading.

50. Director of the Consultant responded as follows:
- (1) the biggest constraint on the renovation of the TWPL was its existing space and structure;
  - (2) apart from creating extra space on the third and the seventh floor where structurally feasible, alternative design approaches were also adopted in optimising the existing space, in order to increase the amount of usable space in the library. For instance, upon discussion with the LCSD, a more modern approach was adopted for the design of the children's library on the fifth floor by striking a balance between the size of its book collection and seating capacity, resulting in an increase in the number of seats by 20%; and
  - (3) windows would be installed on one side of the adult library. After meeting the basic requirements of the LCSD, the number of book racks would be slightly reduced to release space for the provision of relatively comfortable window seats. As a result, the total number of seats would nearly double.

51. The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael said that apart from construction of libraries, he had requested for the introduction of self-charging terminals in Tsuen Wan district as early as 2017. At present, the Government had been promoting community libraries and self-charging terminals to encourage reading in local communities. He had earlier sought to introduce 24-hour self-charging terminals into the territory; nevertheless, the LCSD had indicated that depending on the

situation of the three pilot sites, the results might not be available until half a year later. Subsequently, he had discussed with the LCSD on the possibility of deploying self-service mobile library vans to present local residents in different areas with the 3 000 most borrowed library books, so as to promote spontaneous reading in the community. If the transaction volume processed by the self-service mobile library van stationed at a certain location was satisfactory, the LCSD might schedule more visits accordingly. In response to the LCSD's previous remarks on the introduction of self-service mobile library vans by the end this year, he had identified a suitable site for stationing self-service mobile library van during a site visit in the vicinity of the Tsuen Wan Park in collaboration with the LCSD. He requested the LCSD to station a self-service mobile library van at the location concerned.

52. Ms LAM, Lam Nixie was aware that the TWPL renovation project would focus on hardware design. Although she believed that Hong Kong's hardware design topped the world, it seemed that the interface between hardware and software had left much to be desired. Therefore, it was suggested that the LCSD should draw reference from Singapore's libraries characterised by a close interaction between hardware and software. In anticipation of the intake of residents upon completion of a number of new buildings in Tsuen Wan district this year, she opined that the LCSD could capitalise on the TWPL renovation project to introduce popular hardware into the library, and that the elements inherent in the culture of Tsuen Wan district could also be included. Given that transformation of the society had become a critical issue nowadays, quite many bookstores had been transformed into gathering venues. Even though the existing libraries had gained popularity among parents, she really thought that it was imperative for libraries to undergo transformation, and suggested that the LCSD should allow greater flexibility in the use of library space by drawing reference from the design of bookstores, so as to release space for organising exhibitions to showcase books selected from library collections, with a view to attracting more visitors instead of confining libraries to reading purposes. Besides, she hoped that the overall library blueprint could dovetail with the design of smart city as advocated by the Government.

53. Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly stated that as Tsuen Wan district was a transportation hub in Hong Kong, other than Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing, people from Tuen Mun, Yuen Long, Shatin and Tai Po would also visit the TWPL. However, given that there were not enough seats in the overcrowded TWPL, quite many children, adults and the elderly had to either stand or squat on the ground when reading. He was of the view that amid era of change, the Government should embrace change, so did the libraries. To this end, he requested the Government to listen to public views. He pointed out that according to the LCSD's briefing on library renovation project at the previous meeting of the District Facilities Management Committee (DFMC), owing to spatial constraint of the library, only a little extra space could be squeezed out of a certain floor, and quite many visitors would still need to either stand or squat on the ground when reading in the future. As compared with those in Hong Kong, overseas libraries were more spacious and reading-friendly, as well as ubiquitous and well-equipped with a variety of facilities. But this was not the case in Hong Kong. He held that for transformation to take place, instead of merely taking into account the existing hardware, the LCSD should request the Government Property Agency and the government department responsible for land allocation to provide more land and physical spaces for constructing new

libraries, thereby opening up more possibilities for the introduction of a wide variety of elements into these libraries. Besides, he called on the civil service to think outside the box instead of formulating measures under the existing framework.

54. Mr WONG Ka-wa said that the LCSD had previously presented the details of the TWPL renovation project at the DFMC meeting. The aforesaid design approach was acceptable to him. He pointed out that it was not easy for a library to secure resources for carrying out improvement works. However, in view of the continuous population growth in Tsuen Wan district and failure to significantly increase usable space of the renovated library, the LCSD was still unable to meet the needs of visitors even if more facilities were provided. Therefore, he suggested that the LCSD should consider proactively seeking approval for the construction of a new library at any of the sites that had been left vacant for many years in Tsuen Wan district, e.g. the former site of Tsuen Wan Lutheran School (Cheung Shan Estate) and another school site at Kwok Shui Road, in order to cope with future demand from residents. As a case in point, Taiwan was imbued with a perfect reading atmosphere, and large bookstores operated by non-government institutions had gained popularity with the launch of in-store leisure programmes and the sale of souvenirs.

55. Mr CHENG Chit-pun was concerned about the planning of libraries in Tsuen Wan district, and pointed out that there was a need to set up a library in Sham Tseng. He further pointed out that positive feedback had been obtained after a site visit with the representatives from the FEHD and LCSD in 2018 in response to the previous discussions made at the meetings of the Community Building, Planning and Development Committee on the consolidation of government sites in Sham Tseng for the construction of a government building that comprised a library, car park, study room and activities rooms. He had reservation about the allocation of the government site concerned for the construction of a library only, but expressed welcome to the proposal on the construction of a complex. Nowadays, cultivating a reading habit was not merely about books offered by libraries, but it also depended on the availability of peripheral ancillary facilities in practice. As a case in point, quite many books had been placed next to the cafeteria inside the Tsuen Wan Town Hall, and quite many of its visitors would read these books while they were drinking coffee. Judging from this, creating a reading atmosphere was crucial. Besides, he was aware that the LCSD had been running the community library programme for many years, but there were not so many community libraries in the district so far. He thus suggested that the LCSD should consider allowing greater flexibility and providing more incentives, so as to encourage the non-governmental organisations to consider using the community library services, with a view to promoting the culture of reading for all.

56. Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis supported expanding the library. She pointed out that the off-peak timeslots of the activities rooms of quite many sports centres were available for pre-booking. As the LCSD was responsible for the management of libraries and sports centres, she enquired the LCSD whether consideration could be given to deploying additional resources for promoting the use of activities rooms. Besides, she did not support the provision of restaurant and cafeteria inside library premises because quite many bookstores were moving along this path. As the survival of these food establishments would depend on the working capital requirement and profit margin, it was indeed undesirable to convert the existing free public space into a venue providing fee-charging services. She held that the snack vending machines alone might well suit the libraries.

57. Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris said that the departments concerned had not responded to some of his enquiries yet. According to the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines (HKPSG), one district library should be provided for every 200 000 persons. The population of Tsuen Wan district had already reached 310 000 in 2016. In view of the continuous population growth alongside new residential developments, he suggested that the LCSD should construct a library in the vicinity of Tsing Lung Tau and Sham Tseng. Regarding the possible conflict between the consumer-driven elements and the existing policies, quite many overseas examples as set out in his paper had illustrated a tendency that hardware was no longer a governing factor. The only barrier was how well Hong Kong people could envision the elements to be introduced into the libraries. He enquired whether the LCSD or ArchSD could undertake to study how the existing policy was refined, so that relevant elements could be integrated into the planning of new libraries.

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

- (1) she thanked Members for their valuable input;
- (2) availability of space was the biggest constraint on the entire renovation project. The LCSD and ArchSD would work out the improvement options in collaboration with the Consultant during the design refinement stage. Every design effort would be made to increase the sense of space in the library, so as to make readers feel comfortable;
- (3) meanwhile, a Smart Library System was under development, whereby a number of new features would be introduced to enhance the functions of the existing system, which included the across-the-board application of the radio frequency identification technologies and the provision of more user-friendly self-service facilities in libraries. Besides, the new system would facilitate analysis of the data collected, so that the LCSD could assess book circulation patterns, reading habits and areas of interest for enhancing the collection development and management;
- (4) the LCSD had drawn reference from the HKPSG when planning for the provision of new library facilities. As a matter of fact, suitable public library facilities had been made available in Tsuen Wan district for public use. At present, Tsuen Wan district had a population of approximately 310 000. The LCSD had already set up a main library (i.e. the TWPL) which had been designed to serve a population of 400 000, a small library (i.e. Shek Wai Kok Public Library) and seven mobile library stations, including Sham Tseng Mobile Library in the district. All in all, the LCSD did not plan to provide the additional public library facilities in Sham Tseng area so far;
- (5) beverage vending machines and leisure seats at the Coffee Corner in the TWPL were made available to readers. Members had divergent views on whether a coffee shop should be set up in the library. Introduction of the new elements should meet relevant policy requirements and be subject to the feasibility study;
- (6) at present, there was an exhibition area in the TWPL. The LCSD planned to modify the design of the exhibition area, with a view to attracting more visitors to the renovated library; and
- (7) the LCSD was currently carrying out the preparatory work for the “Library-on-Wheels” pilot project under which mobile library services

would be provided at different locations on a small scale through an innovative approach. The LCSD noted Members' views and would contact Members when the latest progress was made.

59. SPM327 of the ArchSD responded that when refining the design of the renovation project, the ArchSD would work with the LCSD to explore the provision of a small exhibition gallery on the third floor of the TWPL with appropriate hardware to support the launch of thematic exhibitions, so that the exhibition format could keep abreast of the times.

60. The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael said that given the territory-wide problem of shortage of land, more land could be made available by incorporating a piece of abandoned land in Sham Tseng into the redevelopment project of the Sham Tseng Temporary Market. Therefore, he was of the view that the LCSD should discuss the implementation of the proposal with other relevant departments, instead of refusing to consider the construction of a library in Sham Tseng area. Moreover, it was necessary to recruit staff to operate mobile libraries, but the stationary self-service mobile library vans could provide non-manual circulation services for the public. Indeed, the self-service mobile library vans had a significant development potential because only the updates for the book collections from time to time were required, and additional manpower for managing the stationary self-service mobile library vans throughout the night was saved. Besides, he pointed out that the LCSD had previously indicated its intention to identify a potential site in the Tsuen Wan Park for launching the said services on a trial basis by the end of this year. He enquired the LCSD whether this was true.

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

- (1) the "Library-on-Wheels" pilot project was tentatively scheduled to be launched at the end of this year. Meanwhile, the LCSD was examining venue viability and technical feasibility. The LCSD noted the Member's proposal on the provision of mobile library services on a small scale in the Tsuen Wan Park, and would report to Members when further information was available; and
- (2) in support of the Sport for All Day, a library event named "Pop-up Library" would be staged in the Tsuen Wan Sports Centre and the exterior round-shaped piazza on 4 August 2019. Members were cordially invited to attend the above event for learning more about the new events organised by the library, which aimed to dovetail with other recreational and sport activities in the district.

62. The Chairman stated that as the ideas and proposals on public libraries as set out in the Member's paper were applicable to the entire territory, the LCSD might fully take them into account in the planning of other public library projects in the future. Besides, he asked the departments concerned to note Members' views, assimilate Members' views on the TWPL renovation project wherever possible and carefully consider the aspiration for the provision of a new library in Sham Tseng.

(Note: The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael left the meeting at 3:45 p.m.)

V Item 4: Strongly Request the Civil Engineering and Development Department to Honour its Pledge in the Meeting to Reserve the Walkway to/from Hoi Bun Constituency off the Tsuen Wan West Station of the West Rail for Residents' Regular Use of the Service of West Rail Line, and Provide the Detailed Construction Works Layout on Alignment from Riviera Park to Tsuen Wan West Station of the West Rail for Examination, with a view to Ensuring that the Existing Scenic Harbour View off Riviera Park would not be Blocked by the Tall Fence Wall  
(TWDC Paper No. 38/2019)

63. The Chairman stated that Mr CHOW Ping-tim submitted the paper. The representative from the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) responsible for giving response was Mr TSANG Lap-kei, Freddie, Senior Engineer/2(West). Besides, the written reply of the CEDD was tabled at the meeting.

64. Mr CHOW Ping-tim introduced the paper.

65. Senior Engineer/2(West) of the CEDD responded as follows:

- (1) the CEDD had submitted the works plans at the 1st meeting of the Working Group on Advance Works for Cycle Track between Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun (the "WG on Advance Works for Cycle Track") for Members' perusal. To support environmental protection, the CEDD did not make a printout of the works plans for Members' reference at this meeting; nevertheless, the CEDD would arrange printouts after the meeting should Members deemed it necessary;
- (2) at the previous meetings of the Coastal Affairs Committee (CAC) and the WG on Advance Works for Cycle Track, the Committee Members and WG Members concerned had voiced quite a lot of views for the CEDD's consideration and scrutiny. In fact, some of their suggestions had been adopted by the CEDD;
- (3) regarding the matters mentioned in the Member's letter dated 17 June 2019, the CEDD had held an in-depth discussion with Committee Members at the CAC meeting on 5 July 2019, and finally a consensus had been reached on the provision of a 1.2 metre wide footpath within the boundary of the public park wherever possible. The CEDD had also undertaken to additionally provide a footpath adjacent to the public toilet for the convenience of members of the public who used the exits/entrances of the West Rail Line (WRL) station; and
- (4) regarding a section of the cycle track at the waterfront near Riviera Gardens, a parapet, about the same height as the fence wall of the public park, would be constructed upon completion of backfilling works.

66. The Chairman enquired about the height of the parapet upon completion of backfilling works.

67. Senior Engineer/2(West) of the CEDD stated that the parapet, with steel railings atop, would be about 850 millimetres (mm) tall.

68. Ms LAM, Lam Nixie said that as explained in the papers submitted by the CEDD to the CAC, it was necessary to carry out backfilling works at the location concerned in order to provide a high wall as a wave barrier, and the excavated trench would cease to exist upon completion of such works. Since the original backfill material had a much lower strength, the CEDD needed to switch to relatively sturdy materials to backfill the trench to the original level, so as to prevent subsidence of the cycle track. She opined that the said arrangement was appropriate, and that members of the public could still command a view of the seashore when standing up because their sightlines would not be completely blocked by the high wall.

69. Mr CHOW Ping-tim stated that he knew the cycle track very well. The section mentioned by the CEDD and the Member concerned was actually a descending path instead of the section for storage of dragon boats, which he had mentioned earlier. He enquired the CEDD about the method to be employed for backfilling the trench to the level of the existing footpath. Given that the existing footpath and the section for the storage of dragon boats lay at about the same level, he questioned the feasibility of converting the high wall at the road section concerned, which was indicated by an arrow on the section plan provided by the CEDD, into a parapet with steel railings atop by backfilling, just like the Tsuen Wan Riviera Park section. He thus suggested that the CEDD should give an account of the matter at the meeting, so as to keep a record of the method for dismantling the high wall for the reference of the public.

70. Mr LO Siu-kit said that he was the Convenor of the WG on Advance Works for Cycle Track for a term of eight months. Quite a lot of works details, such as tree relocation method, were the outcome of discussions among WG Members. He noted that Members were dissatisfied with the road outside the WRL station. The WG had spent considerable time on discussing the subject matter, and the officers of the CEDD and Transport Department (TD) had also repeatedly conducted site visits to identify solutions. Eventually, the CEDD had decided to provide a 1 200 mm wide footpath, which was indeed the outcome of discussions among WG Members. Thereafter, he had invited the officers of the CEDD's works division to join Members in a site visit, so that they could give explanations on the spot. It was noted that backfilling works would be carried out at the location concerned in the future, and discussion had been made with Members, but their levels of acceptability might vary. He suggested that the CEDD should spray a red line to mark the final level of backfilling at the location concerned, so that Members could clearly relay the situation to the public. Also, he presumed that the fence wall would be about 800 mm tall with railings atop, according to the CEDD.

71. Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris opined that the TD and CEDD had been rather slow to react in the course of discussion on the cycle track, but the CEDD had shown slight improvement recently. So far, he had only seen the alignment from the working drawings, but had not obtained the section plans and works details yet. He thought that it was perfectly legitimate for Members to seek further information on the works; nevertheless, the CEDD might not need to make a printout of the plans for each and every Member. He suggested that instead, a full set of working drawings could be deposited with the Secretariat for Members' inspection as and when necessary. He pointed out that the CAC and the WG on Advance Works for Cycle Track had respectively conducted a number of meetings to discuss the project concerned, and

that the CEDD had provided the relevant section plans and information on the final level of backfilling when tabling the paper in November 2017. Subsequently, the CEDD had put forth the finalised proposal currently available at the final WG meeting held in June 2019. He was of the view that after all, a final decision had to be made at the end of the day, and it was pointless to postpone a decision after repeated discussions had been held on the project. Besides, he agreed to the proposal on drawing a red line to mark the final level of backfilling for ease of reference during Members' site visits. In addition, he clarified that the WG on Advance Works for Cycle Track had in fact proposed different alignment options with respect to a section of the cycle track between the WRL station and the Tsuen Wan Riviera Park, as well as the widening of footpaths through the removal of kerbs.

72. Mr TAM Hoi-pong said that considerable time had been spent on discussing the subject matter over the past six months primarily because the CEDD had assumed that Members did not know how to read the works plans, and as a result, the detailed drawings had only been made available to them at the later stage of the project. He opined that the CEDD was not in any position to have made such an assumption. Eventually, the WG Members had been able to reach a consensus at the final meeting of the WG on Advance Works for Cycle Track, resulting in the successful preservation of a tree. Besides, he thought that it was appropriate for the Member concerned to propose depositing a set of plans with the Secretariat and he requested the CEDD to give consideration to it accordingly.

73. Ms LAM, Lam Nixie said that the CAC had repeatedly discussed the project concerned, and Members had made quite a lot of efforts to reach a consensus. She pointed out that in order to preserve the tree concerned, the CAC had sought opinion of two consultants and held an informal meeting to seek advice from practitioners who had been recognised by the industry for their impartiality. She was of the view that it was pointless to postpone a decision after prolonged discussions had been held on the engineering issues, and that a consensus should be reached through discussions as soon as possible. Even if a consensus could not be reached, Members should still respect the decision made by the Council under the principle of majority rule and deal with district affairs pragmatically. She supported the CEDD's proposal to deposit a set of plans with the Secretariat, and opined that the same arrangement might be put in place by the CEDD for its future collaborative efforts with other DCs. At present, Members needed to explain details that were beyond the scope of their knowledge to residents. Also, she had often received rather technical enquiries from residents. After so many years of service, she had acquired the necessary skills and knowledge for conveying technical enquiries to relevant departments. She believed that Members wished to obtain the requested information as soon as possible, and pointed out that so far, the performance of the consultant engaged for the project concerned had been quite satisfactory, and its responsiveness to her enquiries had been able to meet her expectation. While acknowledging the performance of the consultant, she wished to review its performance deficiencies. Moreover, she hoped that the project concerned would be completed by the end of 2020.

74. Chief Engineer/West 2 of the CEDD responded as follows:

- (1) he expressed his sincere gratitude to the Members of the CAC and the WG on Advance Works for Cycle Track for providing the CEDD with exceptional local views and technical research information;

- (2) the CEDD agreed that there might be deficiencies in the communication mechanism at the initial stage of the project. However, for the better part of last year, through close communication and co-operation with the TWDC, the CEDD had been able to make good progress in a number of works items and refine the design to address the issues that had been arisen, namely the ramp opposite to the Tsuen Wan West MTR Station and the ficus religiosa; and
- (3) the CEDD agreed to mark the level of backfilling on the parapet and conduct a briefing.

75. The Chairman suggested that the CEDD should arrange a site visit and conduct a briefing on the final level of backfilling and the possible measures to segregate the footpath and the cycle track.

76. Mr CHOW Ping-tim said that an unconvincing explanation could only be given in the absence of high resolution images. Therefore, he agreed with the proposal on a site visit. Besides, he submitted the paper to the TWDC with the aim to retain a section of the existing footpath opposite the Tsuen Wan West MTR Station of WRL for access to Hoi Bun area.

77. The Chairman asked the CEDD to arrange Members to join a site visit together with the departments concerned and the contractor as soon as possible.

(Post-meeting note: The CEDD arranged Members to join a site visit on 7 August 2019. Also, the plans of the project concerned had been deposited with the Secretariat for Members' inspection.)

VI Item 5: To Address the Problem of Manpower Shortage of Lifeguards  
(TWDC Paper No. 39/2019)

78. The Chairman stated that Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly submitted the paper. The representative from the LCSD responsible for giving response was Mr CHENG Kwok-kuen, Chris, District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) (DLM(TW)).

79. Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly said that it had been previously resolved that Members would only be allowed to make oral statements under "Any Other Business". Notwithstanding this, he asked the Chairman about the possibility of exercising discretion to vary the order of business as set out on the agenda for the meeting in order to facilitate the delivery of oral statements as the current item of business and to consider the agenda item raised by him as the last item of business, so that the press and members of the public who wished to hear the oral statements could leave earlier. Moreover, he requested the Tsuen Wan District Office (TWDO) to improve the efficiency of the air-conditioning system of the Main Conference Room.

80. The Chairman stated that in view of the previous ruling on the arrangement for making oral statements, conceivably Members would be able to make oral statements momentarily if discussions were conducted in an orderly manner.

81. Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly introduced the paper.

82. DLM(TW) of the LCSD responded as follows:
- (1) there were two swimming pools under the purview of the LCSD in Tsuen Wan district, namely Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool and Tsuen King Circuit Wu Chung Swimming Pool. The LCSD had encountered difficulties in recruiting seasonal lifeguards this year, resulting in manpower shortage of lifeguards. Owing to resources constraint, arrangement would be made for temporary partial closure of swimming pool facilities;
  - (2) if there was an insufficient number of on-duty lifeguards at Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool, the LCSD would temporarily close the less popular facilities such as the water slide first. If there was an insufficient number of on-duty lifeguards at Tsuen King Circuit Wu Chung Swimming Pool, the LCSD would temporarily close the children's pool with a water depth of only about 0.47 metre;
  - (3) since the indoor pool of Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool was under maintenance between May and June 2019, only outdoor swimming pool facilities had been open to the public. Temporary partial closure of swimming pool facilities had not been taken place because of the relatively sufficient manpower of lifeguards. However, a tightened manpower situation had begun to emerge upon the re-opening of the indoor pool in July 2019, necessitating the closure of the water slide for 23 days. The children's pool at Tsuen King Circuit Wu Chung Swimming Pool had been temporarily closed for seven days in June 2019 and two days in July 2019 respectively. Although the figures revealed that the situation of pool closure was far from satisfactory, improvement had already been made as compared with last year;
  - (4) starting from 2019, the LCSD had been provided with additional resources for the creation of 80 permanent lifeguard posts to increase the establishment ceiling. Under this arrangement, eight and three new appointees had been posted to work at the beaches in Tsuen Wan district and Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool respectively. The LCSD had also secured resources to employ 40 non-civil service contract full-year full-time lifeguards to form a special support team, and two of them had been posted to work in Tsuen Wan district. The LCSD would cover any shortfall in the number of seasonal lifeguards recruited through the deployment of permanent staff or year-round lifeguard recruitment exercise;
  - (5) the LCSD had been placing advertisements in newspapers and holding roadshows to recruit seasonal lifeguards, and had set up a recruitment booth at Citywalk 2. The LCSD had also suitably adjusted upward the remuneration in terms of salary and gratuity for seasonal lifeguards to attract the youth or people with relevant qualifications to join the service; and
  - (6) the LCSD was unable to guarantee that a sufficient number of lifeguards would be recruited; nonetheless, the relevant measures could help reduce the number of days of temporary pool closure as a result of shortage of seasonal lifeguards.
83. Mr WONG Ka-wa said that despite that quite many people had sat for the Bronze Medallion examination to become lifeguards in the past, the current number of

candidates sitting for examination had dropped in the face of the unattractive benefits and career prospects in the lifeguard establishment. In fact, the TWDC had repeatedly discussed the territory-wide problem of manpower shortage of lifeguards emerged during a particular season every year. He thus suggested that the Government should allocate additional resources to improve the situation, so as to avoid recurrence of the problem in the future.

84. Ms LAM, Lam Nixie stated that the problem of manpower shortage of lifeguards would recur every year. She was aware that the nature of seasonal jobs would pose some difficulties in recruitment when the entire local job market remained robust. In recent years, some young people, dubbed “slash youth”, had straddled different careers instead of looking for a long-term job. Therefore, she suggested not clinging to antiquated mindsets anymore when discussing the problem with the LCSD Headquarters, or else it would remain unaddressed. Instead, the LCSD should keep abreast of the times to come up with new ideas and consider launching effective publicity campaigns to attract “slash youth” to apply for lifeguard vacancies, thereby alleviating the manpower shortage of lifeguards.

85. Mr KOO Yeung-pong enquired about the respective current numbers of lifeguards and lifeguard vacancies in the territory. He noted that the LCSD had encountered quite many difficulties in recruiting lifeguards and that the problem of shortfall in the number of lifeguards recurred every year. He enquired the LCSD whether this was related to the existing establishment or remuneration for lifeguards. On the other hand, he learnt that some serving lifeguards had often taken sick leave, and there were even incidents where lifeguards called in sick en masse. After all, some of them might take other jobs during sick leave. He thus enquired the LCSD whether this was true; and if so, how the LCSD would deal with it.

86. Mr LI Hung-por said that the LCSD had only focused on responding to the manpower situation with regard to lifeguards working at swimming pools, but it had been learnt that beaches had also experienced dire shortage of lifeguards. He was aware of the LCSD’s on-going efforts in recruiting temporary staff while some lifeguards had preferred to work at private swimming pools due to remuneration or other reasons. He suggested that the LSCD should, without disturbing the existing system, consider inviting lifeguards working in the private market to provide short-term assistance.

87. Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris enquired the LCSD about the targets of its lifeguard recruitment exercise. Besides, he agreed that the LCSD should target at those persons who did not wish to work full-time but would like to earn a modest income. At present, people who applied for seasonal lifeguard vacancies were expected to work throughout the entire season. He suggested that job seekers should be allowed flexibility in selecting suitable work periods so that some qualified persons who were only available for specific periods could also join the service. This arrangement was essentially the same as hiring part-time drivers. He enquired the LCSD whether consideration had ever been given to exploring the feasibility of the suggestion concerned.

88. DLM(TW) of the LCS D responded as follows:
- (1) apart from monthly-rated seasonal lifeguards, the LCS D also employed hourly-rated lifeguards for enhancing flexibility, thereby addressing the problem of manpower shortage;
  - (2) swimming pools managed by the LCS D had high utilisation rates, whereas people working at underutilised private swimming pools were under less pressure. After all, the LCS D would send staff to observe the work performance of lifeguards, which might make them feel nervous. Working as a lifeguard in private swimming pools might be more suitable for those people who wished to work in a laid-back environment. Yet, the LCS D was not sure about the pay level in the private market;
  - (3) the LCS D would consider the concept concerning “slash youth” mentioned by the Member concerned;
  - (4) in the past, holders of the Bronze Medallion award alone were qualified candidates for lifeguard jobs, but currently, the entry requirements of lifeguards had been raised to acquisition of both the Pool Lifeguard Award and the Beach Lifeguard Award, which were internationally-recognised qualifications, though having to undergo a relatively complex process. In view of the recruitment difficulty as a result of the longer process to obtain such qualifications, the LCS D would like to attract qualified candidates to apply for lifeguard vacancies by offering such benefits as a higher amount of contract gratuity, a higher entry pay and an allowance of \$300 for acquisition of the first aid award, etc.; and
  - (5) the LCS D did not have the data on lifeguards in the territory at hand. However, in the case of Tsuen Wan district, Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool and Tsuen King Circuit Wu Chung Swimming Pool were currently facing a manpower shortfall of six and three lifeguards respectively. One of the causes of the partial closure of LCS D’s swimming pool facilities was failure to recruit a sufficient number of lifeguards. Other causes included sick leave or casual leave being taken by lifeguards on their assigned working days, for which the LCS D would arrange for deployment of substitute workers wherever possible. There was no need to close the swimming pools unless the LCS D was not able to arrange for deployment of leave replacement lifeguards.

89. Mr WONG Ka-wa stated that swimming pools in private housing estates were for the exclusive use of their residents, while public swimming pools enjoyed extremely high utilisation rates, especially in very hot weather. Therefore, lifeguards working at public beaches and public swimming pools had a heavier workload than those working at private swimming pools. According to the LCS D, the current number of lifeguards required was calculated based on the size of swimming pools. He opined that lifeguards, who needed to pay attention to the situation of the entire swimming pool, were under great stress. In view of this, he suggested that the LCS D should revise its existing policy, whereby the number of lifeguards required would be calculated based on the forecast on number of visitors, and that professionals would be engaged to recommend the standard ratio for lifeguards to swimmers based on the bather load of individual swimming pools, so as to reduce the

workload stress of lifeguards. In addition, the situation was undesirable when swimming facilities were unavailable for public use due to shortage of lifeguards. He wished to reflect such a situation to the LCSD Headquarters in order to avoid recurrence of similar incidents every year.

90. Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly said that Hong Kong was a free market economy, and the number of employed persons by industry would depend on desirability of the working environment and remuneration package. At present, lifeguards working at public swimming pools managed by the LCSD had experienced heavy pressure in the workplace because they had to look after a considerable number of swimmers at the same time. On the contrary, lifeguards working at private swimming pools were less stressed at work, so quite many people opted to work as lifeguards at private swimming pools. As such, he suggested that the Government should consider relevant factors in determining the salary of lifeguards, instead of merely making a comparison with the salary of lifeguards in the private market. It was also considered that should there be a substantial adjustment to lifeguard remuneration, definitely more people would be incentivised to fill the vacancies. He pointed out that the bather load for swimming pools in Hong Kong had fallen far below the international standard, and that in general, swimming pools in foreign countries had a smaller number of visitors. Therefore, instead of merely talking about the standard staffing requirement, the Government should employ additional manpower to alleviate the workload of existing lifeguards. Besides, he commended that the staffing plan for lifeguards at the swimming pools in Tsuen Wan district was better than that of Kwai Tsing district. He hoped that the LCSD could bring this issue to the attention of the Kwai Tsing District Leisure Services Office under its purview accordingly.

(Note: Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones joined the meeting at 4:56 p.m.)

91. Mr CHOW Ping-tim stated that many people had been awarded the Bronze Medallion in the past, but nowadays, few people had attained the international standards, evidencing that there was really a difference between the two. He enquired about the respective numbers of casualties rescued by lifeguards with Bronze Medallion in the past and the existing lifeguards who had met international standards. In his opinion, the blind pursuit of international standards would nonetheless discourage people to apply for lifeguard vacancies. Unless lifeguards with Bronze Medallion had failed to save lives in the past, the LCSD should consider setting the acquisition of the Bronze Medallion award to be an entry requirement and making co-ordinated efforts accordingly, with a view to inducing people to join the service.

92. The Chairman asked the LCSD to note Members' views and provide them with the relevant data accordingly.

VII Item 6: "To Enhance the Public Housing and Address the Aging Trend of the Aged Public Housing under the Timetable of the Housing Department for Redevelopment of Fuk Loi Estate, Cheung Shan Estate, Shek Wai Kok Estate and Lei Muk Shue Estate in Tsuen Wan District, if any"  
(TWDC Paper No. 40/2019)

93. The Chairman stated that Mr WONG Ka-wa submitted the paper. The representative from the HD responsible for giving response was Mr MO Tin-yeung, SHM(WT&T2)).

94. Mr WONG Ka-wa introduced the paper.

95. SHM(WT&T2) of the HD responded as follows:
- (1) the Long Term Housing Strategy (LTHS) published by the Government in December 2014 analysed the issue of redevelopment of aged public rental housing (PRH) estates. It pointed out that while redevelopment might increase PRH supply over the long term, it would, in the short term, reduce PRH stock available for allocation. This would inevitably add further pressure on the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HKHA)'s target in maintaining the average waiting time (AWT) at about three years. The net gain in flat supply from redevelopment would take a long time to realise, very often towards the latter if not the last phase of the redevelopment. Therefore, redevelopment of aged PRH estates could only play a subsidiary role in increasing PRH supply. With the persistently strong demand for PRH, a massive redevelopment programme would freeze a large number of PRH units that might otherwise be allocated to households in need, causing an instant adverse effect on the AWT. Hence, it was not a desirable option;
  - (2) the Hong Kong Housing Authority would, in a prudent manner, take into account the actual circumstances of redevelopment of aged PRH estates according to the four basic principles, namely, structural conditions of buildings, cost-effectiveness of repair works, availability of suitable rehousing resources in the vicinity of the estates to be redeveloped and build-back potential upon redevelopment, under the direction entailed in LTHS and the HKHA's Refined Policy on Redevelopment of Aged Public Rental Housing Estates formulated in 2011; and
  - (3) currently, there was no pressing need for the redevelopment of Fuk Loi Estate, Cheung Shan Estate, Shek Wai Kok Estate and Lei Muk Shue (2) Estate which had maintained structural safety. The HKHA would continue to implement various programmes and measures to maintain and improve the building conditions of the aged PRH estates so as to provide residents with a safe and comfortable living environment, including launching the Comprehensive Structural Investigation Programme, Estate Improvement Programme and Total Maintenance Scheme as well as replacement and provision of additional lifts.

96. Mr MAN Yu-ming said that the HD or the Government should solve the housing problem in Hong Kong which ranked the highest priority as far as practicable. He understood that the PRH supply would be suspended for a certain period of time due to the redevelopment of the PRH estates. However, if the redevelopment of PRH estates was not accomplished, a greater number of new PRH units would not be available, thereby failing to solve the problem of the waiting list for PRH. Given that there was no new land supply, the existing land problem remained unsolved and could only be handled on the basis of the existing regime such as the plot ratio, on top of the policy of transitional housing for relieving the hardship of the community. If the HD did not take action, more problems would be created. The same problem was also encountered by other districts apart from Tsuen Wan. He hoped that the HD would relay the relevant views.

97. Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly learnt that redevelopment of PRH estates would be carried out subject to the status of structure of PRH estates, i.e. the level of damages of the buildings. Currently, many PRH estates were undergoing repairs through the Total Maintenance Scheme but the level of damage of the buildings had not reached the threshold of danger of collapse. The purpose of putting forth the captioned matter by the Member was to solve the housing problem of Hong Kong instead of making request for the repairs for the dangerous buildings. The key to solving the housing problem in Hong Kong was to expedite the work for redevelopment of PRH estates by the HD. He said that there was limited number of floors in each block of the old PRH estates. If the HD did not carry out redevelopment of PRH estates, the housing needs or the problem of unpleasant living environment of Hong Kong people would not be solved. He pointed out that it was mentioned by the HD earlier that redevelopment of some of the PRH estates would be carried out, including Lei Muk Shue Estate. There was also news coverage about it. Yet, the HD still had not stipulated the relevant timetable for the time being. The residents were therefore unable to make a planning beforehand. He enquired about the reasons for the failure to stipulate the timetable by the HD or HKHA. He opined that there were not many people from the buildings aged 30 to 40 years above or from the buildings of limited number of floors for rehousing. These buildings should be redeveloped as soon as possible. The HD could solve the rehousing problem by construction of buildings in PRH estates or near PRH estates. He hoped that the HD would handle the problem seriously. In addition, apart from the HD, other departments such as the Lands Department (LandsD) and Education Bureau (EDB) should make response to the questions about other land use raised by the Members.

98. The Chairman stated that he had invited the representatives from the Development Bureau (DevB) and Transport and Housing Bureau (THB) in writing for attending the meeting of TWDC. The DevB stated in its written reply that the DEVB did not play a role in the captioned matter and thus no response was given. The THB gave response through the representative from the HD.

(Note: Mr CHOW Ping-tim left the meeting at 5:15 p.m.)

99. Mr WONG Ka-wa thought that the EDB should give response to the situation about the two school sites as mentioned in the paper and the schools therein had been closed for years. Land was available in Tsuen Wan district such as the sites at Chiu Tam Path and Kwok Shui Road which had remained idle for years. The area of these sites was larger than that of the surrounding housing estates, say, in Tsuen King Circuit, and Discovery Park opposite Chiu Tam Path. He enquired about the purpose of development of these sites. He also opined that these sites, which were surrounded by the PRH estates of Tsuen Wan district, served as one of the four criteria as mentioned by the HD. The HD had explained the reasons for the four PRH estates in Tsuen Wan district which were not suitable for redevelopment. He hoped that the departments concerned such as the LandsD would give response to it.

100. Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris held that it was not necessary to talk about the problems of height restriction and plot ratio at the moment because the HD did not

come up with the idea of redevelopment of the four PRH estates in Tsuen Wan district. Construction of buildings took three to five years. The relevant preparatory work and rehousing of residents took even longer. He shared the views with the HD that the housing supply would be under a greater pressure if the redevelopment project was carried out at present. However, he opined that the HD should seize the time to undertake the preliminary planning and take into account the Members' views on rehousing of the residents by construction of buildings in the vacant sites or construction of houses in phases. Despite the fact that annoyance would be brought to the residents due to the redevelopment of PRH estates, the HD should consider the proposals concerned, undertake the preparatory work proactively and communicate with the TWDC because the redevelopment work would take a long time.

101. Mr TAM Hoi-pong stated that the DEVB was responsible for the planning and provision of land whereas the THB was responsible for reception of land. Therefore, the DevB should definitely play a role in any of the stages of redevelopment of PRH estates. He opined that Cheung Shan Estate had the potential of redevelopment amongst all because the sites of the car park and the Former Tsuen Wan Lutheran School (Cheung Shan Estate) therein were available for rehousing the residents which satisfied one of the criteria of redevelopment of PRH estates, viz. availability of suitable rehousing resources in the vicinity of the estates to be redeveloped. In this connection, he enquired the HD about the reasons for its failure to include Cheung Shan Estate in any of the stages of redevelopment of PRH estates.

102. The Chairman accepted Members' views. He also pointed out that it was proposed in the paper from the Member that instead of construction of PRH, the Green Form Subsidised Home Ownership Scheme (GSH) flats should be provided in the sites including Tso Kung Tam Nursery and the Former Tsuen Wan Lutheran School (Cheung Shan Estate) in Tsuen Wan. He suggested that a letter of request for giving advice on the above two sites of specific locations should be sent to the departments concerned. Besides, the representative from the HD had already given response to the problem of redevelopment of the four PRH estates in Tsuen Wan district.

103. Mr WONG Ka-wa suggested that the Chairman should request the EDB, LandsD and LCSD to give advice on the locations as mentioned in the paper. He also enquired whether the representatives from the departments on the scene could give response.

104. The Chairman stated that the government officers on the scene were not the representatives from the departments who should be held responsible for giving response to the captioned matter.

105. Mr WONG Ka-wa said that not only the redevelopment matters but also the development of Tsuen Wan district was mentioned in his paper. He therefore expressed dissatisfaction to the DevB's failure to send the representatives to attend the meeting for giving response. In the meantime, he also expressed dissatisfaction to the Chairman and the Secretariat for their failure to request the DevB to submit a written reply. Also, he stated that he would walk out.

106. The Chairman asked the Members to stay calm and the members of the public on the scene to remain silent.

107. The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben stated that in the paper from the Member, the Chairman was requested to arrange for the discussion of “to Enhance the Public Housing and Address the Aging Trend of the Aged Public Housing under the Timetable of the Housing Department for Redevelopment of Fuk Loi Estate, Cheung Shan Estate, Shek Wai Kok Estate and Lei Muk Shue Estate in Tsuen Wan District, if any” on 30 July 2019. It could be seen that the discussion was about the PRH only. He was puzzled by the Member who expressed the dissatisfaction.

(Note: Mr WONG Ka-wa left the meeting at 5:26 p.m.)

108. District Lands Officer (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing) (DLO (DLO, TW&KwT)) of the Lands D responded as follows:

- (1) currently, the THB was responsible for coordinating and taking forward the development of the GSH flats. The THB would explore the land required for construction of GSH flats and liaise with the Planning Department (PlanD) to assist in its planning work when necessary on the basis of the housing needs of our society for tying in with the development of GSH flats. Therefore, the THB could provide the relevant information and the THB had assigned the representative from the HD to give response; and
- (2) the DevB was chiefly responsible for the work on private housing.

109. Mr LI Hung-por supported the direction entailed in the paper, e.g. the expansion of the aged PRH estates in Tsuen Wan district or implementation of redevelopment of PRH estates after arranging the rehousing of residents in the temporary housing. Besides, he was concerned about the construction of GSH flats in the site of Tso Kung Tam Nursery at Chiu Tam Path in Tsuen Wan. He was of the view that although the housing problem should be addressed, a full consultation on the construction of GSH flats in the said site should be conducted, including seeking views from the district councillors of the constituency areas near the said site.

110. Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly said that the Former Tsuen Wan Lutheran School (Cheung Shan Estate) had been abandoned for years. There was land shortage in Hong Kong nowadays. He hoped that the EDB would give a reply on the purpose of the said site and respond to the public’s aspiration.

111. The Chairman agreed to convey Members’ views in writing to the DevB, THB, EDB, HD, LCSD, Lands D and PlanD.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat conveyed Members’ views in writing to the DevB, THB, EDB, HD, LCSD, LandsD and PlanD on 29 August 2019.)

VIII Item 7: Request the Water Supplies Department to Ensure the Quality and Stable Supply of Drinking Water

(TWDC Paper No. 41/2019)

112. The Chairman stated that Mr MAN Yu-ming submitted the paper. The representatives from the Water Supplies Department (WSD) responsible for giving response were:

- (1) Mr NG Ki-yiu, Engineer/NTW (Headworks 3) (E/NTW(H3)); and
- (2) Mr HO Ho-yuan, Engineer/NTW (Distribution 1).

Besides, the written reply of the WSD was tabled at the meeting.

113. Mr MAN Yu-ming introduced the paper.

114. E/NTW(H3) of the WSD responded as follows:

- (1) the WSD apologised for the inconvenience brought to the residents of Shek Wai Kok Estate and its vicinity due to the incident of short-lived discolouration of drinking water in Tsuen Wan district on 6 July 2019;
- (2) according to the record, the drinking water samples taken from the water supply network of the WSD at noon that day had already become normal;
- (3) after the incident, the WSD had reviewed and enhanced the arrangement for the source of water supply in the future. When the source of water of a district or a housing estate was changed from one water treatment works to another, the staff concerned should take appropriate measures such as restricting the speed of closing and opening the valves in order to prevent the recurrence of similar incidents arising from the rapid change of water flow; and
- (4) the WSD would remind its frontline staff of the water tank concerned running out of water.

115. Mr MAN Yu-ming said that only the water tank placed near Shek Kwai House ran out of water that day. He hoped that the WSD would directly communicate with him after carrying out the investigation so that he could explain the details to the residents.

116. The Chairman asked the WSD to maintain liaison with Members.

IX Item 8: Request for Enhancement of the Subsidised Child Care Services in the District

(TWDC Paper No. 42/2019)

117. The Chairman stated that the Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben submitted the paper. The representative from the SWD responsible for giving response was Ms LUI Ka-wing, Atg. DSWO(TW/KwT). Besides, the written reply of the SWD was tabled at the meeting.

118. The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben introduced the paper.

119. Atg. DSWO(TW/KwT) of the SWD responded as follows:

- (1) the SWD provided child care services through the child care centres, kindergarten-cum-child care centres, occasional child care service, extended hours service, mutual help child care centres and Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project, etc.; and

- (2) the SWD noted that there was a keen demand for child care centres in Tsuen Wan district and would increase the service quotas of the standalone child care centres by adopting the multi-pronged approach including keeping in view the suitable sites available in Tsuen Wan district for provision of additional standalone child care centres, being committed to reserving suitable premises in the projects for public housing development, land sale, “Government, Institution and Community” (GIC) sites and new development areas for provision of additional standalone child care centres on the premise of compliance with the Child Care Services Ordinance (Chapter 243) and the Child Care Services Regulations (Chapter 243A), purchasing suitable properties from the market for provision of child care centres, as well as incorporating the child care centres into the social welfare services in the new phase of the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses.

120. Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis had put forth the captioned request at the meeting of Social Services and Community Information Committee on 8 September 2017. She understood that the demand for child care services in the district remained solid and hoped that the SWD would provide the respective timetable.

121. The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben hoped to further discuss the feasibility of provision of child care services in Luen Yan Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar or the community hall at the lot TW393 after the meeting. He also welcomed other proposals from the SWD.

122. Atg. DSWO(TW/KwT) of the SWD responded as follows:
- (1) the SWD would maintain liaison with Members and discuss the proposals concerned with Members after the meeting; and
  - (2) the SWD was currently discussing the feasibility of provision of standalone child care centres on GIC sites with the relevant government departments.

123. The Chairman asked the SWD to maintain liaison with Members.

X Item 9: About the Improvement of Barrier-free Access in Luk Yeung Galleria (TWDC Paper No. 43/2019)

124. The Chairman stated that Mr LAM Faat-kang submitted the paper. The representatives from the departments responsible for giving response were:

- (1) Ms LUI Hiu-fai, Monica, Chief Transport Officer/NT South West, TD;
- (2) Miss LO Pui-yiu, Sapphire, DLO (DLO, TW&KwT), LandsD;
- (3) Mr YIM Wai-hung, Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing), Lands D;
- (4) Mr TSE Kai-lun, Alan, Senior Building Surveyor/D6, Buildings Department (BD);
- (5) Ms LAM Yuen, Annie, Public Relations Manager – External Affairs, Mass Transit Railway Corporation Limited (MTRCL); and
- (6) Mr CHAN Yiu-chung, Jacky, Senior Public Relations Executive – External Affairs (SPRE – EA), MTRCL.

Besides, the written replies of the DevB, Electrical and Mechanical Services Department and BD were tabled at the meeting.

125. Mr LAM Faat-kang introduced the paper.

126. SPRE – EA of the MTRCL responded as follows:

- (1) the MTRCL noted the views from Members and residents on the width of the ramp from the Podium Floor off Block B of Luk Yeung Sun Chuen to the 1/F of Luk Yeung Galleria and was studying the feasibility of the improvement proposals concerned. The MTRCL would maintain communications with the owners' committee of Luk Yeung Sun Chuen and actively tie in with the improvement proposals for the ramp. The MTRCL would report to the owners' committee of Luk Yeung Sun Chuen when further information was available; and
- (2) two lifts were provided in Luk Yeung Galleria for members of the public to reach different floors of Luk Yeung Galleria from the ground floor at Sai Lau Kok Road. Members of the public from the vicinity of Luk Yeung Sun Chuen and Shek Wai Kok could also reach the Podium Floor at the Garden of Luk Yeung Sun Chuen via the escalators, staircases or ramps after taking the two lifts. Upon observation, the overall pedestrian flow was smooth and in good order in Luk Yeung Galleria. People in need might seek assistance from the staff of Luk Yeung Galleria for access to different floors of Luk Yeung Galleria. The MTRCL understood that Members were concerned about the provision of additional lifts and Members' views were noted. However, it was found that there was no additional space for provision of additional lifts in Luk Yeung Galleria due to the layout constraint. The MTRCL would record the relevant views for reference during the future review of the facilities. Meanwhile, the MTRCL would keep in view the daily situations of Luk Yeung Galleria and take appropriate measures when necessary in order to ensure the smooth pedestrian flow.

127. Mr LAM Faat-kang hoped that the MTRCL would implement the short-term proposal on improvement of the ramp as soon as possible and provide the timetable of it. He pointed out that the works concerned did not bring other impacts apart from the loading problem. He hoped that the departments concerned would approve the works as soon as possible. He also requested the MTRCL to study the adoption of lighter materials such as fibre-reinforced plastic for the works. He further pointed out that the location concerned was primarily open to the public. The MTRCL should undertake the corporate social responsibility through bearing the construction cost of the ramp, instead of requiring the private housing estate to foot the bill. Moreover, the additional escalator provided in Luk Yeung Galleria upon completion of the improvement works was not connected to the ground floor. The existing lifts in Luk Yeung Galleria were mainly for transporting goods and the conflicts in use of lifts by customers and goods delivery workers were commonly seen, causing inconvenience to the wheelchair or baby stroller users. Evidently, it contradicted the MTRCL's claim that there was no problem in maintaining the pedestrian flow. He therefore held that the government departments should consider constructing the barrier-free access.

128. SPRE – EA of the MTRCL responded that the proposal concerned was still under study and the exact construction cost was not known for the time being. The MTRCL would maintain liaison with the owners' committee of Luk Yeung Sun Chuen when further information was available.

129. The Chairman asked the MTRCL to actively take forward the proposals concerned.

XI Item 10: About the Underutilisation Rate and Improvement Measures of Low-charge Hospital Beds in Private Hospital in Tsuen Wan District  
(TWDC Paper No. 44/2019)

130. The Chairman stated that he was a Member of Hong Kong Adventist Hospital Foundation Council (Tsuen Wan) and had interest associated with this item. According to section 48(13) of the Standing Orders, as he had made declaration of interest, the meeting would be chaired by the Vice Chairman.

131. The Acting Chairman said that Mr LI Hung-por submitted the paper. The written replies of the DH and Hospital Authority (HA) were tabled at the meeting.

132. Mr LI Hung-por stated that the HA, DH and Hong Kong Adventist Hospital – Tsuen Wan did not send representatives to attend the meeting and only gave response through written replies; however, the replies were not clearly stated. Hence, he hoped that the captioned matter would be discussed at the next TWDC meeting. The information revealed that the number of low-charge hospital beds in Hong Kong Adventist Hospital – Tsuen Wan did not live up to the hospital's pledge on provision of such beds by allocation of 20% of the total hospital beds from its ten-odd-storey New Wing Block which was under construction. He hoped that Hong Kong Adventist Hospital – Tsuen Wan would explain the current status of the low-charge hospital beds actually in use. In addition, he received opinion from some members of the public that it was difficult to utilise the low-charge hospital bed service. He thus enquired about the reasons for it. Recently, he learnt about the seriously overcrowded wards of Yan Chai Hospital and some of the hospital beds were put in the corridors. The public hospitals were required to administer the triage and supposedly, the low-charge hospital beds of Hong Kong Adventist Hospital – Tsuen Wan served to achieve the purpose of triage. Disappointingly, the purpose of triage was hardly achieved due to its underutilisation rate. He therefore put forth the captioned item at this meeting to urge the TWDC to be concerned about the healthcare problem and request Hong Kong Adventist Hospital – Tsuen Wan to explain the reasons for the underutilisation rate of the low-charge hospital beds and the relevant improvement measures. He pointed out that the DH had stated in its written reply about the current status of the low-charge hospital beds. He hoped that the DH would provide the utilisation rate of the 61 low-charge hospital beds. Moreover, the HA had stated in its written reply that to ensure the patients' safety, referral would be made only when the patients had met the prescribed clinical conditions. He opined that some patients were not triaged due to these pre-set conditions. He hoped that the HA would explain the reasons for pre-setting these conditions. Furthermore, he enquired the HA and DH about the proposal on addressing the perennial problem of the underutilisation of low-charge hospital beds.

133. The Acting Chairman said that as the representatives from the departments were not sent to attend the meeting, the Secretariat would record Members' views and convey to the departments concerned.

134. Mr TAM Hoi-pong stated that when the new block of Hong Kong Adventist Hospital – Tsuen Wan was under construction in early years, the residents nearby were worried about the wall effect and the impact on the landscape of their flats but they did not raise objection because the new block of the hospital was for healthcare purpose. However, Hong Kong Adventist Hospital – Tsuen Wan failed to honour its pledge on provision of low-charge hospital bed service and the departments concerned also failed to send representatives to attend the meeting for giving response. Hence, he urged the Acting Chairman to make request in the name of the TWDC to the departments concerned for sending representatives to attend the next TWDC meeting. He also enquired the LandsD about the methods of following up the violation of the pledge on low-charge hospital bed service in the land lease by Hong Kong Adventist Hospital – Tsuen Wan.

135. DLO (DLO, TW&KwT) of the LandsD responded that as stipulated in its land lease, Hong Kong Adventist Hospital – Tsuen Wan should provide service through a considerable number of low-charge hospital beds but the details of the charge and requirement of the use of these hospital beds were not specified. Therefore, Hong Kong Adventist Hospital – Tsuen Wan should honour its pledge in accordance with the regulatory requirements of the DH. The TWDC might follow up Members' concern on the underutilisation rate of low-charge hospital bed service with the DH and HA after the meeting.

136. Mr WONG Wai-kit said that the DH had indicated in its written reply that Hong Kong Adventist Hospital – Tsuen Wan had provided the low-charge hospital beds according to its land lease covenants but these hospital beds were underutilised. In general, the patients referred from public hospitals to Hong Kong Adventist Hospital – Tsuen Wan were entitled to the right of priority use of its low-charge hospital beds. Hence, he hoped that the DH or HA would provide, for the TWDC's reference, the number of cases of successful and unsuccessful referral of patients from public hospitals to Hong Kong Adventist Hospital – Tsuen Wan for the past few years, which might indicate the reasons for the underutilisation of these beds including the complicated referral procedures, low incentive for hospital referral or patients' refusal to referral.

137. Mr LI Hung-por enquired about the reasons for giving no response to the TWDC from Hong Kong Adventist Hospital – Tsuen Wan. He also pointed out that Hong Kong Adventist Hospital – Tsuen Wan, as restricted by the land grant provisions, should give response to the questions from the TWDC.

138. The Acting Chairman stated that Hong Kong Adventist Hospital – Tsuen Wan was a commercial organisation. Generally, the TWDC only made enquiries to the DH and HA on the relevant information.

139. Mr LO Siu-kit said that Hong Kong Adventist Hospital – Tsuen Wan served the residents of Tsuen Wan district. There were news coverage about the

underperformance of Hong Kong Adventist Hospital – Tsuen Wan on the low-charge hospital bed service, and the hospital should explain the reasons for it such as the interruptions to referrals or no referral from public hospitals, etc. He pointed out that the MTRCL was a commercial organisation which had sent representatives to attend the meetings of the TWDC. Therefore, the TWDC should invite the representatives from Hong Kong Adventist Hospital – Tsuen Wan to attend the TWDC meetings.

140. Mr LI Hung-por had reservation about categorising Hong Kong Adventist Hospital – Tsuen Wan into commercial organisation. He pointed out that the service targets of Hong Kong Adventist Hospital – Tsuen Wan were the residents of Tsuen Wan district and Hong Kong Adventist Hospital – Tsuen Wan had undertaken to provide the low-charge hospital beds in the land grant provisions. The TWDC played a role of monitoring whereas Hong Kong Adventist Hospital – Tsuen Wan should give an account of this to the Government or TWDC. He therefore held that Hong Kong Adventist Hospital – Tsuen Wan should send representatives to attend the next TWDC meeting.

141. Mr KOO Yeung-pong suggested that the captioned item should be put under the Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meetings and the representatives from the departments concerned should be invited to attend the next TWDC meeting for understanding of the details. As the captioned matter involved the overall interests of Tsuen Wan district, the TWDC should let Hong Kong Adventist Hospital – Tsuen Wan give response even though it was a commercial organisation. In addition, he would have never been made known of the fact that Hong Kong Adventist Hospital – Tsuen Wan had provided the low-charge hospital bed service if there was no news coverage about the service. Hence, he believed that the relatively low utilisation rate of these hospital beds was caused by the insufficient publicity of the service by the hospital.

142. The Acting Chairman stated that he would send a letter of request to the DH, HA and Hong Kong Adventist Hospital – Tsuen Wan for provision of relevant figures and giving response at the next TWDC meeting.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat conveyed Members' views in writing to the DH, HA and Hong Kong Adventist Hospital – Tsuen Wan on 6 September 2019.)

143. The Chairman resumed the chair.

XII Item 11: Provision of “Outreach Lawyering Service” for the Meetings of Owners’ Corporations in Tsuen Wan District  
(TWDC Paper No. 45/2019)

144. The Chairman stated that the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael and Mr CHENG Chit-pun submitted the paper. The written reply of the Home Affairs Department (HAD) was tabled at the meeting.

145. Mr CHENG Chit-pun stated that despite the HAD had been providing the free legal advisory service on building management for owners’ corporations (OCs) and flat owners currently, the service was limited to verbal advice only. As the

service was not available in Tsuen Wan district, the residents were required to meet the voluntary lawyers at the Home Affairs Enquiry Centre in Wan Chai district or Yau Tsim Mong district, and only three persons at maximum were allowed to join each 45-minute meeting with a lawyer which was considered not long enough. Currently, there were a total of 544 private buildings with OCs in Tsuen Wan district, which accounted for about 50% of the total amount. Due to the fact that the OCs were mostly unfamiliar with the Building Management Ordinance (Chapter 344) or the conduct of meetings, and only those of the larger housing estates would seek legal advice through lawyers, the residents might think for some reason that the lawyers shielded the OCs, and wished to seek legal advice on building management from other lawyers out of distrust. He pointed out that the talks on formation of OCs were organised in the past and lawyers were invited to brief participants on the approach to read and comprehend the Deed of Mutual Covenant, the rights and obligations of the OCs and the contributions of individual flat owners to the management expenses, etc. He had also suggested that the Secretary for Home Affairs should introduce the "Outreach Lawyering Service" as soon as possible and the HAD should assist in liaising the lawyers who intended to provide the service and contacting the OCs which required assistance to register for the service. It was believed that many OCs would intend to apply for the service if the Government introduced the service. He hoped that the application formalities of the service would be simple and convenient. The lawyers could get well-prepared for provision of service by communicating with the OCs prior to the annual general meetings. Besides, he suggested that the HAD should draw reference from the existing Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme, in which the average rateable value of the properties was adopted for setting the eligibility criteria of the scheme. Taking Tsuen Wan district as an example, the criteria was set at the prescribed value of not exceeding HK\$162,000. He asked the HAD to give its views.

146. The Chairman stated that the HAD did not send the representative to attend the meeting to give response; however, the details of the programmes which were implemented currently and rolled out soon were set out in its written reply.

147. Mr CHENG Chit-pun learnt that the HAD was currently considering the provision of a similar scheme. He thus enquired about the application criteria of the scheme. He proposed that the average rateable value of the properties should be adopted for setting the criteria and hoped that the TWDO would convey the views to the HAD.

148. Mr LI Hung-por agreed to the proposal and pointed out that the small OCs were burdened by the cost of lawyer's presence by invitation in each owners' general meeting which ranged from about HK\$4,000 to HK\$5,000. Both small OCs and large OCs were required to handle different kinds of legal issues. He hoped that all OC meetings would be held in the presence of lawyers who provided supportive service where practicable. General speaking, a notice should be served on the flat owners 14 days before the OC meeting. If the "Outreach Lawyering Service" from the HAD was not available, he suggested that the HAD should provide unlimited legal advisory service for the OCs and the OCs should seek legal advice at the District Offices or other designated locations to resolve the legal issues two weeks prior to the OC meetings.

149. Mr LO Siu-kit stated that a breakthrough was already made after the oath-taking by OCs, which was at first required for formation of OCs, and was exempted nowadays. It would be even better if the Government could provide the “Outreach Lawyering Service”. He enquired the Government about the definition of an owners’ general meeting. He also pointed out that the lawyers should not simply act in accordance with the Building Management Ordinance (Chapter 344); instead they should learn about the entire Deed of Mutual Covenant of the buildings before the meetings because the contents of the Deeds of Mutual Covenant of the buildings were quite different. He learnt that the lawyers responsible for providing free legal advisory service would be liable to the legal consequences if their verbal advice was recorded in writing. As a result, the current service providers of legal advice or deed checking would advise the flat owners to seek assistance from lawyers. He therefore enquired about the level of professionalism of the “Outreach Lawyering Service”, and whether the lawyers would be held liable to the legal consequences if they were challenged by the flat owners in future for making undue explanations when providing the service. Besides, he opined that the free “Outreach Lawyering Service” which only lasted for a few hours was not very effective. He thus suggested that the HAD should assign lawyers to be stationed at the small OCs for a period of time for assisting in handling the building management issues.

150. The Chairman asked the TWDO to convey Members’ views to the HAD and provide assistance for Members and OCs through the new scheme.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat conveyed Members’ views in writing to the HAD on 3 September 2019.)

XIII Item 12: Crime Brief for Tsuen Wan District – Comparison of Crime Statistics between May to June 2019 and May to June 2018  
(TWDC Paper No. 46/2019)

151. District Commander (Tsuen Wan) (DC(TW)) of the HKPF reported on the situation of the crimes in Tsuen Wan district.

152. Ms LAM, Lam Nixie stated that she was concerned about the two burglary cases which happened in Belvedere Garden on 4 July and 5 July 2019. The Crime Prevention Bureau of the HKPF had met her and the management company of Belvedere Garden; however, she had not received any updates on information so far. She therefore hoped that the Police would provide the relevant information after the meeting. Besides, she was concerned about the arrest of a number of suspects in relation to a drug case in her constituency area on 8 July 2019. The residents in the district wished to know more about the details of the case and she hoped that the Police would provide the relevant information. Moreover, the new school term was about to begin. She anticipated that the serious illegal parking problem would take place on the first three days from 2 September to 4 September 2019 for many parents would park their vehicles on the roads for schoolchildren to alight. Thus, she hoped that the Police would arrange a number of police officers to handle the illegal parking problem in Belvedere Garden and in the vicinity of schools. She understood that the Police was under great pressure recently and she wished the Police all the best.

153. Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris said that an abandoned vehicle without number plate and looked damaged was parked in the vicinity of the footbridge of Hong Kong Garden. He had reported to the Police on 27 April 2019. The Police stated in its reply that the clearance of abandoned vehicles was undertaken by the LandsD; on the other hand, however, the LandsD stated in its reply that the job was undertaken by the Police. He thus enquired which department should undertake the clearance of the abandoned vehicle in the vicinity of the footbridge of Hong Kong Garden.

154. The Chairman thanked the Police for its concern about the burglary cases in Belvedere Garden recently. He pointed out that the Crime Prevention Bureau of the HKPF had contacted the localities immediately after the case happened and discussed the enhanced security work with the housing estates nearby. Given the prevailing crime situation, he suggested that the Police should allocate some resources to help conduct random checks of the security staff of the housing estates and issue warnings to the security staff who were not alert enough or lacked concentration in execution of duty.

155. DC(TW) of the HKPF responded as follows:

- (1) the two burglary cases which happened in July in Belvedere Garden were the first two burglary cases in Belvedere Garden during the year. The Police would actively carry out investigations. After the cases happened, the staff of the Crime Prevention Bureau of the HKPF had arrived at the scenes to give advice to the security staff of Belvedere Garden for strengthening the security work. Also, random checks of the security staff of Belvedere Garden would be conducted and the underperformed security staff would be advised of rectifications. If the security staff failed to do so, the HKPF would report to the management company of the security staff and the responsible persons for issuance of Security Personnel Permit for consideration of refusal to the renewal of the permit of the security staff;
- (2) the HKPF would take this opportunity to make an appeal to all residents in Tsuen Wan district, including those of Belvedere Garden and other places within the district, that they should carry out the security measures properly before leaving home such as locking the doors, windows and gates for prevention of theft. In fact, the past experience from the Police showed that many theft cases were preventable through domestic security;
- (3) the HKPF would provide the updates of the drug case for the Member concerned after the meeting;
- (4) the HKPF would increase the police presence at various traffic congestion hotspots to control the traffic conditions at the beginning of the new school term; and
- (5) the HKPF would discuss with the LandsD the problem of the abandoned vehicle which was parked in the vicinity of the footbridge of Hong Kong Garden.

XIV Item 13: Crime Brief for Ma Wan – May to June 2019  
(TWDC Paper No. 47/2019)

156. DC(TW) of the HKPF reported on the situation of the crimes in Ma Wan.

XV Item 14: Revised Proposal for Tsuen Wan District Council Funds Allocation in 2019/20

(TWDC Paper No. 48/2019)

157. Executive Officer I (District Council) (EOI(DC)) of the TWDO introduced the paper.

158. The Members unanimously approved the revised proposal for funds allocation.

XVI Item 15: Application for District Council Funds by Tsuen Wan Festival Lightings Organising Committee

(TWDC Paper No. 49/2019)

159. EOI(DC) of the TWDO introduced the paper and stated that Mr LO Siu-kit was the Vice Chairman of the Tsuen Wan Festival Lightings Organising Committee (the Committee); that Mr KOO Yeung-pong was the Vice President of the Committee; and that Mr WONG Ka-wa and Mr CHENG Chit-pun were the Members of the Committee for declaration of interest of their membership of the Committee. Besides, the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael declared that he had sponsored HK\$4,000 for the 2019/20 Tsuen Wan Festival Lightings Programme.

160. The Chairman decided that the Members who had declared their membership of the Tsuen Wan Festival Lightings Organising Committee to participate in the discussion, decision-making and voting, according to section 48(11) of the Standing Orders and requested the executor of the activity to withdraw from the meeting during the discussion of the funding applications concerned.

161. The Chairman asked Members to make declaration of other interest. No Member made declaration of other interest.

162. Mr TAM Hoi-pong opined that the lightings programme was extravagant and not environmental-friendly, and that the National Day did not worth celebration. Hence, he would vote against the funding application for 2019/20 Tsuen Wan Festival Lightings Programme. Besides, he proposed that an open ballot should be held respectively for the 2019/20 Tsuen Wan Festival Lightings Programme and the 2019/20 Tsuen Wan New Year Countdown Programme. Members agreed to the proposal.

163. Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris thought that the amount of the funding application was quite high but the participation from Members of the TWDC was not much involved. He suggested that the Tsuen Wan Festival Lightings Organising Committee should invite Members of the TWDC to participate in the relevant meetings for discussion of the arrangement of the programme.

164. The Chairman asked Members to vote on the funding application of the 2019/20 Tsuen Wan Festival Lightings Programme. The voting result was listed as follows:

For (10 votes in total)

The Vice Chairman, Mr MAN Yu-ming, Mr KOO Yeung-pong, Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris, Mr YAU Kam-ping, Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis, the Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben, Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones, Mr KOT Siu-yuen and Mr CHENG Chit-pun

Against (2 votes in total)

Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly and Mr TAM Hoi-pong

Abstention (1 vote in total)

Mr LI Hung-por

165. The Chairman announced the endorsement of the following funding application:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Amount Approved</u> (\$)
(1) 2019/20 Tsuen Wan Festival Lightings Programme	1,188,000.00

166. The Chairman asked Members to vote on the funding application of the 2019/20 Tsuen Wan New Year Countdown Programme. The voting result was listed as follows:

For (13 votes in total)

The Vice Chairman, Mr MAN Yu-ming, Mr KOO Yeung-pong, Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris, Mr YAU Kam-ping, Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis, Ms LAM, Lam Nixie, Mr LAM Faat-kang, the Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben, Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones, Mr KOT Siu-yuen, Mr CHENG Chit-pun and Mr TAM Hoi-pong

Against (0 vote in total)

Abstention (2 vote in total)

Mr LI Hung-por and Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly

167. The Chairman announced the endorsement of the following funding application:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Amount Approved</u> (\$)
(2) 2019/20 Tsuen Wan New Year Countdown Programme	758,000.00

XVII Item 16: Application for District Council Funds by Tsuen Wan Preparatory Committee of National Day Celebration

(TWDC Paper No. 50/2019)

168. EOI(DC) of the TWDO introduced the paper and stated that the Chairman, Mr KOO Yeung-pong and Mr LO Siu-kit were the Executive Vice Chairmen of the Tsuen Wan Preparatory Committee of National Day Celebration (the Committee); and that the Vice Chairman, Mr MAN Yu-ming, Mr YAU Kam-ping and Mr LAM Faat-kang were the Vice Presidents of the Committee for declaration of interest of their membership of the Committee.

169. The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben declared his Executive Chairmanship of the Committee.

170. The Chairman stated that he was the Executive Vice Chairman of the Committee. According to section 48(13) of the Standing Orders, as he had made declaration of interest, the meeting would be temporarily chaired by the Vice Chairman.

171. The Acting Chairman asked Members to make declaration of other interest. No Member made declaration of other interest.

172. The Acting Chairman decided that the Members who concurrently held the nominal post titles in the Committee to participate in the discussion, decision-making and voting of the matter, and requested the Members who concurrently held the substantive positions in the Committee to remain silent during the discussion of the application concerned and not to participate in the decision-making or voting of the application concerned, according to section 48(11) of the Standing Orders and requested the executor of the activity to withdraw from the meeting during the discussion of the funding application concerned.

173. Mr TAM Hoi-pong opined that the DC should not support the activities of the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China because the Government of the People's Republic of China had violated human rights for long and set up concentration camps in Xinjiang. Hence, he would vote against the funding application. Besides, he proposed that an open ballot should be held. Members agreed to the proposal.

174. The Acting Chairman asked Members to vote on the funding application of the Tsuen Wan Celebration of 70th National Day Activities. The voting result was listed as follows:

For (7 votes in total)

Mr MAN Yu-ming, Mr YAU Kam-ping, Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis, Ms LAM, Lam Nixie, Mr LAM Faat-kang, Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones and Mr KOT Siu-yuen

Against (2 votes in total)

Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly and Mr TAM Hoi-pong

Abstention (2 votes in total)

Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris and Mr LI Hung-por

175. The Acting Chairman announced the endorsement of the following funding application:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Amount Approved</u> (\$)
(1) Tsuen Wan Celebration of 70th National Day Activities	425,000.00

176. The Chairman resumed the chair.

XVIII Item 17: Application for District Council Funds by Tsuen Wan East Area Committee

(TWDC Paper No. 51/2019)

177. The Secretary introduced the paper and stated that Mr MAN Yu-ming, Mr YAM Kam-ping, Mr LAM Faat-kang, Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones, Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly and Mr WONG Ka-wa were the Members of the Tsuen Wan East Area Committee (the Committee) for declaration of interest of their membership of the Committee.

178. The Chairman decided that the Members who had declared their membership of the Tsuen Wan East Area Committee to participate in the discussion, decision-making and voting, according to section 48(11) of the Standing Orders.

179. The Chairman asked Members to make declaration of other interest. No Member made declaration of other interest.

180. Members unanimously endorsed the following funding application:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Applying Organisation/ Co-organiser</u>	<u>Amount Approved</u> (\$)
(1) Tsuen Wan East Area Committee Fun Day Trip	Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong Tsuen Wan Centre (Integrated Children and Youth Services Centre)	54,500.00

XIX Item 18: Application for District Council Funds by Tsuen Wan West Area Committee

(TWDC Paper No. 52/2019)

181. The Secretary introduced the paper and stated that the Chairman, the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael, Mr LI Hung-por, Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis and Ms LAM, Lam Nixie were the Members of the Tsuen Wan West Area Committee (the Committee) for declaration of interest of their membership of the Committee.

182. The Chairman stated that he was the Member of the Committee. According to section 48(11) of the Standing Orders, he would continue to chair the meeting after he had made declaration of interest. Besides, he decided that the other Members who had declared their membership of the Tsuen Wan West Area Committee to participate in the discussion, decision-making and voting.

183. The Chairman asked Members to make declaration of other interest. No Member made declaration of other interest.

184. Members unanimously endorsed the following funding application:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Applying Organisation/ Co-organiser</u>	<u>Amount Approved</u> (\$)
(1) 2019 Tsuen Wan West Picnic	Caritas Wellness Link - Tsuen Wan	54,500.00

XX Item 19: Application for District Council Funds by Tsuen Wan Rural Area Committee  
(TWDC Paper No. 53/2019)

185. The Secretary introduced the paper and stated that the Vice Chairman, Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris, Mr CHENG Chit-pun and Mr TAM Hoi-pong were the Members of the Tsuen Wan Rural Area Committee (the Committee) for declaration of interest of their membership of the Committee.

186. The Chairman decided that the Members who had declared their membership of the Tsuen Wan Rural Area Committee to participate in the discussion, decision-making and voting, according to section 48(11) of the Standing Orders.

187. The Chairman asked Members to make declaration of other interest. No Member made declaration of other interest.

188. Members unanimously endorsed the following funding application:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Applying Organisation/ Co-organiser</u>	<u>Amount Approved</u> (\$)
(1) Joyful Day Trip with Tsuen Wan Rural Area Committee	The Yuen Yuen Institute Social Service Department	54,500.00

XXI Item 20: Application for District Council Funds by Tsuen Wan District Youth Programme Community Steering Committee  
(TWDC Paper No. 54/2019)

189. The Secretary introduced the paper.

190. The Chairman asked Members to make declaration of interest. No Member made declaration of interest.

191. Members unanimously endorsed the following funding application:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Applying Organisation/ Co-organiser</u>	<u>Amount Approved</u> (\$)
(1) Youth Leadership Training Programme in Tsuen Wan District 2019	Yan Chai Hospital School Social Work and Support Services	85,000.00

XXII Item 21: Application for District Council Funds by Tsuen Wan District Fire Safety Committee

(TWDC Paper No. 55/2019)

192. The Secretary introduced the paper and stated that Mr KOO Yeung-pong, Mr LAM Faat-kang, Mr CHENG Chit-pun and Mr LO Siu-kit were the Members of the Tsuen Wan District Fire Safety Committee (the Committee) for declaration of interest of their membership of the Committee.

193. The Chairman decided that the Members who had declared their membership of the Tsuen Wan District Fire Safety Committee to participate in the discussion, decision-making and voting, according to section 48(11) of the Standing Orders.

194. The Chairman asked Members to make declaration of other interest. No Member made declaration of other interest.

195. Members unanimously endorsed the following funding application:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Applying Organisation/ Co-organiser</u>	<u>Amount Approved</u> (\$)
(1) Fire Safety Carnival in Tsuen Wan District	The Yuen Yuen Institute Social Service Department	159,000.00

XXIII Item 22: Application for District Council Funds by Tsuen Wan District Fight Crime Committee

(TWDC Paper No. 56/2019)

196. The Secretary introduced the paper and stated that Mr MAN Yu-ming, Mr LI Hung-por, Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones, Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly, Mr KOT Siu-yuen and Mr LO Siu-kit were the Members of the Tsuen Wan District Fight Crime Committee (the Committee) for declaration of interest of their membership of the Committee.

197. The Chairman decided that the Members who had declared their membership of the Tsuen Wan District Fight Crime Committee to participate in the discussion, decision-making and voting, according to section 48(11) of the Standing Orders.

198. The Chairman asked Members to make declaration of other interest. No Member made declaration of other interest.

199. Members unanimously endorsed the following funding application:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Applying Organisation/ Co-organiser</u>	<u>Amount Approved</u> (\$)
(1) Tsuen Wan District Winter Precaution Publicity Campaign 2019/2020	The Yuen Yuen Institute Social Service Department	197,000.00

XXIV Item 23: Application for District Council Funds by Tsuen Wan District Civic Education Committee

(TWDC Paper No. 57/2019)

200. The Secretary introduced the paper and stated that Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones, Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly and Mr CHENG Chit-pun were the Members of the Tsuen Wan District Civic Education Committee (the Committee) for declaration of interest of their membership of the Committee.

201. The Chairman decided that the Members who had declared their membership of the Tsuen Wan District Civic Education Committee to participate in the discussion, decision-making and voting, according to section 48(11) of the Standing Orders.

202. The Chairman asked Members to make declaration of other interest. No Member made declaration of other interest.

203. Members unanimously endorsed the following funding applications:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Applying Organisation/ Co-organiser</u>	<u>Amount Approved</u> (\$)
(1) “Neighbourhood First”: the Good Things in Tsuen Wan	The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups Tsuen Wan Youth S.P.O.T.	89,000.00
(2) Live a Green Life Love Our Earth Environmental Protection Competition	The Yuen Yuen Institute Social Service Department	19,800.00
(3) “Love Home, Love HK, Love Our Earth” One-day Eco-trip	The Yuen Yuen Institute Social Service Department	21,500.00
(4) Friendly Neighbourhood in Tsuen Wan	Hong Kong Children & Youth Services Jockey Club Belvedere Garden Integrated Children & Youth Services Centre	75,000.00

XXV Item 24: Application for District Council Funds by Tsuen Wan District Coordinating Committee on New Arrival Services

(TWDC Paper No. 58/2019)

204. The Secretary introduced the paper.

205. The Chairman asked Members to make declaration of interest. No Member made declaration of interest.

206. Members unanimously endorsed the following funding applications:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Applying Organisation/ Co-organiser</u>	<u>Amount Approved</u> (\$)
(1) “Living with a New Perspective”	Caritas Community Centre – Tsuen Wan	39,000.00
(2) Love Community • Love Home	New Home Association Limited	38,310.00
(3) DIY Skincare & Household Products in Tsuen Wan	Hong Kong Children & Youth Services Jockey Club Belvedere Garden Integrated Children & Youth Services Centre	39,000.00
(4) A Fresh Start @ Tsuen Wan	Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong Tsuen Wan Centre (Integrated Children and Youth Services Centre)	29,330.00

XXVI Item 25: Application for District Council Funds by Tsuen Wan District Office (TWDC Paper No. 59/2019)

207. The Secretary introduced the paper.

208. The Chairman decided that all Members might participate in the discussion, decision-making and voting, according to section 48(11) of the Standing Orders.

209. The Chairman asked Members to make declaration of other interest. No Member made declaration of other interest.

210. Members unanimously endorsed the following funding applications:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Applying Organisation/ Co-organiser</u>	<u>Amount Approved</u> (\$)
(1) Happy Learning Programme in Tsuen Wan 2019	H.K.S.K.H. Lady MacLehose Centre	189,000.00
(2) Tsuen Wan Cleaning Campaign	Yan Chai Hospital Board	385,000.00

211. Members unanimously supported and recommended the TWDC of the new term to endorse the following funding application:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Applying Organisation/ Co-organiser (in brackets “( )”)</u>	<u>Amount Approved</u> (\$)
(1) Chinese New Year Celebration Lunch by Tsuen Wan District Office and Tsuen Wan District Council	Tsuen Wan District Office (Tsuen Wan District Council)	69,000.00

**XXVII Item 26: Information Papers**

212. Members noted the contents of the following information papers:

- (1) Report of District Facilities Management Committee (TWDC Paper No. 60/2019);
- (2) Report of Culture, Recreation and Sports Committee (TWDC Paper No. 61/2019);
- (3) Report of Traffic and Transport Committee (TWDC Paper No. 62/2019);
- (4) Report of Community Building, Planning and Development Committee (TWDC Paper No. 63/2019);
- (5) Report of Social Services and Community Information Committee (TWDC Paper No. 64/2019);
- (6) Report of Coastal Affairs Committee (TWDC Paper No. 65/2019);
- (7) Report of Environmental and Health Affairs Committee (TWDC Paper No. 66/2019);
- (8) Report of District Management Committee (TWDC Paper No. 67/2019);
- (9) Items Endorsed by Circulation by the Tsuen Wan District Council during the Period from 21 May 2019 to 22 July 2019 (TWDC Paper No. 68/2019); and
- (10) Financial Statement of Tsuen Wan District Council Funds as at 18 July 2019 (TWDC Paper No. 69/2019).

**XXVIII Item 27: Any Other Business**

213. The Chairman stated that a Member who wished to make an oral statement shall inform the Secretary before the meeting, but the oral statement shall not take more than five minutes, according to section 29 of the Standing Orders. Before the meeting, the Secretariat was informed by Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris, Mr TAM Hoi-pong, Ms LAM, Lam Nixie and Mr LI Hung-por who wished to make an oral statement. He thus reminded Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris, Mr TAM Hoi-pong, Ms LAM, Lam Nixie and Mr LI Hung-por that the oral statement must be compatible with the functions of the DC and should not contain the speech of defamation, insults or personal attacks, according to section 25 of the Standing Orders; otherwise he might discontinue the speech.

214. Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris made an oral statement (Annex 1).
215. Mr TAM Hoi-pong made an oral statement (Annex 2).
216. Ms LAM, Lam Nixie made an oral statement (Annex 3).
217. Mr LI Hung-por made an oral statement (Annex 4).
218. The Chairman reminded Members that the date of the next meeting was 24 September 2019 and the deadline for submission of paper was 9 September 2019.

XXIX Adjournment of Meeting

219. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat  
September 2019

**A Personal Statement of Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris at the Meeting of  
the Tsuen Wan District Council (30 July 2019)**

(Chinese version only)

自政府提出修訂逃犯條例開始，香港經歷了 97 年後前所未有的社會動盪，出現了大大小小的遊行、示威、集會、衝突。本人是獨立議員，從來無需要炒作政治議題，是次的聲明，本人是以市民的安全及社會的穩定作為出發點。

爭取改善地區的福祉從來都是我等區議員的職責，但試問有甚麼事比保障市民的人身安全更重要？7 月 21 日在元朗發生的市民受襲事情令人震驚，警方竟然在事發後一個半小時才到場，處理嚴重失當，導致多人受傷，還有種種的表現均顯示出警方對市民受襲事情的冷漠態度，令市民對警隊維持治安的能力信心盡失。2015 年巴黎一間報社遇襲後，法國總統連同多國領袖及巴黎市民在市內進行大型遊行，向世界宣告法國並不會因為襲擊而屈服。相反，香港政府非但沒採取有效的措施挽救市民的信心，還對一星期後元朗市民自發的遊行發出反對通知書，進一步加劇寒蟬效應，是錯誤的做法。若要香港人走出元朗事件的陰霾，就必須撤查事件，將施襲者繩之於法，並設立獨立調查委員會，公正嚴明地調查警方處理事件的失當之處。

最近幾週，本人的心情都非常沉重。眼見元朗市民受襲，港島、沙田區亦有示威者及警察受傷，我對事件感到十分痛心。警方不應該以警棍及子彈傷害表達政治訴求的市民，而警察亦不應該是市民攻擊的目標。若然可以，誰人不想和平理性地表達訴求？誰人願站在前排握警棍、擋子彈、「食」催淚彈？誰人樂意一整天在酷熱的街頭上汗流浹背地遊行？大批市民示威遊行，政府理應聆聽大眾的意見及作出回應，但政府完全漠視月前過百萬人的和平遊行，才引致今時今日的局面。市民及各個界別多次要求撤回修訂逃犯條例，至今政府仍未肯撤回。試問還要有多少人輕生，還要有多少市民、示威者及警察受傷，政府才願意真正撤回修訂逃犯條例？

政治問題，政治解決，這是民眾在 2014 年佔領事件提出的解決路向。香港近年越來越多紛爭，社會發展停滯不前，問題源自於我們現行的制度，政府及立法會都不是經普選產生的，處事不需要對選民負責，所謂「離地」正正是指官員不知民間疾苦，只視諮詢為程序，根本沒打算接受市民的意見。正所謂「冰封三尺，非一日之寒」，這次不單只是政治風波，如果政府繼續迴避市民的訴求，反而轉移大眾焦點至示威者的破壞行為，而沒有深切反省香港政制的停滯不前，考慮自由選舉的需要，政府將無法挽回市民的信心，只會繼續令香港社會撕裂及倒退。

總結以上發言，本人要求政府：一、將元朗事件的施襲者繩之於法，設立獨立調查委員會撤查警方處理失當之處；二、全面撤回修訂逃犯條例；三、實踐基本法落實立法會及行政長官的自由選舉。主席，本人謹此以上聲明。

**A Statement made by Mr TAM Hoi-pong**  
**The Chairman of the Tsuen Wan District Council Made an Undue Claim of**  
**Support for the Extradition Bill in May 2019 without Discussion at**  
**the Full Council Meeting**  
**Pressing for Response from the Government on the Five Demands**

(Chinese version only)

由荃灣建制派議員推舉的區議會主席黃偉傑，聯同其他 17 區的區議會主席，於 5 月 20 日發表聲明，支持將逃犯條例修訂草案直上立法會大會表決。區議會主席在未經荃灣區議會討論下，自行以主席身份就政治議題表態絕不恰當，亦完全不顧反對修例的強大民意。最終政府暫緩修例，支持修例的建制派立法會議員及區議員必須負上責任，18 區區議會主席亦應公開道歉。

本人要求 7 月 30 日的荃灣區議會大會討論修訂逃犯條例，要求主席解釋為何擅作主張，並要求撤回修訂逃犯條例，成立獨立調查委員會。但很可惜，在區議會正副主席聯手下，本人提交的討論文件不容在會上討論。

本人反對主席及副主席的決定，並批評黃偉傑自把自為於 5 月支持送中直上大會，並不配做主席，本人要求黃偉傑應立即引咎辭職，並向所有荃灣區議員道歉。

反送中的群眾運動，經過多次大型遊行，加上各式的升級行動，政府仍然沒有回應市民的五大訴求，包括完全撤回條例、成立獨立調查委員會、撤回 612 暴動定性、停止檢控被捕人士以及實行雙普選。本人亦對多位年輕人自殺以明志，表示沉痛哀悼，亦對這個麻木不仁的林鄭政府，予以最強烈的譴責。

在好多示威的地方都出現一句「是你告訴我和平遊行是沒有用的」，所以任何青年人的升級行動，絕不能怪年輕人。沒有暴徒，只有暴政。說到底，年青人走上前線，都係部份大人們保護不力、遇到中共持續干預得過且過，甚至部份出賣香港人。昨天聽到很多年青人用了所有錢去買裝備，而沒有錢吃飯，實在令人傷心難過。究竟香港政府給予一個怎樣的未來給年青人，還是不斷講「返去大灣區」？對於年青人來說，返大灣區難聽過粗口。

政府問題政府解決，本人希望全體區議員一同支持五大訴求，向政府施壓，讓香港能見到公義及未來，社會重回正軌。

**An Oral Statement of Ms LAM, Lam Nixie**  
**Tsuen Wan District Council – An Oral Statement on the Recent Incidents**

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香港，系你同我一齊成長嘅家。無論你系啱啱嚟香港嘅外國人，定係世代代都係香港生活嘅原居民，好多人都選擇咗嚟香港落地生根。我相信在座各位同事，官員，市民，媒體朋友嚟過去嘅呢段時間，都好似我一樣，每日都情緒起伏不定。我曾經睇住電視傷心落淚、亦曾經心神不寧，徹夜難眠。上個禮拜開始，我哋嚟出門口前，竟然要諗清楚着咩顏色嘅衫，唔好著咩色嘅衫。入黑前要盡快趕返屋企，因為怕屋企人會擔心，我哋要諗清楚，我地系咪要繼續咁樣落去。

===以暴制暴，升級容易，放手先最難===

容我喺度引用美國林肯總統喺 1860 年面對當時南北分裂和內戰所演說嘅一小段：We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. 無論你系堅持定反對行；無論你想政府回應幾多個訴求；無論你嘅立場如何，香港，始終有一日需要去解決眼前問題。我地唔好再香港人打香港人。社會嘅撕裂已經造成，你願唔願意一齊放底仇恨，做社會撕裂嘅強力膠，慢慢撫平傷口，修補決裂，重見我地熟悉嘅香港。選擇，喺你地每一位嘅手裏面，Take a share 希望大家一齊珍惜曾經嘅香港。

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我想講三點。

第一，我對這次不能夠在此討論逃犯條例修訂表示遺憾。副主席在會議上表示因為有關條例已壽終正寢，所以不需要作出討論，事實上，現時有很多不同的團體，無論是大律師公會，甚至是過去並不會表達有關方面意見的公務員，均要求政府以法律語言來表達有關條例，因此，有關條例直至現時仍未過去。現時，有關條例引起的種種問題其實影響各區，包括荃灣區。我們可見出現連儂牆的情況、某議員的辦事處受到損壞，以及很多地區問題需要處理，因此，有關條例已經過去的說法講不過去，我認為撤銷逃犯條例修訂應在議會中討論，不能夠上會是不適當的處理。

第二，我重申應以法律的字眼去描述有關條例最後的處理，即撤銷，而不要使用壽終正寢或其他非法律字眼來形容。我認為這是很多市民的訴求，政府既然已用壽終正寢這字眼，何不使用更徹底的字眼，讓市民可安心。有市民的確不安心，相信有關條例會再次推出，產生很多憂慮，為何政府不安撫大家的心而改為撤銷這字眼？

第三，我聲明應由大法官成立一個獨立調查委員會，調查 612 事件，特別是最近元朗西鐵站有一單黑社會人士衝入西鐵站內毆打市民事件，所牽涉的情況令人擔心，特別是警方、政府及黑社會連上關係，造成了如此大的傷害。這些問題始終要獨立調查委員會進行調查，如果事件與警方或政府無關，便可還政府一個清白。如當中有人有問題，便應加以處理，我認為應作出一個適當的處理。

最後，我希望政府積極作出市民五大訴求的回應。我知道學生現時受到很大的傷害，前線的警員亦相當辛苦，在這樣的情況下，希望大家明白，政府應明白政治問題應透過政治解決，透過警隊壓抑市民一些訴求是會弄巧反拙。

解鈴還須繫鈴人，希望林鄭政府能夠積極作出回應。