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Minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of  
District Planning, Development and Facilities Management Committee (1/22-23)

Date: 25 April 2022

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Venue: Main Conference Room, Tsuen Wan District Office

Present:

Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio (Chairman)

Mr MAN Yu-ming, MH

Mr WONG Ka-wa

Mr KOT Siu-yuen, MH

Mr LAU Cheuk-yu

In Attendance:

Mr LAI Yik-wing, Wesley Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan), Tsuen Wan District Office

Miss LAM Siu-yung, Daisy Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Tsuen Wan District Office

Miss LEUNG Tsz-wai, Apple Executive Officer I (District Council), Tsuen Wan District Office  
(Secretary)

Miss CHAN Hiu-yuen, Virginia Executive Assistant (Community Involvement)4, Tsuen Wan District Office

Ms LIM Ting-ting, Sylvia Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories West), Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms LEE Mei-sheung, Dickie District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan), Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms LIM Merry Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion, Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Mr LEE Wai-man Senior Librarian (Tsuen Wan), Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Mr NG Kar-shu Senior Town Planner/Tsuen Wan, Planning Department

Mr CHENG Ho-yin, Henry Senior Estate Surveyor/Tsuen Wan, Lands Department

Mr FAN Chin-wai, Joseph Engineer/14 (West), Civil Engineering and

## Development Department

### For discussion of item 2

Ms YUEN Mo-kuen, Monita      Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing)<sup>3</sup>, Social Welfare Department

#### I      Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed Members and representatives from the government departments to the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the District Planning, Development and Facilities Management Committee (DPDFMC). He introduced Mr FAN Chin-wai, Joseph, Engineer/14 (West) of the Civil Engineering and Development Department, who replaced Ms TANG Ho-yan, Joyce, Senior Engineer/2 (West) to attend the meeting.

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 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 27 June 2022 and the deadline for submission of papers was 10 June 2022. In addition, according to section 28 of the Standing Orders, unless otherwise agreed by the Chairman, Members could speak once on each agenda item at the meeting and each Member could speak up to 1.5 minutes. A maximum of five Members could speak on each agenda item. The Member(s) who had submitted a paper would have 2 minutes to give an introduction and 1 minute to draw a conclusion. The representatives of the departments would have up to 2 minutes to give responses.

#### II      Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 23.12.2021

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

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

(A)      Paragraphs 27 to 36 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 December 2021: Exploring Ways to Improve the Late Night Management of Tsuen Wan Park and Its Pet Garden so as to Alleviate the Noise Nuisance to Nearby Residents

4.      The Chairman said that the representatives from the departments responsible for giving responses were:

- (1) Ms LEE Mei-sheung, Dickie, District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) (DLM(TW)), Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD);
- (2) Ms YUEN Mo-kuen, Monita, Assistant District Social Welfare Officer

(Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing)<sup>3</sup> (ADSWO(TW/KwT)<sup>3</sup>), Social Welfare Department (SWD); and

- (3) Mr LAI Yik-wing, Wesley, Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan) (ADO(TW)), Tsuen Wan District Office (TWDO).

5. The Chairman stated that the paper of the captioned matter under the Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting was submitted by him. He thus proposed that Mr LAU Cheuk-yu should take over the chair temporarily. Members unanimously agreed to the proposal.

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

- (1) he noted that the Police received quite a number of complaints on noise nuisance every day. Besides, he enquired whether the LCSD would also seek views from the Hong Kong Police Force during the consultation on regulating the opening hours of the Pet Garden. It was because he learnt that noise complaints were lodged by residents of The Pavilia Bay almost every other night. Implementing the said measure might help ease the pressure of manpower deployment on the Police. Some residents of The Pavilia Bay had told him that many people would also walk their dogs in the circular plaza off the housing estate late at night. As this plaza was closer to The Pavilia Bay compared with the Pet Garden, the nuisance caused to the residents was more serious and some residents even suffered from emotional problems consequently. He hoped that the LCSD would pay more attention to this issue. He noted that night-shift security guards of the LCSD would patrol the Pet Garden and urge the public to exercise self-discipline, but the situation remained unsatisfactory. He hoped that the LCSD would enhance the management work in the circular plaza. Noting that the circular plaza was part of the Inclusive Park for Pets, he enquired whether any restrictions had been placed on the use of the plaza (Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio); and

- (2) he noted that there were noise problems in the vicinity of Tsuen Wan Road, and enquired about the number of complaints on noise nuisance and the related situation. Moreover, he suggested encouraging skateboarders to use the skateboard ground set up by the LCSD near Tai Wo Hau (the Acting Chairman).

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

- (1) the LCSD had sent staff to take hourly noise measurements in decibels (dB) on a daily basis between January and April 2022, and to compare the background noise level in dB with the noise level produced by users of the Pet Garden in dB. According to the noise descriptors of the Environmental Protection Department (EPD), it would be regarded as

“noise” if the difference between those two noise levels exceeded 10 dB. The late-night background noise level measured by the LCSD was 55 dB on average, whereas the noise level of dogs’ barks was 62 dB. The difference between both measurements did not exceed 10 dB;

- (2) since January 2022, the LCSD had designated one more night-shift security guard to conduct targeted patrols at the Pet Garden. The security guard would urge users to exercise self-discipline and control their dogs, and the LCSD noted that most dog owners were willing to follow such advice;
- (3) the LCSD had only received one complaint on noise nuisance at the said venue referred by 1823 since January 2022. It had also strengthened security with a view to improving the situation;
- (4) the LCSD had been proactively improving the environment of Tsuen Wan Park. For instance, during the Chinese New Year, it had placed New Year flowers under the flyover near The Pavilia Bay in Tsuen Wan Park to discourage people from skateboarding there. The result was satisfactory;
- (5) the LCSD would set up a retractable gate at the pedestrian access between Wing Shun Street and Tsuen Wan West Station in the small hours to prevent people from gathering and disturbing nearby residents; and
- (6) the LCSD and Members had previously conducted an on-site inspection at the skateboard ground in Kwok Shui Road Park with a view to improving the facilities of the venue and attracting more people to skateboard there.

(Note: Mr WONG Ka-wa joined the meeting at 2:39 p.m.)

8. ADSWO(TW/KwT)3 of the SWD responded that the social workers of the overnight outreach team serving Tsuen Wan district had followed up on the situation of youth skateboarders in Tsuen Wan Park. She learnt that in recent days, users of the park facilities were mostly adults at the said location during the period concerned. So far, it had not been found that those people required assistance from the social workers. If anyone had social welfare needs, the social workers would provide appropriate support and assistance.

9. ADO(TW) of the TWDO responded that the TWDO had no plan to construct facilities such as skateboard grounds in the district. Besides, it had nothing to add to the rules of use and practical arrangements for the related facilities under the management of the LCSD.

10. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio said that he had requested the LCSD to follow

up on regulating the closing time of the Pet Garden at the previous meeting. Having weighed up the merits and demerits of the measure in relation to people walking their dogs and those living nearby, he held that regulating the closing time of the Pet Garden was a relatively reasonable approach. He proposed closing the Pet Garden from 11:00 p.m./11:30 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. In his view, the proposal was worthy of study and the department concerned could also conduct a consultation on it. Besides, he requested the LCSD to provide its correspondence with the EPD concerning the measurement of noise after the meeting.

11. DLM(TW) of the LCSD responded as follows:
  - (1) the LCSD would conduct a questionnaire survey on regulating the opening hours of the Pet Garden, and tentatively proposed closing the Pet Garden from 12:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. for three months on a trial basis. The target groups of the consultation included District Councillors, Area Committees, owners' corporations (OCs) or owners' committees (OComs) of nearby housing estates, and users of Tsuen Wan Park and its Pet Garden; and
  - (2) the LCSD would collect views for analysis and learn about the opinions of different stakeholders in order to properly deploy resources to meet the public's needs.
  
12. The Acting Chairman enquired when and how the questionnaire survey would be conducted and whether the entire Tsuen Wan Park was a pet-inclusive venue.
  
13. DLM(TW) of the LCSD responded as follows:
  - (1) the LCSD expected to conduct a questionnaire survey in May 2022. Notices with a QR code of the questionnaire would be put up in the Pet Garden such that the public could download and fill in the questionnaire with ease. If any members of the public preferred a paper questionnaire, they were welcome to contact the LCSD for arrangements;
  - (2) the LCSD would contact the OCs or OComs of nearby housing estates and the Area Committees through the TWDO in order to collect their views; and
  - (3) the entire Tsuen Wan Park was a pet-inclusive venue. Except for the Pet Garden, the public should keep their pets on a leash or rope when entering Tsuen Wan Park.
  
14. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio proposed continuing the discussion on the captioned matter under the Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting at the next meeting. Members unanimously agreed to the proposal.

IV Item 3: Planning Applications (as at 8.4.2022)  
(DPDFMC Paper No. 1/22-23)

15. Senior Town Planner/Tsuen Wan (STP/TW) of the Planning Department (PlanD) briefed Members on the planning applications vetted by the Town Planning Board (TPB) and those pending vetting by the TPB as at 8 April 2022.

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

- (1) a provision of over 11 000 niches was proposed under Planning Application No. A/TW/530. He enquired about the traffic volume to be generated by the planning application and its impacts on the traffic volume of the surroundings and urban area as well as on other aspects; and whether the relevant ancillary traffic facilities and road infrastructure could cope with the needs of a large crowd travelling to the location concerned to pay tribute to their ancestors during the peak visiting time. Besides, he often visited the squatter area at the location concerned, providing community services and visiting occupants. He was concerned about the occupants' views on the provision of niches. Noting that quite a number of squatter occupants opposed the planning application, he enquired whether the PlanD had received the views concerned (Mr MAN Yu-ming);
- (2) regarding Planning Application No. A/TW/530, he opined that the provision of niches was in line with the Government's policy and therefore supported it. However, he was concerned about the potential impact of the planning application on the traffic of the location concerned and Tsuen Wan town centre. Moreover, he did not support the proposal for rezoning the site from hotel use to residential use in Planning Application No. Y/TWW/7. It was because the project under application was a residential development for sale and purchase, instead of a hotel with serviced apartments for rental (e.g. Bay Bridge Lifestyle Retreat). Also, given the lack of ancillary facilities such as markets in the vicinity, the government departments concerned would have to identify sites to address this issue. As the epidemic recently showed signs of easing, he held that the hotel industry would revive soon (Mr WONG Ka-wa); and
- (3) he enquired whether the height of an industrial building could be increased during redevelopment and the Government had placed any restrictions on the planning drawings and plot ratio, and enquired about the method for determining those restrictions. Citing Pylon Tower at Fui Yiu Kok Street as an example, he enquired whether the building height would be increased upon conversion, spoiling the sea view currently enjoyed by residents of nearby housing estates such as H Cube, Indi Home and Chelsea Court (the Chairman).

17. STP/TW of the PlanD responded as follows:
- (1) for the time being, the Transport Department (TD) would implement special traffic arrangements at Lo Wai Road during Ching Ming Festival and Chung Yeung Festival. Only franchised buses, minibuses, taxis, emergency vehicles and vehicles with permits issued by the TD would be allowed to access the road;
  - (2) regarding Planning Application No. A/TW/530, the applicant was aware that a relatively large number of niches were proposed under the application. Hence, the applicant planned to provide visitors for grave sweeping with a free shuttle bus service plying between the location concerned and Tsuen Wan West Station when the venue was open during Ching Ming Festival and Chung Yeung Festival. Besides, the applicant suggested setting up six taxi pick-up/drop-off points at the existing parking spaces outside the entrance of Western Monastery to facilitate the pick-up/drop-off of passengers by taxis at the same time. The applicant also proposed setting up a temporary bus bay near the main entrance of Western Monastery on Lo Wai Road during the grave-sweeping festivals in spring and autumn. The TD was reviewing the assessment and arrangements for ancillary traffic facilities submitted by the applicant;
  - (3) about 11 000 niches under Planning Application No. A/TW/530 were all existing niches. Out of those niches, 460 niches were designated for religious practitioners. More than 5 000 niches were sold, among which 3 600 were occupied and 1 400 unoccupied. About 5 560 niches were unsold;
  - (4) Planning Application No. Y/TWW/7 was an in-situ conversion with no increase in the building height. Due to the existence of a flyover next to the location concerned, the TD and EPD were concerned about the traffic and noise impacts brought about by the planning application respectively. The applicant was responding to the views of the departments; and
  - (5) under the Government's policy on revitalisation of industrial buildings, the maximum non-domestic plot ratio of an industrial building redevelopment might be relaxed by up to 20%. The applicant was required to conduct assessments on various aspects including traffic and sewage disposal in order to ensure that the facilities (e.g. infrastructure, roads and sewers) in the district could cope with the impact brought about by the relaxation. Also, the applicant should put forth planning merits of the redevelopment project. For example, the project would offer additional floor area and generate new pedestrian flow. Hence, the industrial building should be set back from the building line for pavement widening so as to integrate with the development. In addition, the applicant should conduct greening work (including

horizontal and vertical greening) for the revitalised industrial building and the space made available upon building setback. To shelter pedestrians from the sun and rain, a canopy could also be provided over the space made available upon building setback. The policy on revitalisation of industrial buildings aimed at encouraging redevelopment through the provision of incentives. It was hoped that industrial or business areas would be benefitted. It also ensured that the new floor area generated by redevelopment would have no negative impact on the ancillary facilities (e.g. traffic facilities) of the location concerned.

V Item 4: Follow-up to the Pilot Scheme on Creative Murals at Parks/Open Spaces

(DPDFMC Paper No. 2/22-23)

18. The Chairman said that the representatives from the departments responsible for giving responses were:

- (1) Ms LEE Mei-sheung, Dickie, DLM(TW), LCSD; and
- (2) Mr LAI Yik-wing, Wesley, ADO(TW), TWDO.

19. The Chairman stated that the paper of the captioned agenda item was submitted by him. He thus proposed that Mr LAU Cheuk-yu should take over the chair temporarily. Members unanimously agreed to the proposal.

20. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio introduced the paper.

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

- (1) he supported the captioned scheme. He and other Members had scored entries of the related drawing competition and selected a winner among numerous outstanding artworks. He enquired whether the working group concerned had set aside resources for displaying the winning entries in the form of murals when vetting the activity application back then (Mr KOT Siu-yuen);
- (2) if the activity also included painting murals on the spot, it would require more resources and become more complicated. In view of that, he and the applicant organisation decided that a mural design competition should be organised first at the discussion and planning stage of the competition back then (Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio); and
- (3) he noted that murals had been painted for beautification at many locations in various districts, e.g. the area between Wan Chai and Sai Wan Ho; Kwun Tong Promenade; as well as Sai Lau Kok and the space underneath the flyover or on its walls at Tai Ho Road, Tsuen Wan, involving facilities managed by departments such as the LCSD or Highways Department. He welcomed the captioned scheme and

suggested that the departments concerned should allocate additional resources for beautification works (Mr WONG Ka-wa).

22. DLM(TW) of the LCSD responded that the LCSD was willing to provide venues for painting murals. It also noted that some district organisations or non-governmental organisations (NGOs) would make funding application for organising activities to paint murals at the LCSD's venues or on fence walls near MTR stations with a view to showcasing the special features of respective districts through murals.

23. ADO(TW) of the TWDO responded that support had all along been given to the implementation of cityscape beautification works in Tsuen Wan district. For example, the murals painted under the flyover outside Tsuen Wan Junior Police Call Clubhouse and the art installations set up at certain public housing estates. The TWDO welcomed district organisations or government departments to implement cityscape beautification works by applying for the Community Involvement Fund or working in tandem with the LCSD at its venues. The TWDO would take into account the scale, location and estimated cost of the works when processing and vetting the application.

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

- (1) he supported the proposal for painting murals. He said that the murals inside tunnels in the district were painted with the help of persons with disabilities and painters engaged by NGOs. These activities served to promote community inclusion and were very meaningful. He also pointed out that painting murals was expensive. Hence, the costs of repair, cleansing and maintenance should be taken into account when taking forward the scheme (Mr MAN Yu-ming);
- (2) he was aware that considerable resources would be required to implement the scheme on murals. Locations suitable for beautification should also be identified. In his opinion, consideration could be given to displaying the winning entries of the said competition along Footbridge A (i.e. the footbridge on Tai Ho Road) in Tsuen Wan for promotion (Mr KOT Siu-yuen); and
- (3) he suggested producing stickers of the winning entries to beautify Footbridge A near Discovery Park (the Acting Chairman).

25. ADO(TW) of the TWDO responded that noting that old murals would be replaced under some mural projects, he recommended applicant organisations to consider replacing murals in the district created a certain number of years ago and painting new murals in situ. This approach did not only bring a breath of fresh air but also ensured the availability of suitable and feasible locations for the beautification works.

26. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:
- (1) he suggested implementing the scheme on murals in Tsuen Fu Street Garden. In his opinion, as Tsuen Fu Street Garden was under the management of the LCSD, it would be relatively desirable if the LCSD would provide professional advice in order to take forward the scheme. However, he also noted that an NGO was willing to undertake the scheme. He thus proposed studying the application procedures for the Community Involvement Fund together with the NGO concerned so as to put the idea into practice. Members unanimously agreed to the proposal (Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio); and
  - (2) he enquired about the application procedures for the Community Involvement Fund (the Acting Chairman).

27. ADO(TW) of the TWDO responded that according to the latest arrangements, the District Officer was authorised by the Director of Home Affairs to approve applications for the Community Involvement Fund. The District Officer would draw reference from district-level views through different channels so that a variety of projects would be implemented. Applicant organisations could refer to the guidelines and application form for the Community Involvement Fund of Tsuen Wan district on the TWDO's webpage for reference.

(Note: Mr LAU Cheuk-yu left the meeting at 3:30 p.m.)

VI Item 5: Request for Additional Pet Gardens in Tsuen Wan  
(DPDFMC Paper No. 3/22-23)

28. The Chairman said that the paper was submitted by Mr WONG Ka-wa. The representatives from the departments responsible for giving responses were:

- (1) Ms LEE Mei-sheung, Dickie, DLM(TW), LCSD;
- (2) Mr CHENG Ho-yin, Henry, Senior Estate Surveyor/Tsuen Wan (SES/TW), District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing (DLO), Lands Department;
- (3) Mr NG Kar-shu, STP/TW, PlanD; and
- (4) Mr LAI Yik-wing, Wesley, ADO(TW), TWDO.

Besides, the written reply of the Development Bureau was tabled at the meeting.

29. Mr WONG Ka-wa introduced the paper.

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

- (1) there were four Pet Gardens in Tsuen Wan for the time being. The LCSD had been making every effort to promote and additionally set up Inclusive Parks for Pets in the district with a view to meeting the public's needs. The LCSD had set up a total of two Inclusive Parks for

Pets in Tsuen Wan Riviera Park and Tsuen Wan Park in 2021 and a total of three Inclusive Parks for Pets in Tsuen Wan Waterfront Cycling Entry/Exit Hub, Sham Tsz Street Playground and Wo Yi Hop Road Garden in April 2022, facilitating the use of the facilities concerned by members of the public; and

- (2) the LCSD had an open attitude towards the addition of Pet Gardens. It was willing to explore the proposal with Members, provided that the proposed sites met the requirements in terms of their geographical locations, venue sizes and ancillary facilities, and that the establishment of Pet Gardens at those sites would have no negative impact on nearby residents.

31. SES/TW of the DLO responded that if the department concerned implemented a development (e.g. setting up a Pet Garden) in line with the planning intention on suitable government land, the DLO would provide land administrative support according to the development timetable of the department. For instance, it would handle matters related to government land allocations to facilitate the implementation of the development.

32. STP/TW of the PlanD responded that the sites of existing Inclusive Parks for Pets mentioned by the LCSD's representative were zoned as "Open Space" in the Tsuen Wan Outline Zoning Plan. The PlanD would proactively provide planning support during the establishment of long-term or short-term Pet Gardens by the department or organisation concerned.

33. ADO(TW) of the TWDO responded that the considerable number of pet owners in the district gave rise to the demand for Pet Gardens. The TWDO supported the proposed addition of Pet Gardens with a view to promoting pet-inclusive policies in the community. The district had a relatively small number of venues. Hence, besides searching for venues with a size, space and ancillary facilities suitable for serving as Pet Gardens, the department concerned should consider factors including the impact on nearby residents. Regarding the provision of Pet Gardens, the TWDO was willing to assist in contacting various OComs and OCs where necessary, and to conduct a consultation and collect views from nearby residents before the implementation of the project concerned.

34. The Chairman concluded that in the past, a Member had submitted a paper and proposed setting up a Pet Garden near Belvedere Garden. Yet, it failed to reach a consensus at that time because some Members held reservations over the proposal. He was also fond of pets and therefore supported the provision of Pet Gardens in the district. Nevertheless, he opined that careful consideration should be given to the suitability of locations. If Members had in mind any proposed locations for setting up Pet Gardens, they could submit papers at DPDFMC meetings or contact the

department concerned for its study on the feasibility of providing Pet Gardens at those locations.

VII Item 6: Information Papers

(A) Report on Recreational and Sports Activities and Facilities Management in Tsuen Wan by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
(DPDFMC Paper No. 4/22-23)

35. DLM(TW) of the LCSD introduced the paper. She added that apart from opening Inclusive Parks for Pets, the LCSD had conducted a review on proposed activities to be allowed in venues open to the public in 2019. It subsequently planned to open Tsuen King Circuit Playground and Sham Tsz Street Playground to young children for riding balance bikes under adults' supervision in the second quarter of 2022.

36. The Chairman said some residents had pointed out that except for Yeung Uk Road Sports Centre, other sports centres in the district were currently designated for anti-epidemic purposes and therefore unavailable for public booking at the moment. He suggested promptly reopening areas not designated for anti-epidemic purposes above 3/F in Tsuen Wan Sports Centre. Moreover, some residents relayed that it was exhausting to wear a mask while doing sports such as football. He thus enquired whether the Government had conducted a study on comparing the physical benefits and drawbacks of wearing a mask when engaging in vigorous physical activities like football, and whether people engaging in such activities were also required to wear masks in other regions. He advised that the regulation should be relaxed as soon as possible.

37. DLM(TW) of the LCSD responded that a Children Community Vaccination Centre was temporarily set up on 3/F of Tsuen Wan Sports Centre. Yet, the LCSD did not oppose reopening the sports centre to the public upon the handover of the facility by the department concerned. Besides, the prevailing measure requiring the public to wear masks in the LCSD's venues was drawn up according to the recommendations of the Department of Health.

(Post-meeting note: Tsuen King Circuit Sports Centre, Tsuen Wan West Sports Centre and Tsuen Wan Sports Centre reopened to the public on 26 May, 30 May and 17 June 2022 respectively.)

(B) Report on Cultural Activities in Tsuen Wan District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
(DPDFMC Paper No. 5/22-23)

38. Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion (SM(NTS)P) of the LCSD introduced the paper.

39. Mr WONG Ka-wa said that the epidemic was easing. Experts also predicted that another rebound of the epidemic was unlikely to happen over the next six months. He thus suggested that the LCSD should promptly organise activities at related venues in public housing estates such as Lei Muk Shue Estate. He said that many people were unemployed and sitting idle at home due to the epidemic and prohibition on group gatherings. They needed entertainments to enliven their life. He was worried that the prohibition on group gatherings would render residents incapable of enjoying a rich variety of recreational and cultural programmes. He suggested that the LCSD should provide further information on activities to be held at public places such as Tsuen Wan Town Hall at future meetings.

40. SM(NTS)P of the LCSD responded that the LCSD noted the Member's views and would convey the proposals concerned to its Programme Office. Also, the LCSD would organise more outdoor activities as far as possible when the epidemic eased and circumstances permitted.

(Note: Mr KOT Siu-yuen left the meeting at 3:42 p.m.)

(C) Report on Promotional Activities and the Enrolment Rate in Tsuen Wan District Public Libraries by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
(DPDFMC Paper No. 6/22-23)

41. Senior Librarian (Tsuen Wan) (SL(TW)) of the LCSD introduced the paper. He added that public libraries in Hong Kong had reopened on 21 April 2022 despite the closure in response to the serious epidemic situation between February and March 2022. The LCSD would organise the promotional activities in May 2022 as scheduled according to the paper.

42. Mr MAN Yu-ming was concerned about the utilisation of public libraries. He said that library services had resumed despite the previous closure of public libraries arising from the serious epidemic situation. He thus suggested that the LCSD should organise "Storytelling for Children" more frequently. Besides, he suggested that the LCSD should introduce books about prevention of urban diseases during the anti-epidemic fight. It should also organise additional health talks under safe conditions so that residents could take part in library activities more actively.

43. SL(TW) of the LCSD responded that the LCSD noted the Member's views. It would organise "Storytelling for Children" as scheduled starting from May 2022 and consider holding thematic talks on prevention and treatment of diseases.

VIII Item 7: Any Other Business

44. The Chairman stated that owing to the epidemic, the scheduled on-site inspection at the access next to the basketball court at Hoi On Road should be postponed. He proposed conducting the on-site inspection on 10 or 11 May 2022.

After visiting the said location, Members might also visit the LCSD's facilities under the flyover opposite Cable TV Tower together with the representative of the LCSD. Members unanimously agreed to the proposal.

(A) Date of Next Meeting

45. The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting was scheduled for 27 June 2022 and the deadline for submission of papers was 10 June 2022.

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat  
13 June 2022