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Minutes of the 14th Meeting of
District Planning, Development and Facilities Management Committee (4/22-23)

Date: 19 December 2022

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Venue: Main Conference Room, Tsuen Wan District Office

Present:

Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio (Chairman)

Mr KOT Siu-yuen, MH

Mr LAU Cheuk-yu

Absent:

Mr MAN Yu-ming, MH

Mr WONG Ka-wa

In Attendance:

Mr LEE Soeng-him, Sean	Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan), Tsuen Wan District Office
Mr LIM Kuen	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Tsuen Wan District Office
Miss LEUNG Tsz-wai, Apple (Secretary)	Executive Officer I (District Council), Tsuen Wan District Office
Miss CHAN Hiu-yuen, Virginia	Executive Assistant (Community Involvement)4, Tsuen Wan District Office
Ms LEE Mei-sheung, Dickie	District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LIM Merry	Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion (Acting), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr LEE Wai-man	Senior Librarian (Tsuen Wan), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Miss LI Shuk-ting, Shirley	Estate Surveyor/Tsuen Wan 1, Lands Department
Miss YEUNG Hiu-lam, Cheryl	Town Planner/Tsuen Wan 1, Planning Department
Mr FAN Chin-wai, Joseph	Engineer/14 (West), Civil Engineering and Development Department

For discussion of item 4

Miss WONG Wan-yi

Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control) Tsuen Wan 2, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed Members and representatives from the government departments to the 14th meeting of the District Planning, Development and Facilities Management Committee (DPDFMC) and introduced:

- (1) Miss YEUNG Hiu-lam, Cheryl, Town Planner/Tsuen Wan 1 (TP/TW1), Planning Department (PlanD), who attended the meeting on behalf of Mr CHEUNG Kin-kee, Michael, Senior Town Planner/Tsuen Wan; and
- (2) Miss LI Shuk-ting, Shirley, Estate Surveyor/Tsuen Wan 1, District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing, who attended the meeting on behalf of Mr CHENG Ho-yin, Henry, Senior Estate Surveyor/Tsuen Wan.

2. The Chairman stated that for Members' information, Mr MAN Yu-ming and Mr WONG Ka-wa were absent with apologies.

3. 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 February 2023 and the deadline for submission of papers was 10 February 2023. In addition, according to section 28 of the Standing Orders, unless otherwise agreed by the Chairman, Members could speak once only on each agenda item at the meeting and each Member could speak up to 1.5 minutes. 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 13th Meeting held on 31.10.2022

4. 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

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

IV Item 3: Planning Applications (as at 2.12.2022)
(DPDFMC Paper No. 22/22-23)

6. TP/TW1 of the PlanD briefed Members on the planning applications vetted by the Town Planning Board (TPB) and those pending vetting by the TPB as at 2 December 2022.

V Item 4: Improvement to the Facilities in Tsuen Fu Street Garden
(DPDFMC Paper No. 23/22-23)

7. 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.

8. The Acting 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); and
- (2) Miss WONG Wan-yi, Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control)Tsuen Wan 2 (SHI(C&PC)TW2), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD).

Besides, the written reply of the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) was tabled at the meeting.

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

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

- (1) being located on the fringe of Tsuen Wan town centre, Tsuen Fu Street Garden was a quiet spot in a bustling area. There were a hotel and several housing estates nearby. While many elders and children would take a rest at the garden, its obsolete facilities had discouraged users from using them. Hence, he suggested improving the facilities in order to attract residents to use them. Also, some people often dumped refuse such as wooden pallets in the drainage channels surrounding the garden, causing drainage blockage and adversely affecting the environmental hygiene. He advised the departments concerned to work out solutions to this problem. Besides, he enquired whether the departments concerned would opt for resurfacing the garden with tiles or replanting trees. Finally, he thanked the LCSD for promptly replacing the refuse bins in the garden. However, he opined that the refuse bins set up at the LCSD's venues in recent years were not only dull coloured but also lacked an aesthetically pleasing design. He recommended adopting a more vibrant design instead in the future (Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio); and
- (2) Tsuen Wan district had a history of 60 years that decrepit facilities were

often found in local parks. He thus enquired of the LCSD about the mechanism which had been put in place to monitor the condition of its facilities and carry out timely renovations (the Acting Chairman).

11. DLM(TW) of the LCSD responded as follows:
- (1) the LCSD had conducted an on-site inspection with the ArchSD's staff after receiving Members' views. The improvement works had been substantially completed, including repainting the table tennis tables, flower-bed walls, metal gates and seats of the garden; replacing the refuse bins in the garden; resurfacing the flower-beds with tiles; and filling ant nests. As the procurement of materials would take time, the replacement of mats for the children's play equipment was expected to be completed in early January 2023. Also, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department would complete the renovation of lights in the garden in December 2022;
 - (2) the LCSD had not designated a specific refuse bin design for its venues, and noted the Member's view on the refuse bin design;
 - (3) the LCSD would resurface the tree pits with tiles. It would not replant trees at the moment; and
 - (4) through routine inspections and information checking, the LCSD would proactively carry out improvement works for facilities which had not undergone repair or renovation for a long time. On the other hand, the ArchSD would also put forth improvement proposals for the matter concerned. The LCSD noted Members' views on renovating the facilities. It would also closely monitor the condition of facilities in its venues with a view to providing quality and safe facilities for local residents.
12. SHI(C&PC)TW2 of the FEHD responded that the FEHD had instructed the relevant service contractor to sweep refuse and fallen leaves from the drainage channels outside Tsuen Fu Street Garden more frequently. It would also request the contractor to clear the gullies at the garden on a regular basis.

VI Item 5: 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. 24/22-23)

13. DLM(TW) of the LCSD introduced the paper. She said the LCSD had identified in June 2018 that the health of an old and valuable tree (a ginkgo tree) at Jockey Club Tak Wah Park had been deteriorating, as indicated by the sparse tree crown density and dead branches. The LCSD had immediately stepped up the tree maintenance work for this old and valuable tree, including fertilising, tilling and expanding the tree pit. Unfortunately, the situation had not been improved. The

LCSD had sent its staff to conduct on-site inspections on 22 August and 8 September 2022. Subsequently, the Greening, Landscape and Tree Management Section under the Development Bureau had confirmed that the tree in question had died and recommended prompt removal of the tree. If the proposed removal gained support from Members, the LCSD would remove the tree as soon as practicable and arrange for replanting of other trees at the flower-bed near the location of that tree.

14. The proposal was endorsed at the meeting.

(B) Report on Cultural Activities in Tsuen Wan District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department
(DPDFMC Paper No. 25/22-23)

15. Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion (Acting) of the LCSD introduced the paper.

(C) Report on Renovation and Promotional Activities and the Enrolment Rate in Tsuen Wan District Public Libraries by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department
(DPDFMC Paper No. 26/22-23)

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

VII Item 6: Any Other Business

Date of Next Meeting

17. The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting was scheduled for 27 February 2023 and the deadline for submission of papers was 10 February 2023.

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat
10 February 2023