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Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the
District Planning, Development and Facilities Management Committee (1/20-21)

Date: 28 April 2020

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Venue: Main Conference Room, Tsuen Wan District Office

Present:

Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio (Chairman)

Mr TSE Man-chak (Vice Chairman)

Mr MAN Yu-ming, MH

Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris

Mr LI Hung-por

Mr SHUM Lester

Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus

Mr LAM Sek-tim

Ms CHAN Kim-kam

Mr WONG Ka-wa

Mr KOT Siu-yuen

Mr CHIU Yan-loy

Mr LAU Chi-hung

Mr LAU Cheuk-yu

Mr LAU Jackson

Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy

Mr LAI Man-fai

Mr TAM Hoi-pong

In Attendance:

Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly

Chairman, Tsuen Wan District Council

Mr CHOW Chun-hun, Gary

Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan), Tsuen
Wan District Office

Mr KWONG Chi-wing, Denis

Senior Executive Officer (District
Management), Tsuen Wan District Office

Miss LAM Siu-yung, Daisy

Senior Executive Officer (District Council),
Tsuen Wan District Office

Mr CHAN Chak-chung	Acting Senior Inspector of Works (Tsuen Wan), Tsuen Wan District Office
Mr LAU Shun-tak, Donald (Secretary)	Executive Officer I (District Council), Tsuen Wan District Office
Miss TAI Tsz-yan, Angie	Executive Officer (Development), Tsuen Wan District Office
Miss LI Wan-ki, Wanki	Executive Assistant (District Council) ³ , Tsuen Wan District Office
Ms CHAN Hiu-yuen, Virginia	Executive Assistant (District Council) ⁴ , Tsuen Wan District Office
Mr CHENG Kwok-kuen, Chris	District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms WONG Fan-ni, Jasmine	Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms TSE Ka-ye, Carmen	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 (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing), Lands Department
Mr LI Pui-sang	Contact Project Coordinator/ ² (New Territories West), Civil Engineering and Development Department

For discussion of item 2

Mr LEUNG Cho-chiu	Estate Surveyor/Tsuen Wan ³ (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing), Lands Department
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For discussion of item 4

Ms OSBORN Wai-fong, Rita	Chief Health Inspector (Tsuen Wan) ² , Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
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For discussion of item 5

Mr KAM Man-yiu, Phillip	Maintenance Surveyor (Property Management) New Territories, Government Property Agency
Mr LAM Kwok-leung	Engineer/General Engineering Services/New Territories 2, Electrical & Mechanical Services Department

For discussion of item 6

Ms OSBORN Wai-fong, Rita	Chief Health Inspector (Tsuen Wan) ² , Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr LEUNG Cho-chiu	Estate Surveyor/Tsuen Wan 3 (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing), Lands Department

For discussion of item 7

Ms OSBORN Wai-fong, Rita	Chief Health Inspector (Tsuen Wan) ² , Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
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I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed the Chairman of the Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC), Members and representatives from the government departments to the 3rd meeting of the District Planning, Development and Facilities Management Committee (DPDFMC). He also introduced Mr CHAN Chak-chung, Acting Senior Inspector of Works (Tsuen Wan) of the Tsuen Wan District Office (TWDO) who attended this meeting on behalf of Mr YUNG Chi-wai.

2. The Chairman reminded Members that according to sections 17(1) and 27 of the Tsuen Wan District Council Standing Orders (the Standing Orders), any Member who wished to move a motion or ask any question in a meeting was required to give the Secretary ten clear working days' notice in writing in advance of the forthcoming meeting. He therefore reminded Members of the date of the next meeting being 23 June 2020 and the deadline for submission of paper being 8 June 2020. Moreover, according to section 28 of the Standing Orders, unless otherwise agreed by the Chairman, a Member might speak and make supplementary remarks for each agenda item once respectively at the meeting. Each Member could speak up to 2 minutes each time. Not more than 5 Members might speak for each agenda item, and not more than 4 Members might speak for each agenda item involving a motion to allow sufficient time for handling the motion. Each Member who had submitted a paper might make an introduction to

the paper for not more than 2 minutes and make a conclusion up to 1 minute, and each government representative could also speak up to 2 minutes for giving response.

II Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 2nd Meeting held on 25.2.2020

3. The Chairman said that the Secretariat did not receive any proposed amendments 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 78 to 86 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 February 2020: Request for Provision of Rain Shelter at the Staircase of the Government Footbridge connected with Tsuen Fung Shopping Arcade from Kolour Mall

4. The Chairman stated that the paper was submitted by Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy at the meeting held on 25 February 2020. The representatives of government departments responsible for giving response included:

- (1) Mr CHENG Ho-yin, Henry, Senior Estate Surveyor/Tsuen Wan (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing (DLO)), Lands Department (LandsD);
- (2) Mr LEUNG Cho-chiu, Estate Surveyor/Tsuen Wan 3 (DLO), LandsD; and
- (3) Mr CHOW Chun-hun, Gary, Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan), TWDO.

Besides, the written reply of the Highways Department (HyD) was tabled at the meeting.

5. The Chairman stated that the location concerned was on government land in the light of the supplementary information provided by the DLO earlier. The supplementary information had been relayed to the HyD which, however, did not attend the DPDFMC meeting.

6. The Secretary said that upon receipt of the supplementary information submitted by the DLO on 21 April 2020, the Secretariat had relayed the supplementary information to Members for perusal, and had immediately liaised with the HyD to see if it would attend the DPDFMC meeting, but the HyD made no further reply.

7. The Chairman stated that the HyD should attend the DPDFMC meeting to make clear whether it would take over the maintenance works at the location. If the HyD was to be responsible for the maintenance, it should also be responsible for the construction of cover. He therefore condemned the HyD for refusing to attend the meeting.

(Note: Mr SHUM Lester joined the meeting at 2:41 p.m.)

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

- (1) he regretted that the HyD did not attend the DPDFMC meeting. The DLO's supplementary information had clarified that the location was owned by the

Government, but did not indicate which departments should be responsible for the maintenance and repair of the location. As the works of the shopping centre were being carried out on a footbridge which was a government property, it was uncertain whether the Government or the shopping centre would be liable for any accidents occur. So, he requested that the departments concerned would shoulder the responsibility of management and to follow up on the improvement works to the related facilities in future, and that the Secretariat would continue to follow this matter up with the HyD (Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy); and

- (2) he enquired whether the works of Kolour Mall was currently implemented on government land (the Chairman).

(Note: Mr MAN Yu-ming joined the meeting at 2:43 p.m.)

9. Senior Estate Surveyor/Tsuen Wan (DLO) of the LandsD responded as follows:

- (1) the staircase of the footbridge was a portion of a footbridge constructed by the Government across Castle Peak Road - Tsuen Wan in 1970s. In late 1980s, the developer of Tsuen Wan Town Square (the Developer) constructed a covered footbridge connecting Kolour Mall in Tsuen Wan Town Lot 301 with the above government footbridge. Having fulfilled the responsibility of constructing the above covered footbridge according to the land lease conditions, the Developer, at the request of the HyD, undertook the repair, maintenance and cleaning of the above covered footbridge and staircase of the footbridge until the Government had taken over the above covered footbridge and/or staircase of the footbridge;
- (2) as the Developer had fulfilled the responsibility of constructing the above covered footbridge according to the land lease, the DLO was not supposed to further request the Developer to take up any works other than the maintenance, repair and cleaning of the related facilities on contract basis, including construction of cover to the staircase of the footbridge; and
- (3) the above covered footbridge and staircase of the footbridge were on government land and were owned by the Government. If relevant departments were interested in implementing the construction of cover to the staircase of the footbridge and would undertake the management and maintenance of the facility in future, the DLO would cooperate and provide appropriate assistance in respect of land administration, including resumption of land from the Developer for the implementation of the project in the light of the works schedules of relevant departments and the terms and conditions of relevant land lease and legal documents for construction of cover by such departments.

10. Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan) of the TWDO stated that the DLO had clarified the ownership of the staircase of the footbridge. The TWDO would relay Members' views to the HyD, and invite the HyD to attend the next DPDFMC meeting and follow up on the management and maintenance of the staircase of the footbridge.

11. The Chairman stated that the DPDFMC would continue to discuss the item at the next meeting.

IV Item 3: Proposed New Items under District Minor Works

(DPDFMC Paper No. 2/20-21)

12. The Chairman stated that as the TWDC funds allocation in 2020/21 was pending discussion, he proposed to resolve the seven new proposed works items under District Minor Works (DMW) amounting \$3,341,700 in total by circulation upon endorsement of the TWDC funds allocation.

(Note: Mr WONG Ka-wa joined the meeting at 2:48 p.m.)

13. District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) introduced 7 new proposed works items under DMW in Tsuen Wan in 2020-21.

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

- (1) he recommended to vote the works items by item by circulation. Moreover, thinking that the situation of the roadside planters on Magic Road and Fantasy Road was similar to that of the planters outside Park Island, he suggested that the LCSD should accord priority to implement the landscaping work of roadside planters in public place. Furthermore, as he considered that the budget for provision of water dispensers was slightly higher, he proposed to cut the cost by shortening the distance of pipelaying works. Lastly, as he noted that there would no reduction in the total amount of funds allocation for DMW, he enquired whether the funds allocation under DMW and the TWDC funds (Community Involvement Project) allocation could be handled separately (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
- (2) he enquired why there was a difference between the budgets of two works items, namely, the proposed works item 4 - Provision of water dispensers in Tsuen Wing Street Playground (the proposed works item 4) and the proposed works item 7 - Provision of water dispensers in Hoi Mei Wan Beach (the proposed works item 7) (Mr LAI Man-fai);
- (3) in view of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) epidemic, he proposed that the LCSD should take hygienic factors into account for provision of water dispensers with a view to minimise the risk of spreading diseases (Mr LI Hung-por);

- (4) regarding the proposed works item 1 - Improvements to the lighting system on Magic Road (the proposed works item 1), he requested for raising the height of the lighting system at some locations and, where feasible, adopting solar lighting system. He also proposed to provide an additional Octopus mobile Point of Sale terminal under the proposed works item 2 - Improvements to the electronic turnstile system of Shing Mun Valley Swimming Complex (the proposed works item 2) for use by swimmers during failure of electronic turnstiles. He pointed out that the hot water supply from town gas water heaters in Wai Tsuen Sports Centre was unstable, and he hoped that the completion of the improvement works would facilitate a stable hot water supply. It had been several years since many green groups promoted among the public to bring their own water bottles for drinking purpose. Consequently, the LCSD provided additional water dispensers in venues under its management in a gradual manner. He suggested that the LCSD to install non-fountain type water dispensers for people to fill water into bottles rather than to directly drink water at the facilities for hygiene consideration, and carry out regular disinfection for all water dispensers. Besides, he requested the LCSD to provide detailed information on the two works items of providing water dispensers to facilitate Members to review the relevant budget estimates (Mr WONG Ka-wa);
- (5) as the usage rate of the Tsuen Wing Street Playground was high, he enquired whether water dispensers had already been installed in the Playground and where the proposed water dispensers would be installed therein. Owing to the COVID-19 epidemic, the number of unemployed persons had been on the increase. Hence, he thought that the LCSD should consider hiring the unemployed to manually perform the function of the electronic turnstile system instead of allocating the funds to implement the proposed works item 2 (Mr LAU Cheuk-yu);
- (6) he enquired why there was a discrepancy between the budget estimates of the proposed works item 4 and that of the proposed works item 7, and whether the Tsuen Wing Street Playground would be fully or partially closed during the installation period. As he thought that fountain type water dispensers might cause hygiene problem, he enquired about the design of water dispensers and the availability of sterilisation of water in the transmission process (Mr LAM Sek-tim); and
- (7) he enquired about the design of the water dispensers to be provided under the proposed works item 4 and the proposed works item 7 (the Chairman).

15. District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) of the LCSD responded as follows:

- (1) the LCSD noted Members' views on the proposed works item 3 – Beautification Works in Leisure Venues of Tsuen Wan district, and would consider whether priority might be given to locations of high pedestrian patronage;

- (2) the environment of Hoi Mei Wan Beach was more complicated. The contractor would be responsible for the installation process while the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) would prepare the required pipes in advance to lower the budget estimate of the proposed works item 7. However, the budget estimate of the proposed works item 4 was relatively higher because all the installation process would be undertaken by the respective contractor. In addition, it was necessary to provide additional potable water tanks for some water dispensers, resulting in a more expensive budget estimate;
- (3) although the usage rate of the Tsuen Wing Street Playground was very high, no water dispensers had been installed in the venue at present. Therefore, the LCSD would install two water dispensers in the Playground;
- (4) with a very high usage rate of Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool, it might be less efficient to manually arrange swimmers to enter the venue and might therefore arouse discontent among users of the venue. For this reason, it would be more appropriate to use an electronic turnstile system; and
- (5) the LCSD would give response to other enquiries by liaising with Members after the meeting.

16. The Secretary stated that the Secretariat would discuss with Members on the arrangement for District Council (DC) funds allocation under the DMW and the TWDC funds (Community Involvement Project) after the meeting.

17. The Chairman stated that Members had commented on the above seven proposed works items under DMW. After the TWDC funds allocation this year had been endorsed, the funding applications of the above seven new proposed works items under DMW would be voted item by item by circulation.

(Post-meeting note: The resolution endorsed for the funding application for the above seven new proposed works items under DMW was set out in DPDFMC Paper No. 28/20-21.)

V Item 4: A Motion: To Allocate Funds for Re-planning of the Open Space on the Roof of Tsuen Wan Market

(DPDFMC Paper No. 3/20-21)

18. The Chairman stated that the paper was submitted by Mr LAU Jackson and Ms CHAN Kim-kam. The representatives of government departments responsible for giving response included:

- (1) Mr CHENG Kwok-kuen, Chris, District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan), LCSD;
- (2) Mr NG Kar-shu, Senior Town Planner/Tsuen Wan, Planning Department (PlanD); and

- (3) Ms OSBORN Wai-fong, Rita, Chief Health Inspector (Tsuen Wan)², Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD).

Besides, the written reply of the Government Property Agency (GPA) was tabled at the meeting.

19. Mr LAU Jackson and Ms CHAN Kim-kam introduced the paper.

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

- (1) when many housewives bought food in Tsuen Wan Market in the past, they would let their children play on the roof, thus making it a lively place then. However, the roof was currently left vacant because times had changed and the facilities had become dilapidated. Hence, he thought that there was an urgent need for re-planning to avoid wasting the open space on the roof (Mr LAI Man-fai);
- (2) he enquired whether the LCSD had planned for optimal use of the roof concerned. In case the LCSD had worked out the future development of the venue, it might give prior notification to Members to facilitate the discussion on a better development plan. Besides, he requested the Members who moved the motion to clarify whether the funds referred to in the motion were to be used for planning or for the alteration of the roof concerned to a composite open space (Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy);
- (3) as there was not much space available for organising activities in Tsuen Wan district, he supported the direction of the proposed provision of activity space for residents. However, he doubted about the restriction imposed by the motion that the public was required to make an appointment for using the composite open space. He suggested that amendment to the motion should be made by Members (Mr LI Hung-por);
- (4) to efficiently use the roof of Tsuen Wan Market, he supported the proposed orientation as stated in the paper, and enquired whether the roof was currently managed by the LCSD or the FEHD. Moreover, many government departments often said that there was not enough space for them to set up offices. As there were currently two vacant floors in Tsuen Wan Market, so he enquired about the situation of the two vacant floors. From the perspective of environmental protection, he thought that concrete was a heat-absorbing material. He therefore suggested that the department concerned should consider installing solar panels on the roof of Tsuen Wan Market or converting the roof into a green space. He also suggested that the words “by making appointment” should be deleted from the motion and that the words “for conversion to” be replaced with “for provision of” (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
- (5) he agreed to the proposed orientation as stated in the paper, and understood that the public needed to make appointments for organising special activities at government venues. He also proposed to designate the roof as a public space which would be available for public use without making any appointment, thereby providing more

resting areas for the public in Tsuen Wan district. Besides, a few agenda items of the meeting were related to market. As mentioned at the second meeting of the DPDFMC, the DPDFMC would allocate funds to study the overall development of Tsuen Wan district. As he believed, the research reports would facilitate better understanding of proposals about revitalising markets and making full use of vacant sites in Tsuen Wan district. As a result, various government departments might work out plans for utilising the vacant sites during the current term of the DC so that more open space could be provided for public use (the Vice Chairman);

- (6) as indicated in GPA's written reply, the open space on the roof of Tsuen Wan Market was managed by the LCSD. He enquired about the property title of the site (the Chairman); and
- (7) although the roof had always been open for public use, it did not attract many users due to inadequate publicity and facilities. He proposed to take reference to the diversified facilities provided for the elderly and young people on the roofs of public housing estates. In his opinion, the resources of the DC alone were not sufficient to cover the costs of improvement works, and the departments concerned should apply to the Government for funding for improvement works which should not be funded by the DC (Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly).

21. District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) of the LCSD responded as follows:

- (1) the open space was currently managed by the LCSD and was available for public use at any time. The public might also organise activities of non-designated use by making appointment; and
- (2) the whole building was the premises of the market concerned which was formerly managed by the Regional Council (RC). After the abolishment of the RC, some areas of the market were handed over to the FEHD for management while the open space on the roof was managed by the LCSD. Therefore, in the case of implementing improvements to the entire market including the open space on the roof, it was required to obtain the approval of the FEHD.

22. Chief Health Inspector (Tsuen Wan)² of the FEHD responded as follows:

- (1) a dedicated unit of the FEHD was responsible for revitalisation of markets and there was no timetable of revitalising Tsuen Wan Market at this stage;
- (2) the FEHD kept an open mind on Members' proposal of organising bazaars at the open space on the roof of Tsuen Wan Market. It was necessary for the FEHD to consult the departments concerned on matters related to building structure, fire safety and environmental hygiene, as well as the Tsuen Wan Market Management Consultative Committee and stakeholders;

- (3) applicants might apply for a temporary places of public entertainment licence or the related permits for organising bazaars. The FEHD would adopt the licensing arrangement of “single permit, multiple use” to the applicant which would organise bazaars of the same nature and theme and would need to organise bazaars on several days or periods with a view to facilitating applicants to organise bazaars; and
- (4) regarding Members’ enquiry about the property title of the premises concerned, the whole building of Tsuen Wan Market was a government property and the ultimate ownership belonged to the GPA. The ground floor and first floor of the property being areas of Tsuen Wan Market, together with the dormitory above these floors, were under the management of the FEHD. Only the open space on the roof of Tsuen Wan Market had been handed over to the LCSD for management.

23. Senior Town Planner/Tsuen Wan of the PlanD responded as follows:

- (1) the location was currently zoned as Government, Institution or Community (GIC) site; and
- (2) a bazaar was a short-term or temporary use and the use was always permitted on a GIC site. If departments planned to organise bazaars at GIC sites, the PlanD would tie in with it in respect of land planning.

24. Mr LAU Jackson moved a motion: “to allocate funds for re-planning of the open space on the roof of Tsuen Wan Market for conversion to a composite open space for public use by making appointment”. The motion was seconded by Ms CHAN Kim-kam.

25. Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy pointed out that, as learned from the discussion among Members, funds allocation was not under the control of the DC, whereas re-planning was also the Government’s responsibility. He therefore considered it unnecessary to move a motion to handle a funding issue. The TWDC only needed to declare its position by requesting the Government to look squarely at the issue of the open space on the roof of Tsuen Wan Market, and to vote on the direction of the future development of bazaars in Tsuen Wan and other multifunctional uses. As such, he moved an amended motion: “re-planning of the open space on the roof of Tsuen Wan Market for future development of bazaars and provision of a composite open space in Tsuen Wan”. The amended motion was seconded by Mr TAM Hoi-pong.

26. Mr LI Hung-por deemed that it might not be necessary to use the venue by making appointment. As such, he moved another amended motion: “re-planning of the open space on the roof of Tsuen Wan Market for conversion to a composite open space for public use”. The amended motion was seconded by Mr WONG Ka-wa.

27. Mr CHIU Yan-loy pointed out that the low utilization rate of the open space on the roof of Tsuen Wan Market was due to problems of publicity or arrangement. Since even nearby residents had no idea of the existence of the open space on the roof of Tsuen Wan Market or the way of accessing to the open space, he considered it necessary for the department concerned to conduct a review of it. As a large market was operating on the floors below the open space, it might arouse discontent among or objection from the stakeholders of the market if a bazaar was to be provided on the roof. Therefore, he had reservations on the amended motions moved by Members. As such, he moved another amended motion: “re-planning of the open space on the roof of Tsuen Wan Market for future development in Tsuen Wan and provision of a composite open space”. No Member seconded the amended motion.

28. Mr TAM Hoi-pong asked about the order of handling the above three amended motions.

29. The Chairman stated that according to section 20 of the Standing Orders, if there was more than one amended motion moved, they should be dealt with in the order they had been moved subject to section 24(2). As the third amended motion was not seconded by any Member, only the first two amended motions would be dealt with.

30. The Chairman proposed to vote by open ballot. Members agreed to the proposal.

31. The Chairman invited Members to cast vote for the first amended motion and the result of voting was as follows:

For (3 votes in total)

Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy, Mr LAI Man-fai and Mr TAM Hoi-pong

Against (5 votes in total)

Mr MAN Yu-ming, Mr WONG Ka-wa, Mr KOT Siu-yuen, Mr CHIU Yan-loy and Mr LAU Chi-hung

Abstain (7 votes in total)

The Vice Chairman, Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris, Mr LI Hung-por, Mr SHUM Lester, Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus, Mr LAM Sek-tim and Ms CHAN Kim-kam

32. The Chairman announced that the first amended motion was not endorsed.

33. The Chairman invited Members to cast vote for the second amended motion and the result of voting was as follows:

For (17 votes in total)

The Vice Chairman, Mr MAN Yu-ming, Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris, Mr LI Hung-por, Mr SHUM Lester, Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus, Mr LAM Sek-tim, Ms CHAN Kim-kam, Mr WONG Ka-wa, Mr KOT Siu-yuen, Mr CHIU Yan-loy, Mr LAU Chi-hung, Mr LAU Cheuk-yu, Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy, Mr LAU Jackson, Mr LAI Man-fai and Mr TAM Hoi-pong

Against (0 vote in total)

Abstain (0 vote in total)

34. The Chairman announced that the second amended motion was endorsed.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat had relayed the motion to the LCSD, PlanD, FEHD and GPA in writing on 5 May 2020.)

(Post-meeting note: The supplementary information provided by the GPA on 18 May 2020 had been relayed to Members for perusal.)

VI Item 5: “Request for Provision of District Council Electronic Information Displays”
(DPDFMC Paper No. 4/20-21)

35. The Chairman stated that the paper was submitted by Mr WONG Ka-wa. The representatives of government departments responsible for giving response included:

- (1) Mr CHOW Chun-hun, Gary, Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan), TWDO;
- (2) Mr KAM Man-yiu, Phillip, Maintenance Surveyor (Property Management) New Territories, GPA; and
- (3) Mr LAM Kwok-leung, Engineer/General Engineering Services/New Territories 2, Electrical & Mechanical Services Department (EMSD).

36. Mr WONG Ka-wa introduced the paper.

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

- (1) the DC had repeatedly proposed to install electronic information displays in Tsuen Wan district in the past to facilitate residents to learn more about the activities in the district. He thought that many locations on the footbridge outside the main entrance of the DC were suitable for installation of electronic information displays (Mr KOT Siu-yuen);

- (2) he agreed to increase the number of electronic information displays and pointed out that many DC notice boards were left unused. He thought that they should be efficiently utilised (Mr LAU Chi-hung);
- (3) Members' proposal, which had been put forward for some time, was still not being implemented. In his opinion, the relevant departments should examine and expedite the implementation of the proposal to help the public enhance their understanding of the DC and to promote the working direction of the TWDC (Mr MAN Yu-ming);
- (4) it had been more than 10 years since the proposal was first raised in 2009. At that time, it was proposed to install a display panel which would continue to display information like a merry-go-round. With the advancement of technology, the display function could be achieved by simply installing a large television connected to a Universal Serial Bus (USB) flash drive at present. Although the information on the Meet-the-Public Scheme had been put up on DC notice boards, he believed that there would not be many residents checking information at the boards. Therefore, he requested the TWDO and relevant departments to assist the DC in studying the installation of large televisions as electronic information displays at appropriate places such as the locations outside the main entrance of the DC, community halls and government properties. As a result, the DC could demonstrate its work at more places and spaces to the residents in Tsuen Wan district (Mr CHIU Yan-loy); and
- (5) he opined that provision of electronic information displays would be conducive to public understanding of the operation of the DC. He also recommended provision of additional electronic information channels to enhance the liaison between the public and the DC. He hoped that the proposal could be implemented during the current term of the DC to enhance transparency of the DC (the Vice Chairman).

38. Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan) of the TWDO responded as follows:

- (1) the project had been proposed for quite some time since it was first submitted in 2009-10. The initial proposal was to install a display panel of an older model outside the main entrance of the DC, but was not implemented due to technical and safety factors. Subsequently, the TWDO had thought about installing the display panel at other locations, but the project had not yet been taken forward because the location of installation was still not confirmed when the last term of the DC was over;
- (2) in view of Members' proposal, the TWDO would study the feasibility of installing electronic information displays at community halls. The TWDO would also consider the feasibility of installing a large television connected to a USB flash drive instead of showing information like the operation of a merry-go-round with a traditional display panel or with a light-emitting diode (LED) display. The TWDO would expedite to find out the ways to implement Members' proposals; and

- (3) at present, in addition to releasing the information on the DC including minutes of meetings and the Meet-the-Public Scheme through the DC's official website, the TWDO would also post the relevant information at the DC notice boards for viewing by the elderly and persons who were unfamiliar with the use of electronic devices. The TWDO would continue to disseminate information through these channels.

39. Maintenance Surveyor (Property Management) New Territories of the GPA responded as follows:

- (1) the GPA would try its best to tie in with the DC's decision, and would jointly study with the works departments on the feasibility of implementing the proposal at properties managed by the GPA; and
- (2) the GPA would consult the ArchSD and EMSD on the technical and legal aspects, as well as the stakeholders on the suitable locations for installation.

40. Engineer/General Engineering Services/New Territories 2 of the EMSD responded as follows:

- (1) the EMSD was responsible for the repair and maintenance of electrical and mechanical equipment in government properties. If the contractor planned to install electronic information displays, the EMSD would cooperate by providing the relevant information and advice; and
- (2) at present, a more cost-effective way of providing electronic information display was utilisation of a large television with memory card inserted. He suggested that Members could take reference to the design of the electronic information display installed outside the reception counter of Leung King Community Centre.

41. The Chairman noted that most Members wanted the DC to provide electronic information displays, and requested the TWDO, EMSD and GPA to follow this up.

42. The Chairman stated that since the following agenda item was submitted by him, the Vice Chairman would take over the chair temporarily.

(Note: Mr MAN Yu-ming and Mr KOT Siu-yuen left the meeting at 4:11 p.m.)

VII Item 6: To Make Good Use of the Site of the Former Luen Yan Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar

(DPDFMC Paper No. 5/20-21)

43. The Acting Chairman stated that the paper was submitted by Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio. The representatives of government departments responsible for giving response included:

- (1) Ms OSBORN Wai-fong, Rita, Chief Health Inspector (Tsuen Wan)², FEHD;
- (2) Ms WONG Fan-ni, Jasmine, Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion, LCSD;
- (3) Mr CHENG Ho-yin, Henry, Senior Estate Surveyor/Tsuen Wan (DLO), LandsD;
- (4) Mr LEUNG Cho-chiu, Estate Surveyor/Tsuen Wan 3 (DLO), LandsD; and
- (5) Mr NG Kar-shu, Senior Town Planner/Tsuen Wan, PlanD.

Besides, the written replies of the Transport Department (TD), PlanD and GPA were tabled at the meeting.

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

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

- (1) in the past, the Government had frequently been criticised for not making good use of vacant government sites such as vacant schools and markets, he therefore thought that the use of site concerned should be optimised by organising bazaars or providing car parks (Mr LI Hung-por);
- (2) the Government had made good use of some vacant sites such as provision of temporary open car parks at the sites. However, the development direction of the sites had not been formulated so far. He did not want to have the site of the former Luen Yan Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar left vacant. Land resource was precious in Hong Kong where there was in a shortage of parking spaces. Besides, implementation of plans for providing ancillary facilities were often shelved for constructing housing. In addition, the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines (HKPSG) had become outdated, gradually leading to a less efficient urban planning. Hence, he hoped to have comprehensive planning on the site concerned for the construction of facilities benefiting people and meeting the needs of Tsuen Wan residents (Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus);
- (3) he thought that it would take a long time for the PlanD to carry out re-planning of vacant government sites. This made it difficult to change the situation of vacant government sites in Tsuen Wan. He pointed out that the relevant departments should first deal with the environmental hygiene problems of the site of the former Luen Yan Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar before re-planning, including weeding, rubbish removal, as well as tackling of mosquito and rodent problems (Mr WONG Ka-wa);
- (4) he had all along been opposing to the Government's planning pattern in that relocation of small businesses in operation would be arranged before the uses of concerned sites had been implemented. He thought that the Government had to explain the reasons for land resumption at the time it required the business operators for relocation. It was thus evident that leaving the site concerned vacant after

resumption by the Government was undesirable. Besides, he enquired why departments still retained the original structure on the site of the former Luen Yan Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar which would not be re-used after re-planning and had caused rodent infestation and other environmental hygiene problems. He therefore suggested that the above site should, prior to further planning of the land use, be restored to a site for provision of car park or marked as pending planning. Other than that, as mentioned in The Chief Executive's 2018 Policy Address, the site of the former Luen Yan Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar would be developed on the principle of "single site, multiple uses" and become a landmark of Tsuen Wan. He therefore enquired the PlanD or other departments whether they had worked out the planning on land use of the site. If not, he wanted to know the reasons (Mr CHIU Yan-loy); and

- (5) the public had some visions for the use of the idle site of the former Luen Yan Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar in future. He pointed out that many members of the public wanted to use the site for provision of a car park to alleviate the shortage of parking space in the district. As he had mentioned at the previous meeting, only 114 parking spaces would be available for use by households of 1 200 flats under the existing planning. If half of the owners of the above flats were also vehicle owners, the shortage of parking space in Tsuen Wan district would be further aggravated. Therefore, he hoped that the Government would plan for the land use of the site along the direction of providing a car park. Besides, some members of the public enquired whether the planning application A/TW/515 would have conflicts with the redevelopment of the site of the former Luen Yan Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar, and would have impact on the traffic in the vicinity of Luen Yan Street (Mr LAM Sek-tim).

46. Chief Health Inspector (Tsuen Wan)² of the FEHD responded as follows:

- (1) staff of the FEHD would regularly carry out weeding and rubbish removal as well as anti-mosquito and anti-rodent works, which would be strengthened, at the site of the former Luen Yan Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar; and
- (2) Luen Yan Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar was closed on 1 March 2019, and the FEHD had requested the ArchSD for expeditious clearance of the site at that time. The ArchSD had carried out investigations afterwards. Last year, the ArchSD had obtained funding and conducted a tender exercise for engaging a contractor to carry out the clearance. The demolition works would be carried out from May to September this year. Subsequently, the whole site would be handed over to the LandsD and concerned departments for development without the participation of the FEHD.

47. Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion of the LCSD responded that the LCSD noted Members' suggestions. However, as the LCSD was not the leading department for the development of the site of the former Luen Yan Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar, the details of the proposed development would be prepared by the responsible departments and the LCSD would then advise on the development plan.

48. Senior Estate Surveyor/Tsuen Wan (DLO) of the LandsD responded as follows:

- (1) the site was currently situated within the government land allocated to the FEHD which had commissioned the ArchSD to demolish the structure on and conduct land restoration of the site. The expected completion date was this September; and
- (2) the DLO received the TD's proposal in April and suggested that, prior to implement the long-term development, the site would be leased out on short-term tenancy by way of tendering for providing a temporary fee-paying public car park. The DLO would process the TD's proposal according to the established procedures, and would consult the relevant government departments and conduct district consultation through the TWDO on the proposal.

49. Senior Town Planner/Tsuen Wan of the PlanD responded as follows:

- (1) the policy agenda of The Chief Executive's 2018 Policy Address and The 2019-20 Budget had announced to pursue "single site, multiple use" model in multi-storey development on the site with a view to providing more GIC facilities and making optimal use of limited land resources to better meet the community demands;
- (2) the above new development model was led by the policy bureau concerned. The PlanD mainly advised the policy bureau concerned on land planning as a factor of consideration for the comprehensive development model and detailed situation; and
- (3) the departments and policy bureau concerned were considering the long-term use of the site according to the relevant model and no final decision had been made for the time being.

50. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio stated that, some members of the public reflected to him that rusted metal was found inside the structure. He would discuss with the FEHD after the meeting for the ways to tackle the problems of environmental hygiene. Besides, he thanked the LCSD for taking note of his proposal, but regretted that no representative from the Headquarters of the LCSD attended the meeting. He pointed out that movement of animals of the community in the structure was concerned by Members and hoped that proper ways of handling the related matter could be jointly explored before commencing the demolition works.

51. The Acting Chairman stated that although the demolition works were about to commence in May 2020, he considered it necessary to maintain environmental hygiene of the site before

implementing the works and enhance the efforts to tackle the mosquito and rodent problems by the department concerned. In the long run, the DC would allocate funds to study the comprehensive development of the Tsuen Wan district. He believed that the site of the former Luen Yan Street Cooked Food Hawker Bazaar would also be included. For this reason, he hoped that various government departments would jointly discuss about the ways to implement the comprehensive development of Tsuen Wan district after completion the study report.

52. The Chairman resumed chairing the meeting.

VIII Item 7: A Motion to Request for Immediate Planning of Tsuen King Circuit Market for Future Development Purpose
(DPDFMC Paper No. 6/20-21)

53. The Chairman stated that the paper was submitted by Mr CHIU Yan-loy and Mr LI Hung-por. The representatives of government departments responsible for giving response included:

- (1) Mr NG Kar-shu, Senior Town Planner/Tsuen Wan, PlanD; and
- (2) Ms OSBORN Wai-fong, Rita, Chief Health Inspector (Tsuen Wan)², FEHD.

Besides, the written replies of the GPA, ArchSD and PlanD had been tabled at the meeting.

54. Mr CHIU Yan-loy and Mr LI Hung-por introduced the paper.

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

- (1) the DC had conducted site inspection to Tsuen King Circuit Market many years ago, but closure of the market was delayed for a few years due to problems of tenancy agreement. He hoped that the PlanD and relevant departments would provide the DC with planning proposals to ensure the proper use of the site in the district by constructing facilities that would meet the residents' needs. Besides, the DC Member of the constituency concerned had been consulted before the site of the former Tsuen Wan Magistrates' Courts was used for storage of documents. He enquired whether the PlanD could provide information on the departments which currently used the said site for storage of documents (Mr WONG Ka-wa); and
- (2) despite the Government was in want of land, some government sites were still left vacant and it was a wastage indeed. He enquired the PlanD about the average number of years for which the government sites had been left vacant and the general procedures for government departments to use the vacant sites for storage of documents. He also felt uncomfortable because some departments used the former Tsuen Wan Magistrates' Courts for storage of documents without consulting the DC Member of the constituency concerned (Mr LAU Cheuk-yu).

56. Senior Town Planner/Tsuen Wan of the PlanD responded as follows:

- (1) according to the information provided by GPA, the site was now managed by the FEHD for the time being; and
- (2) as the PlanD noted, since the closure of Tsuen King Circuit Market in early 2018, the FEHD had been actively seeking the assistance of the GPA in exploring how to make the optimal use of the premises concerned for other uses. As stated in the paper submitted, Members hoped that the premises concerned could be used for community services while the land, being zoned a GIC site, could be used for that purpose. After the FEHD and GPA had a preliminary conception/proposal of the premises' development use, the PlanD would tie in with them in the aspect of land planning.

57. Chief Health Inspector (Tsuen Wan)² of the FEHD responded as follows:

- (1) after the closure of Tsuen King Circuit Market, the site was handed over to the Administration & Development Branch under the FEHD's Headquarters for arrangement;
- (2) to avoid leaving the market vacant and make optimal use of government resources, the FEHD had, according to the established procedures and through the GPA, allocated the site to other departments including the GPA, LandsD, Environmental Protection Department, Home Affairs Department, Invest Hong Kong and FEHD as short-term storages; and
- (3) the FEHD was still planning the long-term development of Tsuen King Circuit Market. Besides, the FEHD had, in the light of the established procedures, consulted the relevant departments including the GPA, PlanD and LandsD, and collected views from various parties for working out the plan for long-term development. The FEHD would consult the DC after a specific long-term plan had been developed.

58. Mr CHIU Yan-loy moved a motion: "request for planning of Tsuen King Circuit Market for future development by the relevant government departments in 2020 with a view to avoid wastage of resources in the community". The motion was seconded by Mr LI Hung-por.

59. The Chairman invited Members to cast vote for the motion and the motion was unanimously endorsed with a vote of 15 in favour, 0 against and 0 abstention.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat had relayed the motion to the PlanD, FEHD, GPA and ArchSD in writing on 5 May 2020.)

IX Item 8: Request to Discuss the Improvement Proposal on Ineffective Enforcement in the Parks under the Management of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

(DPDFMC Paper No. 7/20-21)

60. The Chairman stated that the paper was submitted by Mr LAM Sek-tim. The representative of government department responsible for giving response was Mr CHENG Kwok-kuen, Chris, District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan), LCSD. Besides, the written reply of the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) was tabled at the meeting.

61. Mr LAM Sek-tim introduced the paper.

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

- (1) he wanted the LCSD to step up inspection to Jockey Club Tak Wah Park to tackle the problems of illegal gambling, smoking in the no smoking areas (NSAs) and on-street solicitation by sex workers (Mr LAI Man-fai);
- (2) the problems such as illegal gambling activities occurred in other locations of the district as well in addition to Sam Pei Square Playground. Besides, someone would from time to time steal irrigation water in Tsuen King Circuit Playground for cooking and disposed of food waste in the planters, thus causing environmental hygiene problems. Whenever he came across the above situations and reported them to the Police, he would be asked to report to the venue management for handling. Therefore, he wanted to clarify the division of labour between the LCSD and the HKPF in respect of management of the above venues and which the department was responsible for taking law enforcement actions (Mr CHIU Yan-loy);
- (3) he opined that to effectively tackle the problems occurring at the venues managed by the LCSD, its staff had to conduct patrol and inspection both in daytime and the periods outside office hours. He recommended the Headquarters of the LCSD to provide support through staff deployment because on the one hand, the Police might not be always available to tie in with the LCSD to handle the relevant problems and on the other, staff of the LCSD were responsible for cleansing of venues and only one or two officers might not be sufficient to solve the problems (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
- (4) in his opinion, in addition to illegal gambling activity which was a social problem occurring in playgrounds, some persons even indiscriminately fouled in parks and caused environmental hygiene problems. When he reported cases to the Police for offences committed against the Prevention and Control of Diseases (Prohibition of Group Gathering) Regulation (Cap. 599G) (commonly known as the “prohibition on group gathering”), police officers would be deployed for handling at scene. However, if he reported cases to the Police against illegal gambling activities, police officers might not be deployed in response. He considered that law enforcement against the offences should be taken by disciplined service, and that large-scale law

enforcement operations should not be conducted only one or two times occasionally. Neither should accusation be directed against the LCSD for such problems (Mr WONG Ka-wa); and

- (5) he thought that the problem of illegal gambling in parks managed by the LCSD could be classified as gambling related to the “prohibition on group gathering” and that related to the “Gambling Ordinance” (Cap. 148) which might be beyond the purview of the LCSD or FEHD. It was reported that people engaging in illegal gambling activities would, in addition to committing the offences in respect of illegal gambling and “prohibition on group gathering”, commit the offences of smoking in NSAs and littering of cigarette butts. Some of them might even foul indiscriminately. He also thought that the LCSD, Tobacco and Alcohol Control Office (TACO) of the Department of Health and FEHD should take strengthened actions against the problems on their own. There was nothing to do with whether the HKPF had neglected its work in combating illegal gambling and offences in respect of the “prohibition on group gathering” because the public opinion had drawn an obvious conclusion for the latter issue. Besides, as the problem appeared in different areas of Tsuen Wan, such activities might be held by some criminals in an organised manner. If the departments concerned did not take stringent enforcement action, it would be difficult to completely solve the problem and users of other facilities in the parks and playgrounds would be affected continuously (Mr SHUM Lester).

(Note: Mr WONG Ka-wa left the meeting at 4:54 p.m.)

63. District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) of the LCSD responded as follows:

- (1) the LCSD was mainly responsible for management instead of being a law enforcement department. The new recruits of the LCSD did not receive any formal training on law enforcement in the induction courses. They enforced the law after receiving short-term in-house training only;
- (2) the LCSD could only deploy few officers to inspect its parks due to limited manpower. In case persons suspected to committed offences were identified, the officers would advise concerned persons to refrain from such behaviour instead of taking immediate prosecution, and most of the suspected offenders would act cooperatively. The LCSD was duty-bound to tackle the problems within the venues under its management, and would seek assistance from the Police in case of illegal gambling activities involved organised crime or uncooperative persons;
- (3) the LCSD and TACO had conducted a total of 21 joint operations and had issued a total of 11 summonses in total in the past year; and

- (4) the LCSD wanted to do all it could to tackle the problems and would consider Members' suggestion of strengthening inspection to the parks and playgrounds under its management outside office hours.

64. The Chairman knew that it was difficult for the LCSD to effectively take enforcement actions against illegal gambling activities or uncooperative offenders without the assistance of police officers at scene. Since Members opined that the HKPF had not done its best to handle the problems, he suggested that the minutes of the meeting should be relayed to the HKPF, and requested the HKPF to effectively follow the matters up.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat had relayed Members' views to the HKPF in writing on 19 May 2020.)

X Item 9: Request to Study the Proposal on Improvement of Facilities of Hoi On Road Playground As Soon As Possible
(DPDFMC Paper No. 8/20-21)

65. The Chairman stated that the paper was submitted by Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus. The representatives of government departments responsible for giving response included:

- (1) Mr CHENG Kwok-kuen, Chris, District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan), LCSD;
- (2) Mr NG Kar-shu, Senior Town Plnr/Tsuen Wan, PlanD; and
- (3) Mr CHENG Ho-yin, Henry, Senior Estate Surveyor/Tsuen Wan (DLO), LandsD.

66. Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus introduced the paper.

(Note: Mr LAI Man-fai left the meeting at 5:02 p.m.)

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

- (1) although Hong Kong was densely populated, relatively fewer sitting-out facilities were provided and the children's play facilities was under supply. In addition to the open space on Hoi On Road, there was another open space off Tsuen Wan West Sports Centre. Although the site was provided with play facilities constructed with DC funds in the past, many of them were scattering over the site without an overall planning. The undesirable usage of space had even resulted in a wastage of plot ratio. In the long run, he thought that the LCSD should consider optimising the open space in the community for provision of more leisure facilities to nearby residents through development of integrated or large-scale leisure facilities that could better meet the needs of residents (the Vice Chairman); and
- (2) he enquired whether the LCSD would use its department funds to cover the costs for improvements to facilities in playgrounds (the Chairman).

68. District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) of the LCSD responded as follows:

- (1) Hoi On Road Playground was opened for public use in 1997. Being a narrow strip, the playground did not have much available space for use. It was difficult to provide too many facilities at one location because, having regard to safety considerations in the design of leisure facilities carefully made by the LCSD, a safe distance among facilities installed had to be strictly maintained;
- (2) Hoi On Road Playground was a Z-shaped venue provided with planters and different types of facilities installed for the elderly and children and for fitness purposes were unsystematically scattered due to site constraints. Although the venue had become more spacious after the LCSD had completed the trimming and clearing of trees thereat in the wake of Super Typhoons Mangkhut and Hato, it was still difficult to centrally located the facilities. In addition, trespassing on the basketball practice court of the playground by pedestrians was frequent and would cause inconvenience to users of the court; and
- (3) the LCSD understood Members' proposals and would study the overall planning of the site concerned. However, the site was a strip extending from Hoi On Road to the vicinity of Belvedere Garden and an improvement works would involve a higher construction cost. For this reason, it was necessary to discuss with the LCSD's Headquarters on the source of funds.

69. Senior Town Planner/Tsuen Wan of the PlanD responded as follows:

- (1) the site was zoned as an open space in the respective outline zoning plan, and the use of the existing Hoi On Road Playground was compatible with the planning intention of the zoning; and
- (2) the LCSD would appropriately install various facilities at right place having taken into account the environment, terrain and surrounding conditions.

70. Senior Estate Surveyor/Tsuen Wan (DLO) of the LandsD responded that Hoi On Road Playground was situated within the site allocated to the LCSD by the Government for recreational use, and was managed and maintained by the LCSD. The representative of the LCSD had given response regarding improvement to the facilities.

71. Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus was delighted with the LCSD's response. He hoped that the LCSD could effectively implement the proposal. Since the site was long and narrow, it would have some difficulties in obtaining approval to funding. He therefore requested the LCSD to conduct the relevant study before proceeding to the matters related to funding. Besides, he learned from other papers submitted by Members that many facilities and sites in

the district had not been efficiently used. Hence, he hoped that various departments would cooperate so that the current term of the DC could have fruitful achievement and enhance the livelihood of residents.

72. The Chairman requested the LCSD to follow up.

XI Item 10: Information Papers

(A) Report on Progress of District Minor Works

(DPDFMC Paper No. 9/20-21)

73. Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan) of the TWDO reported the relevant information.

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

- (1) the leisure facilities were mainly provided in sections 1 and 2 of Kwong Pan Tin Tsuen at present. Despite the recent completion of constructing a pavilion under works item 21 - Improvement to Pavilion near Lamp Post FA5513 at Route Twisk, Tsuen Wan situating in the vicinity of section 4, provision of facilities was still inadequate. The local residents, mainly comprising grassroots families and households of newly-wed couples with numerous children, wanted the Government to provide children's play facilities on vacant sites near Route Twisk. Hence, he suggested that the LCSD should meet the demand of residents by identifying sites near Route Twisk for provision of children's play facilities or by providing additional children's play facilities to the existing ones (Mr CHIU Yan-loy); and
- (2) he was concerned about works item 2 - Installation of District Council Electronic Information Displays, and said that a large television connected to a USB flash drive could be used as an electronic information display. He therefore hoped that the TWDO would conduct a study as soon as possible and provide Members with the latest budget estimate for Members' consideration. Moreover, he thought that the budget estimate of works item 34 - Improvements to the closed-circuit television (CCTV) and video recording system in Wai Tsuen Sports Centre was relatively expensive. He therefore enquired about the inadequacy of the existing CCTV system and the locations of installing the new CCTVs. He was also concerned about whether the project would involve the privacy of personal data, and he hoped that the LCSD would maintain adequate communication with Members during planning. Furthermore, he pointed out that the usage rate of Tsuen Wan Tin Hau Temple Garden was high, he therefore welcomed and hoped for the LCSD's expeditious commencement of works item 36 - Provision of Water Dispensers in Tsuen Wan Tin Hau Temple Garden (Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy).

75. District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) of the LCSD responded as follows:
- (1) as the site near section 4 of Kwong Pan Tin Tsuen was limited in size, the LCSD would conduct site inspection with Members and discuss about the identification of locations and methods for placing facilities;
 - (2) some locations in Wai Tsuen Sports Centre including the multi-purpose arena could not be covered by the existing CCTV system. To ensure the safety and maintain the security of the sports centre, the LCSD proposed the installation of additional CCTVs in the last term of the DC for retrieval of information from the CCTV system when problem arose;
 - (3) the LCSD had always attached importance to the privacy of personal data, and would post a notice below each CCTV for reminding the public of the installation of a CCTV at the location; and
 - (4) works item 36 - Provision of water dispensers in Tsuen Wan Tin Hau Temple Garden had not yet been commenced due to the COVID-19 epidemic. The LCSD anticipated that the project could be commenced in mid-May and completed in June.

(B) Report on Recreational and Sports Activities and Facilities Management in Tsuen Wan by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department
(DPDFMC Paper No. 10/20-21)

76. District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) of the LCSD introduced the paper.

(C) Report on Cultural Activities in Tsuen Wan District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department
(DPDFMC Paper No. 11/20-21)

77. Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion of the LCSD introduced the paper. She indicated that the LCSD's district free cultural and entertainment programmes to be held in Tsuen Wan district in May, which were set out in Annex B of the paper, might be cancelled in view of the development of COVID-19 and the continuation of the measures on prohibiting social gathering. The LCSD would closely monitor the latest development of the epidemic situation and would rearrange the free entertainment programmes for enjoyment by residents of Tsuen Wan where possible. The LCSD had tentatively planned to hold four district free cultural and entertainment programmes in June and Members' comments were welcomed.

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

- (1) he enquired about the details and venues of the activities to be held in June (Mr LAM Sek-tim);
- (2) he pointed out that many coaches had lost their jobs because a lot of activities were cancelled due to the COVID-19 epidemic. He noted that an allocation earmarked by

the LCSD for payment of coaching fee and he was told that half of the allocation would be used as payment to coaches in some districts. As such, he enquired the LCSD whether the hearsay information was true, and whether the arrangement would be made in Tsuen Wan district (Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy); and

- (3) as he was aware, it was prescribed in the contracts entered into with coaches that coaches would be entitled for payment of remuneration after they had worked as coaches up to a specified number of hours within a specified period of time. However, all training courses had been cancelled during the period of the epidemic. Such being the case, he enquired how the remuneration of coaches would be calculated according to the contracts (Mr TAM Hoi-pong).

79. Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion of the LCSD responded as follows:

- (1) the LCSD planned to hold four programmes in June, including a folk song concert at Sai Lau Kok Garden, an oriental dance performance at the Plaza of Tsuen Wan Town Hall, a magic show at the Amphitheatre of Tsuen Wan Park and a traditional Chinese puppet show at the podium of Tsuen Wan Centre; and
- (2) in view of the latest development of the epidemic, the LCSD had cancelled the Carnival in Celebration of the 40th Anniversary of Tsuen Wan Town Hall which was originally scheduled to stage in February. Finally, the LCSD paid the performance groups commissioned earlier two-thirds of the performance fees as stated in the contract.

80. District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) of the LCSD responded as follows:

- (1) the LCSD would hire a number of coaches and part-time staff each year. Owing to the epidemic, the LCSD would pay an ex gratia payment in May to each coach or part-time staff, who had entered into a contract or reached a verbal agreement with it, amounting to half pay of the lessons one should have been given during the period from 29 January 2020 to 31 March 2020. The salaries entitled prior to the specified period would be fully paid; and
- (2) the LCSD currently anticipated that about 190 coaches or part-time staff would be provided with an ex gratia payment amounting about \$220,000 in total.

(D) Report on Promotional Activities and the Enrolment Rate in Tsuen Wan District Public Libraries by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

(DPDFMC Paper No. 12/20-21)

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

82. Mr TAM Hoi-pong had repeatedly recommended the LCSD to consider handing over the books to Members for bookcrossing as he learned that the public libraries would recycle the worn-out books. As such, he enquired about the progress of the proposal and whether Tsuen Wan Public Library would recycle withdrawn books as waste paper, and hoped that the LCSD could provide the updated information at the next DPDFMC meeting.

83. Senior Librarian (Tsuen Wan) of the LCSD responded as follows:

- (1) the books withdrawn by the LCSD were mainly divided into two categories. The first one was those old books, worn-out books or books with hygienic problems. The LCSD would withdraw books of this category; and
- (2) the second category included books containing outdated information. The LCSD was exploring ways to better utilise the books. Since it took time to work out a detailed plan and make arrangement, the updated information could not be provided at the next DPDFMC meeting. The LCSD would report to Members the latest status when available.

XII Item 11: Any Other Business

(A) Date of Next Meeting

84. The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting was scheduled for 23 June 2020, and the deadline for submission of paper was 8 June 2020.

(Post-meeting note: The date of the fourth meeting of the DPDFMC was postponed to 30 June 2020.)

XIII Adjournment of Meeting

85. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat

7 May 2020